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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Gloria B. Melton papers
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Abstract:	Papers, 1985-2013, from Gloria Melton related to minority student retention efforts at Michigan Technological University's department of Student Affairs.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Gloria (Brown) Melton was born October 1947 and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She received her B.A. from Rhodes College (Formerly Southwester at Memphis) and at 21 she left the south to pursue her M.A. at Northern Illinois University where she met her future husband, Willie Melton. The couple married in DeKalb, Illinois in 1972, and subsequently relocated to the Pacific Northwest. In 1976 they moved to Houghton Michigan, where Willie joined the Michigan Tech community as a professor of sociology.

Gloria received her PhD in American History with an emphasis on black history from Washington State University in 1982, completing her dissertation on "Blacks in Memphis, 1920-1955." She took an active role in the local community and the Michigan Tech Community as a visiting instructor in social sciences beginning in 1980, and as a lecturer in

the local area on subjects concerning Black History and ethnic relations. Melton also worked as a consultant at MTU in developing a proposal for the minority student service program. Additional volunteer work included assisting in the Houghton Elementary School Library, serving as an Olympics of the Mind Coach, and President of the Michigan Tech Nursery Center Board. All while raising two children, Jacarl and Alicia. In September of 1987, Dr. Gloria B. Melton joined the Student Affairs Office when President Dale F. Stein appointed her as Coordinator of Minority Student Services. On August 20, 1989 she was promoted to Dean of Students and served in this role until her retirement on August 31, 2011, after 24 years of service in the Student Affairs office.

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Scope and Contents

Papers, 1985-2013, from Gloria Melton related to minority student retention efforts at Michigan Technological University's department of Student Affairs. Included are records related to public events on campus geared towards minority students, a history of diversity at Michigan Tech, and strategic planning documents from the Student Affairs Office. Also included are books, journal articles, and correspondence on race, ethnicity, and diversity. Many of the books are signed copies with an inscription to Gloria Melton. In addition, the accession includes one photograph album of images from Percy Julian Award recipients. The Percy Julian Award is given out annually to a Michigan Tech undergraduate student who shows leadership accomplishments that promote diversity, social equality, or racial/ethnic and cultural understanding.

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- Scrapbooks
- Michigan Technological University

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Honors and awards committee, policies, procedures, and responsibilities, draft II, 1994 April	box 1	Folder 1
Ben Carson, public event at Michigan Tech, 1992	box 1	folder 2
MTU strategic plan, student affairs, 2000 February 7	box 1	folder 3
Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration photographs, undated	box 1	Folder 4
Percy Julian leadership awards list and photographs, 1987-2010	box 1	Folder 5

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African American graduates, 1981-1992	box 1	Folder 6
Martin Luther King, Jr., 1989-2003	box 1	Folder 7-8
Diversity at Michigan Technological University: a history, undated	box 1	Folder 9
Percy Julian leadership award scrapbook, 1988-1993	box 1	Folder 10
Research articles, publication, and correspondence on race, ethnicity, and diversity, 1985-2007	box 1	folder 11
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Research articles, publication, and correspondence on race, ethnicity, and diversity, 1985-2007	box 3	folder 1