

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

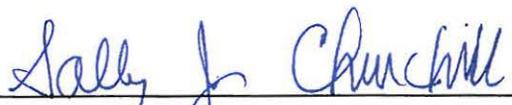
Cathleen A. Baker, Ph.D., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on March 31, 2016.

Dr. Baker received her A.B. (1967) degree from the University of Michigan, her M.A. (1986) degree from Syracuse University, and her M.F.A. (2000) and Ph.D. (2004) degrees from the University of Alabama. She held positions teaching paper conservation at the State University of New York College at Oneonta (1978-83) and the State University of New York College at Buffalo (1983-93). She joined the University of Michigan as a conservator senior in 2005 and was appointed a librarian in 2012. Dr. Baker also served as an adjunct instructor in the School of Information.

Dr. Baker is a distinguished scholar, author, and educator specializing in paper conservation, papermaking, and the history of the book. She authored the noteworthy *By His Own Labor: The Biography of Dard Hunter* (2000) and the award-winning *From the Hand to the Machine. Nineteenth-Century American Paper and Mediums: Technologies, Materials, and Conservation* (2010). A superb teacher and mentor, she taught courses on library preservation and the history and materiality of books and paper at the University of Alabama, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. Dr. Baker played an instrumental role in the conservation treatments of hundreds of maps, works of art, books, and documents in the University Library's Special Collections. In addition, she revamped the conservation lab's best practices, reorganized the exhibit program, and generously established the Cathleen A. Baker Fellowship in Conservation. Active in several professional organizations for the conservation of cultural heritage, Dr. Baker was a founding member of two important organizations: the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) Book and Paper Group and the Institute for Paper Conservation (UK). In recognition of her many achievements, she was elected a fellow of AIC, a fellow of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, and a member of the Grolier Club in New York City. She received the AIC's Sheldon and Caroline Keck Award in 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Cathleen A. Baker, librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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