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ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

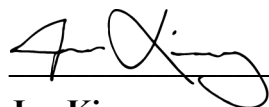
**Nancy Bartlett, M.A.**, associate director and archivist in the Bentley Historical Library, retired from active faculty status on July 22, 2024.

Ms. Bartlett received her B.A. (1979) degree and her M.A. (1983) degree, both from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan as an assistant archivist and was promoted through the ranks to associate archivist and archivist. Her roles at the library included head archivist, Access and Reference (1985-1998), head archivist, University Archives and Records Program (1998-2013), and associate director (2014-2024).

Ms. Bartlett's archival work focused on international collaborations, teaching undergraduates with archives, and archives of creative expression. From 1999 to 2015, she led the Bentley's exchange with the State Archives Administration of China, developed and stewarded an annual internship program for graduate students from the French Institut national du patrimoine from 1992 to 2012, served as a United States State Department Fellow in Aalborg, Denmark in 1994-95, and edited *Comma*, the journal of the International Council on Archives from 2000 to 2004. More recently, she led the five-year, provost-funded third-century grant project, including co-organizing its national symposium in 2017, on "Engaging the Archives: New Partnerships and Understandings of Teaching and Learning with Primary Sources." She also co-edited the resulting publication *Teaching Undergraduates with Archives*. Ms. Bartlett's other publications reflect her interests in creative expression, diplomatics, the archival principle of provenance, and the history of the University of Michigan. They include "The Complication of Color in an Academic Archive," "Past Imperfect (l'imparfait): Mediating Meaning in the Archives of Art," and *More Than a Handsome Box: Education in Architecture at the University of Michigan, 1876-1986*. She was appointed a fellow of the Society of American Archivists, the organization's highest honor, in 2006.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Nancy Bartlett, archivist emerita**.

**Requested by:**



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