

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

June 18, 2009

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Theodore K. Ramsay, M.F.A., professor of art in the School of Art and Design, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

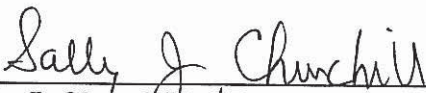
Professor Ramsay received his B.A., M.A., and M.F.A. degrees from the University of Iowa in 1958, 1960, and 1961 respectively, and an additional M.F.A. degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1986. From 1963-65 he served on the faculty at the University of Iowa. Professor Ramsay joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor of art in 1965, and was promoted to associate professor in 1968, and professor in 1971.

Professor Ramsay is a highly respected artist whose work spans the media of drawing, papermaking, and painting. His creative work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, he is a frequent lecturer on papermaking and painting techniques, and his works have been cited in numerous publications. He has served as a visiting artist at institutions in the United States and in Tasmania, the Netherlands, and Australia. He was the first artist-designer to receive a fellowship at the University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities, and he created two commemorative handmade books that were used in the inauguration of President Lee Bollinger. His current work combines digital technologies and traditional painting techniques to produce unique two-dimensional expressions.

Professor Ramsay is an excellent teacher who has inspired multiple generations of artists-designers to create powerful visual forms through an exploration of technique, aesthetics, and the conceptual aspects of image making. He co-authored *Emphasis Art: A Qualitative Program for the Elementary School* (1965), a textbook designed to train college students in the methodology and aesthetics of teaching. A passionate University citizen, Professor Ramsay has served on numerous committees and task forces, including the executive committees of the School of Art and Design and the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

The Regents now salute this distinguished artist and faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Theodore K. Ramsay professor emeritus of art**.

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