

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Charles G. Apple, Ph.D.**, associate professor of communication and visual arts, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2009.

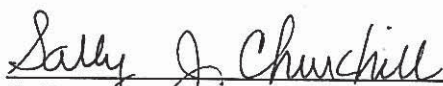
Professor Apple received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Wayne State University in 1970, 1973, and 1982, respectively. From 1981-86 he was a faculty member at Northern Kentucky University. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1986, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990.

Professor Apple served as director of the communication program from 1987-96 and chair of the Department of Communication from 1996-98. Under his leadership, the communication program evolved from a program within the English Department into a vibrant, independent academic department. He produced a number of scholarly publications in areas including organizational communications, communication ethics, interpersonal communications, mass media, and film, and was a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences. Within the University, he served on numerous committees and was a member of the Faculty Assembly from 1988-91, an advisor to the Student Communication Club from 1986-90, and a participant in the Outreach Program at area high schools for a number of years. As an active member of the Speech Communication Association, he served as chair of the Applied Communication Section from 1989-90 and chair of the Commission on Communication Ethics from 1995-96. He also chaired the Business and Professional Communication Section of the Central States Communication Association from 1990-91.

A dedicated teacher and mentor, Professor Apple received numerous awards, including the student government's Distinguished Professor Award (1995 and 2000), the Teaching Excellence Award (2003), and the Lawrence Kugler Academic Advisor Excellence Award (2004). In recognition of his innovative use of film in the classroom, the Office of Student Life organized two Chuck Apple film festivals, in 1997 and 1998.

The Regents now salute this dedicated scholar and educator by naming **Charles G. Apple associate professor emeritus of communication and visual arts.**

**Requested by:**



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