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Jane Parish Yang

JANE PARISH YANG, you came to Lawrence in 1991 and earned tenure and promotion in 1997, at which time you also became chair of the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department. You have a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in Chinese, an M.A. from the University of Iowa in Asian studies, and a B.A. from Grinnell College in American studies.

Your great interest in the study of China has led you to teach for several years at the National Taiwan University and to return to China several times to study and teach. One of your notable activities is to teach at the Foundation for Philosophy for Children in Taiwan, leading sessions on such books as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *A Christmas Memory*, using both Chinese translations and the original English texts.

Your passion for Chinese language and literature helped create enthusiasm for the study of China at

Lawrence. Your teaching of Chinese language, literature and film is regarded as passionate and inspiring, and your classroom is notable as a place where excellence is highly encouraged. As part of your work you led a program reorganization that resulted in the formation of the Department of Chinese and Japanese, and you were a central part of the Freeman Foundation program to study in China and the Luce Foundation Sustainable China grant.

Your translation work includes two children's books, *Listen to Your Child* and *Tall One and Short One* and a modernist novel, *Mulberry and Peach*.

In recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

June 14, 2015