

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Freda L. Baum, M.A., M.A.L.S., librarian in the Law Library, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2014.

Ms. Baum received her B.A. degree from the University of Toledo in 1977, her M.A. degree from Bowling Green State University in 1978, and her M.A.L.S. degree from the University of Chicago in 1983. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1985, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1987, senior associate librarian in 1989, and librarian in 2001.

Ms. Baum played an instrumental role in the cataloging of complex print and electronic materials. Her work enabled coherent catalog search experiences and comprehensive access to the Law Library's vast collections. She served as technical services librarian from 1985-88, technical services librarian and head of the searching unit from 1988-2007, and head of cataloging and member of the Law Library management team since 2007. Ms. Baum's leadership was pivotal in a number of endeavors including the design and implementation of the Library's first online catalog and conversion to the Library of Congress subject arrangement classification system. She was an active member of the Innovative Users Group, a national organization focused on the development of effective library management systems and collection format accessibility issues. A dedicated teacher and mentor, Ms. Baum oversaw the development and training of Law Library staff and School of Information graduate students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Freda L. Baum librarian emerita**.

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