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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of History on Dan L. Flores, University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dan L. Flores from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 22 years of service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dan L. Flores earned his doctorate in history at Texas A&M University in 1978 and held the A. B. Hammond Chair in U.S. Western History at the University of Montana for 22 years until his retirement in the spring of 2014. Dr. Flores is an internationally recognized specialist in the environmental and cultural history of the American West and is the author of eight books, most recently *Visions of the Big Sky* (2010), *Caprock Canyonlands* (a 20th anniversary edition, 2010), and *The Natural West* (2002). His essays on the environment, art, and culture of the West have also appeared in magazines such as *Texas Monthly*, *Orion*, *Southwest Art*, *The Big Sky Journal*, *High Country News*, and *The History Channel Magazine*. Dr. Flores' work has been honored by the Western History Association, the Western Writers of America, the Denver Public Library, the High Plains Book Awards, the Montana Book Awards, the Western Heritage Center/National Cowboy Museum, the Oklahoma Book Awards, the University of Oklahoma Press, the Montana Historical Society, and the Texas State Historical Association.

Dr. Flores was a mainstay of the department's graduate program, offering popular and highly rated graduate seminars in American Indian history, environmental history, and the history of the American West. Dr. Flores served as lead adviser on more than 35 master's theses and doctoral dissertations, as well as thesis committees for master's students in English, Environmental Studies, Forestry, and other programs. Dr. Flores' standing in the field helped attract high-quality graduate students from around the country and established UM as a premiere destination for the study of Western and environmental history.

Dr. Flores' wide-ranging scholarly pursuits reached beyond the academy and helped to enhance the national and international reputation of the department and the University. Articles about Dr. Flores' ideas and work have appeared in *The Nation*, the *New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Portland Oregonian*, and several others. Over just the past five years he delivered invited public lectures/keynotes/or plenary talks at the University of Arizona, the University of Kansas, Utah State University, the University of Saskatchewan, the Colorado Historical Society, the Georgia Historical Association, the Montana Festival of the Book, the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, Nebraska's Pilster Lecture (sponsored by the Mari Sandoz Society), the Aubrey Haines Lecture at Yellowstone National Park, and a public lecture at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan. Dr. Flores served as a principal "talking head" in the 2010 documentary film *Facing the Storm: The Story of the American Bison*, which aired nationally on PBS in April, 2012. He also appeared in an episode on New Mexico in the second season of Anthony Bourdain's CNN travel program, *Parts Unknown*.

The Department of History extends its warmest thanks to Dan Flores for his many years of distinguished scholarship, teaching, and service and is pleased to nominate him for Emeritus Status.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments