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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

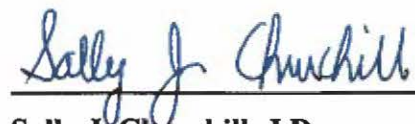
Paul N. Edwards, Ph.D., professor of information in the School of Information and professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Edwards received his B.A. (1980) degree from Wesleyan University and his Ph.D. (1988) degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1999, and was promoted to professor in 2010. He held appointments in the School of Information, the Residential College, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He became the founding director of the University of Michigan's Science, Technology & Society Program in 2000.

Professor Edwards' research areas include the history of computers and other information technology; the history and sociology of infrastructure, broadly conceived; and the history and politics of climate science and climate change. His prize-winning book titled *A Vast Machine: Computer Models, Climate Data, and the Politics of Global Warming* (2010), a history of the meteorological information infrastructure, was named a Book of the Year by *The Economist* in 2010. His first book titled *The Closed World: Computers and the Politics of Discourse in Cold War America* (1996), a study of the mutual shaping of computers, military culture, and the cognitive sciences from 1945-90, won honorable mention for the Rachel Carson Prize from the Society for Social Studies of Science. Professor Edwards, with Geoffrey C. Bowker, edited the *Infrastructures* book series published by the MIT Press. He also co-edited *Changing the Atmosphere: Expert Knowledge and Environmental Governance* (2001) and *Changing Life: Genomes, Ecologies, Bodies, Commodities* (1997), as well as numerous articles. He has held visiting positions at Sciences Po, France; Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Netherlands; the University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa; and the University of Melbourne, Australia. In 2017, Professor Edwards joined Stanford University as the William J. Perry Fellow in International Security and a senior research scholar in the Center for International Security and Cooperation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Paul N. Edwards, professor emeritus of information and professor emeritus of history.**

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