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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Film and Photography upon Dr. Robert Arnold; Montana State University

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THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Robert Arnold 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

Dr. Arnold retired following the 2023-2024 academic year, culminating 39 remarkable years of service at Montana State University.

Dr. Arnold accepted a position as associate professor and school director in the MSU School of Film and Photography in 2009. He achieved full professor in 2011. In 2013 Professor Arnold returned to the SFP faculty.

As a faculty member, Dr. Arnold distinguished himself as a mentor to many of SFP's students. He was especially helpful for those students interested in alternative and personal approaches to film making, for whom a critical understanding of film and media were critically important.

Rooted in the tradition of structural film making, Professor Arnold explored formal aspects of the medium such as the illusion of movement. His film work used an open-ended experiential approach to film making, allowing flexibility and adaptability when working with unknown opportunities and limitations. He explored meta ideas of time and space as vehicles to connect his work to relevant social concerns.
While at MSU, Professor Arnold was dedicated to students and their understanding of film, film history, and the connection between film making and life. He could be counted on as a colleague to always lend his knowledge and expertise where needed, including film studies and film production.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None