

September 13-14, 2017

**ITEM 176-2006-R0917**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology on Dr. Laurence Marshall Carucci, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Laurence Carucci from the faculty at Montana State University, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his years of valued service to the University and the state of Montana by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Laurence Marshall Carucci retired from Montana State University on July 31, 2017, after serving thirty-two years in teaching, research, and service. During his distinguished career he has authored and/or co-authored eight books and over 50 journal articles/book chapters, and is arguably one of the leading scholars working in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia today. He plans to continue his work as an active scholar in the discipline of anthropology and has, since January 2017, published a new edition of a textbook on Oceania, a book chapter in a work on Mimesis published by Berghahn Press, and will also have an article on adoption practices published in *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* prior to the end of this calendar year. In brief, he is following through on his promise to remain highly productive in his field. His record of publication will add value to his own career as a research scholar as well as to the honored reputation of Montana State University and as such, Dr. Carucci would like to be considered as an Emeritus Professor at MSU.

Dr. Carucci was named a *College of Letters & Science Distinguished Professor* in 2006, and will retain this title in retirement. In addition, Dr. Carucci has been recognized with several awards at Montana State University. He was advanced to the rank of Professor in 1995, a mere ten years after his arrival at Montana State University. Since that time, he has received the *Anna K. Fridley Award for Distinguished Teaching* and the *James and Mary Ross Award for Excellence in Teaching & Scholarship*, both University-level awards, among other marks of distinction in teaching and research. Just this spring, he received the *College of Letters and Science Award for Meritorious Research* demonstrating that, contrary to the norm, he remains an engaged and productive scholar even as his teaching career comes to a close.

Dr. Carucci's record of service has been as laudatory as has his teaching and research. For several years Dr. Carucci served as an Officer and/or Board Member of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, the primary society for anthropological research scholars of the Pacific. He has served MSU and the State of Montana as well including, most recently, chairing the Faculty Affairs Committee at Montana State University for six consecutive terms. Said committee is a university-wide committee working as an important part of Faculty Senate that also involved service by Dr. Carucci on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, the University Sabbatical Committee, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and the JAGS Committee (which has just completed its multi-year effort to design a new Faculty Handbook).

For these, and other, contributions to the university, Montana State University requests that the Board of Regents confer upon Dr. Carucci the rank of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None