

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

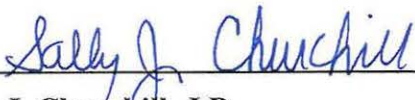
Ann Flowers Ringia, M.L.S., archivist in the Bentley Historical Library, retired from active faculty status on May 4, 2015.

Ms. Ringia received her B.A. (1974) and M.L.S. (1976) degrees from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant archivist in 1987, and was promoted to associate archivist in 1997, and archivist in 2013.

An exemplary archivist, Ms. Ringia directed all analog and digital microfilm projects, was a major participant in the Google digitization project, oversaw preservation projects, and mentored students and staff in the areas of conservation and microfilm preparation. Her survey and cataloging of the microfilm holdings advanced the library's holding to archival standards. Ms. Ringia also conducted surveys of the audiovisual materials and monitored the building climate. She developed a strategic disaster preparedness plan for the Bentley Historical Library that has been well received and utilized by archivists from across the globe. Ms. Ringia was actively involved in the Research Libraries Group Archives Preservation Microfilming Project that has developed national standards for microfilming. She published an important preservation cost study in the international archives journal *Janus*, edited the Bentley Historical Library's column in the Michigan Archival Association's newsletter *Open Entry* for several years, and conducted a number of conservation workshops and demonstrations.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her dedicated service by naming **Ann Flowers Ringia, archivist emerita**.

Requested by:



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