

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Brenda L. Johnson, B.A., M.L.S., associate university librarian, will retire from the University Library on December 31, 2007.


Ms. Johnson received her B.A. degree from Muskingum College in 1975 and her M.L.S. degree from Rutgers University in 1980. From 1980-85, she held librarian positions at Rutgers University Libraries. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1985 as a senior associate librarian, and was promoted to interim associate director for public services in 1998 and librarian and director for public services in 1999. She was named associate university librarian in 2004 and served as interim co-university librarian during 2006-2007.

In her role as associate university librarian for public services, Ms. Johnson was responsible for policy development, evaluation and planning of public services, resource allocation and personnel actions, and other activities that maintain and enhance the provision of library services to the campus community. She was directly responsible for the leadership and direction of 19 libraries with over 200 full-time staff. Ms. Johnson was strongly committed to advancing scholarship, as evidenced by the broad array of services, collections, and outreach initiatives developed under her leadership. Among these were the Field Librarian Program, which places librarians directly in the instruction and research environment of their area of expertise. She also developed the University Library's Instructor College, which strengthens the instruction skills of librarians and prompted the creation of for-credit courses taught by librarians. In 2003, this program received the Innovation in Instruction Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Ms. Johnson positioned Michigan's library system to stay abreast of the emerging needs of its users by embracing technology as a powerful academic resource. Her focus on integrating library resources into web applications resulted in increased student access to materials and services. Her open style, collaborative spirit, and positive sense of purpose have positioned Michigan to be a leader in defining the Library of the future.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Brenda L. Johnson associate university librarian emerita.**

Requested by:



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