

Board Meeting
November 12, 2015

AWARD HONORARY DEGREE, CHICAGO

Action: Award Honorary Doctorate Degree

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Senate at the Chicago campus has nominated the following person for conferral of honorary degree at Commencement exercises in May 2016. The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval of this nomination.

Cheryl Ganz, Curator of Philately Emerita, National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institution -- the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

As former chief curator of philately and lead curator of the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum, Dr. Cheryl Ganz transformed the vision for philately at the museum and set new international standards for museum postage stamp exhibits. Following her retirement, Dr. Ganz was granted emeritus status by Smithsonian Secretary Wayne Clough for her significant and lasting contributions to the museum, becoming the first Curator of Philately Emerita. Prior to her work at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Ganz collaborated with museum outreach programs and various audiences via popular press, academic journals and philatelic publications, and positioned herself as a preeminent philatelic researcher and author. She is a member of the United States Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations for new postage stamps, and she has received the prestigious lifetime achievement Neinken Medal awarded by The Philatelic Foundation in New York City.

Dr. Cheryl Ganz is a UIC alumna having received a doctorate degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She is author of *The 1933 Chicago World's Fair: A Century of Progress*, co-editor of and contributor to *Pots of Promise: Mexicans and Pottery at Hull-House*, *Pacific Mail: China and U.S. Mail*, and co-author of *Delivering Hope: FDR and Stamps of the Great Depression* and *Fire and Ice: Hindenburg and Titanic*. Her latest book was *Every Stamp Tells a Story: The National Philatelic Collection*.

Dr. Cheryl Ganz has long been a supporter of higher education and of UIC and embodies its mission. During her time as a Ph.D. candidate, she curated exhibits at the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum. After establishing her career at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Ganz funded an undergraduate student research award in the Department of History and another award in Gender and Women's Studies. She represents the UIC success story as a distinguished public historian, published academic author, and exemplary alumna.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.