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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

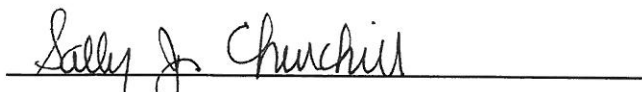
**Lawrence Sklar, Ph.D.**, Carl G. Hempel and William K. Frankena Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy and professor of philosophy in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Professor Sklar received his B.A. (1958) degree from Oberlin College and his M.A. (1960) and Ph.D. (1964) degrees from Princeton University. He served as an assistant professor at Swarthmore College (1965-66) and Princeton University (1966-68). Professor Sklar joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1968, and was promoted to professor in 1974. He was named the James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professor of Philosophy (1994-95), the William K. Frankena Collegiate Professor (1995-2002), and the Carl G. Hempel and William K. Frankena Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy (2002-16).

Professor Sklar is one of the most distinguished philosophers of science in the world. His book *Space, Time, and Spacetime* (1974) has served generations of scholars studying the nature of space and time, and won the Franklin J. Machette Prize (1973-74) for the best book in philosophy by an author under 40 years of age. *Physics and Chance* (1993) provided the leading systemic account of foundational philosophical problems in statistical mechanics, and won the Lakatos Award (1995) for best book in philosophy of science. A hallmark of his work is his ability to distill the key philosophical problems, positions, and arguments arising in the foundations of physics with exceptional clarity, deploying only a few equations. His work has provided lessons for many other subfields, including metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophy of language. Professor Sklar has won fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and, eight times, from the National Science Foundation. He delivered the Locke Lectures at Oxford University. He was the president of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division), is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a titular member of the Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Lawrence Sklar, Carl G. Hempel and William K. Frankena Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and professor emeritus of philosophy.**

**Requested by:**



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

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