

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Joe H. Lunn, Ph.D., professor of history in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2022.

Professor Lunn earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma in 1973 and 1980, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1993. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2009.

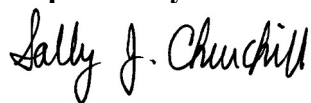
For nearly 30 years, Professor Lunn taught a wide range of courses from undergraduate level to graduate level, as well as courses in both the Honors Program and in our African and African American Studies Program (a program that he helped to create). Among our university's most versatile classroom instructors, Professor Lunn regularly received very strong evaluations from his students and was instrumental in the creation of many new courses within the history and African and African American studies disciplines.

Professor Lunn's research focuses on the experience of West African soldiers fighting under the French flag during the First World War. This work has garnered international attention and led to Lunn's book, *Memoirs of the Maelstrom* being awarded the Alfred Heggoy Prize of the French Colonial Historical Society/Société d'histoire coloniale française for the best book published in French colonial history in 2000. Professor Lunn was also awarded the UM-Dearborn Distinguished Research Award in 2006. The author of one book and numerous articles and book chapters, his work has appeared in prestigious journals including the *First World War Studies* and the *Journal of Contemporary History* and has been supported by the Fulbright Foundation.

His service to the university is extensive and includes: serving as chair and vice chair of the university's Faculty Senate; serving as chair of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-12); co-director of the University of Michigan-Dearborn African and African American Studies program; as well as work on numerous other committees at the departmental, college, and university levels.

The Regents now salute this distinguished historian for his many years of service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **Joe H. Lunn, professor emeritus of history**.

Requested by:



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