

September 16-17, 2020

ITEM 190-2009-R0920**Authorization to Confer the Title Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology on Dr. John W. Fisher, Jr., Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of John W. Fisher, Jr. from the faculty at Montana State University, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his years of valued service to the University and the state of Montana by requesting that the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. John W. Fisher, Jr., retired from Montana State University as of August 9, 2020 after a distinguished career of teaching, research, and service of thirty years. During this time, he has authored or co-authored three monographs and over 45 journal articles/book chapters and is a leading scholar working in the Northwestern Plains and southern Africa. He plans to continue his work as an active scholar in the discipline of anthropological archaeology and has, since January 2020, published an article in Scientific Reports and has one forthcoming in South African Archaeological Bulletin. In addition, he has on-going funded research with the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and the Lamb Springs Archaeological Preserve. In short, he is following through on his promise to remain a productive scholar in his field. This record of publication will add value to his own career as a research scholar as well as to the honored reputation of Montana State University.

In addition to his scholarly record, Dr. Fisher has been recognized with several further awards at Montana State University. First, of course, he was advanced to the rank of Associate Professor at Montana State University in 1996. Since that time, he has received the CLS Outstanding Teaching Award and the Provost's Award for Undergraduate Research/Creativity Mentoring, both examples of his dedication to the continued success of undergraduate education at Montana State University.

His record of service has been as laudatory as has his teaching and research. Since 2008, Dr. Fisher helped create and served as co-leader for the Montana Site Stewardship Program, a state-wide program which aids in the preservation of cultural resources across Montana. In addition to serving on numerous departmental, college, and university committees, Dr. Fisher has been a member of the CLS promotion and tenure committee multiple times during his career at MSU. This is an important college-level committee and involves a substantial commitment of time and effort.

For these and other contributions to the university, Montana State University requests that the Board of Regents confer upon Dr. Fisher the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None