

**ITEM 151-2001-R0511**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy on James W. Allard;  
Montana State University-Bozeman**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of James W. Allard from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Allard has had a long and noteworthy career in the Montana University System, first, as a student at the University of Montana and, second, as a member of the Montana State University Department of History and Philosophy. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Montana in 1969, served as a teaching assistant in the UM Department of Philosophy in 1969-1970, and earned his Masters of Arts in Philosophy from UM in 1970. He earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton University in 1976. He was appointed to the faculty at MSU in 1973 as an Instructor. Upon completion of his Ph.D. in 1980, he was promoted to Assistant Professor and awarded tenure. In 1983 he was promoted to Associate Professor and in 2004 to full professor. During the summer of 1977 he was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. During the summer of 1980 he was awarded a Council for Philosophical Studies Fellowship. During his first sabbatical, 1986-87, he was a visiting scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During part of his second sabbatical, in 2005, he was a visiting scholar at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University.

During his 38 years at MSU, Professor Allard taught a wide range of courses, from Introductory Philosophy to Existentialism, from Phenomenology to Philosophy of Logic. A number of these courses he developed himself. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved with developing an appropriate undergraduate collection in philosophy and the humanities in the Montana State University Library, and served as library representative in philosophy for over 30 years. He has served on numerous university committees. For the last 10 years he has been the faculty advisor for the student philosophy club. To his great satisfaction, in 2006, the club became a chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the International Philosophy Honorary.

Professor Allard is internationally recognized for his work on nineteenth and early twentieth century British and American Philosophy. He wrote the chapter on British and American Idealism in *The Cambridge History of Philosophy: 1870-1945* (Cambridge University Press, 2003); he co-edited, with introductions, *F. H. Bradley: Writing on Logic and Metaphysics* (Oxford University Press, 1994), and he is the author of *The Logical Foundations of Bradley's Metaphysics* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). In addition, he has published a number of articles, book chapters, and book reviews, and he has presented papers at many national and international conferences. His paper on the philosophy developed by one of his University of Montana professors, Henry Bugbee, is forthcoming.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon James W. Allard the rank of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Montana State University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.