

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
*Regents Communication*

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Judith J. Kollmann, Ph.D.**, professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2006.

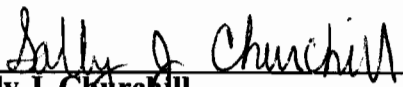
Professor Kollmann received her B.A. degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1963, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Colorado in 1964 and 1972, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer in 1968, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1972, associate professor in 1976, and professor in 1985.

Professor Kollmann's research focused in equal part on both medieval studies and on the work of the twentieth-century writers C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and J. R. R. Tolkien. She is co-editor of *Chaucerian Shakespeare: Adaptation and Transformation* (1983), has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, and contributed chapters to several scholarly essay collections. She has presented papers at many regional, national, and international conferences and is a member of such professional organizations as the Medieval Academy of America, the International Arthurian Society, and the New Chaucer Society.

During her long association with the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Kollmann served on and often chaired numerous departmental, college, and university-wide committees. She served as chair of the English department during a critical period from 1993-97, and was director of the Comparative Literature Program from 1997-2005. During this period, she provided stability by assuming leadership of the program after its first, long-standing director retired. As a teacher, she virtually originated medieval literature courses on the Flint campus and taught these, as well as "Bible as Literature" courses, to packed classrooms for decades.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Judith J. Kollmann** professor emerita of English.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
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