

**RETIREMENT OF CARLA OLSON BUCK  
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES**

Carla Olson Buck received her B.A in Spanish and French from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1979. She earned her M.A and Ph.D. in Spanish in 1986 from the University of Kansas. She joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1986 as Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994. Since her arrival at William & Mary, Professor Buck has played an important role in the success and development of the Hispanic Studies program, while providing essential service to her department and the university as a whole.

Professor Buck has shown a firm, long-standing commitment to her students, who have responded by praising her in their evaluations of her teaching, as well as by signing up for a series of her courses over their academic career. Those courses cover a wide range of periods, genres, regions, and topics in literary, cultural, and language pedagogical fields. Over the years she has taught such courses as The Poetics of Food; Issues in Visual Culture: Mexican Cinema; a seminar on Don Juan; Gender Issues in Hispanic Studies; Perspectives on Women and Culture; Women in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe: France, Germany and Spain; and Spanish language courses spanning all levels. In addition, she has administered popular study abroad programs in Spain, Mexico and Ireland, where she has taught courses ranging from Introduction to Hispanic Studies Research to Comparative Resistance: Nationalism in Ireland and the Basque Country of Spain.

As a scholar, Professor Buck's work has covered a range of topics in modern Spanish literature, with a focus on Mexico and particularly Ciudad Juarez, but also spanning themes and localities both within and beyond Hispanic Studies. She has published widely in peer reviewed journals and edited collections, and presented scholarly papers at conferences and academic institutions throughout the world. Her most recent article is a summation of her research on Ciudad Juarez, entitled "Consuming Pathos: Cultural Representation of the Women of Ciudad Juarez."

Her contributions to service over the years are vast, including service to the program in Hispanic Studies as Spanish House Faculty Advisor, Program Director and Study Abroad Director, and to the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, where she has served on several committees including Personnel, Awards and Professional Activities. At the university level she has served on the Committee on Academic Status, Special Interest Housing, International Studies Committee, Study Abroad Committee, and Committee on Degrees and Library Committee, among others.

Professor Buck's colleagues and students have nothing but praise for her inspired teaching, service, research and leadership over the years. Her many efforts will continue to benefit William & Mary students, faculty, and the department of Modern Languages for years to come.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Carla Olson Buck; expresses its deep appreciation for her 37 years of service; and approves a change in status from Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures to Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures, Emerita.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to Professor Buck with best wishes from a grateful Board for her years of dedicated service to William & Mary.