

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Jo Ann Sokkar, M.S.L.S.**, senior associate librarian in the Kresge Business Administration Library at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on July 14, 2006.

Ms. Sokkar received her B.A. degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1962 and her M.S.L.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1970. From 1964-71 she worked as a reference librarian, first in a public library, then at Deere & Company corporate headquarters, and then at the University of Illinois. Ms. Sokkar joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1971 as a librarian IIB in the Kresge Business Administration Library, and was promoted to assistant librarian in 1972, associate librarian in 1975, and senior associate librarian in 1980.

Throughout her career Ms. Sokkar has supported the teaching and research efforts of the faculty, staff, and students of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the University of Michigan. The quality of her reference work has been acknowledged in the preface of doctoral dissertations and faculty publications. In 1979, she co-authored a book-length bibliography, *Industrial Relations and Personnel Management: Selected Information Sources*. This bibliography filled a gap in the then-existing bibliographic resources for this field. In 1999, she was recognized by the School of Business with a Staff Recognition Award, based on her performance, innovation, and "can-do" attitude.

Ms. Sokkar has contributed to her profession by serving on committees of the Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and the Committee of Industrial Relations Librarians. She has given numerous course-related presentations to students in the School of Business and in other schools and colleges across the campus. Through these efforts, and through her selection of print and electronic resources, she has contributed to the richness of research materials made available to the entire University of Michigan community.

The Regents now salute this faculty member for her dedicated service by naming **Jo Ann Sokkar senior associate librarian emerita**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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