

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

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### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

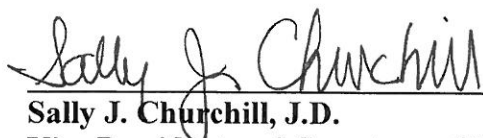
**Bunyan I. Bryant Jr., Ph.D.**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of natural resources, School of Natural Resources and Environment, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Bryant received his B.S degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1958, and his M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1965 and 1970, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of natural resources in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1986. Professor Bryant has also had a long-standing affiliation with the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, and from 2003-09, he held an appointment as professor of urban planning in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He was named Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2001.

Professor Bryant has built a national reputation in the field of environmental justice, and his commitment to this cause has been inspirational to colleagues and students. Professor Bryant was instrumental in establishing the school's Environmental Justice Program, which focuses on the differential impact of environmental contaminants on people of color and low-income communities. He was cofounder and director of the Environmental Justice Initiative, which facilitates research, conferences, and policy briefings, and played a critical role in the development and implementation of the Environmental Justice Certificate Program. For 40 years, Professor Bryant has helped students to develop their critical thinking skills and taught them how to create change. He was a member or chair of dozens of dissertation committees, was an advisor for master's students, and served on many school, department, and university committees. He has received numerous honors for his work, including the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Award (2001), the Students for SNRE Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2007), and the William D. Milliken Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Environmental Council (2008).

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming **Bunyan I. Bryant Jr. Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of natural resources.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

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