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## *Judith Holland Sarnecki*

I am pleased to recognize an energetic and enthusiastic teacher and scholar on the occasion of her retirement.

JUDITH HOLLAND SARNECKI, your combination of pure joy in teaching students and creative scholarship has been a source of delight for all who know you. Since joining the faculty on a full-time basis in 1990, you have helped students master the intricacies of French grammar and literature while impressing upon them the important role that linguistic expression plays in our conceptions of ourselves and others. Your students marvel at your ability to excite them and at your willingness to help them learn, even when it means many hours of extra work on your part.

Your creative scholarship started with your Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Wisconsin on the work

of Marguerite Yourcenar, and spans such topics as the conceptions of women's lives in French literature, the French cinema during the Nazi occupation of World War II and the cultural meaning of tattoos.

Your effective work as a member of the French and Francophone department led to your promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in 1996 and to Professor in 2004. Your devotion has earned the respect and admiration of faculty and staff colleagues, as well as your students. Congratulations with gratitude for all of your contributions to Lawrence.

By the authority vested in me, I now confer upon you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, and admit you to its rights, privileges and obligations.

*June 13, 2010*