THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Appointment of William Helmreich as Distinguished Professor at The City College of New York

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York appoint William Helmreich as Distinguished Professor of Sociology at The City College of New York effective August 25, 2016, with compensation of $28,594 per annum in addition to his regular academic salary, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Professor Helmreich’s influential works in the areas of race and ethnicity, religion, and urban sociology have made lasting contributions that have enriched the field of sociology as a whole. He has published 14 books that represent a diverse range of topics and methodologies. His latest and most far-ranging work, The New York Nobody Knows: Walking 6,000 Miles in the City (Princeton University Press, 2013) received outstanding reviews from The Guardian and The New York Times, among others, and is already in its fourth printing. In response, Princeton University Press offered him a contract to write five new books covering each of New York City’s boroughs. His earlier work includes The Black Crusaders: A Case Study of a Black Militant Organization (Harper & Row, 1973), The World of the Yeshiva: An Intimate Portrait of Orthodox Jewry (The Free Press/Macmillan, 1982) and Against All Odds: Holocaust Survivors and the Successful Lives They Made in America (Simon & Schuster, 1993), which won the National Jewish Book Award in the general nonfiction category for best book of the year. As one of his reviewers noted, “Professor Helmreich is an accomplished and prolific scholar of extraordinary talents and intellectual range whose work over more than four decades has had a profound impact on academic and public understandings of more than one area of sociology.”

Professor Helmreich has been a Professor of Sociology at The City College of New York since 1973. He has served on the Sociology Doctoral Faculty at The Graduate Center since 1978 and is a Permanent Senior Fellow in Urban Ethnography at Yale University. He has also held Visiting positions at Yale and Hebrew Universities. Helmreich earned his doctoral and Master’s degrees in Sociology from Washington University, St. Louis.

The City College of New York and The City University of New York will be well-served by Professor Helmreich’s appointment as Distinguished Professor.