

Resolution to Recognize Judith Kerman, Ph.D., as Professor Emerita

WHEREAS, Dr. Judith Kerman has given twenty years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 15 June 1991, to serve as Dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences and joined the faculty of the Department of English on 1 July 1997, at the rank of full professor, receiving tenure in 2000 and spending the following decade dedicated to teaching, creative work, and service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kerman was a 2002 Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Her strong reputation as a poet is well deserved with her collections from March Street Press (2005), CCLEH (2002), Cranberry Tree Press (1999), and Ridgeway Press (1996) -- all published in book form since coming to SVSU -- in addition, there are her fine poems in The MacGuffin, Controlled Burn, Comstock Review, and Peregrine; she was the featured poet in the premiere issue of Contemporary Muse, and is a past winner of the Capps Poetry Prize, among other awards; and

WHEREAS, A book of Dominican translations, Praises and Offenses, is forthcoming from the highly esteemed BOA Editions in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kerman has her own locally run Mayapple Press, centers a Mid-Michigan community of poets and reaches out to other poets as well, and this, along with her other many achievements, was formally recognized in the form of SVSU's 2006 Warrick Award, which testifies to both her "significant" and "longstanding" "contribution to the advancement of knowledge"; and

WHEREAS, The sheer number of publications is astounding, given Dr. Kerman's sincere commitment to teaching full-course loads for many years, a record of publishing individual pieces in upwards of 100 journals; and

WHEREAS, Her local visibility with these publications brought creative writers of professional stature to campus for lectures and workshops, and her setting up Rustbelt Roethke, an event that reaches even beyond the borders of Michigan, which Dr. Kerman is willing to continue into her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kerman's involvement extended SVSU's image in positive ways into international poetry communities and publications with her work in translation; and

WHEREAS, Her scholarly work in science fiction in the form of an anthology of essays that went into a second edition, speaks to her strong commitment to scholarship as well as creative work; and

WHEREAS, The scholarly work of Dr. Kerman has been formally recognized by SVSU in the form of the FA Award for Scholarship in 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Judith Kerman be recognized as Professor Emerita.

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