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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

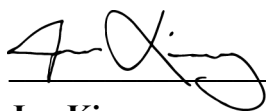
**Stephen D. Bernstein**, professor of English in the College of Arts, Sciences and Education, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Professor Bernstein received his B.A. degree from Indiana University in 1982, his M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1985, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1990. He later joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1996, and professor, with tenure, in 2003.

For over thirty years, Professor Bernstein was an influential and popular instructor in a wide array of courses for undergraduate and graduate students. Many English courses originated with him and ranged from introductory classes in comics and literary analysis to upper-level and graduate classes on the British novel. Thousands of students owe their understanding of the eighteenth and nineteenth century's greatest British writers to Professor Bernstein. A dedicated mentor to faculty and students alike, he served on myriad department, college, and university committees. He also chaired the Department of English from 2002-2008 and from 2011-2016. Aside from his fine work as a teacher and an administrator, Professor Bernstein was a steady researcher and writer. He was the author of a book on Alasdair Gray and numerous scholarly articles on the work of Alice Munro, among others. His received honors include the Provost's Innovation in Teaching Prize in 2018 and the Research and Creative Activities Grant in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Stephen D. Bernstein, professor emeritus of English**.

**Requested by:**



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