Kathleen M. Canning, Ph.D., is a distinguished scholar and teacher at the University of Michigan. She is an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Sonya O. Rose Collegiate Professor of History, professor of history, professor of women’s studies, and professor of Germanic languages and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Kathleen retired from active faculty status on January 2, 2018.

Professor Canning received her Ph.D. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in 1988. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1988, and was promoted to associate professor in 1995, and professor in 2004.

Kathleen M. Canning is a preeminent scholar in the fields of modern German and European history, gender history, and histories of citizenship and political subjectivity. Her prize-winning first book Languages of Labor and Gender: Female Factory Work in Germany, 1850-1914 (1996) broke new ground for European social history of the time. Its crucial contribution was to move beyond the adversarial differences of social and cultural historians to show how “materialist” and “discursive” approaches might join together. She followed this with Gender History in Practice: Historical Perspectives on Body, Class and Citizenship (2006), likewise a benchmark volume. A co-edited volume, Weimar Subjects/Weimar Publics (2010), has shaped the ways in which early 20th century German history is now being addressed. Her forthcoming third book, Citizenship Effects: Gender and Sexual Crisis in the Aftermath of War and Revolution in Germany, 1914-1930, will be another field-defining event. Professor Canning taught undergraduate and graduate courses in German and European history, gender and women’s history, and the history of citizenship. She was an outstanding, award-winning teacher in both the graduate and undergraduate classroom. Professor Canning served as chair of the Department of History, director of the Eisenberg Institute of Historical Studies, and founding director of the Center for European Studies. She was a dedicated mentor to a generation of undergraduate and graduate students in history and women’s studies.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming Kathleen M. Canning, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emerita, Sonya O. Rose Collegiate Professor Emerita of History, professor emerita of history, professor emerita of women’s studies, and professor emerita of Germanic languages and literature.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

February 2018
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Zvi Gitelman, Ph.D., Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, professor of Judaic studies, and professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2017.

Professor Gitelman received his B. Heb. Lit. (1962) degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary and his A.B. (1962) degree from Columbia College. He received his M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1968) degrees from Columbia University. Professor Gitelman joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1968, and was promoted to associate professor in 1973, and professor in 1979. He was named the Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies in 1989. Professor Gitelman played an integral role in the establishment of the Jean & Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. He served as director of the center from 1995-2002.

Professor Gitelman studied ethnicity and politics, especially in former Communist countries, as well as Israeli politics, East European politics, and Jewish political thought and behavior. His most recent edited book titled The New Jewish Diaspora: Russian-speaking Immigrants in the United States, Israel and Germany was published by Rutgers University Press in 2016. Professor Gitelman’s Jewish Identities in Postcommunist Russia and Ukraine: An Uncertain Ethnicity (2012) drew upon two large surveys that he conducted with two colleagues in Russia. He is a co-editor of a forthcoming volume on Jewish thought, politics, and literatures in the interwar (1918-39) period. Professor Gitelman’s many books on Soviet Jewish life and politics, several of which were written before Soviet archives were available and during a period in which American scholarship was highly politicized by Cold War battles, have stood the test of time. His Jewish Nationality and Soviet Politics: The Jews Sections of the CPSU, 1917-1930 (1972), A Century of Ambivalence: The Jews of Russia and the Soviet Union, 1881 to the Present (1988) and Jewish Identities in Postcommunist Russia and Ukraine: An Uncertain Ethnicity (2012) are nuanced studies of the complexities of Jewish life in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming Zvi Gitelman, Preston R. Tisch Professor Emeritus of Judaic Studies, professor emeritus of Judaic studies, and professor emeritus of political science.

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Adopted by the Regents
December 7, 2017
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

David C. Munson, Jr., professor of electrical engineering and computer science in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2017.

Professor Munson received his B.S. (1975) degree from the University of Delaware and his M.A. (1977), M.S. (1977), and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from Princeton University. He joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign faculty as an assistant professor in 1979, and was promoted to associate professor in 1983, and professor in 1988. Professor Munson joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 2003. He served as the Robert J. Vlasic Dean of the College of Engineering from 2003-16. Professor Munson was appointed the tenth president of the Rochester Institute of Technology in 2017.

Professor Munson’s research focused on signal and image processing, particularly radar imaging, passive millimeter-wave imaging, and computer tomography. He was the first to mathematically describe the tomographic imaging mechanism underlying spotlight-mode SAR, and the first to show why high-quality radar imagery can be produced from band-pass Fourier data. He co-founded InstaRecon, Inc. in 2003. He co-authored nearly 200 scholarly publications, a college-level textbook on analog signal processing, and a high school textbook on the digital world. During his tenure as chair and then dean, Professor Munson emphasized experiential education, research, collaboration with the arts and other disciplines, and community and diversity. As dean, he increased the faculty by 30% and the undergraduate student body by 25% while improving selectivity. Under his leadership, annual research expenditures nearly doubled, five new interdisciplinary master’s degree programs were initiated, and six new research institutes were founded. He also launched the Center for Entrepreneurship on campus and the Michigan Engineering Zone in Detroit, Michigan. Professor Munson is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and is a recipient of the IEEE Third Millennium Medal (2000), the IEEE Signal Processing Society Award (2003), and the American Society of Engineering Education’s Benjamin Garver Lamme Medal (2016).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming David C. Munson, Jr., Robert J. Vlasic Dean Emeritus of Engineering and professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science.

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

July 2017
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Office of the President, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Donald J. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Mathematics, and professor of mathematics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor Hanlon received his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1977 and his Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1981. He served on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1981-83) prior to completing a Bantrell Research Fellowship in mathematics at the California Institute of Technology (1983-86). Professor Hanlon joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1986 and was promoted to professor in 1990. He was named Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 1992 and Donald J. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Mathematics in 2000.

An exceptional teacher, scholar, and leader, Professor Hanlon held three key administrative positions including associate dean for planning and finance in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (2001-04), vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs (2004-10), and provost and executive vice president for academic affairs (2010-13). His strategic and unrelenting budgetary focus on core academic and research enterprises has enabled the University to weather unprecedented financial challenges. Under his leadership the University began a measured exploration of evolving educational technologies, entrepreneurial opportunities, and innovative learning programs. Professor Hanlon is a leading authority on algebraic combinatorics and discrete probability with special expertise in the fields of bioinformatics and theoretical computer science. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he developed novel mathematics courses, supervised sixteen Ph.D. dissertations, and founded a thriving summer program for high achieving high school students. Professor Hanlon received numerous honors for his work including the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship (1986-88), National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award (1987-92), Henry Russel Award (1990), and John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (1992).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator by naming Philip J. Hanlon provost emeritus and executive vice president emeritus for academic affairs, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus, and professor emeritus of mathematics.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

April 2013