

In Memory of Doreen Mendelssohn

Our hearts remain heavy in political science as we mourn our dear friend, Doreen Mendelssohn, who passed away on July 16, 2023 after a long illness. The heart and soul of the political science department since 1999, Doreen provided administrative support to seven department heads and many faculty members with whom she worked over the years. Doreen ran the department with competence, calm, and good cheer. She was especially beloved by the graduate assistants and student workers with whom she worked, who have responded to her passing by calling her "an amazing mentor with a heart of gold," "a true beacon amongst all the chaos," "a second mom and mentor," and a "welcoming and supportive cheerleader" who was always there for her students, even after they graduated and left the university. We will never forget the ladybug decorations *everywhere* in her office, the joy she took in her interactions with our students (including jokingly trying to get them to pay for course overrides), and her signature expression, "Gotta love it!" as she coped with all the job threw at her.



Doreen was a kind and generous friend, a dedicated mentor to so many students, and was much beloved by all of us. We hold her in our hearts and will always remember the impact she had on so many. May her memory be for a blessing.

A memorial service honoring her memory has been scheduled for 3 pm August 19th at the Eagle's Club in Redford, Michigan. Also, if you would like to contribute a memorial fund that will honor her memory and work at EMU you may contribute to the Doreen Mendelssohn Award through the University Foundation.