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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

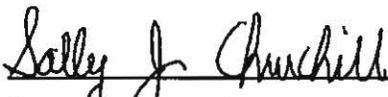
John Neville-Andrews, Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor and professor of theatre and drama in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Neville-Andrews received an M.F.A. degree equivalent from the EAST 15 Acting School in London, England. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting associate professor in 1992, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 2003. He also served as a visiting associate professor at the University of Rhode Island, an associate professor at The Pennsylvania State University, an acting instructor at California State University, Stanislaus, and an acting workshop instructor at the California Institute of the Arts.

Collectively, Professor Neville-Andrews directed 25 productions for the UM Department of Theatre and Drama in addition to serving as interim department chair, head of Directing, and head of Performance. He guest directed at some of the most prestigious repertory theatres in America. He was instrumental in the success of the Michigan Shakespeare Festival becoming the official Shakespeare festival of the state of Michigan. Professor Neville-Andrews triumphed as the artistic producer of The Shakespeare Theatre, then known as the Folger Theatre, in Washington, D.C. He was also a successful playwright and producer of a number of plays, including *Playaround Shakespeare* that toured the East Coast in the 1980s. Both his *El Grande de Coca-Cola* (1971), which received the 1972 Drama Desk Award, and *Bullshot Crummond* (1973) enjoyed success in London and Europe and continue to be produced today. An exceptional teacher and mentor, Professor John Neville-Andrews imparted his 45 years of professional experience in acting, directing, and producing with a generation of students. Professor Neville-Andrews received the school's prestigious Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professorship in 2013. He received the Smithsonian Institute's Certificate of Excellence in 1982 and was recognized by the American Theatre Association for his achievements and contributions as a director, actor, and author in 1983.

The Regents now salute this eminent artist and exemplary teacher by naming **John Neville-Andrews, professor emeritus of theatre and drama**.

Requested by:



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