THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Malgorzata (Malgosia) Myc, M.A., archivist in the Bentley Historical Library, retired from active faculty status on May 3, 2021.

Ms. Myc received her M.A. degree from the Wroclaw University in 1978. She served as a librarian at The Ossolinski National Institute (1978-82), an assistant archivist at the Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Polish Academy of Sciences (1982-83), an archivist and consultant at the Medical Library and Archives, Nathan Cummings Center, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (1983-93), a research assistant at the POLIS Research Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (1993-96), and an archives assistant at Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (1996-97). She joined the University of Michigan in 1997 as a reference assistant at the Bentley Historical Library, and joined the faculty with her promotion to assistant archivist in 2003, associate archivist in 2012, and archivist in 2017. She served as director for reference and academic programs from 2016-21.

Ms. Myc transformed Bentley Historical Library reference services through the adoption of Aeon, an automated request and workflow management software designed for special collections libraries and archives. The use of Aeon significantly improved the researcher experience, increased staff efficiencies, and provided new insight into patterns of research achievable, and ultimately comparable, with other research archives across the country. Ms. Myc was instrumental in hosting a national symposium in 2016 on the use of Aeon. Building upon the affordances of Aeon, she has led a Bentley business intelligence committee since 2016, which developed insightful analyses of archival practices at the library. Ms. Myc exported her expertise nationally by contributing as a leader to the work of the Society of American Archivists' Reference, Access, and Outreach Section. Her documentation of the management of Bentley Historical Library reference and academic programs has served as a model, including in the publication series of the Society of American Archivists. Ms. Myc demonstrated impressive talent around inclusion of her peers in advancing the quality of archival reference services, drawing attention to the Bentley Historical Library as a place of innovation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished archivist for her dedicated service by naming Malgorzata (Malgosia) Myc, archivist emerita.

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