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Howard Niblock

HOWARD NIBLOCK, you have been a member of the Lawrence University Conservatory faculty for almost 40 years, having joined the woodwind department in 1981. You received the Master of Music degree in 1973 from Michigan State University, following studies with a number of distinguished oboists, including Daniel Stolper, Richard Killmer and Harry Shulman. You also hold a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, where you studied philosophy and English.

Over the course of your career, you have concertized in such major European cities as Paris, Rome, Vienna and Prague, and you have made two tours of China. You have regularly performed at the annual gatherings of the International Double Reed Society, and you played a crucial role in bringing that distinguished conference to the Lawrence University campus in 2017.

Your double reed recitals have been a regular and much-beloved feature of the Lawrence University concert calendar for many years. A composer yourself,

your work *Valence III* was released as a recording with an accompanying YouTube video in 2005. You have a strong scholarly interest in musical aesthetics, and your publications in that field have appeared in numerous distinguished journals, including *The Instrumentalist*, *The Journal of Aesthetics* and *The New Grove Dictionary of Music in the United States*. In addition, you regularly contributed courses in music history curriculum, offering a course on the Second Viennese School.

Your successes as a performer, composer and scholar are matched by your skill as a teacher, having trained many students who have gone on to successful careers as orchestral players and recitalists. A regular contributor to *Freshman Studies*, you received the *Freshman Studies Teaching Award* in 2003.

In recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence University 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.

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