

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Joan C. Durrance, Ph.D.**, Margaret Mann Collegiate Professor of Information and professor of information in the School of Information, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Durrance received her B.A. degree from the University of Florida in 1959, her M.S.L.S. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1964, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1980. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer and coordinator of continuing education at the School of Library Science in 1979. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1981, associate professor in 1987, and professor in 1996. She served as associate dean from 1987-89, and was appointed the Margaret Mann Collegiate Professor of Information in 2004.

Professor Durrance's wide-ranging research and teaching interests included the study of social and cognitive aspects of how individuals seek, give, and use information in different contexts; community information systems; the evaluation of information services; and the professional practice of librarians. Her groundbreaking research resulted in several major grants and numerous publications, including five books. In 1997, she was honored by the American Library Association with its R.R. Bowker-Isadore Mudge Award. She served as vice president (1995-96) and president (1996-97) of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), and received the ALISE Award for Professional Contribution to Library and Information Science in 2005.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Joan C. Durrance professor emerita of information.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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