

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

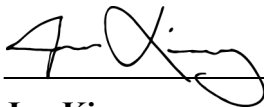
Gregory T. Kinney, M.I.L.S., M.A., archivist in the Bentley Historical Library, retired from active faculty status on June 14, 2024.

Mr. Kinney received his B.A. (1976) degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and his M.A. (1987) and M.I.L.S. (1987) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan as an assistant archivist in 1988 and moved through the ranks earning promotions to associate archivist and full archivist. In 1990, he was named athletics archivist, a position funded in part by the Athletic Department.

Mr. Kinney oversaw the acquisition, processing and description of hundreds of linear feet of records documenting the history of athletic competition at the University of Michigan, including the development of women's athletics. He oversaw the digitization of nearly 600 football game films dating from the 1920s to 1989, and was instrumental in developing the Bentley's online Image Bank and digitizing thousands of images depicting U-M athletics. Mr. Kinney became indispensable for his athletics knowledge and his ability to help researchers, and build relationships across campus and beyond. He compiled comprehensive historic rosters for all varsity sports and made them available through the Bentley's athletics roster databases and web pages, which he constructed. His contributions to the Bentley went far beyond athletics. He embraced transformative new technologies and was responsible for developing standards and procedures for creating finding aids and overseeing the Bentley's adoption of Encoded Archival Description (EAD). Mr. Kinney trained a generation of archivists in the implementation of EAD, and mentored many graduate students, several of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in the archival field. More recently, he contributed significantly to the Bentley's African American Student Project building the underlying database containing information on more than 9,500 African American students that have attended U-M from 1853 to 1980.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gregory T. Kinney, archivist emeritus**.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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