THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Anna Ercoli Schnitzer, A.M.L.S., associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on October 29, 2020.

Ms. Schnitzer received her B.A. degree from Hood College, Frederick, Maryland in 1959 and her A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. She also completed graduate work in English literature at the University of Maryland. Ms. Schnitzer joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1995, and was promoted to associate librarian in 2010. Ms. Schnitzer began her career at the Taubman Library in a term appointment as the weekend librarian in the reference department, and then went on to have roles as reference librarian and outreach librarian, culminating in becoming a champion and advocate for community outreach and diversity in her role as diversity, disability & inclusion informationist.

Throughout her over 25-year career in the University Library, Ms. Schnitzer inspired students, colleagues, and campus and community partners with her commitment to reducing health inequities and improving access to library services and quality health information for underserved populations. Ms. Schnitzer held leadership roles as the coordinator of the U-M Council for Disability Concerns and as chair of the James T. Neubacher Award Committee. She was a member of a wide range of other committees, including the LSA Disability Committee, the Rackham Disability Committee, and Michigan Medicine Ability Committee. Ms. Schnitzer received numerous honors and awards recognizing her work in the areas of diversity and community outreach, including the Friends of the National Library of Medicine’s Michael E. DeBakey Medical Library Services Outreach Award (2012), the Michigan Medicine Ability’s Distinguished Diversity Leaders Team Award (2018), the U-M Student IDEA Board’s Distinguished Diversity Leaders Team Award (2019), the U-M Distinguished Diversity Leaders Individual Award (2011), the U-M Laurita Thomas Diversity Champion Award (2008), the University Library’s Diversity Award (2007), and The Ann Arbor Chronicle’s Second Annual Bezonki Award for significant contributions to the Ann Arbor community (2012).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Anna Ercoli Schnitzer, associate librarian emerita.

Requested by:

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