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## **miSci Mourns the Passing of President and Longtime Archivist Chris Hunter**

Schenectady, NY (May 14, 2026) – miSci President Chris Hunter passed away on the morning of Thursday, May 14, 2026. The Museum staff and community are mourning the loss of their longtime colleague and friend.

For more than 25 years Hunter worked at miSci preserving history. Starting as an archival assistant in 1999, Chris' efforts led to his becoming miSci's Director of Archives and Curator, before stepping into his role as President in 2025. During his tenure he preserved and cataloged the Museum's massive collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and film, and managed the Museum's exhibits. He was instrumental in saving the 2 million images in the GE Photograph Collection, the digitization of unique records including the world's oldest playable sound recording, and the public display of historical material through the Google Arts & Culture Program. His work and leadership established miSci's Archives and Collections as an internationally recognized resource for research in the history of science and technology, and his expertise was regularly sought by researchers, reporters, and others from around the world.

Kurt Beecher, miSci's Vice President of Exhibit Development, said, "We will forever be grateful to Chris for his service, and we will miss him dearly. It was a great privilege to learn from him, and his hard work made an amazing impact on miSci and our community."

William Faubion, Chair of miSci's Board of Trustees, stated, "Chris will be deeply missed. He had an amazing dedication to miSci, and the skill to forge relationships between the Museum and major organizations such as GE Aerospace. His legacy will be an inspiration to miSci as it continues."

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