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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of English upon Gwendolyn Morgan

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Gwendolyn Morgan from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the state of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Prof. Gwendolyn Morgan received her BA in 1977 from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, and her MA (1986) and PhD (1989) from the University of South Florida. She began her career in the Department of English at Montana State University in 1989 as a scholar and teacher of medievalism, medieval literature, and popular culture studies. Prof. Morgan received tenure in 1994 and was promoted to full professor in 2000.

For many years beginning in 1999, Prof. Morgan served as the general editor of *The Year's Work in Medievalism*. She is the author of four books on medieval literature, numerous book chapters and scholarly articles, and a number of published poems as well as translations of Anglo-Saxon verse. Since her retirement from MSU, Prof. Morgan has published yet another book chapter, taught a seminar on medieval and Renaissance women writers at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, and received a festschrift in the first issue of *The Year's Work in Medievalism* following her departure from the editorship.

In the classroom, Prof. Morgan was known as a dramatically engaging instructor, rich in knowledge and insight, and rigorous and demanding to a fault. Her commitment to undergraduate research and scholarship was strong: She regularly mentored students toward conference papers and often accompanied them to scholarly presentation venues. This work was recognized in 2004 with the provost's award for undergraduate mentoring in research. Prof. Morgan also served for many years as the faculty advisor for MSU's branch of Sigma Tau Delta, the national honor society for English majors.

Prof. Morgan's achievements in scholarship and teaching were recognized with the Nora and Charles Wiley Award for Excellence in Research in 2001, the MSU College of Education Influential Educator Award in 2004, an MSU Alumni and Bozeman Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence in 2005 and the Cox Family Fund Faculty Award for Excellence in Creative Scholarship and Teaching, also in 2005.

Prof. Morgan now resides in Portland, Oregon.

ATTACHMENTS

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