## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

## ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Daniel H. Levine**, **Ph.D.**, professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2011.

Professor Levine received his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1964, his M.Sc. degree from the London School of Economics in 1965, and his M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University in 1967 and 1970, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1969, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1970, associate professor in 1976, and professor in 1982. He was appointed the James Orin Murfin Professor of Political Science from 2004-10.

Professor Levine is an exemplar of what political scientists strive to be, a scholar with a deep knowledge and understanding of a region and its cultures, as well as a keen analyst and conceptualizer. This has made his work helpful not only to those who study Latin America, but to anyone interested in the relationship between religion and politics, a subject long neglected but now of interest not only to scholars but to attentive publics and policy makers.

Within the Department of Political Science, Professor Levine was a leader of the comparative politics sub-field. His tenure as department chairman (1999-2004) saw qualitative and quantitative growth, and a vigorous defense of departmental interests. Widely appreciated as a teacher, Professor Levine has inspired generations of graduate and undergraduate students with his commitment to intellectual honesty, empirical research embedded in important issues, and devotion to the intellectual and personal growth of those who have had the good fortune to study with him. His colleagues have benefitted not only from his collegiality, interest in their work, and good humor, but from the extraordinary service he has rendered the department.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming Daniel H. Levine professor emeritus of political science.

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