

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

### *Regents Communication*

#### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Death  
**Action Requested:** Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Michael Teague Orblych, M.L.I.S.**, research education coordinator and social sciences librarian at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Mardigian Library. Mr. Orblych died on February 15, 2018.

Mr. Orblych received his B.G.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1991 and his M.L.I.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1999. He was an assistant librarian at the University of Detroit Mercy from 2000-01. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant librarian in 2001, and was promoted to associate librarian in 2004, senior associate librarian in 2008, and librarian in 2014.

An exemplary librarian, scholar, and teacher, Mr. Orblych was a leader in the field of information literacy. He provided research and information literacy instruction, reference services, and collection development to the departments of art history, business, communications, languages, and history. Mr. Orblych collaborated closely with faculty, staff, and students to develop and evaluate customized library instruction programs. His important article "Formative Assessment: Transforming Information Literacy Instruction," co-authored with Michelle Dunaway and published in *Reference Services Review*, was recognized by the American Library Association's Library Instruction Round Table as one of its top twenty articles for 2011. From 2008-18, Mr. Orblych also taught several courses at Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science, including Access to Information, Instructional Methods for Librarians, Academic Libraries, and the Organization of Knowledge. He was actively involved in the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Library Orientation Exchange, the Michigan Academic Library Association, and the Michigan Library Association. Mr. Orblych will be fondly remembered for his inquisitive nature, generosity of spirit, and wonderful sense of humor. In his memory, the Teague Orblych Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established so that his legacy may live on at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

**Requested by:**



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

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