

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

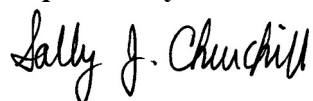
Keith Taylor, M.A., A.L. Becker Collegiate Lecturer Emeritus and lecturer IV in English language and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Mr. Taylor attended Bethel College where he earned a B.A. degree in 1975 and went on to receive an M.A. degree at Central Michigan University in 1982. He joined the University of Michigan as an adjunct lecturer in the Department of English in 1991, served as a lecturer in creative writing in the Residential College from 1998-2000, and became a lecturer IV and coordinator of the undergraduate subconcentration in creative writing from 2000 until his retirement. From 2005, he also served the Department of English as the director of the Bear River Writers Conference, and from 2006 he was a summer lecturer at the University of Michigan Biological Station.

In addition to running the undergraduate creative writing program, and supervising subconcentrators' creative theses, he supervised M.F.A. theses and read admission files for the M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing. His contributions to the creative writing culture at the University – through his prolific attendance at readings, his unflagging generosity to students, and the enormous breath of his reading and intellectual interests – was immense. Mr. Taylor was also a prolific and award-winning author, editor or translator of 16 books of poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as more than a hundred poems, stories and essays in literary journals such as *The Iowa Review*, *The Southern Review* and *Witness*. Highlights from his distinguished career include the anthology *Ghost Writers*, which he co-edited, a finalist for the Midwest Book Awards, and winner of a Silver Medal from the Independent Publishers Book Awards; *Guilty at the Rapture*, a volume of poems, which like *Ghost Writers* was named a Michigan Notable Book of the Year; and *The Huron River*, another co-edited volume, and a finalist for The Great Lakes Book Award. Mr. Taylor's work as a translator of Greek poetry was recognized by The Edmund Keeley/Philip Sherrard Award. His work *Battered Guitars: Poetry and Prose* of Kostas Karotakis was a runner-up for the TLS Translation Prize and shortlisted for the Greek State Prize for Translation. His other awards and honors are voluminous and include the Matthews Underclass Teaching Award from the College of Literature Science and the Arts, three Lecturer's Professional Development Grants from the Office of the Provost, eleven Pushcart Prize nominations and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Creative Writing.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Keith Taylor, A.L. Becker Collegiate Lecturer Emeritus and lecturer IV emeritus in English language and literature.**

Requested by:



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