

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Darlene Nichols, A.B., A.M., A.M.L.S., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

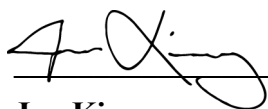
Ms. Nichols earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1979 in East Asian studies, a Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Michigan in 1984, and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. Ms. Nichols's began her professional career as coordinator of the Peer Information Counseling Program in the Undergraduate Library at the University of Michigan in 1985. She became the social work, education, and psychology librarian from 1989, and in 1998 she was appointed coordinator of Graduate Library Instruction and psychology and sociology librarian at the Hatcher Graduate Library. In 2010, she became the librarian for diversity and inclusion and staff development librarian for the University of Michigan Library. In 2014, she was appointed foundations and grants librarian and supervisor of the Foundation Center Funding Information Network. Since 2017 until her retirement, Ms. Nichols was the social work librarian at the Hatcher Library.

Ms. Nichols has been active in several professional associations, primarily sections of the American Library Association (ALA). She is the ACRL liaison to the ASCLA Accessibility Assembly (2013-present) and was a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Instruction Section of ACRL. Ms. Nichols was elected director of the ALA New Members Round Table (1993-1995). She was also committee chair and editor of the *Footnotes* (newsletter) Committee (1991-1993). Ms. Nichols is a member of the Black Caucus of the ALA. Ms. Nichols served on the Library Advisory Council of the American Psychological Association and as a grant reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Ms. Nichols's notable contributions to the University of Michigan include serving on the School of Social Work's Curriculum Committee from 2017 until her retirement. Ms. Nichols was active in the University of Michigan Human Resources Advisory Group as co-chair (2013-2015) and as chair (2015-2017). She has been a member of the University of Michigan MLK Day Symposium Planning Committee and the University Library MLK Day Planning Committee since 2010 until her retirement; she served as chair of the latter (2011-2014).

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Darlene Nichols, librarian emerita.**

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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