THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: **Report of Faculty Retirement**

Action Requested: **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

Jonathan E. Rothman, A.B., M.S.L.I.S., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2022.

Mr. Rothman received his A.B. (1977) degree from the University of Michigan and his M.S.L.I.S. (1984) degree from Simmons College. After 14 years of advancement through the ranks of systems librarian roles at the Harvard University Library, Mr. Rothman joined the University of Michigan University Library in 1998 as a systems librarian in the Library Information Technology Division, with the rank of senior associate librarian. In 2004, Mr. Rothman was promoted to the rank of librarian. In 2007, Mr. Rothman was appointed as interim head of the Library Systems Office (later renamed Automation, Indexing, and Metadata), and in 2008 he was confirmed as the head of that department, a role in which he served until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rothman has worked to transform and improve how the U-M community accesses information through his work on primary library management systems and numerous integrations with related systems and technologies. Some of Mr. Rothman's most notable accomplishments include his leadership and work on the library's first modern library discovery service (Mirlyn) and his work leading and co-leading two massive, multi-year library management system migrations: from Notis to Aleph, completed in 2004, and from Aleph to Alma, completed in 2021. Mr. Rothman also played a major role in architecting and establishing HathiTrust's initial public catalog and coordinating with the California Digital Library to develop Zephir, a metadata analysis and management system for HathiTrust.

Mr. Rothman's commitment extends beyond the library, demonstrated by his professional contributions, including service as both member and chair of the University Civil Liberties Board, as a member of the University Privacy Oversight Committee, and as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Library Information Technology Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for his dedicated service by naming **Jonathan E. Rothman, librarian emeritus.**

Requested by:

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