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ITEM 208-2005-R0923

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

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Dennis Aig 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. Dennis Aig retired in August 2023 from the faculty of Montana State University after 34 years of exemplary teaching, scholarship, and service in the School of Film and Photography. During his career, Dr. Aig distinguished himself in all aspects of his work in the School of Film and Photography and the College of Arts and Architecture. He taught and mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students during their academic journey and into professional practice. He served on more than eight graduate committees, serving as chair for almost 50 of those committees. His student's work has been featured in festivals, such as the Tribeca and Sundance film festivals, in addition to working with NASA, National Geographic, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Smithsonian Institute.

Dr. Aig produced two internationally released documentary films: Unbranded and Charged: The Eduardo Garcia Story. He was the executive producer for fifteen videos for the NSF-funded reach project WildFIRE PIRE, part of an international partnership focused on the causes and consequences of fire in the past, present, and future.

Dr. Aig received the Provost's Award for Graduate Research/Creative Mentoring in 2023, was recognized as a Provost's Distinguished Lecturer in 2017, and has won over 200 awards for his filming accomplishments.

Dr. Aig contributed to the institution building at MSU through his service as director of the School of Film and Photography for almost eight years and through numerous committee contributions throughout his time at MSU.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None