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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

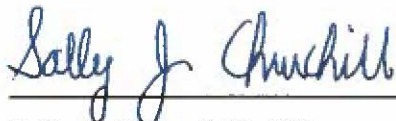
**Carla M. Sinopoli, Ph.D.**, professor of anthropology and curator, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2018.

Professor Sinopoli received her B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1978 and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1979 and 1986, respectively. She was an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee from 1989-93. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor and assistant curator in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor and associate curator in 1996, and professor and curator in 2003.

Professor Sinopoli's research topics included the archaeology of empires, the political economy and craft production, ceramic analysis, and South Asian prehistoric and historical archaeology. The focus of her archaeological research in southern India spanned more than three thousand years, from the prehistoric Neolithic and Iron Age periods through the historic 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century AD Vijayanagara Empire. She also conducted ethnographic research with contemporary village potters. As a curator in the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, Professor Sinopoli conducted research, curated exhibits, and published on collections from the Indian Himalayas and Southeast and East Asia. She authored, co-authored, and co-edited numerous publications, including a dozen books and more than 70 articles. Professor Sinopoli taught undergraduate and graduate courses in anthropology, chaired 17 doctoral committees, and was a valued advisor and mentor to students and junior colleagues. In addition to her national service to a number of professional organizations and editorial boards, she also served on many departmental, college, and university committees. Dr. Sinopoli was the director of the Museum of Anthropology from 2005-11 and director of the Museum Studies Program from 2012-18.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Carla M. Sinopoli, professor emerita of anthropology and curator emerita, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology.**

**Requested by:**



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

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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