

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Maurita Peterson Holland, A.M.L.S., associate professor of information in the School of Information, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2007.

Professor Holland received her B.M. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1965 and 1966, respectively. From 1966-72 she held professional librarian positions at Eastern Michigan University, the Ann Arbor Public Library, and Rogers Hall, in Lowell, Massachusetts. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1972 as an assistant librarian in the Engineering and Transportation Library and was promoted to associate librarian in 1973, senior associate librarian in 1974, and librarian in 1978. She was head of the Engineering Libraries from 1974-87 and served as director of the Basic Science and Engineering Libraries from 1988-1990. She joined the School of Information faculty in 1990 as a lecturer and was promoted to associate professor in 1997. Within the School of Information, she was also assistant to the dean and director of academic outreach and practical engagement from 1995-2005, and assistant to the dean for academic strategies and initiatives from 2005-07.

Professor Holland displayed a deep commitment to, and passion for, developing initiatives that addressed the information needs of underserved communities and provided services to young people. In 1998 and 1999, she led the School of Information's Cultural Heritage Preservation Institute for American Indian communities, first in the Arizona Navajo Nation and then in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. These institutes brought together K-12 teachers and students, cultural leaders, and School of Information students with the goal of increasing cultural heritage awareness and developing the technological skills necessary to preserve, display, and disseminate their cultural treasures. She established the framework for the school's practical engagement program, and chaired the faculty management committee from 2006-07 which developed the community informatics specialization. In 1994, she received a teaching award from the School of Information Library Service.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Maurita Peterson Holland associate professor emerita of information**.

Requested by:



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