

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Sherle Abramson-Bluhm, B.A., M.L.S.**, senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on July 5, 2024.

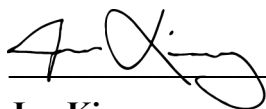
Ms. Abramson-Bluhm obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Virginia in 1983 and her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland in 1988. Ms. Abramson-Bluhm's career began at the Library of Virginia as an electronic reference service coordinator from 1999 until 2002 where she facilitated the development of electronic resources access. She later joined Rappahannock Community College as college librarian in 2002 until 2005. She led two campus libraries at the community college. In 2005, Ms. Abramson-Bluhm began her career at the University of Michigan as the head of acquisitions at the University Library. She continued in this role until 2019, when she took on new responsibilities to help wrangle several projects as our acquisitions project manager.

Ms. Abramson-Bluhm's has been active in several professional organizations as well as librarian governance. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Michigan Academic Library Association. In addition to membership in these organizations, she co-chaired the NISO Information Creation and Curation Topic Committee and led a task force to co-author the NISO Technical Report, "Issues in Vocabulary Management." This work brought together several disciplines to highlight and address the necessity of interoperability of extant data and the need for development of new vocabularies, cooperatively.

Perhaps Ms. Abramson-Bluhm's most impactful work here at the university was her leadership in developing an acquisitions program that eliminated redundant workflows, enhanced the patron experience by improving receipt time, and resulted in cost savings for the university. Since the implementation of the first program in 2007, our department has implemented several similar programs and relied on the framework she established and continues to benefit from her work. Her tenacity, dedication, and thoughtfulness will be missed.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Sherle Abramson-Bluhm, senior associate librarian emerita.**

**Requested by:**



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**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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