

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

Carole C. McNamara, M.A., associate art curator in the Museum of Art, retired from active faculty status on March 31, 2015.

Ms. McNamara received her B.A. degree from Skidmore College in 1976 and her M.A. degree from Williams College in 1978. She joined the University of Michigan Museum of Art as an associate art curator in 1978. Ms. McNamara held several key positions including registrar (1978-92), collections manager (1992-98), interim director (1997-98), assistant director for collections and exhibitions (1999-2004), senior curator for western art (2004-15), and curator of photography (2013-15).

A superb curator, Ms. McNamara has made important contributions to the intellectual, cultural, and artistic vitality of the University. She has provided exemplary curatorial leadership of the Museum's extensive collection of western art since 2004. Ms. McNamara has been responsible for many celebrated exhibitions, publications, and programs. She played instrumental roles in the curation, research, planning, and organization of a number of notable exhibitions including *Whistler: Prosaic Views, Poetic Vision. Works on Paper from the University of Michigan Museum of Art* (1994), *Monet at Vétheuil: The Turning Point* (1998), *Dreamscapes: The Surrealist Impulse* (1998), *New York Observed: The Mythology of the City* (2002), *Pop!* (2005), *The Lens of Impressionism: Photography and Painting Along the Normandy Coast, 1850-1874* (2009), and *Benjamin West: General Wolfe and the Art of Empire* (2012). Ms. McNamara regularly taught classes on registration for the Museum Practice Program, co-organized an intensive summer program on museum studies, and was a frequent invited lecturer.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Carole C. McNamara, associate art curator emerita**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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