

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jonathan H. Rodgers, Ph.D., librarian, University Library, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Dr. Rodgers received his B.A. degree from the State University of New York, Binghamton in 1972, his Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1977, and his M.S.L.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1983. Dr. Rodgers held several positions at Hebrew Union College including manuscript processor (1977-79), Judaica librarian (1979-83), and head of Special Collections and Conservation (1980-83). Additionally, he worked as the head librarian, Near East Division, Catalogue Department at Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library (1983-87). Dr. Rodgers joined the University of Michigan faculty as a librarian in 1987. He held numerous positions including head of the Near East Division, coordinator for Area Programs Technical Services, coordinator of Area Programs, and librarian for Near Eastern Studies.

A distinguished scholar of contemporary Middle Eastern and ancient Near Eastern Studies, Dr. Rodgers has supported the advancement of international librarianship through his leadership, mentorship, and research efforts. He translated Wolfdietrich Fischer's *Grammatik des Klassischen Arabisch* (1987), which was published by the Yale University Press as *A Grammar of Classical Arabic* in 2001. Dr. Rodgers has also published extensively on Arabic and Semitic linguistics and Middle Eastern bibliographical studies in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *MELA Notes: The Journal of the Middle East Librarians Association*, and *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore*. Dr. Rodgers successfully led the effort to obtain over \$200,000 in funding from the Council on Library and Information Resources to digitize the University Library's Islamic Manuscripts Collection. He was actively involved in numerous professional associations including service as the Middle East Librarians Association's editor of *MELA Notes* (1997-2007) and as the American Oriental Society's secretary (1985-91) and secretary-treasurer (1991-2014). Dr. Rodgers received the Middle East Librarians Associations' David H. Partington Award in 2009.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Jonathan H. Rodgers librarian emeritus**.

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