

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gabriele Boccaccini, Ph.D., professor of Early Christianity, Department of Middle East Studies and professor of Judaic studies, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2025.

Professor Boccaccini received his Ph.D. from the University of Turin in 1991. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an adjunct professor in 1992, became an assistant professor in 1999, an associate professor in 2002, and was promoted to professor in 2006.

Gabriele Boccaccini's research focuses on Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins. He has published numerous books and articles on the subject, that have been translated into several languages, including Italian, German, Portuguese, Korean, Hungarian, and Chinese. In 2001, he founded and has since directed the Enoch Seminar, an international organization affiliated with the Society of Biblical Literature that is devoted to the study of Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins. The series of international events organized by the Enoch Seminar have attracted hundreds of scholars from all around the world. In 2009, he created the website 4 Enoch: The Online Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism (www.4enoch.org), with thousands of visitors per month. In 2018, the President of Italy, Sergio Matterella, awarded Professor Boccaccini the title of "Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia (Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy)" for his contribution to the "preservation and promotion of national prestige abroad." Professor Boccaccini has been a central figure in the ancient history programs in the Department of Middle East Studies, the Department of History, the Department of Classical Studies and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gabriele Boccaccini, professor emeritus of Early Christianity, Department of Middle East Studies and professor emeritus of Judaic studies.**

Requested by:



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