



Catharine R. Stimpson

Eminent Dean

Achieving through scholarship your perfect calling,
you exercise your considerable gifts
of insight, irony, order, and voice
to serve human dignity and freedom.

Along the way you have found wisdom and skill
to help others strengthen their own devotion
to the love of exploration and the exuberance of learning.

Knowing the sometimes anxious and lonely
progress of graduate study,
you advocate purposeful ways
to nurture professional accomplishment
while preserving the amateur's passion.

With gratitude for the rigor, fairness, and openness
you model for all who seek the community of scholarship,
we bestow on you the degree of
Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.



The Fourteenth of May, Two Thousand Twelve
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