

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gale A. Oren, M.I.L.S., associate librarian in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 4, 2022.

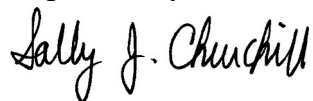
Ms. Oren received her B.A. degree from the University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel in 1989 and her M.I.L.S degree from the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies in 1993. She worked as a library assistant at the University of Michigan Law Library from 1990-91, then as a technical library assistant at the University of Michigan Taubman Medical Library from 1991-94. She worked as senior research librarian at Chi Systems Inc. (which was acquired by Superior Consultant) from 1994-2001. In 2001, she re-joined the University of Michigan and was appointed associate librarian for the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

For over 20 years, Ms. Oren has contributed to advances in the education of our learners and the integration of the research, clinical care, and educational missions of the department. She was instrumental in establishing and managing the flipped classroom for residency education and actively involved in the weekly grand rounds program. She served on the innovative eBlast team, sharing educational case studies with healthcare professionals outside the university in a HIPAA compliant manner. She coordinated a patient education project in which hundreds of handouts on eye care topics were written in simple language then incorporated into MiChart for patient distribution. She triaged patient inquiries submitted through the Kellogg website and worked on establishing the department's "Living with Low Vision" support group. She provided extensive support of faculty scholarly activity and research impact, including the creation of publication productivity reports for promotion and tenure, implementation of current awareness services and has served as an advisor for various aspects of publishing. She worked closely with NIH grant recipients in upholding publication and bibliographic compliance for grant reporting. Ms. Oren has also been responsible for the preservation of departmental history and has created a photo archive database of over 7,000 historical images and gathered and cataloged a substantial collection of historical ophthalmic instruments for revolving displays.

Nationally, she has been actively involved in the Association of Vision Science Librarians, serving as chair-elect from 2008-09, and then chair from 2010-11, and in the Medical Library Association, serving in a variety of roles. Her publications and poster presentations span a wide range of topics of interest to health sciences librarians. Her unwavering commitment to the department culminated in being honored with a Lifetime Service Award in September 2021.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gale A. Oren, associate librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
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