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ACTION REQUEST

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

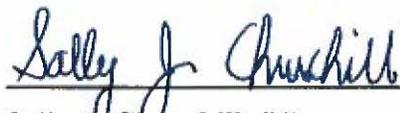
Elias Baumgarten, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2018.

Professor Baumgarten received his A.B. (1967) degree from Brandeis University and his M.A. (1971) and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from Northwestern University. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty in 1972. He was appointed assistant professor in 1975, and promoted to associate professor in 1980.

Professor Baumgarten's research focused on the philosophy of ethics, including ethical theory, bioethics, ethics and social policy, and the ethics of war, peace, and nationalism. His article "The Ethical and Social Responsibilities of Philosophy Teachers," originally published in *Metaphilosophy* (1980), was reprinted in *Thinking* (1984), and later in *Thinking Children and Education* (1993). In order to encourage continuously engaged minds, he frequently referred students to his article "Curiosity as a Moral Virtue," published in the *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2001). Professor Baumgarten taught a wide range of courses for undergraduate and honors students, including Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Medical Ethics, The Problem of Human Freedom, Ethics of War and Peace, Ethics of Nationalism (Honors Seminar), Studies in Ethical Theory, Environmental Ethics, Business Ethics, Existentialism, Phenomenology, Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, and Darwinism and Philosophy. In 1977, he was the recipient of the UM-Dearborn Distinguished Teaching Award. Professor Baumgarten served as a member of the Pediatric Ethics Committee and the Adult Ethics Committee for the University of Michigan Health System for thirty-three and twenty-two years, respectively. These roles allowed him to teach medical ethics using his knowledge of real world cases. His teaching and publications on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict were informed by travel and panels in those countries that allowed him to bring back first-hand reports to his students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Elias Baumgarten, associate professor emeritus of philosophy**.

Requested by:



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