

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Elizabeth Yakel, Ph.D., C. Olivia Frost Collegiate Professor of Information and professor of information in the School of Information, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2025.

Professor Yakel received her A.B. from Brown University in 1980. She received her A.M.L.S. in 1982 and her Ph.D. in 1997, both from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan School of Information as an assistant professor in 2000. She was promoted to associate professor in 2005 and to professor in 2011. She served as acting associate dean for academic affairs in 2013, associate dean for research and faculty affairs in 2014, associate dean for academic affairs from 2015-2022, and interim dean of the School of Information from 2022-2024.

Professor Yakel's research interests include digital archives and curation specifically data reuse, teaching with primary sources, and the development of standardized metrics to enhance repository processes and the user experience. Her most recent research examines data sharing and reuse of public health data during the COVID-19 pandemic. Professor Yakel has successfully published numerous peer-reviewed articles and served as editor of the leading journal in her field, *Archival Science*. Her work includes more than 130 writings and has been cited more than 2,600 times. She has received several best paper awards including a 2013 International Digital Curation Conference Best Research Paper Award for "Trust in Digital Repositories," and the Society of American Archivists Fellows' Ernst Posner Award for the best paper in *American Archivist* in 2008. In 2020, she received the Society of American Archivists, Council Exemplary Service to the Profession Award for the Archival Metrics Research Project. Professor Yakel was awarded the Michael D. Cohen Outstanding Service Award from the School of Information in 2012. She has been active in the Society of American Archivists and was elected as a fellow in 1999.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Elizabeth Yakel, professor emerita of information**.

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
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