

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

**Adopted by the
Regents
June 18, 2015**

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

Larry W. Koch, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2015.

Professor Koch received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1972 and 1974, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1987. He held positions at the Missouri Valley College (1975-86), the University of Missouri-Columbia (1986-87), Ball State University (1987-89), and the University of Wisconsin-Superior (1989-90). He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996.

Professor Koch's pioneering research focused on social control, social theory, social inequality, capital punishment, and ideological domination. He published numerous books and scholarly articles, including, *America without the Death Penalty* (2002) and *The Death of the American Death Penalty* (2012). His work has contributed to the contemporary discourse on this important subject and influenced countless other scholars. Professor Koch served on a number of important committees including the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. He was a gifted teacher, valued student and junior faculty mentor, and respected colleague in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice. Professor Koch was a significant voice of empathetic student-centeredness as well as sound theoretical grounding, and well known for his passionate commitment to student welfare, academic freedom, and social justice.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Larry W. Koch, associate professor emeritus of sociology**.

Requested by:



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