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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

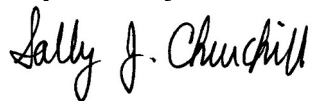
**Paul Gifford, M.L.S.**, senior associate librarian in the Genesee Historical Collections Center, Frances Willson Thompson Library, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on November 9, 2018.

Paul Gifford received his M.L.S. degree (1984) from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint as an assistant archivist in 1987, and was promoted to associate archivist in 1991, and senior associate librarian in 2000.

Mr. Gifford was instrumental in increasing the scope of the collections of the Genesee Historical Collections Center, the archives and special collections unit of the Frances Willson Thompson Library. He worked closely with Dr. and Mrs. Jack W. Thompson, the family of the library's namesake, and was responsible for securing several significant archival collections, including the papers of Olive Beasley and the United Auto Workers Local 599. Mr. Gifford created exhibits and partnered with faculty in the UM-Flint's Department of History to highlight the role of local primary sources in student and faculty research and coursework. The connections and collections Mr. Gifford developed contributed to the reputation and accessibility of the Genesee Historical Collections Center. Thanks to his work in securing collections and creating finding aids and catalog records, the Genesee Historical Collections Center archives are available to scholars around the world.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian by naming **Paul Gifford, senior associate librarian emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



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