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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

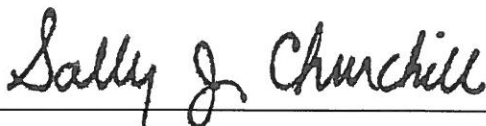
**Myron P. Gutmann, Ph.D.**, research professor in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, research professor in the Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of information in the School of Information, will retire from active faculty status on August 18, 2014.

Professor Gutmann received his B.A. degree from Columbia University in 1971 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University in 1973 and 1976, respectively. He served on the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin from 1976-98. Professor Gutmann joined the University of Michigan faculty as a senior research scientist (now research professor) and professor of history in 2001. He served as director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research from 2001-09 and received the additional appointment of professor of information in 2007.

Professor Gutmann's scholarly work focused on interdisciplinary historical population studies, with special expertise in the relationship between population, agriculture, the environment, and health. He also studied ways to properly preserve and share digital materials and methods to protect the confidentiality of research subjects when data about them is made available for secondary use. Professor Gutmann published numerous articles in the leading scholarly journals and authored or co-authored five books including *Early Modern Europe: From Crisis to Stability* (2006), *Putting People on the Map: Protecting Confidentiality with Linked Social-Spatial Data* (2007), and *Fertility, Mortality, and Family Formation during the Demographic Transition* (2012). He received the Leslie Hewes Award in 2006, was named a "Digital Preservation Pioneer" by the U.S. Library of Congress in 2007, and was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished historian and social scientist for his dedicated service by naming **Myron P. Gutmann research professor emeritus, professor emeritus of history, and professor emeritus of information.**

**Requested by:**



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