THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Ms. Snow received her A.B. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1973, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1973, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1976, senior associate librarian in 1977, and librarian in 1978. She served as head of circulation from 1977–2007 and was appointed assistant director in 2007.

Ms. Snow became a leader and invaluable participant in the management and administration of the Law Library very early in her career. She has worked tirelessly to help develop and modernize the Law Library and preserve its collections. She oversaw the launch of the Law Library’s first online version of its circulation records in 1980, participated in space planning and for and moving the collections to the underground Smith addition, created a document production position, organized job descriptions by task, and cross-trained support staff so they could serve as teams. In the late 1980s, she planned and oversaw the barcoding of all print volumes. This project facilitated the launch of the Law Library’s integrated library system, including the circulation module she implemented, in 1990. She served as preservation officer, headed the staff intranet initiative, and was instrumental in reorganizing the Law Library staffing and management structure in 2007.


The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Barbara J. Snow librarian emerita.

Requested by:

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