

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gloria A. House, Ph.D., professor of African and African American studies and professor of humanities in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2014.

Professor House received her B.A. (1961) and M.A. (1969) degrees from the University of California and her Ph.D. (1986) degree from the University of Michigan. She served on the faculty of Wayne State University from 1969-98. Professor House joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as a King-Parks-Chavez Visiting Professor in 2003, and was promoted to associate professor in 2004, and professor in 2008.

Professor House is a widely recognized poet, social and literary critic, and essayist. Her scholarly work reflected and influenced local, national, and international perspectives on space and environment, critical race theory, and cultural studies. Professor House authored three highly acclaimed books of poetry *Blood River* (1983), *Rainrituals* (1989), and *Shrines* (2004). She has also written a book of commentary on the political uses of environment in the United States entitled *Tower and Dungeon: A Study of Place and Power in American Culture* (1991), and co-edited an anthology of major poets of the Black Consciousness era entitled *A Different Image: The Legacy of Broadside Press* (2005). A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, Professor House created learning environments enriched by her scholarship, poetry, and activism that fostered academic success. She has served as director of the African and African American Studies Program from 2006-09 and 2011-14. Professor House also served on the program committee of the American Studies Program, the Center for the Study of Religion, and on the Advisory Board of Women's and Gender Studies.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar for her service by naming **Gloria A. House professor emerita of African and African American studies and professor emerita of humanities**.

Requested by:



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