

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Frederick G. Peters, Ph.D., lecturer IV in the Residential College in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Dr. Peters received his B.A. (1957) degree from the University of Pennsylvania, his M.A. (1959) degree in English and comparative literature from Columbia University, his M.A. (1962) degree in German literature and language from Columbia University, his B.Litt. (1965) degree from Magdalen College, Oxford University, and his Ph.D. (1972) degree in philosophy from King's College, Cambridge University. He also spent a semester each at the University of Munich (1959), the University of Heidelberg (1960), the Free University of Berlin (1963) and the Sorbonne, University of Paris (1964). Dr. Peters began working at the University of Michigan in 1979. From 1979-87, he taught in three units (the humanities department, Comparative Literature Program, and the German department) before becoming a lecturer at the Residential College in 1987. Dr. Peters was the director of the Residential College's Comparative Literature Concentration as well as director of the First Year Seminar Program while at various times serving on the Residential College's Executive Committee and Curriculum Committee.

The interdisciplinary courses taught by Dr. Peters compared, contrasted and evaluated perspectives in disparate disciplines such as philosophy, psychology, social science, the natural sciences, literature, film and the arts. They featured provocative and challenging topics, such as *The Western Mind in Revolution: Copernicus, Luther, Darwin, Marx, Freud, and Einstein, Nietzsche and Italian Fascism, and Atheism: A History of Skepticism and Unbelief from the Greco-Roman to the Modern Period*. Dr. Peters spearheaded the development of the student internship course, *College Teaching*. His international teaching included the University of Michigan Italian Program in Florence, Italy (Winter 2011) and five summer semesters at Shanghai Jiao Tong University from 2012-16.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Frederick G. Peters, lecturer IV emeritus in the Residential College**.

Requested by:



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