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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: **Report of Faculty Retirement**

Action Requested: **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

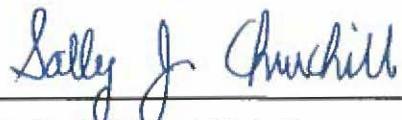
Dena Goodman, Ph.D., Lila Miller Collegiate Professor of History and Women's Studies, professor of history, and professor of women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Goodman received her A.B. (1974) degree from Cornell University and her M.A. (1978) and Ph.D. (1982) degrees from the University of Chicago. She taught at Louisiana State University, Stanford University, and the University of Alabama. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 2000.

Professor Goodman is an internationally renowned, award-winning European historian whose scholarship has radically revised our understanding of the French Enlightenment. She ranks at the top of cultural historians of eighteenth-century France, and she is widely recognized for her interdisciplinarity and ability to reshape current understanding of important ideas in path-breaking ways. Among the most distinguished scholars in history and women's studies, Professor Goodman held major fellowships from the Mellon Foundation and the Guggenheim Foundation, and in 2015-16 she was the Dibner Distinguished Fellow in the History of Science and Technology at the Huntington Library. In April 2016, Professor Goodman assumed the presidency of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Professor Goodman's scholarship is memorable for its originality, archival comprehensiveness, rigorous argumentation, and pellucid prose style. Her scholarship has been honored through a variety of awards, including the University of Alabama's Frederick W. Conner Prize (1987), the International Society for the Study of European Ideas' Maxwell Prize (1990), the Southern Historical Association's Charles B. Smith Award (1996), and the Society for French Historical Studies' William Koren, Jr. Prize (2003). In addition, she is the originator and co-director of a collaborative project for publishing digital translations into English of eighteenth-century texts on the internet, which are housed and managed by the University of Michigan Digital Library Services. Her most recent book, *Becoming a Woman in the Age of Letters* (2009), has been influential to the history of the French Enlightenment. Indeed, Professor Goodman is one of the most sought-after historians of the eighteenth century.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Dena Goodman, Lila Miller Collegiate Professor Emerita of History and Women's Studies, professor emerita of history, and professor emerita of women's studies**.

Requested by:



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