

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

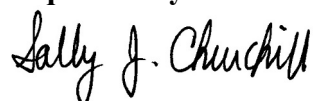
Howard Brick, Ph.D., Louis Evans Professor of History and professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Dr. Brick completed his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Michigan in the Program in American Culture (1976, 1983). After holding instructional and faculty appointments at the University of Chicago, the University of Oregon, and Washington University, St. Louis, in 2008 he became the Louis Evans Professor of History at the University of Michigan where he directed the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies from 2015-2017.

Dr. Howard Brick's accomplishments have placed him in the front rank of scholars in the fields of United States intellectual and cultural history. His record of extraordinary productivity began in 1986 with his *Daniel Bell and the Decline of Intellectual Radicalism: Social Theory and Political Reconciliation in the 1940s*, a widely praised and oft-cited volume offered a finely nuanced and carefully compiled dossier on Bell's wartime and postwar evolution. His next project, *Age of Contradiction: American Thought and Culture in the 1960s* (1998), surveyed a complicated interdisciplinary terrain in prose that was fresh, clean, vigorous, and clear. A third monograph, *Transcending Capitalism: Visions of a New Society in Modern American Thought* (2006) exploded the tidy conceit that U.S. social scientists did not think beyond capitalism, and it consolidated his firm position on the short list of the leading researchers and thinkers of U.S. intellectual history of his generation. This was followed by the co-authored *Radicals in America: The U.S. Left Since the Second World War* (2015); two edited collections, *A New Insurgency* and *Lineages of the Literary Left*; as well as a co-authored volume, *At the Center: American Thought and Culture in the Mid-twentieth Century* (2020), along with several dozen magnificent essays and scores of book reviews. Over the years he contributed department and university service including several years on the LSA College Executive Committee. He has been the winner of the Department of History's Undergraduate Teaching Award, LSA's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, the Richard Hudson Professor of History Award, and many other honors.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Howard Brick, Louis Evans Professor Emeritus of History and professor emeritus of history.**

Requested by:



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