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## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

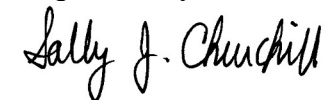
**Dan J. Swift, Ph.D.**, associate professor of psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2022.

Professor Swift earned his B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of New Hampshire in 1975 and 1977, respectively. He began his career as a postdoctoral research associate and lecturer at the University of New Hampshire from 1976-80 and was promoted to assistant professor of psychology there for the academic year 1980-81. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty in 1981 as an assistant professor of psychology and served in that capacity until 1986, when he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure. From 1982-87, he also served as a research consultant for Vision Research Laboratory of New Hampshire.

At the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Professor Swift taught a wide array of undergraduate courses, including Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science and upper-level courses in Statistics and Methodology, Sensation/Perception, Psychology of Language, Experimental Psychology, and Human Factors Psychology. He also taught a graduate-level statistics class for M.S. programs in health psychology and clinical health psychology. An accomplished vision researcher with a particular interest in spatial frequency, Professor Swift has published in *Vision Research*, *Investigative Ophthalmology*, the *Journal of the Optical Society of America*, *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science*, and *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*. In 1984, he received the J. P. Guilford Research Award (Honorable Mention) from Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Professor Swift served his department and campus as a member of the Behavioral Sciences Executive Committee for 16 years, as a member of the CASL Executive Committee for 5 years, as the secretary to the faculty advisory committee on campus affairs, and as the chair of the campus scholarship committee. For 34 years he served as co-director of the psychology honors program, helping to mentor countless talented undergraduate students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Dan J. Swift, associate professor emeritus of psychology**.

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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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