

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents  
May 19, 2006

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Sonya O. Rose, Ph.D.**, Natalie Zemon Davis Collegiate Professor of History, Sociology, and Women's Studies, and professor of history, professor of sociology, and professor of women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2006.

Professor Rose received her B.A. degree from Antioch College in 1958, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University in 1962 and 1974, respectively. From 1977-92 she was on the faculty of Colby College, where she also served terms as associate dean of faculty, associate dean of the college, and chair of her department. Professor Rose joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of history and professor of sociology in 1993. She received the additional appointment of professor of women's studies in 1995 and was appointed Natalie Zemon Davis Collegiate Professor of History, Sociology, and Women's Studies in 2002.

Professor Rose's scholarship fruitfully deconstructs the conventional boundaries that structure academic life. One of the leading historians of modern Britain, she is a renowned analyst of culture, an archivally-based historian who comfortably details and reconstructs social theory. She is not only the leading historian of working class England in the Victorian period, but has boldly stepped into the history of World War II. Her publications include 35 scholarly articles in the leading journals of her field, 2 influential monographs, 2 field-shaping, co-edited collections of essays, and a new monograph that is underway.

Professor Rose is also a dedicated undergraduate instructor, a highly successful graduate student mentor, and a conscientious and generous colleague whose exemplary record of academic service includes appointments as associate chair (1995-97) and chair (2002-05) of the Department of History.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Sonya O. Rose professor emerita of history, professor emerita of sociology, and professor emerita of Women's Studies.**

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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