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Brent Peterson

BRENT PETERSON, in the 20 years since you came to Lawrence, you have served an invaluable leadership role within the foreign language and humanities faculty, chairing or providing a helping hand to several departments and interdisciplinary programs in ways that have fortified our existing curriculum and introduced fresh areas of study.

After receiving your Ph.D. in German from the University of Minnesota, you served for two years as a lecturer at Princeton University before accepting an appointment at Duquesne University in 1991. In 1997, you moved to Ripon College, where you chaired the German department and served as director of the College's program in Bonn. You came to Lawrence in 2002, stepping immediately into the role of German department chair, a position you held for 16 consecutive years. In the midst of that period, you also served a

nine-year term as acting chair of the Russian department and a six-year term as director of the Film Studies program. The inaugural director of the University's NEH Humanities Institute, you also played a founding role in the creation of the Global Studies major, serving as its co-chair from 2017 to 2019. Somehow, you also found time to co-direct the NEH Summer Seminar for Teachers in Berlin in 2010, 2012, and 2014.

A specialist of 19th century German literature, you are the author of two monographs and 30 scholarly articles, and are currently completing a study of migration in Germany.

Brent, 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 12, 2022