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Peter J. Gilbert

PETER J. GILBERT, it is often said that the library is the heart of a campus. From your arrival at Lawrence 32 years ago to now, you have made that truism a reality for thousands of Lawrentians, providing mission-critical research support and educational services with thoughtful care, warmth, and engaging good humor.

A graduate of Carleton College who majored in English, you came to Lawrence as a reference librarian in the summer of 1990, six months after receiving your M.A. degree in Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nine years later you were named Director of Instructional Technology, which allowed you to play an important early role in the University's engagement with emerging digital technologies in research and pedagogy. You became the campus webmaster in 2002, building the University's website and establishing access to Gopher, the internet application that first introduced the college to networked library services. Three years later you were promoted to University Librarian; in 2005 you were named the Alice G. Chapman Director of the Library.

Honors and recognition you have received over the years include the 2009 *First-Year Studies* teaching award and the 1996 Lucc Campus Achievement award. In addition, you have provided steadfast service to the broader campus community, serving on the Curriculum Committee; the Faculty Committee on University Governance; the Committee on Teaching Development; the Technology Advisory Committee; the 2010 Strategic Planning task force; and the Academic Advising Committee, which you chaired during the 2020–21 academic year, providing calm, steady guidance in the midst of a pandemic. In addition, you have ably represented Lawrence in the Wisconsin Library Association, serving as that organization's chair in 2016.

Pete, in recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, faculty, and staff, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement.

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