

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Patricia B. Yocum, A.M., A.M.L.S., librarian, University Library, and adjunct lecturer, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on January 2, 2009.

Ms. Yocum received her B.A. degree from the State University of New York, Binghamton, in 1965, and her A.M. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1969 and 1971, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as senior associate librarian in the Natural Science and Museums Libraries in 1977. In 1982, she was promoted to librarian and head of the Natural Science, Natural Resources and Museums Library, and in 1990 she was named coordinator for collections of the Basic Science and Engineering Libraries. She was appointed adjunct lecturer in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 2006.

In addition to her other duties, Ms. Yocum also directed the efforts of the University Library's Instructor College and established and taught a course on digital research in the natural sciences in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. She has served on numerous library committees, was secretary of the Senate Assembly and a member of SACUA, and served on the Advisory Board of Intercollegiate Athletics. An active member of her profession, Ms. Yocum served as chair and treasurer of the Science and Technology Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associates, chair of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Biological Sciences Division, and president of the Geoscience Information Society. She was a member of the board of directors of GeoScienceWorld, served on the LOEX (Library Orientation Exchange) Advisory Council, and was a consultant to the American Geophysical Union Publications Committee. Ms. Yocum has received the SLA Biological Sciences Division Distinguished Member Award (1996), the GeoScience Information Society Best Paper Award (with co-author Gretchen McNeely) (1991), and shared with UM colleagues the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section Innovation in Instruction Award for their work with Instructor College (2003). She is one of the University's most widely respected librarians, recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in science librarianship.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Patricia B. Yocum librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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