

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

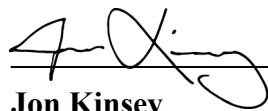
Chun-Shu Chang, Ph.D., professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Professor Chang received his Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1964. He joined the Department of History as an associate professor in 1966 and was promoted to professor in 1973. Professor Chang is a scholar of prodigious thematic range and chronological depth. He was trained in the Chinese classical tradition in Taiwan, and at Harvard in the Western tradition of Chinese studies. His command of Chinese history and civilization covers the major periods from the Shang (1600 BCE) to the Republic (1911 CE); the political and intellectual history of the modern period; the historiography of China and the documents of its history; and the history of Chinese literature. He is currently composing a massive treatise on the history of the Chinese empire from earliest times to the twentieth century in thirteen volumes, a substantial amount of which has already appeared in monographs and articles. It draws upon his exceptional mastery of the sources and is an expression of his philosophy of history, open to various, even conflicting interpretations, rather than confining itself to a single theory of historical causation.

The University of Michigan has been fortunate to have a scholar of such exceptional scope and depth as a teacher, both of undergraduates, and of graduate students who have become productive scholars of Chinese history .

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Chun-Shu Chang, professor emeritus of history**.

Requested by:



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