

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Milford H. Wolpoff, Ph.D., professor of anthropology and research scientist, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2022.

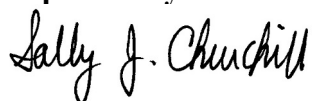
Professor Wolpoff received his B.A. degree in 1964 and his Ph.D. degree in anthropology in 1969 from The University of Illinois in Urbana. He first taught at Case Western Reserve University, then joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1971, and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1978. He was appointed associate research scientist at the LS&A Museum of Anthropology in 1976 and research scientist in 2001. He became a member of the Bone Research Center at the University of Michigan Musculoskeletal Core in 2004. He has chaired 20 Ph.D. committees and co-chaired five.

He is an American Association of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) Fellow and a member of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), the Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA (Founding Executive Committee member), Sigma Xi (Distinguished Lecturer 2001-04), the Paleoanthropology Society, the European Society for the study of Human Evolution, and the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, from which he received the prestigious Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a distinguished member of the American Anthropological Association, class of 2021, and on the Society for Science Notable Alumni List.

Professor Wolpoff authored or co-authored over 250 reviewed papers and 7 books and monographs. His field work covered the entire human and ape fossil record. He spent significant research time in North American, European, Asian, and Australian museums, also visiting most of the sites where human and ape fossils were found. His research was mainly supported by grants from the NSF, the National Academy of Sciences Eastern European Program, and the University of Michigan. Early in the course of his research he tested a single species hypothesis to explain South African australopithecine variation, later he sought to unravel the place of Neandertals in human evolution, and for the last decades he promoted and tested his multiregional evolution hypothesis accounting for the worldwide pattern of human variation and evolution.

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher and teacher by naming **Milford H. Wolpoff, professor emeritus of anthropology and research scientist emeritus, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology**.

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