

**RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL P. NICHOLS  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Michael P. Nichols received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin with a major in Psychology. He earned his Ph.D. in 1973 from the University of Rochester and received post-doctoral training in psychoanalysis and family therapy. He joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1995 as an Associate Professor and was promoted to Professor the following year.

Professor Nichols has served William & Mary in many ways. He has been on a number of university and departmental committees, most notably the Graduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Admissions Committee of the Psy.D. program. He also ran a family therapy clinic which provided free counseling and therapy to the university community. In the wider community, Professor Nichols has been a supervising consultant at a local mental health agency and has been a leading figure in national family therapy organizations.

As a scholar, Professor Nichols's research and publications have focused on family therapy and couples' relationships. He has chaired a dozen doctoral dissertations and authored many journal articles, as well as two dozen books, including the leading family therapy textbook in the world. As Family Therapy Series editor for Guilford Press, he acquired and edited some of the leading professional books in the field.

The major focus of Professor Nichols's career has always been on teaching. He received teaching awards at Emory University, Albany Medical College, and William & Mary. At Emory he developed and supervised training programs in group therapy and family therapy. At Albany Medical College he directed the psychology internship program, developed a family therapy training program, and directed the Outpatient Psychiatry Department as a psychotherapy training program. At William & Mary he directed a family therapy training program for doctoral students. He has mentored generations of students and has been sought out for his wisdom and understanding.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Michael Nichols; expresses its deep appreciation for his 28 years of service; and approves a change in status from Professor of Psychological Sciences to Professor of Psychological Sciences, Emeritus.

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