

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Keith A. Dye, Ph.D.**, associate professor of African and African American studies and history and associate professor of college-wide programs in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Professor Dye passed away on September 25, 2022.

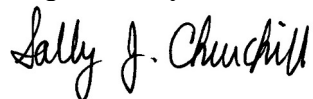
Professor Dye received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Detroit in 1978 and 1998, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Toledo in 2007. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 2015, and was promoted to associate professor in 2022.

A distinguished scholar, inspiring teacher, and devoted mentor and community activist, Professor Dye was a leading authority on African and African American history, Black Nationalism and the Reparations Movement, African American anticolonialism, and the influence of African Americans on U.S. foreign policy as it relates to Africa during the Cold War. Dye's recent work, *The Diplomacy of Theodore Brown and the Nigeria-Biafra Civil War: Negotiating a Destiny*, examines the efforts of the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa to mediate the bloody civil war between Nigeria and its break-away Biafran province in 1967, and places him in the forefront of an emerging field of study focusing on Black American activism in the arena of post-colonial African politics.

In the classroom and as a member of our campus community, Professor Dye excelled as someone who made his students and peers feel both connected and heard. Given his status as one of the relatively few African American male faculty on campus, Professor Dye spent an incredible amount of time working with students from underrepresented populations (especially those in our Support, Opportunities, Advocacy, and Resources program) who sought out his counsel and advice. Professor Dye also generously shared his expertise and time with the Detroit community serving on the City of Detroit's Historic Designation Advisory Board.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his mother, his father, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



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