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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

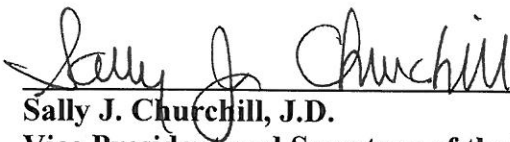
Sidney M. Bolkosky, Ph.D., professor of history in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Bolkosky received his B.A. degree from the University of Rochester in 1965, his M.A. degree from Wayne State University in 1966, and his Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1973. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1984. He was appointed the William E. Stirton Professor of History from 1999-2004.

Professor Bolkosky is an inspiring and accomplished teacher, who taught a wide range of courses on European intellectual thought, world history, and the Holocaust. An early adopter of distance learning, he developed a Renewed Expectations for Adults in Continuing Higher Education (REACH) course on the Holocaust. Professor Bolkosky also founded the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Project that is now housed in the Mardigian Library. This archive holds video and transcripts of hundreds of interviews, most of which he conducted himself. As director of the Honors Program for many years, Professor Bolkosky developed the curriculum, recruited faculty, and created an exciting intellectual and social program for talented and motivated honors students. His service also included chairing search committees for a dean, provost, and chancellor. Among the recognition Professor Bolkosky has received for his achievements on the Dearborn campus are the Distinguished Teaching Award (1975), the Distinguished Service Award (2002), and the inaugural Distinguished Career Metropolitan Impact Award (2012).

The Regents now salute this accomplished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Sidney M. Bolkosky professor emeritus of history**.

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