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Professor Emeritus of English: Gary J. Lundy; The University of Montana Western

THAT

Upon his retirement from the Department of English at The University of Montana Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation to Professor Gary J. Lundy for his twenty years of dedicated service by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Lundy received his Associate of Arts from Long Beach College; his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Colorado at Denver; his M.A. in English with a certificate in Creative Writing from the State University of New York at Binghamton; and his Ph.D. in English with areas of concentration in Contemporary American Poetry/Creative Writing, Hermeneutics and Poetics, and Composition/Rhetoric, also from SUNY Binghamton.

Prior to accepting a position at The University of Montana Western in 1991, Dr. Lundy was an Assistant Professor of English at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. He was also first a visiting lecturer of English (1985-87) and then a visiting assistant professor (1987-90) at SUNY Oswego. While at SUNY Binghamton, Dr. Lundy was an Associate Director of Instructional Training (1980-85)

Throughout his twenty-year career at The University of Montana Western, Dr. Lundy has served the academic community with distinction. His dedicated service has earned him the respect of his students and colleagues from across campus. Dr. Lundy brings out the creativity of his students in remarkable ways. His courses combined elements of self-reflection, self-expression, and critical thinking in response to art and culture, and challenged students to reach their academic and creative goals in a supporting and encouraging learning environment.

While at Montana Western, Gary served the campus on Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Advising Committee, Visiting Artist Committee, and a number of other committees. He also served as Chair of the English Department for many years, and showed excellence in leadership by celebrating the strengths of each of his colleagues, encouraging collaboration, and leading the department to create a related area in creative writing – a program that remains popular with undergraduate students from across campus. He was the faculty advisor for IGNU, the poetry club; *Solstice*, the student literary journal; the *Wescolite*, the campus student newspaper, and the Odyssey Club, nontraditional student organization.

Off-campus, Dr. Lundy served as the chair and as the secretary of the Creative Writing Section of the Midwest Modern Language Association; on the Graduate Council of The University of Montana; as a Board Member of the Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts; on the Committee for Revising English Education Standards for the State of Montana; and as the Associate and Co-Founding Editor of *Pirogue*, an Anthology of Poetry by first through twelfth grade students from Beaverhead County Schools.

Dr. Lundy is also a strong advocate of tolerance and diversity, often challenging his students, as well as the broader campus, to treat all people with respect and dignity. In 2005, Dr. Lundy organized and served as the faculty advisor for Lambda Alliance, an on-campus club dedicated to reducing homophobia, inequality, hate crimes, and discrimination by encouraging self-acceptance, cooperation, and non-violence. Annual awareness campaigns guided by Dr. Lundy's leadership were important on a campus with little diversity and misunderstanding, particularly of the LGBT community and their lifestyles.

Dr. Lundy is an accomplished artist. His poetry and prose writing has been published in books, chapbooks, anthologies, CDs, and online literary journals. In the last two years, Dr. Lundy has published more than eighty poems in national and international journals. Gary also inspired people with his public readings, on campus and at other locations near and far. While committed to the language arts, Gary is also an accomplished visual artist, and has had his paintings and photographs shown at the Montana Western Art Gallery, as well as individual pieces showcased in regional galleries. For over ten years he facilitated mandolin and guitar building workshops at the Rocky Grass Bluegrass Festival in Lyons, CO, and shared this love of music with students at Montana Western by offering a one-credit folk guitar course through the School of Outreach.

The English Department is honored to recommend Professor Gary J. Lundy for the status of Professor of English Emeritus.

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