

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Lincoln B. Faller, Ph.D.**, professor of English language and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor Faller received his A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1964, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1965 and 1971, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1968, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1971, associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1992.

Professor Faller is a specialist in the literatures of eighteenth-century England. His monographs, *Turned to Account: The Forms and Functions of Criminal Biography in Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth-Century England* (1987) and *Crime and Defoe: A New Kind of Writing* (1993), focus on the intersections between legal discourses and journalistic reportage in prose fiction. Professor Faller has taught, researched, and written for the past twenty years on Native American studies. His ongoing research interests explore the history and cultures of the American Southwest. He is currently at work on a book-length study on the Santa Fe Trail as a zone of cultural exchange between native and non-native subjects.

In his academic excellence and generosity to colleagues and students, Professor Faller modeled the ideals of teaching, scholarship, and university citizenship. His vast and varied experience includes service as associate dean for Undergraduate Education and Long Range Planning (1995-98), department chair (1999-2002), and as either chair or member of twenty-eight committees. He served as a consultant to numerous national award and funding programs, academic journals, and university presses. Professor Faller was the recipient of a Fulbright award to lecture in Cameroon (1986-87), a National Endowment for the Humanities research fellowship (1973-74), and five Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Education from the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Lincoln B. Faller professor emeritus of English language and literature.**

**Requested by:**

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

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