

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Alexandra P. Rivera, B.S., M.S.I., senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on November 30, 2021.

Ms. Rivera obtained her Bachelor of Science from Northern Arizona University in 1995 and her Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan in 2004. Ms. Rivera's career began as an outreach and instruction librarian at the University of Arizona before coming to the University of Michigan in 2011. From 2011 until her retirement, Ms. Rivera was the student success and community engagement librarian in the University Library. From 2014-15, she also had the additional role of interim coordinator, diversity and inclusion initiatives at the University Library.

Active in several national professional associations, Ms. Rivera's involvement includes the American Library Association's (ALA) Committee on Diversity, where she was a longstanding member and chair (2011-13), the ALA Executive Board (2020-22), and Executive Council (2012-22). Within the Association of College and Research Libraries, Ms. Rivera was very active in the University Libraries Section including section chair (2019), Nominating Committee chair (2018-19), and Outstanding Professional Development Awards Committee chair (2016-17, 2018-19). Ms. Rivera also was instrumental in the National Association of Librarians of Color and the Joint Council of Librarians of Color, Inc., where she has been on the Board of Directors as vice president since 2016, and helped to establish the organization as a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Ms. Rivera's notable contributions to the University of Michigan include directing the library's Peer Information Consulting (PIC) Program, a premier peer research education program that fosters academic success and the recruitment of culturally diverse undergraduate students into librarianship. It is a model for libraries around the country. Demonstrating her commitment to students, she founded the library's Student Supervisors Special Interest Group in 2012 and chaired it for 6 years. In 2019, Ms. Rivera created and implemented a series of course-integrated learning objects for CSP and the Debate Institute, teaching students how to use key information resources to review literature particularly through the lens of equity and inclusion. In her time at U-M, she also contributed to many university priorities. She chaired the University Government Relations Faculty Committee (2020-21), and was a member of the University Outreach Council (2011-21) and the Detroit Center Advisory Council (2013-21). During her library career, Ms. Rivera was a highly effective advocate for the learning, teaching, and research needs of students and faculty. She was known for keeping the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the forefront of her work, and was a generous colleague, teacher, and mentor to students and faculty alike.

The Regents now salute this distinguished Librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Alexandra P. Rivera, senior associate librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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