

**Nina Woo Matheson**  
**Doctor of Science**

Nina Woo Matheson is director emerita of the William H. Welch Medical Library and professor of medical information in The Johns Hopkins Institutions. In 1982 Matheson articulated the concept of the integrated academic information management system, or IAIMS, in a work that came to be known as the "Matheson Report." The importance and lasting effect of this work cannot be overstated. As recently as January 1995, the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* said that the report "caused a revolution in libraries and librarianship." Nina Matheson has been a key figure in redefining the profession of librarianship and in establishing librarians as equal partners with scientists and scholars in the academic community. Her vision stresses the role of librarians in building information and knowledge systems, not merely in collecting books, answering questions, or preserving the past. Under Matheson's leadership, the Welch Medical Library became symbolic of the expanded roles for the library in the information age. Projects such as the Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man and the Genome Data Base use the concepts of knowledge management to translate and integrate data from multiple sources to create productive and easy-to-use systems. On her election as a Fellow of the Medical Library Association, Matheson's ideas on information integration were called "the most important development in modern librarianship."

For her outstanding contributions to the world of knowledge, the University is pleased to confer on Nina Woo Matheson the degree of Doctor of Science.