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ACTION REQUEST

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

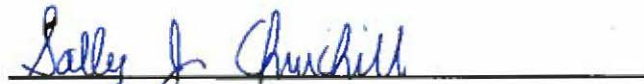
M. Michael Akiyama, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2008.

Professor Akiyama received his B.E. (1968) and M.E. (1970) degrees from the University of Tokyo and his Ph.D. (1977) degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He held teaching and research positions at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor in 1986, and was promoted to professor in 1997.

Professor Akiyama taught courses in introductory psychology, developmental psychology (infant, child, and aging), psychology research methods, and psychology of language. He authored a number of professional publications and conference papers. His research and scholarly interests explored a wide range of topics, including language development in children, self-perceived competencies and depression in children, the psychology of aging, and most recently, evolutionary explanations of human development across the lifespan. He received international recognition for his work on how children come to understand linguistic-form class and object categories. He is currently completing work on a textbook tentatively titled the *Psychology of Aging*. Professor Akiyama was a member of a number of professional societies, including the American Psychological Association, the Midwestern Psychological Association, and the Society for Research in Child Development.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar for his service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **M. Michael Akiyama, professor emeritus of psychology**.

Requested by:



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