

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**John Price Wilkin, M.A., M.L.S.**, associate university librarian for library information technology and publishing and librarian, University Library, retired from active faculty status on August 2, 2013.

Mr. Wilkin received his B.A. degree from Antioch College in 1979, his M.A. degree from the University of Virginia in 1980, and his M.L.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1986. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1986, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1988. Mr. Wilkin then served as the systems librarian for information services at the University of Virginia from 1992-94. He returned to the University of Michigan as a librarian in 1994.

A pioneer in the field of library information technology, Mr. Wilkin held numerous key leadership positions including head of the Humanities Text Initiative, head of the Digital Library Production Service, interim co-university librarian, associate university librarian for library information technology and publishing, and executive director of the HathiTrust. He played an instrumental role in the development, negotiation, and execution of the Michigan Digitization Partnership with Google, Inc. This ambitious digitization project has provided scholars and the general public with unprecedented access to the University Library's vast collections. As executive director of the HathiTrust, Mr. Wilkin has led a collaborative consortium of academic and research institutions focused on the long-term preservation of and access to millions of digitized titles from libraries around the world. Mr. Wilkin also taught courses on the application of Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) for information organization and retrieval in the School of Information. He received the Library and Information Technology Association/Library Hi Tech Award for Outstanding Communication for Continuing Education in Library and Information Science in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for his dedicated service by naming **John Price Wilkin librarian emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



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