

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement  
**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

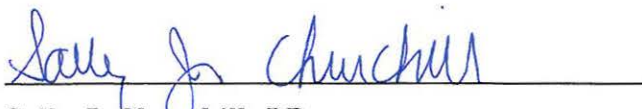
**Richard Hill-Rowley, Ph.D.**, associate professor of earth and resource science in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Hill-Rowley received his B.Sc. degree from the University of London in 1969, his M.A. degree from the University of Georgia in 1973, and his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1982. Professor Hill-Rowley joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer in 1982, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1983, and associate professor in 1989. While at UM-Flint he also served as the director of the Regional Groundwater Center (1990-98) and director of the Center for Applied Environmental Research (1998-2000).

An exceptional teacher, research scientist, and leader, Professor Hill-Rowley played an instrumental role in the development of the Department of Earth and Resource Science, the Regional Groundwater Center, and the Center for Applied Environmental Research. His research explored forest management, groundwater mapping, and sustainability issues. The results of his work provided numerous communities with a greater understanding of their groundwater resources and the potential contamination risks to their wells. The Urban Alternatives House is one of his signature achievements. This facility is located near campus and serves as a real life laboratory for evaluating energy and sustainable systems, a model house renovation for the surrounding community, and is the only house of its type affiliated with a U.S. university that blends classroom seating, energy and water efficient monitoring systems, a working garden, rain harvesting system, and live-in tenants.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Richard Hill-Rowley associate professor emeritus of earth and resource science.**

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