

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Bruce A. Rubenstein, Ph.D., David M. French Professor and professor of history in the College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2015.

Professor Rubenstein received his B.A. (1967), M.A. (1968), and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from Michigan State University. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer in 1974, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1975, associate professor in 1979, professor in 1988. He was appointed the David M. French Professor in 1996.

Professor Rubenstein earned statewide and national recognition for three books on Michigan history. His *Michigan: A History of the Great Lakes State* (2014), published by Wiley Blackwell, is used in a number of university courses throughout the state and has recently gone into a 5th edition. The second book, *Three Bullets Sealed His Lips* (1987), is an exciting yet scholarly account of the slaying of State Senator Warren G. Hooper, relying on prodigious research into court transcripts and Michigan State Police files. Dealing with a broader theme, *Payoffs in the Cloakroom: The Greening of the Michigan Legislature, 1938-1946* was published by the Michigan State University Press in 1995 and nominated by *Choice* for the best academic book of the year. Professor Rubenstein also authored *Chicago in the World Series, 1903-2006: The Cubs and White Sox in Championship Play* in 2006. In addition, he published a number of scholarly articles, authored numerous book reviews, and was a frequent invited presenter. He held several key positions including chair of the Department of History, director of the Master of Liberal Studies in American Culture, and director of the Graduate and Special Programs. A gifted instructor, Professor Rubenstein taught with verve and humor, and students invariably describe his classes as challenging, stimulating, and enlightening.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated teaching, scholarship, and service by naming **Bruce A. Rubenstein, David M. French Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of history.**

Requested by:



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