

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Marjorie Levinson Ph.D.**, Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor and professor of English language and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

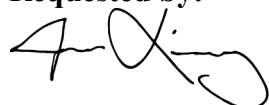
Professor Levinson earned her B.A. (1973) degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Ph.D. (1978) degree from the University of Chicago. She was appointed assistant professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania in 1978 and promoted to associate professor in 1985 and professor in 1988. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1991 as a professor of English, and she held the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professorship from 1995-2024. At the University of Michigan, she served on the LSA Humanities Subdivision Committee in 1993 and the Rackham Executive Board from 2019-2021.

Professor Levinson is a trailblazing scholar of nineteenth-century British literature, with special expertise in Romanticism. Her research focuses on poetic form and poetic history, developing new models of literary criticism from German and pre-modern philosophy, sociocultural critique, and post-classical physical and biological sciences. Her five books and many articles have redefined the field of Romantic studies as well as critical theory more generally. She taught courses focused on Romanticism, poetry, and philosophy at all levels of the curriculum, and chaired or was a member of more than 60 doctoral committees. At the University of Michigan, she received the John D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring and a fellowship from the Institute for the Humanities.

As a leader in the field of British Romanticism, Professor Levinson has been invited to present her research in talks and keynote addresses in North America and Europe. She was one of four invited faculty members (2007) at the School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, and served on the Board of Directors from 2007-2016. She was the Distinguished Annual Visiting Scholar (2008) at King's College, University of Cambridge, and Distinguished Visitor (2018) at the Zentrum für Literatur-und-Kulturforschung, Berlin. She serves on the editorial board of *English Literary History*. She received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Keats-Shelley Association of America in 2013. She has also been awarded fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Guggenheim Foundation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Marjorie Levinson, Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor Emerita and professor emerita of English language and literature**.

**Requested by:**



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**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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