

May 15-16, 2024

**ITEM 212-2013-R0524**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Associate Professor Emerita of Anthropology upon Dr. Tomomi Yamaguchi; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Associate Professor Tomomi Yamaguchi from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Tomomi Yamaguchi will retire in May 2024 from the faculty at Montana State University after 17 years of exemplary teaching, scholarship, and service in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Her research has built an impressive body of scholarship focusing on diverse issues related to gender and sexuality in Japan. Dr Yamaguchi has conducted research throughout her professional career to examine social movements and popular culture dynamics of Japan. Dr Yamaguchi has contributed to over 60 publications and numerous professional presentations.

Throughout her tenure at MSU, Dr Yamaguchi has demonstrated remarkable expertise and mentorship, leaving a lasting impact on the department and the University. For example, Dr Yamaguchi has taught nine (9) distinct courses for the Anthropology program and one (1) course for the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) minor. Dr Yamaguchi has been one of our most valuable and impactful instructors, and was awarded with an Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Letters and Science in 2023. Dr. Yamaguchi was also awarded the MSU Betty Coffey Award in 2018 in recognition of outstanding achievement in incorporating women's perspectives into the curriculum.

Dr Yamaguchi's service contributions to her department and university include leadership of the WGSS minor program at MSU from 2018 to 2023. At the departmental level, Dr. Yamaguchi has provided varied service roles including membership on faculty search committees and the department retention, tenure, and promotion committee. At the university level, Dr Yamaguchi has represented the department in Faculty Senate, has served on the College Curriculum Committee, and is a member of the CLS Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access committee. Finally, Dr Yamaguchi provides editorial service for two journals, as regional editor for Critical Asian Studies and as editor of The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr Yamaguchi the rank of Associate Professor Emerita of Anthropology at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years into the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None