

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Michael L. Haithcock, M.M., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of music in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

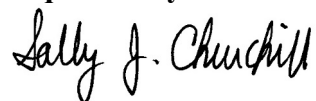
Professor Haithcock received his B.M. (1976) degree in music education from East Carolina University and his M.M. (1978) degree in music education from Baylor University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty, in the Department of Conducting, as director of bands and tenured professor in 2001, following twenty-three years on the faculty of Baylor University.

Professor Haithcock conducts the internationally renowned University of Michigan Symphony Band, guides the acclaimed graduate band and wind ensemble conducting program, and provides administrative leadership for all aspects of the University of Michigan's diverse and historic band program. Ensembles under Professor Haithcock's guidance have received a wide array of critical acclaim for their high artistic standards of performance and repertoire. These accolades have come through concerts at national and state conventions, performances in major concert venues, and recordings on the Albany, Arsis, and Equilibrium labels. Professor Haithcock conducted and produced ten commercial recordings with the Symphony Band during his twenty-two-year tenure at U-M as well as led the ensemble on a month-long concert tour of China in 2011.

Professor Haithcock has earned the praise of both composers and conductors for his innovative approaches to developing the wind ensemble repertoire and programming. Professor Haithcock is in constant demand as a guest conductor and as a resource person for symposiums and workshops in a variety of instructional settings, as well as festival and all-state appearances throughout the country. In 2020, he published a textbook for undergraduate conducting classes, *The Elements of Expressive Conducting*, that was immediately and widely adopted by numerous music schools and departments. Professor Haithcock was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Band Directors National Association in 2021, was given the prestigious Distinguished Service to Music Medal by Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity in 2011, and was named an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor by the University of Michigan in 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Michael L. Haithcock, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of music**.

Requested by:



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

May 2023