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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

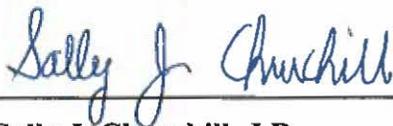
Vassilios Lambropoulos, Ph.D., C. P. Cavafy Professor of Modern Greek Studies, professor of Modern Greek studies, and professor of comparative literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Lambropoulos received his B.A. degree from the University of Athens in 1975 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Thessaloniki in 1980. He joined the faculty of The Ohio State University as an assistant professor in 1981, and was promoted to associate professor in 1987, and professor in 1992. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1999 and was named the first C. P. Cavafy Professor in Modern Greek Studies in 2001.

Professor Lambropoulos brought national and international recognition to Modern Greek studies with his teaching, research, and leadership. He was the director of the Modern Greek Program from 1999-2018, building the curriculum to offer an undergraduate minor and major and graduate studies. Professor Lambropoulos' research in the fields of comparative literature and classical receptions covered diverse areas from Modern Greek literature to pre-Socratic philosophy, political theory, pop and classical music, and ethics. He published three books: *Literature As National Institution: Studies in the Politics of Modern Greek Criticism* (1988), *The Rise of Eurocentrism: Anatomy of Interpretation* (1993), and *The Tragic Idea* (2006); two co-edited books; two special issues of journals; and the complete works of modernist author Melpo Axioti. In addition to numerous academic papers, Professor Lambropoulos wrote in newspapers and literary magazines. His most recent work appeared on two blogs, where he posted reflective essays and a book in progress on tragic revolution in modern theatre. He received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers in 1992 and a LSA/OVPR Michigan Humanities Award in 2005, and was an Alexander S. Onassis Visiting Professor at three American universities in 2007. A life member of the Modern Greek Studies Association, Professor Lambropoulos served as vice president of its executive board and humanities editor of its flagship *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*. He was elected a corresponding member of the Hellenic Authors Society in Athens in 2016.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Vassilios Lambropoulos, C. P. Cavafy Professor Emeritus of Modern Greek Studies, professor emeritus of Modern Greek studies, and professor emeritus of comparative literature.**

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