December Meeting, 2003

Knoll, Glenn F., Professor Emeritus of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, October 31, 2003
Letcher, Abby S., Lecturer in Family Medicine, Medical School, June 30, 2003
Lukas, Lou A., Lecturer in Internal Medicine, Medical School, June 30, 2003
Throne, Stephanie S., Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, UM-Flint College of Arts and Sciences, May 31, 2004
Williamson, Jack H., Lecturer in Art, School of Art and Design, May 31, 2003

Retirement Memoirs. Vice President Tedesco submitted memoirs for nine retiring faculty members.

Harold J. Borkin, professor of architecture in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, will retire on December 31, 2003.

Professor Borkin received his B.Arch. (1957) and M.Arch. (1959) degrees from the University of Michigan, where he also was awarded the Albert Kahn Fellowship in Architecture (1957). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1961 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1963, associate professor in 1968, and professor in 1973. He served as chair of the doctoral program in architecture from 1978-81 and from 1985-87.

Focusing on design early in his career, Professor Borkin entered and won a number of competitions, including the Elmwood Housing Project with Green and Savin in 1964, the first stage of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Competition with Wehrer and Johnson in 1960-61, and the first stage of the Toronto city hall and civic square competition with Hayward and Wehrer in 1959. After co-founding the Architecture and Planning Research Lab, Professor Borkin’s interests shifted to the development of computer-aided architectural design with an emphasis on integrated design systems, geometric modeling, building representation, simulation, and design evaluation. He brought the University to the forefront of architectural programs offering CAD curricula, and he fostered curricular and research innovation by using a multi-disciplinary approach to architectural graduate studies. In 2000, Professor Borkin was inducted into the Permanent Research Collection on Information Technology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History for his work on architectural design tools.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Harold J. Borkin professor emeritus of architecture.

David L. Chambers, III, LL.B., Wade H. McCree, Jr., Collegiate Professor of Law and professor of law in the Law School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2003, after an extraordinary career of teaching, administration, and research.

Professor Chambers received his A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1962 and his LL.B. degree from Harvard University in 1965. He worked in private practice (1965-67), served as special assistant to the executive director of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (1967-68), and was counsel to the Cabinet Committee on Price Stability in the Council of Economic Advisors (1968-69). Professor Chambers joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1969 and was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and professor in 1974. He was appointed the Wade H. McCree, Jr., Collegiate Professor of Law in 1990.

A leader in studying the legal profession and the area of legal education, Professor Chambers placed a particular emphasis on the provision of legal services to the poor and working class. His contributions to legal scholarship and education, the legal
profession, and to society are many. Professor Chambers served as chair of the board of Michigan Legal Services, president and member of the board of the Society of American Law Teachers, and chair of the administrative committee of the UAW-Ford Legal Services Plan. He was also a member of the planning committee for the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on New Ideas in Legal Education, a member of the AALS executive committee, and chair of the AALS Commission on Pro Bono and Public Service. Within the Law School, he developed and served as director of the South Africa Externship Program. Professor Chambers’ scholarship includes Making Fathers Pay: The Enforcement of Child Support, a pioneering book and important example of the use of empirical techniques in addressing legal problems. His recent work on AIDS and same-sex marriage and his surveys of the work and professional life of Law School graduates have been widely influential.

The Regents now salute this accomplished scholar and educator for his long and dedicated service by naming David L. Chambers, III, professor emeritus of law.

**Stephen S. Easter, Jr., Ph.D.,** professor of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2003.

Professor Easter received his B.S. degree from Yale University in 1960 and his Ph.D. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in 1967. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1970 and was promoted to associate professor in 1974 and professor in 1980. In July 1998, he was awarded the Mathew Alpern Collegiate Professorship in Biology, a title he held through June 2003.

Professor Easter’s major research accomplishments are in the area of visual neuroscience. His early work dealt with the basic physiological mechanisms by which light impinging on the retina gives rise to neural signals and with how the brain moves the eyes so that an object stays in view when either the object or the viewer is in motion. For the last twenty years, his research has concentrated on issues related to developmental neurobiology. He recognized that the visual system of fish offered considerable experimental advantages for analyzing how growing axons find their targets, and his work on the development of the projection of axons from the retina to the optic tectum led to great international recognition.

In both large introductory courses and small graduate seminars, Professor Easter was recognized as an outstanding teacher. He was committed to helping his students express their ideas clearly, both orally and in writing. Professor Easter trained an impressive array of students and post-doctoral fellows, who have gone on to hold faculty positions at prestigious universities throughout the United States and abroad. He also gave generously of his time for University service, including membership on the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Executive Committee and service as associate chair of the Department of Biology.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator and researcher for his dedicated service by naming Stephen S. Easter, Jr., professor emeritus of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology.

**Robert D. Fogel, Ph.D.,** the Lewis E. Wehmeyer and Elaine Prince Wehmeyer Professor in Fungal Taxonomy, professor of biology, and curator of fungi in the