ITEM 151-2001-R0511
Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy on James W. Allard;
Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT
Upon the occasion of the retirement of James W. Allard from Montana State University, the Board of
Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University
System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION
Professor Allard has had a long and noteworthy career in the Montana University System, first, as a
student at the University of Montana and, second, as a member of the Montana State University
Department of History and Philosophy. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the
University of Montana in 1969, served as a teaching assistant in the UM Department of Philosophy
in 1969-1970, and earned his Masters of Arts in Philosophy from UM in 1970. He earned his Ph.D. in
Philosophy from Princeton University in 1976. He was appointed to the faculty at MSU in 1973 as an
Instructor. Upon completion of his Ph.D. in 1980, he was promoted to Assistant Professor and
awarded tenure. In 1983 he was promoted to Associate Professor and in 2004 to full professor.
During the summer of 1977 he was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.
During the summer of 1980 he was awarded a Council for Philosophical Studies Fellowship. During
his first sabbatical, 1986-87, he was a visiting scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign. During part of his second sabbatical, in 2005, he was a visiting scholar at Harris
Manchester College, Oxford University.

During his 38 years at MSU, Professor Allard taught a wide range of courses, from Introductory
Philosophy to Existentialism, from Phenomenology to Philosophy of Logic. A number of these
courses he developed himself. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved with developing
an appropriate undergraduate collection in philosophy and the humanities in the Montana State
University Library, and served as library representative in philosophy for over 30 years. He has
served on numerous university committees. For the last 10 years he has been the faculty advisor for
the student philosophy club. To his great satisfaction, in 2006, the club became a chapter of Phi
Sigma Tau, the International Philosophy Honorary.

Professor Allard is internationally recognized for his work on nineteenth and early twentieth
century British and American Philosophy. He wrote the chapter on British and American
Idealism in The Cambridge History of Philosophy: 1870-1945 (Cambridge University Press,
2003); he co-edited, with introductions, F. H. Bradley: Writing on Logic and Metaphysics
(Oxford University Press, 1994), and he is the author of The Logical Foundations of Bradley’s
Metaphysics (Cambridge University Press, 2005). In addition, he has published a number of
articles, book chapters, and book reviews, and he has presented papers at many national
and international conferences. His paper on the philosophy developed by one of his
University of Montana professors, Henry Bugbee, is forthcoming.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to
confer upon James W. Allard the rank of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Montana State
University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.