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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences on Dr. Brady Harrison; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Brady Harrison from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his work for the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Brady A. Harrison earned his Ph.D. in English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign specializing in American Literature and Critical Theory. He joined the English Department at the University of Montana in 1996 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2000 and Professor in 2006. He served as a Visiting Professor for a year each at University College Cork and the University of Toulouse representing The University of Montana.

Professor Harrison was a talented teacher. Over the course of his career, he taught a wide range of courses across the curriculum, from graduate level literature courses to introductory literature courses for undergraduates. Professor Harrison was a highly regarded instructor and a flexible department member, teaching multiple configurations of courses ranging from those appealing to undergraduate English majors (such as LIT 335: The American Novel, LIT 323: Canadian Literature and LIT 331: The Brontës) to graduate seminars (such as LIT 521: Frontiers, Borders, & Big Skies) to popular general education courses on Bob Dylan. The scope of his courses was unusually expansive, encompassing Western regional literature, Masterpieces of American Fiction, as well as Modernism, Postmodernism and Cultural studies.

Professor Harrison's scholarship record was extremely impressive, both as a creative writer and as a literary critic. His collection of short stories, *The Term Between: Stories* published in 2022 was the winner of the High Plains Book Award for Short Stories. His 2018 novella, *The Dying Athabaskan: A Novella* was the winner of The Publisher's Long Story Prize from *Twelve Winters* Press. In 2013, he was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in short fiction. In addition to his 2004 critical study *Agent of Empire: William Walker and the Imperial Self in American Literature*, he was also editor or co-editor of five books, wrote introductions to seven books or collections, had over a dozen peer reviewed articles, and wrote over thirty published essays, poems, and book reviews. He has been and remains a prolific and high-quality author.

Professor Harrison had an extensive record of professional, university, and departmental service. Highlights of his University service included multiple terms as a Faculty Senator, serving on the University Council for Student Assault, and multiple terms serving as the Departmental Representative to the University Faculty Association. Within the department, Professor Harrison was an active participant on several committees, including both the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Professionally, he served on an Editorial Board for a Journal, the Executive Council for the Western Literature Association, and was a manuscript reviewer for several books and a referee for numerous articles. He also served as interim Chair of the English Department in the Fall of 2024.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Montana is pleased to nominate Professor Brady Harrison for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments