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Professor Cohen received his B.A. degree from Syracuse University in 1949 and his M.A. and Ed.D. degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1950 and 1962, respectively. He worked as a teacher of the educable mentally retarded in the New York City public schools and the South Fallsburgh, New York, public schools from 1950-55. From 1955-57, Professor Cohen served as a psychological assistant for the U.S. Army and from 1957-61, he directed the vocational services at the Johnstone Training and Research Center in Bordentown, New Jersey. Professor Cohen served on the faculty at Syracuse University from 1961-67, at which time he joined the University of Michigan as associate director of the Institute for the Study of Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities and associate professor of education. He was promoted professor in 1971 and appointed deputy director of the institute in 1972.

As deputy director of the University of Michigan’s Institute for the Study of Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities, Professor Cohen served as project director on many grants funded by the U.S. Departments of Education and of Health and Human Services. At the same time, he taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in the School of Education’s Special Education Program and served as dissertation advisor to a number of School of Education graduate students. Professor Cohen’s numerous publications cover a range of topics, including the legal rights of citizens with mental retardation and the development of mental retardation policy.

Professor Cohen’s expertise made him a sought-after consultant and advisor for a number of organizations and institutions. From 1976-78, he served as a special advisor to the President’s Committee on Mental Retardation and from 1980-84, he was a member of the Michigan State Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. His consulting assignments have included the Milwaukee public schools, the New York State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the New Jersey Division of Mental Retardation, Department of Human Services.

The Regents now salute this faculty member by naming Julius S. Cohen Professor Emeritus of Education.

Roger A. Cunningham, James V. Campbell Professor of Law, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 1991, after a distinguished career of teaching and research.

Born in Paxton, Illinois, in 1921, Professor Cunningham received his S.B. degree in 1942 from Harvard University and his LL.B. degree in 1948 from Harvard University Law School. Following graduation, he practiced law in Boston and then turned to a teaching career at Harvard University, George Washington University, and Rutgers University. Professor Cunningham came to the University of Michigan Law School as professor of law in 1959 and was appointed James V. Campbell Professor of Law in 1987.

Professor Cunningham has devoted his professional life as both teacher and scholar to the field of property law. His regular course and seminar offerings have included the introductory course in property, land finance law, land use control, and eminent domain. In addition to having authored a successful casebook for the property course, Basic Property Law, Professor Cunningham is coauthor of the books Land Financing, Planning and Control of Law Development, and The Law of Real Property. His numerous articles span the full range of property topics, from such traditional subjects as disguised mortgage transactions, to implied warranties of habitability and regulatory takings. He has been active in other ways as well, serving for a decade as a member of a National Cooperative Highway Research Program Advisory Committee for the Transportation Research Board, and from 1980 onward as a member of the National Conference of Bar Examiners Multistate Bar Examination Property Drafting Committee. He has been a warmly appreciated teacher and colleague.
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The Regents now salute this faculty member for his long service to the University of Michigan by naming Roger A. Cunningham the James V. Campbell Professor Emeritus of Law.

David M. Gates, professor of botany in the Department of Biology, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 1991, following 20 years of service at the University of Michigan.

Professor Gates earned his B.S. degree in 1942, his M.S. degree in 1944, and his Ph.D. degree in 1947, all in physics and all from the University of Michigan. From 1947-55, he was a faculty member in the Department of Physics at the University of Denver, where he directed research on high altitude spectroscopy. Over the next decade, he was associated with the National Bureau of Standards and the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado. From 1965-71, Professor Gates was the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis and a professor of biology at Washington University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1971 as professor of botany and director of the University of Michigan Biological Station.

Early in his career, Professor Gates became interested in studying the physical processes by which plants and animals exchange energy with their surrounding environments. His 1962 book, *Energy Exchange in the Biosphere*, was a landmark in the field of ecology. This publication, along with his research papers, stimulated a new generation of plant and animal ecologists to use a rigorous quantitative approach to measure and interpret the ways in which organisms are adapted to their environments. Scientists around the world continue to use this approach to study how organisms are adapted to environments ranging from the tropics to the polar regions and from wetlands to the hot deserts.

Professor Gates' tenure at the Biological Station was marked by a substantial increase in research programs and by the construction of new facilities and the renovation of many existing facilities. In recognition of his professional achievements, Professor Gates has received the Gold Medal for Accomplishments in the Field of Ecology from the National Council of State Garden Clubs, the Award for Outstanding Achievements in Biometeorology from the American Meteorological Society, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the University of Michigan. In 1975, he was named president of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

The Regents now salute this faculty member for his dedicated service by naming David M. Gates Professor Emeritus of Botany.


Professor Graebel received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1954 and 1955, respectively. While pursuing his Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan, he was appointed instructor in engineering mechanics in 1956. He earned his Ph.D. degree in 1959 and was appointed assistant professor that same year. He was promoted to associate professor in 1962 and professor in 1967.

Professor Graebel's work as a researcher and consultant has had a lasting impact on the department's education of undergraduate and graduate students. His research led to the development of courses in singular perturbation and approximate methods in fluids, and his consulting work with Westinghouse Marine Division led to the introduction of computational fluid mechanics in both teaching and research. Professor Graebel was instrumental in the Ford Foundation Computer Project, which introduced computers into undergraduate engineering education.