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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

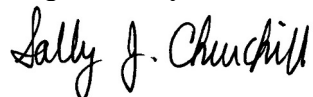
Bruce Pietrykowski, Ph.D., professor of economics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2023.

Professor Pietrykowski earned his Ph.D. degree from the New School for Social Research in 1990. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996, and full professor in 2006. In addition to teaching a wide variety of economics and interdisciplinary courses for 35 years at UM-Dearborn, Professor Pietrykowski has served as director of the Distance Learning Program for the United Auto Workers-Ford University, associate dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, founding director of the Center for the Study of Automotive Heritage, director of the Urban and Regional Studies Program, and director of the Center for Labor and Community Studies.

Professor Pietrykowski's research focuses on labor economics, inequality, and community economies. He has conducted research on a wide variety of topics including skills, gender, low-wage work, the political economy of food and consumption, education theory, Fordism, employment in the American auto industry, and heterodox economic theories. Professor Pietrykowski is the author of two books: *The Political Economy of Consumer Behavior* (Routledge, 2009) and *Work* (Polity Books, 2019). *Work* explores the history and contemporary organization of work under capitalism and examines themes such as inequality, care work, the gig economy, technological change, and universal basic income. Among other journals, Pietrykowski's research has appeared in the *Review of Social Economy*, *Review of Radical Political Economics*, and *Feminist Economics*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Bruce Pietrykowski, professor emeritus of economics**.

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