

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Warren J. Hecht, B.A., lecturer IV in the Residential College in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active status on December 31, 2016.

Mr. Hecht received his B.A. degree from The City College of New York in 1969 and joined the Residential College (RC) in January 1970, as a writer-in-residence. He was subsequently hired as a lecturer, where he established and led the RC's Creative Writing program for over thirty years. He was appointed a lecturer III in 1992 (later upgraded to a lecturer IV).

Mr. Hecht was a core fiction instructor in the RC's Creative Writing program, serving as program head until 2005, and again in 2006-07. In nearly every year since the program's creation, he taught the RC Creative Writing concentration's gateway course in prose fiction, Narration (RC HUMS 220), as well as intermediate and upper-level creative writing tutorials (RC HUMS 325, 326, 425, and 426) along with serving as a thesis advisor for several students each year. He was instrumental in establishing the RC's one-on-one tutorial approach for intermediate and advanced creative writing students, which resulted in the program's students winning well over two hundred Hopwood Awards over the years. In addition to his teaching, for over fifteen years, Mr. Hecht was the assistant director of academic services where he oversaw advising within the RC. Mr. Hecht was also an accomplished painter. During winter term, 2014, the RC Art Gallery in the East Quadrangle building was delighted to host an exhibition of his paintings. Mr. Hecht received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to bring visiting writers to the RC. It was renewed five times. Mr. Hecht was editor of Street Fiction Press, Inc. for eight years. His papers were requested by and donated to the Rare Book Room in the Graduate Library. His writings have appeared in many journals, including the *New Directions Anthology*. In 1980, Mr. Hecht received the Amoco Foundation Good Teaching Award. In his long career at the university, Mr. Hecht has been a major contributor to the RC's efforts across the arts.

The Regents now salute this distinguished instructor, writer, and artist by naming **Warren J. Hecht, lecturer IV emeritus in the Residential College**.

Requested by:



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