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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

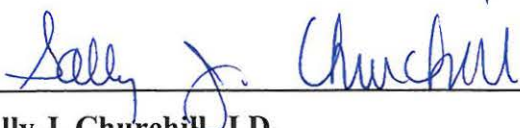
Richard E. Nisbett, Ph.D., Theodore M. Newcomb Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, professor of psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Professor Nisbett received his A.B. (1962) degree from Tufts University and his Ph.D. (1966) degree from Columbia University. He served on the faculty of Yale University from 1966-71. Professor Nisbett joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1971, and was promoted to professor in 1976. He was named the Theodore M. Newcomb Distinguished University Professor of Psychology in 1992.

A remarkable scholar, teacher, and mentor, Professor Nisbett is widely regarded as one of the most creative and productive social psychologists within the field of psychology. As an author of over 100 articles and books, his work has been cited more than 75,000 times. Among Professor Nisbett's most fundamental contributions to psychology is his 1980 masterpiece with Lee Ross, *Human Inferences: Strategies and Shortcomings of Social Judgment*, which summarized much of his early and influential work on human cognition. He played an instrumental role in creating the field of cultural psychology. Professor Nisbett authored *The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think Differently...and Why* (2003) one of the first systematic investigations of modes of thought in the East and West and remains one of the most important in the study of culture in psychology. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1992 and the National Academy of Science in 2002. He received a number of awards, including the American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award (1991), the Society for Experimental Social Psychology's Distinguished Senior Scientist Award (1995), the Association for Psychological Science's William James Fellow Award for Distinguished Scientific Achievements (1996), and the American Psychological Foundation's Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Science of Psychology (2016).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Richard E. Nisbett, Theodore M. Newcomb Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Psychology, professor emeritus of psychology, and research professor emeritus.**

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