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ITEM 212-2014-R0524

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Architecture upon Professor John Brittingham; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor John Brittingham 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 Brittingham's creative activities work has been widely recognized and published in five international design competitions. He also conducted original research on Richard Neutra's Helburn House in Bozeman, Montana. This work has been published in Architectural Digest and exhibited at the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Many times, his research developed from community engagement work, as with the twelve years he spent collaborating with Yellowstone National Park, developing a new paradigm for approaching design work in the park system. In addition, he produced, with his students, award-winning work for The Kohala Center on the Big Island of Hawaii, Grand Canyon National Park, the non-profit Conscious Alliance, the Chianti Foundation In Marfa, Texas, and The Center for the Arts in Jackson, Wyoming.

Professor Brittingham's teaching exemplifies the value of integrating teaching and research: to expand design's capacity to impact the "natural world and each other positively." His focus on "Imagineering" as a strategy for research-based teaching has been recognized and published. Although he taught at all levels, he primarily taught design studios at the first-year, third-year, and graduate levels. During his tenure, he received an MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award, a departmental Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching, a James and Mary Ross Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship, and a Teaching Award of Excellence from the MSU Alumni Chamber of Commerce. Professor Brittingham's service activities include a wide range at the University, Professional, and Community levels. He was on many departmental and university-level promotion and tenure committees and assessment committees throughout his tenure, service that leveraged his high standards for the benefit of the department and university. His professional service, community service, and creative activities are inextricably linked. As mentioned, his research and creative activity projects many times started as either professional or a phase of community engagement before achieving recognition and demonstrating impact on the discipline, thereby re-classifying the activities as research. In addition, each of his community engagement activities included students and benchmarked exceptional levels of design. on August 25, 2021.

In his 24 years as a faculty member in the MSU School of Architecture he successfully taught and mentored countless students. His impact was significant. Professor Brittingham received the MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award and the James and Mary Ross Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Award, as well as other teaching awards.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Professor John Brittingham the rank of Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None