THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Paul V. Dunlap, Ph.D., professor of ecology and evolutionary biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Dunlap received his B.Sc. (1975) degree from Oregon State University and his Ph.D. (1984) degree from the University of California, Los Angeles following his service in the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Japan. He pursued additional academic training at the Friday Harbor Laboratory (1980), the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (1982), Cornell University (1984-87), the Marine Biological Laboratory (1985), and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1987). Professor Dunlap worked at New Mexico State University, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the University of Maryland. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2001, and was promoted to professor in 2009. He also served as a visiting professor at the University of the Ryukyus’ Tropical Biosphere Research Center (2008) and as a visiting researcher at the Okinawa Institute of Science & Technology Graduate University (2015).

Professor Dunlap’s research focused on symbiotic relationships between microbes and marine vertebrates. He was particularly fascinated with the luminescent bacteria that generate light when associated with their flashlight fish host. Research in his laboratory yielded discoveries covering the full spectrum of contemporary biology, from genetics to biochemistry, physiology, ecology, and evolution. In the classroom, Professor Dunlap introduced hundreds of students to the spectacular world of microbes. He developed and taught an advanced microbiology course that addressed the metabolic and evolutionary diversity of microbes. He mentored numerous undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students in research projects. Professor Dunlap also served the University as a member of numerous committees, including graduate student admissions committees, faculty search committees, and the Military Officer Education Programs Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Paul V. Dunlap, professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology.

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