

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**Nicholas F. Delbanco, M.A.**, Robert Frost Distinguished University Professor of English Language and Literature and professor of English language and literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Delbanco received his A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1963 and his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1966. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1985. He was named the Robert Frost Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature in 1998 and the Robert Frost Distinguished University Professor of English Language and Literature in 2006.

An acclaimed novelist and literary critic, Professor Delbanco authored a number of distinguished works of fiction and non-fiction. His complementary *Lastingness: The Art of Old Age* (2011) and *The Art of Youth: Crane, Carrington, Gershwin, and the Nature of First Acts* (2013) critically examine the nature of great geniuses in the fields of visual art, literature, and music. Professor Delbanco's recent novels, *What Remains* (2000), *Old Scores* (2000), *The Vagabonds* (2004), *Spring and Fall* (2006), *The Count of Concord* (2008), and *Sherbrookes: Possession / Sherbrookes / Stillness* (2011), have received national and international praise. He co-edited, with Alan Cheuse, *Literature: Craft and Voice* (2009) an innovative, introductory literature program designed to develop reading, analytical, and written skills. The long-term director of the MFA Program as well as the Hopwood Awards Program, he served as chair of the Fiction Panel for the National Book Awards, received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, and, twice, a National Endowment for the Arts Writing Fellowship. Professor Delbanco has been a champion and role model for a generation of creative writers, MFA students, and junior colleagues.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Nicholas F. Delbanco, Robert Frost Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of English Language and Literature and professor emeritus of English language and literature.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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