

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barbara Beaton, A.M.L.S., senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on July 10, 2016.

Ms. Beaton received her B.S. (1979) degree from Grand Valley State University and her A.M.L.S. (1981) degree from the University of Michigan. Following the completion of her graduate degree, Ms. Beaton served as a public services librarian at the University of Houston, as a reference librarian and interlibrary loan coordinator at Marquette University, and as a reference librarian at the Library of Congress. Ms. Beaton joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate librarian in 1988, and was promoted to senior associate librarian in 1993.

Ms. Beaton was widely recognized for her dedication to student engagement and faculty research, her collaborative spirit and deep interdisciplinary expertise, and her devotion to the core values of librarianship. Library researchers looked to her as an expert link to library resources, to discipline-based content, as well as to other researchers and librarians. Ms. Beaton influenced many students' academic careers with her engaging library instruction and research training. Her collection stewardship responsibilities in the areas of philosophy, religion, grants, and social work played an important role in advancing the organization's reputation as one of the leading research libraries in the nation. Ms. Beaton's varied roles are a testament to her communication skills and her flexibility in aligning with the Library's evolving directions and initiatives. She served as a member on the Librarians' Forum, a governing body, and as chair of the Library Access to Electronic Resources Task Force, a group which laid the groundwork for understanding and supporting the growing challenge of networked library resources. Ms. Beaton also made important contributions to the library profession by leading various American Library Association committees focused on library instruction, reference services, national recognition awards, and professional guidelines and standards. Her work on the development of professional objectives for bibliographic instruction was ground-breaking for the time.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Barbara Beaton, senior associate librarian emerita**.

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