

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barbara Lowther Shipman, A.M.L.S., senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on August 2, 2018.

Ms. Shipman received her B.S. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1974 and 1977, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1979, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1982, and senior associate librarian in 1986. She held a number of leadership roles at the Taubman Health Sciences Library, including head of library collections, head of electronic information systems, coordinator of the health sciences database services, coordinator of online services, rare book librarian, and more.

Throughout her 39 years, Ms. Shipman has been dedicated to enhancing partnerships across the health sciences disciplines and providing access to the library and its resources. She supervised and trained librarians for online searching as well as developed and maintained quality standards during a time when the library was emerging as a digital literature resource leader. She played a key role in the implementation of UM-MEDLINE, which provides free, unlimited access for faculty, students and staff to MEDLINE, the premier scholarly database in the biomedical sciences. This was one of the first end-user search services at the University of Michigan and in the country, and continues to have a profound impact on the research, academic, and clinical enterprises of the institution. Ms. Shipman also developed the information management skills of thousands of healthcare students, residents, and clinical staff and served as an adjunct lecturer in the School of Information and Library Studies.

The Medical Library Association recently recognized one of Ms. Shipman's publications with the 2018 Ida and George Eliot Prize, which is presented to a work that has been judged most effective in furthering medical librarianship. Her excellence in online searching and partnership building, in addition to her commitment to growing the library's extensive collections, have made the Taubman Health Sciences Library and the University of Michigan leaders in the field of health sciences librarianship.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Barbara Lowther Shipman, senior associate librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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