

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John A. Garcia, Ph.D., research professor in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on October 7, 2015.

Professor Garcia received his B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1966, his M.A. degree from the University of Houston in 1968, and his Ph.D. degree from Florida State University in 1971. At the University of Arizona he served as an assistant professor (1972-78), associate professor (1978-94), and professor (1994-2010). He held a number of positions at the University of Michigan including visiting associate professor (1979-80), visiting research professor (2009-10), faculty associate (2009-10), and research professor and the director of the Community Outreach and Resource Center for Minority Data (2010-15). He was also a frequent contributor to the ICPSR's Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research and served as interim director from 2013-14.

Professor Garcia has long been recognized as a leading scholar of race, ethnicity, and the Latino community in American political behavior. His influential role in the development of key datasets, including the Latino National Political Survey, the Latino National Survey, and the National Chicano Survey, established him as a central figure in research on the nature and origins of Latino ethnic identity. The general theme throughout Professor Garcia's research is the complexity of race as a concept in theories of public opinion and political behavior. His work directly confronted the heterogeneity within ethnic groups, especially (but not exclusively) Latinos. He also sought to delineate the dimensions underlying the existence of groups as social constructs and political actors. Professor Garcia's contributions have been honored with a Presidential Achievement Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens (2002-03) and the Frank Goodnow Award from the American Political Science Association (2006). In 2007, the ICPSR established the John A. Garcia Scholarship in his honor to help minority students attend the ICPSR Summer Program.

The Regents now salute this distinguished social scientist for his dedicated service by naming **John A. Garcia, research professor emeritus**.

Requested by:



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