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Professor Emeritus of Classics: James Morgan Scott; The University of Montana – Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor James Morgan Scott from the faculty of UM-Missoula, the faculty wishes to thank him for his many years of dedicated and exceptional service to the University, especially to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, the Classics section of MCLL, the Liberal Studies Program, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the State of Montana by recommending his designation as Professor Emeritus by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

After spending his early years in the Chicago area, James Scott moved to the upper peninsula of Michigan, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in English at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and a Master of Arts in Latin at the University of Michigan (1971). He then moved to the West and taught high school in the Missoula area for 10 years before undertaking graduate work in Classics at the University of Washington (Seattle). He earned the Master of Arts in Greek in 1983 and the Doctor of Philosophy in Classics in 1986. He joined the regular faculty of The University of Montana in Missoula in 1986 and was promoted to professor in 1998. For about eight years, he served as Assistant and Associate Dean of CAS, returning to the classroom in 2006. Professor Scott has been a mainstay of the teaching and service missions of the department and the Classics section, and during the period he has also been active in research, focusing on the reception of Virgil's *Aeneid* in the west and particularly by scholars of the Roman Catholic tradition and also on rich historical documents of missions here in western Montana. Most particularly, he co-edited with Robert Bigart two volumes about the St. Ignatius Mission: *A Pretty Village: St. Ignatius Mission: 1880-1889* and *Zealous in All Virtues: Documents of Worship and Culture Change, St. Ignatius Mission, Montana, 1890-1894*. Both volumes were published by the SKC Press/University of Nebraska in 2007, joining *Life and Death at St. Mary's Mission, Montana: 1866-1891*, which appeared in 2005. His retirement will leave a massive hole in our campus community, and we wish him the very best. He has served the university well and deserves well of us in return.