

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Louis M. Marinaro, M.F.A.**, professor of art and design in the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

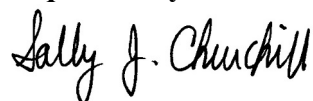
Professor Marinaro received his B.F.A. (1973) degree from the Philadelphia College of Art and his M.F.A. (1975) degree from the Yale University School of Art. Following service as an assistant professor in the Department of Studio Arts at the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting professor in 1981. He was appointed an assistant professor of art and design in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990, and professor in 2001.

Professor Marinaro was an acknowledged expert in figurative sculpture, drawing and bronze casting. His work has been exhibited around the globe, and he was the recipient of numerous awards, grants and commissions, including funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation. His work is included in private and public collections, and two of his sculptures are permanently installed on the UM-Ann Arbor campus. Professor Marinaro was a frequent visiting lecturer, artist and critic at academic and cultural institutions around the country.

As an educator, Professor Marinaro taught a range of 3D and drawing courses and introduced generations of students to the art of creating sculptural objects using molten metal. In addition, he co-developed an interdisciplinary cross-unit course to design and create bronze bells for live performance, and taught international engagement courses in Italy and India. Professor Marinaro has also been a dedicated citizen of the university and the Stamps School, including service as director of international initiatives (2002-05) and interim associate dean for graduate studies (1999).

The Regents now salute this distinguished artist and educator for his dedicated service by naming **Louis M. Marinaro, professor emeritus of art and design**.

**Requested by:**



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