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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

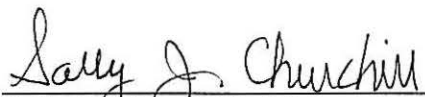
Martha J. Vicinus, Ph.D., Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor and professor of English and women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Vicinus earned her B.A. degree from Northwestern University in 1961, her M.A. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in 1962, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1968. She served on the faculty of Indiana University from 1968-81, and joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor in 1981. She was appointed the Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor in 1994.

Professor Vicinus, one of the most distinguished feminist historians and literary critics in the Anglophone world, is a pioneer of nineteenth-century feminist studies, labor history, and lesbian history. Her major monographs include *The Industrial Muse: A Study of Nineteenth-Century British Working-Class Literature* (1974); *Independent Women: Work and Community for Single Women, 1850-1920* (1985); and *Intimate Friends: Women Who Loved Women, 1778-1928* (2004). She edited four volumes and authored dozens of articles and was an influential editor of *Victorian Studies* and *Feminist Studies*. In 2008, she co-edited the book, *Originality, Imitation, and Plagiarism: Teaching Writing in the Digital Age* (2008). Professor Vicinus served as director of the Women's Studies Program (1982-85), chair of the Department of English Language and Literature (1994-98), and director of the Gayle Morris Sweetland Writing Center (2003-08). She taught a broad array of courses, from first-year writing and other undergraduate courses to interdisciplinary graduate courses. She was and continues to be a valued and beloved mentor to undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in many schools in this country and around the world.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Marth J. Vicinus Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor Emerita and professor emerita of English and women's studies.**

Requested by:



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