

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Carolyn O. Frost, Ph.D.**, professor of information in the School of Information, will retire from active faculty status on August 31, 2009.

Professor Frost received her B.A. degree from Howard University in 1961, her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1964 and 1977, respectively, and her M.L.S. degree from the University of Oregon in 1970. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor of library science in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981 and professor in 1989.

Professor Frost's early research focused on subject access in library catalogs. More recently, she studied retrieval of digital image information and organization of information, with an emphasis on non-textual materials. She is the author of two books and many journal publications. Professor Frost was principal investigator of the Art Image Browser project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, and the Cultural Heritage Initiative for Community Outreach (CHICO), funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The latter project involved working with museums, archives, libraries, and K-12 schools developing pilot projects to demonstrate the potential of information and collaboration technology in broadening the reach of cultural heritage materials.

Professor Frost served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1989-2005 and as interim dean from 2006-07. As associate dean, she provided administrative oversight for curriculum delivery and student services in the Masters of Science in Information program. Throughout her tenure, she has served on numerous school and university-wide committees and has been active in a number of national professional associations.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator by naming **Carolyn O. Frost professor emerita of information**.

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