

The University of Michigan Regents Communication Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Keiko Yokota-Carter, B.A., M.A., M.I.L.S., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on August 21, 2026.

Ms. Yokota-Carter earned a Bachelor of Arts from Tsuda College in Japan in 1980, a second Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University in 1982, a Master of Arts from Stanford University in 1990, and a Master of Information and Library Studies from the University of Michigan in 1997. Her library career began at the University of Washington's East Asia Library, where she served as Japanese studies librarian and coordinator of information literacy from 1999 to 2012. In August 2012, Ms. Yokota-Carter was appointed Japanese studies librarian at the Asia Library, University of Michigan.

During her career at the University of Michigan, Ms. Yokota-Carter has played a key role in supporting the growth and vitality of Japanese studies. She has worked with remarkable dedication and persistence to strengthen Japanese studies collections and make them more accessible to researchers and learners at the University of Michigan and around the world. Her acquisitions in areas such as Ainu studies, Okinawa studies, Buddhism, gender and LGBTQ studies, immigration, and environmental studies, to name only a few, have strengthened the Japanese collection in meaningful and lasting ways. Active in professional service, Ms. Yokota-Carter has held numerous leadership roles in national and international organizations for East Asian librarianship. Her service in the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources includes serving as acting chair in 2009, chair from 2010 to 2012, and longtime chair of the Cooperative Collection Development Working Group from 2013 to 2026. Her service reflects strong advocacy for overseas access to Japanese resources and deep commitment to collaboration, access, and education. Ms. Yokota-Carter's professionalism, high standards, advocacy for open access, and deep passion for librarianship have earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues. She will be deeply missed, and her many contributions to the collections, services, and scholarly community of the University of Michigan will continue to benefit researchers, students, and faculty for many years to come.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for his dedicated service by naming **Keiko Yokota-Carter, librarian emerita**.

Requested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Kinsey', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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