

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## Thomas Flynn Papers

**Collection Number:** 3.14.100

**Inclusive Dates:** 1993 – 2002

**Bulk Dates:** 1994 – 1999

**Quantity:** 11 folders within 1 box.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research.

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**Photographs:** No.

**Condition Notes:** Great condition, some slight folds or tears consistent with light wear. Minor folding and creasing visible on newspaper clippings.

**Processed by:** Lisa Hill, May 2018.

### Biographical Note

Flynn's undergraduate work was done at Boston College. He earned his Master's and PhD in American culture from the University of Michigan. Flynn is a 1990 graduate of Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management. Prior to serving as Millikin's provost from 1993-1998, Dr. Flynn was dean of the college and professor of English at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he joined the faculty in 1979 and was co-founder of the school's American Culture program. Flynn authored more than 40 papers on contemporary higher education and the development of faculty and curriculum. Initially named acting president following president Curtis McCray's departure, Dr. Thomas Flynn was named Millikin's twelfth president in December of 1998. In 2002 Dr. Flynn announced that he would be resigning from his post as Millikin president so that he could become a senior fellow with the Council of Independent Colleges at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, D.C.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains an array of materials from Flynn's time at Millikin University. Some papers are from his time serving as university provost, but the majority contains materials from Flynn's term as president. Very little personal information is present within this collection.

### Series Notes

*Series 1: Administrative-Provost*

7 folders

Papers relating to Flynn's time as Millikin University provost.

*Series 2: Correspondence*

1 folder

Memos from president Flynn to the campus community.

*Series 3: Addresses*

1 folder

Series holds a number of typed speeches given by Flynn to faculty and the Board of Trustees.

*Series 4: Biographical Information*

1 folder

Series contains information and materials from President's Flynn's inauguration.

*Series 5: Clippings*

1 folder

Series consists of newspaper clippings, copies, and other related news materials.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Administrative- Provost	A-0016	1-7	Collection of Flynn's administrative papers from his time as Provost. It contains speeches, campus plans, self-studies, project goals, and memoranda.

Correspondence	A-0016	8	Collection of memos sent from Flynn during his term as President. These memos are addressed to the campus community, and cover topics from retirement, budgets, faculty appointments, and Flynn's own resignation.
Addresses	A-0016	9	Three different speeches given by President Flynn, arranged chronologically. These speeches were written for faculty and the board of trustees.
Biographical Information	A-0016	10	This series contains programs, invitations, and other materials relating to President Flynn's inauguration and inaugural luncheon.
Clippings	A-0016	11	Collection of newspaper clippings, holiday cards, résumé, and strategic outlines all pertaining to Flynn's Presidential term.