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## SUNYLA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CARRIE FISHNER

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Hello SUNYLA! I hope everyone's spring semester is off to a great start. There are so many exciting things happening around SUNY that I know that this semester is going to go by quickly. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have had another successful SUNYLA Midwinter Conference. This year we have over 200 attendees registered, and several presenters who are from outside of SUNY and New York State. Preparations continue across SUNY and at Finger Lakes Community College for June's annual conference, which has a theme of "Academic Librarians Open to New Experiences, Opinions, and Viewpoints." The conference will be held June 13–15, 2018. The call for proposals has gone out, and they are due on February 16.

Our Council meeting at FIT on January 26 was well attended and very productive. One topic of discussion centered on librarian promotion, tenure, and the Chancellor's Award and Distinguished Rank. Many colleagues have questions and would like to talk about their promotion processes. To help facilitate this, I have created a Google Form (<https://tinyurl.com/y9s7nchn>) to fill out for those interested in continuing the conversation and in helping to create an ad hoc committee for continuing support. Anyone interested in this conversation is welcome to join, regardless of where you might be in the process of promotion and tenure.

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Other topics discussed at the meeting included the possibility of changing the name of SUNY Librarians Association to SUNY Library Association. After much debate over a few meetings and some research into tax implications, it was decided not to change our official name, but rather to re-brand ourselves using just the acronym SUNYLA and to promote the organization to all those who work in the libraries, stressing that we are not just for librarians.

The SUNY Library Consortium (SLC) will hold its spring meeting in April. An item to note about the SLC Board is that two positions will be elected this spring, and we are encouraging anyone (not just directors) to consider running for a spot. SUNYLA elections will also be happening this April, so if you are interested in running for an executive board position, please contact 1st VP/President-Elect **Carol Anne Germain** ([cgermain@albany.edu](mailto:cgermain@albany.edu)).

All SUNYLA Council meetings are open to anyone within the membership to attend, either in person or virtually. We hope to see you at our next meeting, which will take place March 23 at Finger Lakes Community College!



## Milne Library Makes History With National Award

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) named Milne Library at SUNY Geneseo the best in the country with its 2018 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award (<https://tinyurl.com/y8o3kbun>) in the college category. Milne Library was recognized for its programming and outreach efforts that deliver outstanding services and resources to advance Geneseo's mission.

In an ACRL newsletter story (<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/15310>), **Ann Campion Riley**, chairperson of the 2018 Excellence in Academic Libraries Committee and vice provost and university librarian at the University of Missouri, noted that Milne's "strong commitment to open access to scholarship and educational resources, their Summer Library Research Academy, and work with local high schools" highlighted the strength of its programs as described in its application (<https://tinyurl.com/y93mqb4c>). The application provided comprehensive supporting information in five categories: Creativity, Innovation, and Leadership; Research Instruction Program; Outreach and Community Engagement; Experiential Learning; and Responsiveness to the Community.



According to Library Director **Ben Rawlins**, the award is the highest that an academic library can achieve. In winning the award, Geneseo becomes the first SUNY library to earn the award, and also the first member institution in COPLAC. "This award is well-deserved recognition for the great work that happens here at Geneseo," he said. "It is a testament to the dedication, creativity, innovation and collaborative efforts of our staff to think creatively through initiatives like the IDS Project, SUNY OER Services, and the Library Instruction Leadership Academy."

Milne Library also earned recognition for its innovative Access Opportunity Programs Summer Library Research Academy, which was recognized with the 2016 ALA Library Instruction Round Table Innovation in Instruction Award. Milne's research instruction librarians offer an intense but fun four-week course to introduce incoming first-year students to the rigors of Geneseo and familiarize them with library resources and services essential to developing students' college-level research skills.

"To be named the best college library in the country reflects a remarkable level of passion and expertise," said Provost **Stacey Robertson**. "Ben and the entire Milne team provide outstanding service and innovative programs to our students and library patrons. Their commitment is a driving factor behind the success of our students and faculty—and another reason for Geneseo's reputation as a premier liberal arts college with excellent professional schools."

Rawlins noted that a majority of library staff members were involved in the award nomination process, including librarians **Brandon West**, **Dan Ross**, **Sherry Larson-Rhodes**, and **Alan Witt**, who edited and assembled the application materials. In addition, the application included multiple letters of support from faculty, staff, students, and administrators at Geneseo and across SUNY.

ACRL President **Cheryl Middleton** will present a plaque during a future award ceremony at Geneseo. Milne Library also will receive a \$3,000 monetary award.

— By **Tony Hoppa** for *One College Circle*



# CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

## Adirondack Joyce Miller

Reference Librarian **Emily Barber Moulton** is using *The Information Literacy User's Guide* (Open SUNY OER) to teach LIB 187: Library Research Methods online during the Spring 2018 semester.

Over winter break, Reference and Instruction Librarian **Joyce Miller** implemented parts of Springshare's LibCal software, updated LibAnswers to Version 2.0, and simplified the design of the library's home page (<http://library.sunyacc.edu/home>).

## Albany Rebecca Nous

### Strategic Planning

The University is currently working on drafting an updated strategic plan. The University Libraries have been holding meetings, discussions, and brainstorming sessions to develop a strategic plan based on the University's framework. We are currently in the process of developing a draft plan.

### BreakoutEDU

The Information Literacy Department has been experimenting with new teaching methods this year by using BreakoutEDU's immersive game kits. Inspired by "escape rooms" that have gained in popularity in recent years, the kits consist of a box that students "break into" by solving clues to unlock five different types of locks. **Trudi Jacobson** and **Kelsey O'Brien** have worked closely with a lecturer in the Writing and Critical Inquiry program, a required course for first-year students, to implement the game as a team-building exercise at the start of the semester (an article about the experience will be published in a future issue of *C&RL News*). Implementations have also included a zombie apocalypse-themed version of the game and a research-oriented version for an information literacy class. The department provided an in-service for UAlbany librarians who might be interested in using BreakoutEDU in their own classes, and plans to keep experimenting with new applications of the kits during the spring semester.

### New Single-Service Desk

On September 21, 2017, the University Library opened a single-service desk for patrons. The new desk provides a home for Circulation, Reference, and ITS Help services. Previously, library users had to visit separate desks for certain services—for example, to the Circulation Desk for checkout and return of laptops, and to the Reference Desk for research guidance. "This project assisted us in streamlining our services, as well as enhanced the space on the University Library's first floor," said **Rebecca Mugridge**, Dean of University Libraries. A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the desk and

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was well attended by the university community.

### Up and Comer Award—Amanda Lowe

**Amanda M. Lowe**, Outreach and Marketing Librarian, was one of 20 people (nationally) to be recognized with an Up and Comer award through ATG Media—an umbrella group that includes the Charleston Conference, *Against the Grain*, and a new series of short, open access ebooks—this past November. The Up and Comer award is intended for librarians, library staff, vendors, publishers, MLIS students, instructors, consultants, and researchers who are new to their field or are in the early years of the profession. Up and Comers are passionate about the future of libraries and they seek to innovate, inspire, collaborate, and take risks. They are recognized as the future library leaders and change makers. Amanda will be featured in the December/January issue of *Against the Grain* and is scheduled to speak in an up-and-coming podcast series.

### Personnel Updates

We recently welcomed two new employees to the Libraries. **Amanda McGown** joins us as the Library Systems Desktop Support Technician in Library Systems. **Steven Hunter** joins us as a Lending and Access Services Clerk at the University Library.

### SUNY LSP Migration Working Groups

Our campus contacts on the migration working groups are:

SMSP: **Nancy Poehlmann** (co-chair)

Data Migration: **Wendy West** (chair)

Access Services: **Jeff Goldstein**

Electronic Resources: **Jan Waterhouse**

Training: **Jan Waterhouse** (chair)

Discovery: **Rebecca Nous**

Analytics: **Kabel Stanwicks**

### Selected Publications & Presentations

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Holden, I. I. (2017). Expanding instruction beyond library topics: Teaching a first-year-experience course on sustainability. *College & Research Libraries News*, 78(2), 66–69.

Jacobson, T. E., Delano, J., Krzykowski, L., Garafola, L., Nyman, M., & Barker-Flynn, H. (2017). Transfer student analysis and retention: A collaborative endeavor. *Reference Services Review*, 45(3), 421–439.

Mackey, T. P., & Jacobson, T. E. (2017). Metaliteracy: Reflective and empowered lifelong learning. *Literacidad y Vida Cotidiana Conference*. Guadalajara, Mexico. November 24, 2017.

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pedagogical framework for learner-centered design in three MOOC platforms: Connectivist, Coursera and Canvas. *Open Praxis*, 9(3), 267–286.

## Binghamton Aleshia Huber

The Libraries hosted events to celebrate Open Access Week. **Nick Shockey** (<https://sparcopen.org/people/nick-shockey/>), Director of Programs and Engagement, Scholarly Publishing, and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), discussed the impacts of open access with a talk entitled “Open Access: What It Means for You.” We also celebrated our one-year anniversary of our open repository, The ORB. To celebrate, **Anne Larrivee**, Project Leader of the ORB’s launch, shared information on the creation and development of the platform and how it evolved.

The ORB published the inaugural issue of *Gobernar: The Journal of Latin American Public Policy and Governance*, an open access journal housed within the ORB and co-edited by faculty of Binghamton University and EAFIT University in Medellin-Colombia.

The Libraries and Center for Learning and Teaching co-hosted the workshop “Integrating Open Educational Resources Into the Classroom Curriculum.” Guest speaker Dr. **Robin DeRosa**, professor and Director of Interdisciplinary Studies at Plymouth State University, discussed her current research on open education and how universities can innovate in order to bring down costs for students, increase interdisciplinary collaboration and student contribution to scholarly knowledge, and refocus the academic world on strengthening the public good.

The Libraries were awarded a Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Recordings at Risk grant for our *Learning From Legends: Reflections on the 1960s* collection project (<https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/funded-projects/>). The year-long pilot project entails preserving, digitizing, and publishing a gift collection of original recorded interviews with 278 civil rights leaders, activists, women’s rights leaders, politicians, and Vietnam War veterans from the 1960s.

Our Joseph H. Treyz Collection of Civil War Patriotic Envelopes (<https://tinyurl.com/ycx7jdem>) is one of New York (NY) Heritage’s featured online collections for January 2018. The Joseph H. Treyz Collection contains 149 patriotic envelopes, printed during the Civil War, representing the Union cause.

Binghamton is pleased to welcome our new Digital Scholarship Librarian, **Amy Gay**. She holds a BA in English from SUNY Oneonta, a MA in education from SUNY Cortland, and a MLIS from Syracuse University.

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## Brockport Kenneth R. Wierzbowski

Dr. **Mary Jo Orzech** stepped down as Library Director of the Drake Memorial Library, The College at Brockport, effective December 15, 2017, and is returning to a faculty role as an associate librarian.



**Jennifer Smathers** has been named Interim Library Director of Drake Memorial Library. She has been in the library since starting with the College in May 2006 in the role of Head of Library Technical Services, and previously held the same role at Lavery Library at St. John Fisher College. Jennifer has a BA in English Literature from Nazareth College of Rochester and an MLS from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She assumed her new role on December 18, 2017.

Librarian **Logan Rath** published an article, “A Pilot Study of Student Perceptions of Embedded Library Instruction,” in *BRC Advances in Education* (forthcoming this spring) with Education and Human Development faculty member **Allison Wright**.

Librarians **Laura Dumnuhosky** and **Ken Wierzbowski** published a peer-reviewed, open access article in the *Journal of New Librarianship* (<http://doi.org/10.21173/newlibs/2/2>) about 3D printing and children’s literature with Brockport faculty member Dr. **Meg Norcia**.

## Canton Cori Wilhelm

SUNY Canton’s Southworth Library Learning Commons is extremely pleased to welcome three new faces to our team! **Annie Butterfield** recently joined us as our new Library Clerk II—she comes to us from SUNY Potsdam and fills a much-needed space at Canton. **Lorraine Honeyghan**, a 2017 SUNY Canton graduate, joined in December as our Circulation Supervisor. Her positive attitude is contagious and much appreciated. And finally, **Kaitlin Patenaude** has joined us as our new Instruction and Outreach Librarian. Kaitlin originally joined our team as an intern, then served briefly as Circulation Supervisor, and has been temporarily filling the Instruction and Outreach Librarian position since it was vacated last fall. We are so happy to officially welcome her at long last!

As we head into the spring semester, SLLC’s focus will be on maintaining our services and resources for our on-campus students, while also prioritizing services, resources, and engagement for our large online-only student population. Now that we have a full staff, we are optimistic that some creative ideas will be brought to fruition.

## Cobleskill April Davies

Van Wagenen Library has partnered with the AccessABILITY Resources office to establish a contract with CaptionSync to ensure that all the video and audio material used in teaching is captioned and understandable to all in the course.

SUNY Cobleskill’s OER Fellows program, administered by Van Wagenen Library, recently selected its first two Fellows. Professor **Marny Mansfield** is creating a comprehensive text in the field of equine-assisted activity and therapy and Professor **Katrina Pearl** will create a management textbook and corresponding workbook. Their work will be made available through the SUNY OER publishing initiative free of cost to students who will use the texts in Spring 2019.



Student presenters speaking with Dr. John Foster at the 2017 Student Research Showcase

In terms of events, the Library held its first “Mac-n-Cheese Is Love” cook-off on Valentine’s Day. We will host the College’s faculty/staff recognition event on February 28 and the Fourth Annual Student Research Showcase in May, along with the Honors Colloquium.

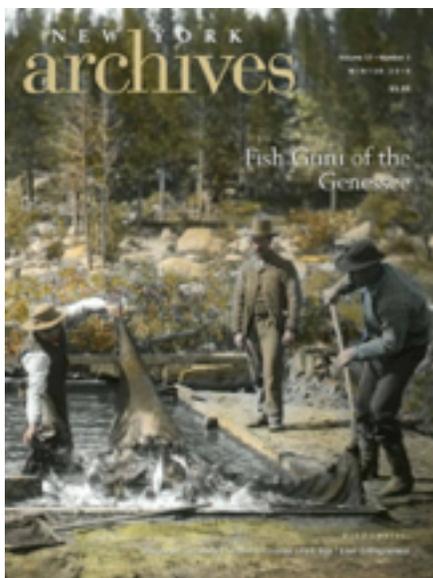
See the library’s spring newsletter (<https://tinyurl.com/y8tt7nk3>) for more goings-on.

### Environmental Science & Forestry Jane Verostek

In January 2018, **Casey Koons** joined SUNY ESF—Moon Library as our Scholarly Communications Librarian. Casey had been part of the Moon Library team since January 2017 as a visiting assistant librarian.

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2017 was a banner year for our Archives and Special Collections in terms of requests for image use in publications. Images from our Fletcher Steele landscape architecture archive (<http://libguides.esf.edu/steele>) are being used in the reprint of the book *The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman*, and extensive Fletcher Steele garden images are being used for the documentation of the Catherine Hull and Mary Kenly gardens in Manchester, MA, for the Smithsonian Garden History Archive. And in November 2017, a request came in for a digitized image from one of our glass lantern slides of men fishing, which became the cover image for the 2018 Winter issue of the *New York Archives* magazine ([http://www.nysarchivestrust.org/magazine/archivesmag\\_about](http://www.nysarchivestrust.org/magazine/archivesmag_about))



### Erie Matthew Best

With the start of the new year, we are pleased to welcome two new part-time librarians at our Erie City Campus: **Allison Fischer** and **Jessica Gavin**. They are replacing **Jodi Benatovich**, who is following a new career outside libraries, and



**Nydia Benitez-Gutowski**, who has retired following many years at Erie to pursue her dream of traveling the world (next stop: river cruise on the Danube!).

In October and November, South Campus library hosted the first two events in a series of short lunch-hour lectures and discussions in partnership with the Just Buffalo Literary Center to support their acclaimed BABEL series, which brings four of the world's most important authors to Buffalo each year. Supporting BABEL's **Toni Morrison** visit to Buffalo in November, South Campus librarian **Jeremy Lyman** presented a discussion on censorship and kicked off a new initiative called the "Civil Writes Project." A display and whiteboard were set up just inside the library's entrance with the question "What would make you protest?" During the following week students and others covered the board with their responses on Post-it notes.

During December 4–8, Erie North Campus held the very first "StressLess Fest" to promote student well-being during final exams. The library held a series of events including yoga, knitting, stress-ball making, and film screenings (this last doubling as a promotion of the new acquisition of Kanopy streaming video). Puzzles and games were provided by Buffalo Games, a local manufacturer nationally known for their jigsaw puzzles and party games. Additionally, a 3D printing demonstration and "Guess the Printing" contest were held in anticipation of the Spring 2018 opening of the library's Maker Lab. These events were organized by North Campus librarians **Matthew Best**, **Jackie Coffey-Scott**, **Jewel De La Rosa**, **Ryan Grimmer**, and **Keri Thomas-Whiteside**.

## **Farmingdale** **Megan Margino**

### **Scholarly Communication Librarian Appointment**

The Greenley Library is excited to welcome **Danielle S. Apfelbaum** as our Scholarly Communication Librarian. Previously, Danielle worked at the Old Westbury Campus of the New York Institute of Technology, where she served as a reference and instruction librarian for six years. She looks forward to serving as the library liaison to FSC's new graduate program and supporting faculty in discovering, adopting, and creating open educational resources.

### **Liaison Program**

The Greenley Library launched the Library Liaison Program to increase communication between campus departments and the library. Librarians spoke at departmental meetings to provide faculty with an introduction to library services and to facilitate a conversation about faculty information needs. Please contact **Fatoma Rad** (radf@farmingdale.edu) for comments and questions.

### **Service Learning**

**April Earle** leads the Greenley Library's partnership with St. John's University to provide academic service learning opportunities for graduate students. Each semester, Division of Library Science graduate students contribute to the organization of the College Archives.

### **Food for Fines**

In conjunction with the GiveKindness Club and the International Education League, the Greenley Library raised 150 pounds in their first Food for Fines Food Drive. The food was donated to Island Harvest. The Greenley Library plans to have an additional food drive at the end of the spring semester.

### **Student Research**

**Megan Margino** presented a poster at the ACRL/NY 2017 Symposium titled "Implementing Student Research Day: A



Librarian-Faculty Collaboration.” The Greenley Library is supporting Farmingdale’s first Student Research Day (February 16) through research instruction, poster design workshops, and grant-funded poster printing using our new large-format printer.

### **Genesee** **Cynthia Hagelberger**

The library prepared a variety of displays for the fall semester from black and white photography to the 50th anniversary of *Rolling Stone* (<https://tinyurl.com/y7mzo7er>). Other displays included Domestic Violence Awareness Month (<https://tinyurl.com/ybb44dmm>), information about the college’s 2017–2018 Global Education theme of immigration (<https://tinyurl.com/yceIns5g>), a two-dimensional design exhibit featuring work by students in Assistant Professor **Joe Ziolkowski’s** ART105 course, and historical fiction in the library’s collection (<https://tinyurl.com/y8ylgj6g>).

The library’s seventh annual Student Digital Photo Contest (<https://tinyurl.com/yb6yu322>) was a success. Twenty students submitted a total of 59 photos; the judges selected photos for six awards, including Best Use of Light and Best Use of Special Technique.

The film “Blade Runner: 2049” hit the theatres in October, and to mark the occasion, librarians were out and about on campus with a sci-fi-themed roving cart. Students were encouraged to enter the daily trivia contest for a chance to win prizes. The library also tied a week of roving to Veterans Day, with a themed book display cart and trivia contest.

The library is currently working on a yearlong functional area review. Numerous SWOT analyses were conducted in the fall with students, faculty, and staff. The library’s initial self-study report and a visit by external reviewers are on tap for spring.

New part-time Reference Librarian, **Liz Simmons**, joined the library in August, and part-time Librarian **Michele Asmus** retired from her cataloger position in December.

Librarians **Michelle Eichelberger** and **Cindy Hagelberger**, along with library staff members **Amy Westfall** and **Stephanie Smith**, co-authored an article, “Signage UX: Updating Library Signs for a New Generation,” which was published in the November 2017 *College & Research Libraries News*.

GCC Library hosted a library advocacy meeting with Assemblyman **Stephen Hawley** and members of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) on January 25. Representatives from area libraries met with the legislator to ask him to urge lawmakers to increase library support in the upcoming state budget process.

### **Genesee** **Leah Root**

Milne Library celebrated the 200th anniversary of the construction of the New York State Erie Canal by hosting a traveling exhibit, “Two Hundred Years on the Erie Canal, 1817–2017.” The exhibit was on display throughout November 2017 on the main floor of the library. The story of the canal’s historic significance and impact is told on four panels labeled Yankee Ingenuity, Moving Ideas, Canal Culture, and Dreamers & Builders.



The archival images used in the exhibit were selected from the Empire State Library Network's New York Heritage digital collections (<https://www.esln.org/>; <https://nyheritage.org/>) and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)(<https://dp.la/>). Several copies of the exhibit, which is sponsored by a Humanities New York Action Grant (<http://humanitiesny.org/>), are traveling to libraries across the state through July 2018.



**Milne Library Moves, Part 1:** Over the summer of 2017, the Milne Library "X" collection was moved up to the third floor. The "X" Collection is a collection of rare books, some dating back to the 16th century. Items in the X Special Collection are discoverable in Milne's catalog, GLOCAT. Find out more about all of Milne's Special Collections (<https://tinyurl.com/yb4mcdpx>), and start exploring!



**Milne Library Moves, Part 2:** Over Winter Break 2018, the library underwent space reconfigurations. We added a new office space on the third floor and removed some cubicle walls on the main floor. This allowed us to shift some of the library staff off of the main floor to free up more student study space. The library's IT department moved into the old administration office, and the library administration staff moved up to the third floor. In all, Milne Library was able to free up more than 1,300 square feet of additional study space on the main floor.



Milne Library has partnered with SUNY Geneseo's Computing and Information Technology Department and Wadsworth Public Library in Geneseo to develop a workshop series designed to engage the community in computer coding. The



program involves teaching SUNY Geneseo students how to use various types of technology, including the Oculus Rift, littleBits, 3D printing, and computer coding, and having them design workshops to deliver to the community. The programming is specifically geared toward young women and introduces creative ways of incorporating technology into STEM subject areas. Participants also get a chance to hear more about how Geneseo staff, faculty, and students are using these tools and technologies in their work and in their classes. This is the first of several planned joint Wadsworth Public Library and SUNY Geneseo events involving technology.

**SUNY OER News:** To date, Milne's Open SUNY Textbooks initiative (<https://textbooks.opensuny.org>) has published 20 books, representing faculty from 10 SUNY institutions. The texts have been downloaded over 260,000 times, used in high-profile massive open online classes (MOOCs), and remixed with other online open material. The books are consistently rated 4 or higher out of 5 on the Open Textbook Library site, a catalog of peer-reviewed, open textbooks used internationally.



Web of Science (<https://tinyurl.com/ycnll06c>) is a new database trial at Milne Library. Web of Science (formerly ISI Web of Knowledge)

provides access to Thomson Reuters' multidisciplinary databases of bibliographic information such as the Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. It is maintained by Clarivate Analytics.

Congratulations to two staff members accepting new roles in Milne Library! **Dan Ross** is now Milne's Head of Access Services. **Bill Jones**, formerly IDS Project Creative Technologist, is now Milne's Digital Resources and Systems Librarian.

## Maritime

### Rebecca Hyams

After a hectic start to the Fall 2017 semester with a lot of staffing changes, we've gotten ourselves back to just about normal here. **Adele Merlino**, our new Educational Technologist, joined our department in October. She quickly got to work assisting our instructors with course design, and most recently gave a "Blackboard Refresher" workshop for our faculty. We have also hired a new library director, who will be joining us in March (we'll introduce them properly in the next newsletter).

We have also recently brought on a project archivist, **Heidi Rempel**, to work on the two-year grant we received from the National Parks Service to digitize items from our Sailor's Snug Harbor special collection. Heidi started working with us in November. In other archives news, the library was recently awarded a \$6,000 grant from the National Endowment for Humanities, one of 76 Preservation Grants for Smaller Institutions awarded by the NEH this year, to rehouse some of our archival collections.

As for the library itself, we're in the middle of several projects, including a large-scale weeding (roughly 12,000 items so far!) and revamping of our second-floor circulating collection, revitalizing our LibGuides, and developing materials for online library instruction. We've also started a few new initiatives, including one-on-one research help sessions and a (very) new "Staff Picks" display at the front of the library to promote our personal favorites from our popular reading area.





## Morrisville Adam Saunders

The end of the Fall 2017 semester saw a number of regular programs return to the library. First we invited the Massage Therapy department to the library where students were offered free chair massages. This benefited students enrolled in the program who needed clinic hours, and also students that were a little tense due to the advent of finals. The following week we had therapy dogs from PAWS of New York in our library classroom. Over 100 students turned out for this event, which gave the dogs plenty of faces to lick and laps to sit in. These programs offer end-of-the-semester stress relief to our students and have always been extremely well attended.

An exhibit showcasing art created by veterans and their supporters was on display November 9–January 5. Titled “Serving: Before, During and After,” an opening reception was held on November 9 in the library gallery. We were extremely honored to have the veterans and their art at the library for this event. Veterans involved with this exhibit were from both the local community and Morrisville Campus.

Following the veteran art display, several events were hosted in the library gallery space for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The first event, titled “This Is Morrisville,” celebrated the diversity of our student body with the help of Dr. **Tim Gerken** and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Students came to get their pictures taken to be added to a collage of previous students’ pictures posted on the gallery wall. Students were encouraged to make signs with themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and voice their opinions on these issues. We are building a beloved community in our library! In addition, a display of Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.’s** publications and DVDs were on display to help our students brush up on the great works and words of Dr. King.

During the winter professional development conference held on campus in January, the library brought two experts from Buffalo State to lead an OER workshop with our faculty. Dr. **Maria Pacheco** and Dr. **Lorena Mathias** covered two sessions, walking faculty through finding authoritative open education materials, receiving guidance on the process of shaping materials to fit course needs, and giving tips on integrating adopted or adapted material into Blackboard.

## New Paltz Matthew Laudicina

**Kate Bellody** joined the Sojourner Truth Library as a research and education librarian in January. Previously, she was a librarian at Hudson County Community College (Jersey City, NJ), where she provided reference and instruction services and led the library’s programming and outreach initiatives. In 2017, Kate received the Rising Star Award from the New Jersey Library Association. She received her MLIS from Rutgers University, and looks forward to working with the Sojourner Truth Library to foster creativity and curiosity in the SUNY New Paltz community.

Butcher Library hosted an interactive art display celebrating the diversity of Morrisville’s student body. Students’ pictures were taken to be added to a collage. They were also encouraged to create signs using themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and include their opinions on their signs.



Sojourner Truth Library has purchased the digital Loeb Classical Library, which allows permanent digital access to 532 classical Greek and Latin texts, with English translations and commentary. All 532 texts can be browsed and read by author, title, period, subject, genre, and form, or cross-searched by words and phrases. The subject content spans several disciplines studied at SUNY New Paltz: literature (including epic and lyric poetry, mythology, tragedy, and comedy), ancient and classical history, geography, philosophy, rhetoric, and political science, as well as the history of medicine and mathematics.

## Onondaga

### Lisa Hoff

Coulter Library welcomes two new full-time librarians, **Barbara Scheibel** and **Tim Saka**.

**Barbara Scheibel**, the new Reference and Archives Librarian for SUNYOCC, comes to the position from her work at the Central Library, Onondaga County Public Library in Syracuse, NY. Her previous experience includes work as a reference librarian and the archivist for the local history/genealogy collection at OCPL, where she developed finding aids for the archival collections, ran the repair and preservation lab, and participated in a multi-year digital scanning project with Family Search. Ms. Scheibel is also a certified archivist with the Society of American Archivists. In her free time, she tends to her sheep, chickens, and garden, and loves to swim, walk with her dog, knit, and ski.



**Tim Saka** is the Instructional Technology Librarian at the Coulter Library. Prior to his current position, he worked as the Adjunct Reference Librarian. Tim received his MA degree in Informational Technology and Library Media at the University of Colorado at Denver. He then worked as a teacher and a school principal for 10 years within a public school system. Tim is the board president of the non-profit organization CNY RISE CENTER. He is also a member of Interfaith Works of CNY, Faith Partners Committee. Besides his work in the library, Tim enjoys playing table tennis and participates in national tournaments.

## SUNY Polytechnic

### Rebecca Hewitt



Peter J. Cayan Library is proud to welcome one and all to the new Mario Café, located immediately on your right as you enter the library. The café, sponsored by Sodexo, features New York State products such as Utica Coffee and Chobani yogurt. Mixed café seating added 66 new seats to the library for interaction, collaboration, rest, and refueling.

**Allison Fiegl**, Library Services and Resources Supervisor, is instrumental in the Cayan Library's participation with Upstate Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and SUNY Polytechnic Institute's College Life program, which celebrated its first anniversary this winter. College Life is designed to allow UCP students to experience life on a college campus while developing work and self-



advocacy skills to achieve the next level of independence.

SUNY Poly welcomed **Jen Parker**, Web Resources and Research Support Librarian, in October 2017, for a one-year appointment. Jen earned her MLIS at the University of Pittsburgh and her BS from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She comes to Poly after a two-decade career in information technology development and support at Verizon and affiliated companies. In January, Jen began an online graduate program in education and technology from the University at Buffalo. She has been instrumental in transitioning Cayan Library's services and collections to a new university website. Thank you, Jen!

**Shannon Pritting**, Director of Library and Learning Resources & Project Director for the SUNY Libraries Consortium, continues to coordinate the transition from Aleph to ProQuest's Alma and Primo as Project Director for the SUNY Libraries Consortium. He has also recently been appointed to the OCLC Tipasa API task force.

2017 was a successful year for grant funding at Cayan Library, and work on these grants is well underway. Shannon was the lead author on three successful grants: two New York State Regional Bibliographic Database (RBDB) grants to describe, preserve, and make available through New York Heritage two collections of images related to new immigrant communities in Utica, and one grant from our College Association to fund the purchase of course texts to be available on reserve to students in the library. The reserve texts projects were a hit with students and faculty in the Fall 2017 semester, and continue this spring. A fourth grant award from our College Association, written by **Rebecca Hewitt**, Associate Librarian, Research Outreach & Instruction, will support co-curricular events sponsored by the library.

### **Stony Brook** **Jennifer DeVito**

#### **Special Collections and Digital Initiatives** (<http://library.stonybrook.edu/digital-projects/>):

Stony Brook University Libraries announce the opening of the "Max Fink Papers and Digital Collection." The archive documents the extraordinary career of psychiatrist and neurologist **Max Fink**, MD. Dr. Fink, professor emeritus of psychiatry and neurology at Stony Brook University, is a world-leading expert and defender of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT). The availability of the collection is the culmination of an extensive, multi-year effort of archival processing, cataloging, and digitization supported by Max and **Martha Fink**. The archive comprises nearly 250 linear feet (475 boxes) of research materials dating from the 1880s through 2017. The Max Fink Digital Collection, a subset of the papers, includes nearly 7,000 items (20,000 pages) of Dr. Fink's original notes on experimental psychiatry, outgoing letters to colleagues, professional writings, and an autobiographical memoir completed in 2017. Opening the papers will provide new opportunities for scholarship and insights into Dr. Fink's pioneering research in specialized areas of psychiatry.

Cayan Library staff received four grants in 2017. Two grants will enable researchers to access materials on immigrant communities in Utica through NY Heritage. A third grant will fund the purchase of reserve course texts, a service very popular with students. The fourth grant will support co-curricular events sponsored by the library.



“Otto F. Ege: Fifty Original Leaves From Medieval Manuscripts” is a digital collection published by Stony Brook University Libraries in November 2017. An educator and book seller, **Otto F. Ege** (1888–1951) is best known for separating and systematically removing pages or leaves from books. The digital collection features high-resolution photographs of the Ege-compiled portfolio, “Fifty Original Leaves From Medieval Manuscripts, Western Europe, XII–XVI Century.” Special Collections owns portfolio No. 19 of the 40 unique sets created by Ege. The University Libraries created the collection to increase accessibility to the manuscripts and to aid efforts by students and scholars to virtually reconstruct the books from which the scattered leaves were taken.

On December 18, 2017, the library’s Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity committee welcomed Dr. **Charles Robbins**, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges here at Stony Brook University. Dr. Robbins presented the findings of his recent research, “The Missing Men at Graduation.” This work highlights the many factors that contribute to the faltering number of male graduates in higher education institutions. The well-attended lecture provided the library staff with insight into this often-overlooked phenomenon and opened discussions on ways to remedy this challenge.

Health sciences librarians from Stony Brook University recently received the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Health Information Awareness Award. The project is entitled “What the Health?” and will consist of three workshops that are being provided to public librarians in Suffolk County, NY. The aim of the project is to provide public librarians with an introduction to open-access resources that are available through the National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine. The first workshop, taught by **Jamie Saragossi**, will provide an overview of the Medline Plus database. **Jessica Koos** will be teaching the second workshop, which will focus on the Genetics Home Reference Center. **Gregg Stevens** will be conducting the third workshop, on the TOXNET suite of databases. It is hoped that the participants in each workshop will be able to use the knowledge gained to provide high quality, accurate health information to their patrons, and share new skills with their colleagues. Online tutorials based on each of the workshops will also be created and made available to those who were unable to attend or those needing a refresher.

**Michael Huang**, Director of Global Library Initiatives, was invited to present a keynote speech, “From Embedded to Liaison Librarian: Academic Librarian in Transition,” at the International Conference on Embedded Education and Instruction of New Models of Library Service: The 4th International Conference of Beijing Academic Network Library, Beijing, China, in November 2017. He also presented a keynote speech, “Innovative Services at Stony Brook University Libraries,” at the Academic Seminar on Digital Resource Construction and Knowledge Service held at Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, in October 2017. Michael’s new publication is:

Shi, C., Xiong, L., & Huang, M. B. (Eds.). (2017). *The proceedings of the international conference on embedded education and instruction of new models of library service: The 4th international conference of Beijing Academic Network Library*. Beijing, China:

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**Laurel Scheinfeld** joined the Stony Brook University Libraries in October 2017 as a health sciences librarian. Laurel has more than six years of experience in the field of health science librarianship, including working as the librarian at Touro College School of Health Sciences. She has extensive experience with online information resources and information management tools for health and medicine, and successfully assisted with the implementation of a medical library project grant funded by NNLM-MAR, which has brought 3D printing into the occupational therapy coursework. Additionally, Laurel is a co-author on an article of this project, which is being submitted for publication.

Prior to Touro, Laurel was a library assistant at New York College of Health Professions. Her previous career was as a dietitian, where she gained a solid background in the health sciences and in teaching. Laurel received her MSLS from Palmer School of Long Island University. She also holds a BS in dietetics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

## **Suffolk**

### **Dawn K. Wing**

**Regina M. Dlugokencky** started last semester as an instructor of library services at the Grant Campus, Suffolk County Community College (SCCC). She holds a BA in psychology from California State University at Northridge, and an MLIS from Long Island University/C. W. Post. Regina has worked at various academic libraries since obtaining her degree in librarianship and more recently as a public librarian, where she established and manages Nassau County's first Seed Library at the Glen Cove Public Library. She wrote and was awarded a grant from the Stony Brook Family Medicine Community Roots Project that helped to establish a community garden (2010), as well as a farmers' grant from Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (2014). An avid organic gardener, Regina's interests include regenerative agriculture, sustainability, and environmental stewardship.

**Joan Cook** has joined the Suffolk County Community College Technical Services staff as a full-time librarian. She manages the electronic resources and is the cataloger for all three campus libraries. Prior to this position, Joan worked at the Center for Social Justice & Human Understanding, Inc., and as a part-time reference librarian at Longwood Public Library. An alumna of the Suffolk County Community College Graphic Design program, Joan also holds a BS from SUNY Empire State College and a MS in library and information science from Long Island University/C. W. Post.

**Fiona Grady** is the new Head Librarian at Suffolk County Community College's Michael J. Grant Campus. Fiona has served in various full-time temporary and adjunct positions at the college as a librarian, and also as a member of the Educational Technology Unit. Her previous professional experience includes positions as Instruction Coordinator and Assistant Instruction Librarian at Stony Brook University, as well as professional service on the Long Island Library Resource Council and the Association of College Research Libraries of Greater New York. Fiona has a BA in psychology and Russian language and literature from Stony Brook University and an MS in information science from the University of North Texas. She is looking forward to working with students, faculty, and staff at the campus' new Learning Resource Center.

## **Tompkins Cortland**

### **Karla Block**

Tompkins Cortland librarians **Karla Block**, **Eric Jenes**, **Barbara Kobritz**, and **Susanna Van Sant** facilitated two instances of a session, "Evaluating Evidence," at the college's Fall Day professional development retreat for faculty and staff. The session description was: "In an era of 'fake news,' it may be more important than ever to equip our students



with the skills to evaluate sources. What are you seeing in your classrooms? What is working? What isn't? Join your librarian and teacher colleagues for a conversation about navigating the complex world of information."

Librarian **Barbara Kobritz** joined forces with **Rhonda Kowalski**, a colleague from CollegeNow, to host our first ever TC3 Thanksgiving Dinner. Every year we have students on campus over the Thanksgiving weekend without family. This year, they were treated to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner provided by several staff and faculty members, with turkeys donated by our cafeteria folks from American Dining Creations. There were about 30 people in all—half students and half staff and their guests, who dined by electric candlelight in a lounge in one of our residence halls. There were enough leftovers to keep the students still on campus in food for the rest of the break. Barbara and Rhonda are ready to do it again, and hope it becomes a Tompkins Cortland tradition.

**Lucy Yang**, Coordinator of Information Delivery Services, attended several OER workshops recently:

- OpenEd17 (the 14th Annual Open Education Conference) held in Anaheim, CA, October 11–13, 2017.
- SUNY OER Campus Workshop held at Westchester Community College, October 13, 2017.
- SUNY OER Campus Workshop held at Nassau Community College, November 17, 2017.



Several library staff have received training to serve on student conduct review boards and some served on boards during the Fall 2017 semester.

We wrapped up another successful StressLess week at the end of the Fall 2017 semester. **Karla Block** and **Lucy Yang** continue to co-chair the planning committee. In addition to our regular activities (chair massages, visits by dogs, coloring/crafts, and plenty of snacks), our new president, **Orinthia Montague**, showed us her dance moves along with students and staff. We also offered some short relaxation breathing sessions, a pop-up game of Confusing Word Bingo, and some impromptu knitting.

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## American Library Association Midwinter 2018 SUNYLA Grant Report By Curt Friehs

As I serve as a member of the RUSA-CODES Outstanding Reference Sources Committee, I attended two days of committee meetings. A publisher from ABC-CLIO sat in during our discussions to observe. Later, the committee members were given an insider's perspective on the publishing industry. This was helpful on a number of levels. Along with reference sources, the publishing industry is undergoing a radical transformation. Reference books are increasingly offered in digital format, yet print remains dominant in terms of sales revenue. In a few years, the changes will be even more pronounced. As a committee, we noted which resources had well-written entries, good references at the end of articles, index quality variance in reference books, and a number of other variables. Without a doubt, one highlight of the experience was attending the Reference and User Services Association Book and Media Awards Ceremony and



Reception, which included our committee's book awards. I served as a volunteer during the ceremony as book award winners were announced. It was an exciting experience to see books win awards while hundreds of attendees clapped and many roared with enthusiasm. In many ways, it had the exhilaration of a sporting event—except we were all cheering for books. To that end, it reminded me of why I became a librarian.

In addition to committee work, I attended presentations on financial literacy and strategic planning for libraries.

Finally, here's a list of the books that the committee selected as winners:

James S. Pula (ed.). *Defining Documents in American History: Immigration and Immigrant Communities (1790–2016)*. Salem Press.

James A. Strain. *A Dictionary for the Modern Percussionist Drummer*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Timothy J. Stapleton (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of African Colonial Conflicts*. ABC-CLIO.

Sheena C. Howard. *Encyclopedia of Black Comics*. Fulcrum Publishing.

Wendell G. Johnson (Ed.). *End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions*. ABC-CLIO.

Paul R. Bartrop & Michael Dickerman (Eds.). *The Holocaust: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. ABC-CLIO.

Élise Rousseau (Teresa Lavender Fagan, trans.). *Horses of the World*. Princeton University Press.

Sventlana Savranskya & Thomas Blanton. *The Last Superpower Summits: Reagan, Gorbachev, and Bush at the End of the Cold War*. Central University Press.

Thomas S. Hischak. *Musicals in Film: A Guide to the Genre*. Greenwood.

Jeffrey M. Shaw & Timothy J. Demy (Eds.). *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*. Greenwood (ABC-CLIO).

Peg A. Lamphier & Rosanne Welch (Eds.). *Women in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. ABC-CLIO.

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