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SUNYLA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – BILL JONES

Dear SUNYLA,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve as your SUNYLA President for a second term. I deeply value the sense of community within SUNYLA, and I am grateful for the support we provide each other to strengthen our libraries and the services that we provide to our patrons. I am honored to be your President this year, and I am delighted to have **April Broughton** (Electronic Resources Librarian, Finger Lakes Community College) as the SUNYLA 1st Vice President.

Carol Anne Germain “passed on the torch” to me following our very successful 2019 SUNYLA Conference, titled “The Big Migration: The Challenge of Change,” at Onondaga Community College back in June. A big thank you to **Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz**, Library Department Chair, for her willingness to host SUNYLA 2019, to **Lisa Hoff**, 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, to **April Broughton**, Programming Chair, to all involved on the planning committee, and to all of the staff at the Onondaga Community College campus for making SUNYLA 2019 such an inspiring conference.



Bill Jones,
SUNYLA President

At SUNYLA 2019, the keynote speaker was **Jason Schmitt**, who is a filmmaker, journalist, and Chair of the Department of Communication, Media & Design at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. Jason is well known for his documentary, “Paywall: The Business of Scholarship,” which has had 350 public screenings at institutions around the globe, and an audience of over 150,000 have viewed the film. If you haven’t seen the film yet, I highly recommend that you check it out on YouTube. There were many excellent conference sessions, conversations, connections, and meals had at SUNYLA 2019. Thursday night’s dinner included catered Dinosaur BBQ, homemade ice cream by Gannon’s Isle Ice Cream, and many fun games including a life-sized Scrabble board, an Escape Room, and a putt-putt miniature golf course in the library! Each golf hole had a special theme, and I especially liked the Dr. Seuss themed golf hole and the glow-in-the-dark portion of the course through the library stacks. At the Thursday night dinner, the Friend of SUNYLA Award was presented to SUNY Shared Library Services Platform Director, **Shannon Pritting**. I’m very much looking forward to SUNYLA 2020 at Mohawk Valley Community College, led by SUNYLA’s 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, **Jocelyn Ireland**.

I want to congratulate SUNY Libraries as a whole for going through one of the most

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challenging endeavors that we could ever go through as a university system: migrating to a new Library Services Platform! I don't think that there has ever been a system as large as ours to go through a migration to Alma and Primo. I started thinking of key individuals, groups, and colleagues to highlight in this newsletter, and then I remembered that **Shannon Pritting** sent a special thank you message on July 5, 2019 to the SUNYLA listserv. I want to share his message with you below, because I think that it best encapsulates the wide range of support that came from SUNY Libraries and beyond that made our migration successful. Here is Shannon's message:

Hello Everyone,

On July 3rd, the last group of SUNY campuses went live on Alma and Primo. As most of you know, we went live in 6 groups through June and the first few days of July.

Many, many thanks to everyone at campuses who did so much to get themselves and SUNY to this point. Thanks to everyone at the campuses who supported us in this project. We know we were asking a lot of you, and we appreciate your efforts, contributions, and engagement.

Special thanks to:

- **Heidi Webb** from Upstate and **Kristy Lee** from New Paltz for being with us all throughout the entire project. We couldn't have done it without them. They made it happen. And, special thanks for their home campuses for working with SUNY to release them to work on this project.
- OLIS for their efforts getting the Aleph data in such great shape. **Natalie Sturr**, **Gail Pawlowski**, and **Maureen Zajkowski's** work throughout the migration was phenomenal. And, the work of OLIS in the past two years on the "Second Reclamation" led to a highly accurate Network Zone environment and a smooth migration of bib records.
- **Tim Jackson** and **Maggie McGee** for their efforts in getting us through the last part of the project, with credit to them for being the first to sign on as SUNY Library Shared Services staff.
- **Gail Pawlowski** for reviewing more XML files than any one person should have to. In general, she did phenomenal work on making user data migrate as smoothly as possible—and that's a taller task than most people know.

Others who played key roles in training or data prep, specifically:

- **Alana Nuth** from Geneseo: for being a key in developing and providing ERM and Acquisitions courses, helping with in-person training, developing presentations and content around the go-live checklist, as well as configuring many SUNY campuses.
- **Bill Jones** from Geneseo: for developing much of the Ebsco to Link Resolver Form workflow and manipulating massive amounts of data to make the guided path possible, and for creating an application to help non-Banner campuses implement SIS integration.
- **Joe Riggie** from Buffalo State: for assisting many campuses with preparations for go-live, helping at in-person training sessions, and providing some fantastic presentations on data migration and review.
- **Marc Bayer** from Buffalo State: for creating the Alma Administrator course that allowed so many to get Alma Admin Certified early in the process so that they could take advantage of configuring their test systems.

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- **Michelle Eichelberger** from Genesee CC: for creating phenomenal Discovery documentation, and helping many campuses get from the test load to cutover smoothly.
- **Logan Rath** from Brockport: for helping us develop course structures and delivering the Fulfillment course as well as presenting at the IDS Regional User Groups.
- **Maggie McGee** from Oneonta/SUNY: for helping in a variety of areas, but specifically in taking the lead on coordinating our data review training series, helping at in-person training sessions, presenting and coordinating for the acquisitions courses, and coordinating and presenting the cataloging course.

There were many major contributors in the SUNY Libraries Consortium Working Groups and Task Forces that developed policies and processes to guide our configuration and use of the first shared system in SUNY. Your work for the past two years has been crucial in moving us forward, and your ongoing efforts will be key in continuing to move us forward with further collaboration in SUNY.

And, thanks as well to our Ex Libris colleagues as well. Our cutover and go-live has gone quite well for a project as complex as SUNY's.

I know that many others have helped as well, and if you're not acknowledged on this post, please know that your contributions are valued.

Shannon

One of my main priorities as President will be to increase our student membership numbers by raising awareness at each of the MLS/MLIS granting institutions in the state of New York.

Another priority will be to increase involvement with SUNYLA. If you're not already on a committee, consider joining one! Our committees are involved in various activities and are a great way to get involved and work with other librarians across SUNY. From my own experience, I believe that participating on committees and volunteering in library networks, like SUNYLA, are the best way to make new connections, share your expertise, and market yourself. Get out there!

Another way you can get involved is to attend our SUNYLA Council meetings. The meetings are open to all SUNYLA members and can be attended either in-person or virtually. Our first meeting of the year was held on September 20th at SUNY Genesee. The remainder of the SUNYLA Council meeting scheduled is as follows:

- Friday, November 8, 2019: University at Albany
- Friday, January 17, 2020: Fashion Institution of Technology
- Friday, March 27, 2020: Mohawk Valley Community College
- Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Mohawk Valley Community College

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year to find ways to even better serve our membership and our library communities. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Jones



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the SUNYLA 2020 Conference!

The annual conference is taking place June 17-19, 2020 at Mohawk Valley Community College on the beautiful Utica campus. Our theme for 2020 is “The Heart of the Campus—Accessible, Inclusive, and Inspiring Libraries.” The Planning Committee is currently reaching out to a fantastic keynote speaker. You won’t want to miss this.

Any questions about the conference can be directed to **Jocelyn Ireland** at jireland@mvcc.edu. Start brainstorming breakout session or poster proposal ideas now—the initial call for proposals can be expected sometime in December.



MVCC, Utica Campus



NAVIGATING THROUGH THE OER DESERT WITH OASIS

Bill Jones, Digital Resources & Systems Librarian, Geneseo

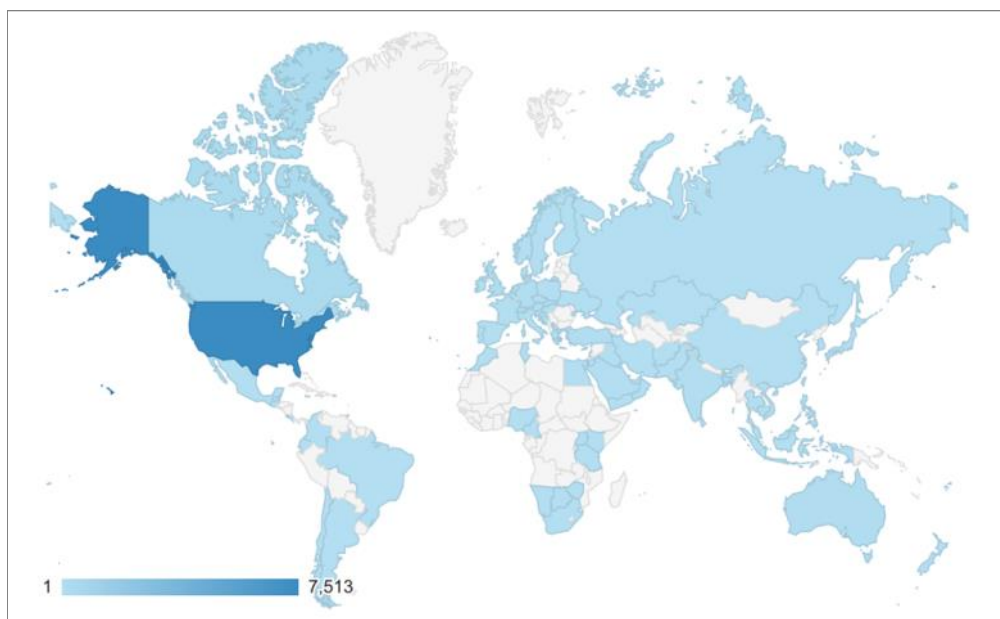
Sherry Larson-Rhodes (editor), First Year Experience Librarian, Geneseo

The use of open educational resources (OER) is becoming more prevalent within higher education. A core goal of OER is to provide all students with equitable access to course materials in an effort to make education more affordable and accessible. However, one of the main challenges for implementing OER is discovery, which can be a daunting and time-consuming task for faculty. As we began ramping up our efforts around OER adoption at SUNY Geneseo, we realized that we were having to direct faculty to a multitude of different sources to find materials that might be relevant for their courses and disciplines. Rather than continuing this cumbersome and inefficient practice, we began exploring the idea of creating a search tool to make the discovery of open content easier for faculty at Geneseo, as well as the broader higher education community. Enter [Openly Available Sources Integrated Search \(OASIS\)](#). OASIS is an OER search tool developed at SUNY Geneseo's Milne Library by **Bill Jones** (Digital Resources and Systems Librarian) and **Ben Rawlins** (Library Director) in consultation with **Alexis Clifton** (SUNY OER Services Executive Director) and **Allison Brown** (Digital Publishing Services Manager). This tool searches multiple vetted sources for materials, a majority of which are in the public domain or openly licensed. OASIS helps to fill a void in the discovery of open content and eliminates a barrier to OER adoption by reducing the frustration in finding relevant materials. As **Kaylen Dwyer** states in a [blog post](#) from the University of Illinois, "OASIS addresses the main frustration expressed by faculty—how do I know what I'm looking for? Or even what open sources are out there?"

Developed over the span of 2-1/2 months, OASIS has a simplistic, easy-to-use, and mobile-friendly interface built with the Bootstrap framework (the same framework that LibGuides uses). In order to monitor usage statistics and trends on OASIS, we added Google Analytics to the site. When OASIS was officially launched on September 5, 2018, it searched 52 different sources and contained more than 155,000 records. During its first day in use, OASIS saw a massive surge of traffic, with 919 users, 1,047 sessions, and 5,074 page views. Users came from the United States, Canada, Australia, India, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Morocco, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, Uganda, and South Africa. Since then, we

have added 43 additional sources and more than 212,883 additional records, some of which have been recommended by the OER community. To date, OASIS has had 33,974 users from 134 different countries, with 45,718 sessions and 178,025 page views; 487 institutions have added OASIS to their website, LibGuide, or OER Toolkit to help support the discovery and adoption of OER.

According to a blog post from **William Tringali** at the University of Illinois Library, "OASIS is one step closer to getting OER into the



OASIS visitors' home countries

classroom, providing equal access and increasing the discoverability of texts." We continue to receive messages from librarians and faculty from across the country to share their excitement of how they have utilized OASIS at their local institutions to facilitate the discovery of OER.

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In its current state, OASIS searches open content from 95 sources and contains more than 367,000 records. Users can search using single/multiple words and “quoted phrase” strings, or users can select a particular material type by clicking on a button on the homepage to limit results to a particular type. Searchable material types include textbooks, courses, course materials, interactive simulations, public domain books, audiobooks, modules, open access books, videos, podcasts, and learning objects. The uniqueness of OASIS is that it brings together resources into a searchable interface that are not found in other search tools. For example, users can search for materials from OpenStax, MIT OpenCourseWare, Open Textbook Library, Ted Talks, and the Directory of Open Access Books, among many others, from one interface. Other features of OASIS include the ability to filter by material type, subject, source, and Creative Commons license. Users can also filter results to see which OER have been reviewed by faculty. On the [Sources](#) page, users can see every source that is part of OASIS. Clicking on each logo provides the option to go directly to the source website or see what results from that particular source are in OASIS. On this page there is also the option to suggest a source to be added to OASIS. From the Results pages, user can email records that they find useful to their colleagues or themselves. We are continuing to look at ways that we can enhance this project to make it even more useful to our faculty, librarians, and other members of the OER community.



The development of OASIS is a further example of how Milne Library continues to focus on student learning by providing faculty and librarians with the support and tools to ensure that all students have affordable access to course materials while lessening the burden of inflated textbook costs. In just one year (Fall 2017 – Fall 2018), OER efforts at Geneseo resulted in \$384,000 in textbook cost savings, and OASIS has helped further those efforts even more since its launch by enabling faculty to discover open content in a much more seamless manner. This project is also a further example of how Milne Library has established itself as a place of innovative activity and continues to play a central role in the achievement of SUNY Geneseo’s mission.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT ...?

Is my membership current? How do I apply for a SUNYLA Professional Development Grant? Why am I not getting listserv messages? We’ve all asked one of these questions, or something similar, on occasion. SUNYLA’s website (sunyla.org) can answer most questions but sometimes you need to talk to an actual person. These are just a few of the people who can help and, like most librarians, they can steer you in the right direction if they don’t have the answer themselves:

- Annual Conference: [Jocelyn Ireland](#) (Mohawk Valley, this changes annually)
- Professional Development Grants: [Lisa Errico](#) (Nassau)
- Mailing lists (eg. sunyla-l): [Jill Locascio](#) (Optometry)
- Meetings: [Amanda Lowe](#) (Albany)
- Membership: [Carol Anne Germain](#) (Albany)
- Social Media: [April Davies](#) (Cobleskill)
- Website & Forums: [Katherine Brent](#) (Cobleskill)



CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

ADIRONDACK

Joyce Miller

Danielle Thomas became our new full-time Library Services Assistant this summer. She work daytimes at the circulation desk and is responsible for processing new books and maintaining course reserves. Danielle has worked at the SUNY Adirondack Library in a variety of roles, advancing from student to professional roles. Danielle worked as a student assistant at the SUNY Adirondack Library since her first semester in Fall 2015. In December 2017, she received her Associate in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science from SUNY Adirondack. She was then hired as a staff person, as evening Library Specialist. In May, she graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She joined the full-time staff in July. Danielle plans to become a librarian and, ideally, would like to work in a college library environment.

Reference Librarian **Samantha Berry** participated in the PRODiG (Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion and Growth) Committee for SUNY Adirondack from February to July. Sam offered the unique outlook of a college librarian in the drafting of this profile and proposal. The proposal was accepted. It will provide grant funds to assist the institution with paying the salary of eligible new faculty, as well as in other respects. PRODiG is a system-wide initiative for SUNY-affiliated New York State college campuses to increase success in recruiting and retaining students and faculty of color. The initiative required each SUNY campus to compile and submit a comprehensive profile of themselves, demanding both qualitative and quantitative data ranging from the racial makeup of the college's service area, to the amount of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion-focused professional development opportunities offered for faculty each academic year. The profile accompanied a proposal on how SUNY Adirondack would take its unique makeup into consideration and make strides in the realm of DEI.



Samantha Berry

Bailey Durham joined the staff as evening Library Specialist in September. She recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY Potsdam. She was previously a student worker in SUNY Potsdam's Crumb Library circulation and interlibrary loan departments for three years.

ALBANY

Rebecca Nous

Digital Scholarship: Opportunities and Challenges – Conference on October 11, 2019

The University at Albany Libraries hosted a one day conference on digital scholarship, developed in collaboration with Binghamton University Libraries, on Friday, October 11, 2019. This one day conference brought together scholars interested in exploring all aspects of digital scholarship. It showcased new and important digital research projects, explored the potential of new and emerging trends in digital scholarship and investigated the technology, infrastructure, and support needed for effective scholarship.



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The program featured a keynote address by **Dr. Robert K. Nelson**, director of the Digital Scholarship Lab at University of Richmond, titled “Digital Humanities, Digital Scholarship, and Civic Engagement” which explored how digital humanities scholarship can be a form of civic engagement. A panel discussion titled “Key Issues Involved in Creating and Disseminating Digital Scholarship” featuring **Roopika Risam**, Salem State University, **Amy Gay**, Binghamton University, **Bridget Whearty**, Binghamton University, and **Gregory Wiedeman**, University at Albany, explored different aspects involved in creating and disseminating digital scholarship. Poster sessions, breakout sessions, and roundtable discussions provided opportunities for attendees to participate in the conversation. Additional information on the program and speakers is available at: <https://scholarsarchive.library.albany.edu/dsconf>.

University Libraries Join Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions

We are pleased to announce that the University Libraries are now affiliate members of the Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions (COAPI), a Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) initiative. COAPI “brings together representatives from North American universities with established faculty open access policies and those in the process of developing such policies” with the goal of sharing best practices and experiences. By fostering a community around developing and implementing OA policies, COAPI aims to move “faculty-led open access forward at member institutions” and to advocate for “open access nationally and internationally.”

Open Access Week Events

The University at Albany Libraries will be holding a full week of programming in recognition of Open Access Week. We hope you’ll join us for some or all of them!

Monday, October 21	12:00-1:00	Panel of Campus Advocates Speaking to Open Educational Resources at UAlbany
Tuesday, October 22	12:00-1:00	Open Access Policy: From Directive to Draft
Wednesday, October 23	9:00-12:30	Open Data Workshop: Intro to R and Python Using UAlbany’s Espy Collection
Thursday, October 24	9:00-1:00	Reproducibility Symposium (Part 1): Building Transparency into Research, Teaching, & Learning
Friday, October 25	9:00-1:00	Reproducibility Symposium (Part 2): Building Transparency into Research, Teaching, & Learning

These events are free and open to all but registration for some is required. For more information on each program and for registration information, please visit: https://scholarsarchive.library.albany.edu/open_access_week/2019.

Campus Conversations Series

The Libraries is continuing its Campus Conversations in Standish series this semester. The programs scheduled are:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Join **Dr. Susanna Fessler**, Professor of Japanese Studies, and the University Libraries for a talk titled “An Albany Yankee in the Tycoon’s Court.”

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Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Join **Dr. David Carpenter**, Director of the Institute for Health & Environment, and the University Libraries for a presentation titled “Are There Health Hazards Coming From the Rollout of 5G?”

Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Join **Dr. David Rousseau**, Associate Professor of Political Science, and the University Libraries for a presentation titled “War and Rights: The Impact of War on Political and Civil Rights.”

All Campus Conversations are held in the Standish Room of the Science Library from 12:35-1:30. These discussions are free and open to all. Light refreshments will be provided.

ALFRED

Mechele Romanchock

A new academic year begins with new leadership for Alfred University Libraries. With the retirement of Dean of Libraries, **Steve Crandall** and the second act for SUNYLA bulwark, **Mark Smith** a new leadership team as been named.

Brian Sullivan, was appointed Dean of Libraries this past May. He has been at Alfred University for 11 years, serving as an instructional librarian at Herrick Library from 2008-2012, as information literacy librarian from 2012-18 2018 and as interim director of libraries from 2018-2019. Sullivan earned a bachelor’s degree in English from SUNY Fredonia in 2000, a master’s degree in theological studies from the Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College in 2002 and a Master of Library Science degree from the University at Buffalo in 2003.



Brian Sullivan (l); Mechele Romanchock (r)

Mechele Romanchock was named Director of Libraries in July 2019. She has served as the User Services Librarian at Scholes Library since 2016. Prior to that, she worked in a variety of academic, school, and public libraries. Romanchock obtained an M.S. in Library Science from Clarion University in 2010, and is an Alfred alumna who earned a B.A. in Comparative Cultures in 2002.

In their new roles, the Director will be responsible for managing the internal day-to-day operations of the University Libraries and for promoting library services on campus. The Dean will liaise with campus administration and NYSCC to lead a talented and dedicated group of staff and librarians at Herrick Memorial Library and the Scholes R. Scholes Library.

BINGHAMTON

Aleshia Huber

In the past few months we have had a number of staff changes in the library. Long time librarians **Ed Shephard**, Head of Collections and Subject Librarian for History and Classics, and **Sandy Card**, Director of Technical Services, both retired



David Schuster (l); Rachel Turner (r)

this August. The faculty and staff of Binghamton University Libraries appreciate their many years of service and wish them the best. **David Schuster** is serving as our Interim Associate University Librarian for Technical Services, Special Collections, and Library Technology. **Laura Evans**, Assistant Head of Cataloging, left Binghamton in May to start as Head of Cataloging/Metadata at Amherst College. **Rachel Turner** has been promoted to our new Assistant Head of Cataloging.

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A number of library exhibits have opened for this academic year. The Glenn G. Bartle Library's exhibit is titled *Eclectic Collections*, which looks at both personal and institutional collecting. The Science Library exhibit, titled *Can I Has Bird Feather? The Ethics of Scientific Collecting* surveys the ethical considerations behind collecting natural and physical scientific samples in regards to herbariums, taxidermy, fossils, rocks and minerals, and lunar samples and data. A grand opening for the Science Library exhibit was held on September 10, where the Libraries' VR equipment was relocated to the exhibit area for the day and allowed patrons to try out VR software related to the exhibit theme, including NASA and Space VR programs. Lastly, an English Ph.D. student, **Joshua Lindenbaum**, put together an exhibit for our guest curator program titled *We are Not a Monolith: Diversity in the Jewish Population*, which aims to showcase the beautiful diversity amongst the Jewish People. Visit the exhibit's website for more details.

On September 12 Binghamton alumni **Eric D. Weitz**, '74, distinguished professor of history at City College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York, gave a talk based on his recently published book, *A World Divided: The Global Struggle for Human Rights in the Age of Nation-States* (Princeton University Press), followed by a reception and book signing. The event was co-hosted by Binghamton University Libraries and the Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention.



BUFFALO

Fred Stoss



Evviva Weinraub

Evviva Weinraub has been named vice provost for university libraries, Provost **Charles F. Zukoski** announced. A national leader in digital library initiatives, technology and innovation, Weinraub joins UB from Northwestern University, where she was associate university librarian for collections and technologies. "Ms. Weinraub stood out because of her impressive leadership experience, innovative approach to delivering library collections and services, commitment to inclusive excellence, national leadership in digital library initiatives, and creative vision for University Libraries and the future of academic research libraries," Zukoski said in a memo to the university community.

At Northwestern, Weinraub has provided leadership and advocacy for information technology, digital initiatives, metadata, print materials processing, preservation and conservation, repository and digitization services, access services and global initiatives. "Among her impressive contributions" at Northwestern, Zukoski said, was her leadership of "a cross-campus initiative to launch the Academic Resource Center, a hub for undergraduate academic support that is based in the libraries. She provided leadership on the re-opening of a new campus library and spearheaded work on campus around textbook affordability and the implementation of Open Educational Resources (OER) in teaching and learning." Weinraub is vice president-elect and will serve as the 2020-21 president of the Library and Information Technology Association, a division of the American Library Association. Weinraub received her undergraduate degree in history from Boston University and her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has published and presented extensively on library management, intersectional feminist leadership, open source development, user experience and digital publishing. In 2018-19, she was an Association of Research Libraries Leadership Fellow. She works with HathiTrust, a partnership of academic and research institutions that provides access to digitized book and journal content, and Fedora Project, an open source operating system sponsored

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by the software company Red Hat Inc. Prior to joining Northwestern, she was chief operating officer and service manager for the Digital Preservation Network, a federation of more than 60 institutions working toward the long-term preservation of digital objects. She also held positions at Oregon State University, Tufts University and Yale University. [Much of this text appeared in the May 31, 2019 issue of UBNOW: News and Views of UB Faculty and Staff.]



Nell Aronoff

Nell Aronoff, Liaison to the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, was promoted to Associate Librarian with tenure. This important milestone in her professional career and recognizes her achievements as a librarian, a scholar, and a member of the community of University Faculty.

Undergraduate Education Librarians **Molly Maloney**, **Keith Nichols**, and **Bryan Sajecki's** proposal to SUNY Fredonia's 13th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference was accepted. This will be the 3rd time they have been accepted to present at a conference on teaching and learning. It dovetails nicely with UB's upcoming IRB study too. "The SUNY Fredonia's Teaching & Learning Conference Review Committee received numerous proposals for our annual conference and your acceptance is an indication that the committee found your presentation to be innovative, a particularly good fit to the conference theme, or a great example of the scholarship of teaching and learning."

Michelle Zaffron, Associate Librarian, was selected to be one of this year's Sewell Travel Award recipients. She will be attending the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia in November.



Erin Rowley

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a three-year grant of \$750,000 to a group of researchers here at UB, including Senior Assistant Librarian, Team Leader of the Science and Engineering Information Center, and Engineering Librarian, **Erin Rowley**. In addition to Erin (serving as a Co-PI), the research team is comprised of faculty from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, **Jeffrey Errington** (PI), **Bina Ramamurthy**, **Kristen Moore**, and **Liesl Folks** (former Dean of SEAS). The grant will fund a project called "Connecting the Dots," which is aimed to develop and implement a scalable, innovative program addressing the data science and analytics competencies in students pursuing an undergraduate engineering degree. CTD pairs the University at Buffalo (UB) with the City College of New York (CCNY) with the goals to (a) strengthen the ability to understand and use data effectively to inform decisions among diverse undergraduate students from across the engineering disciplines, while (b) simultaneously increasing the capacity of regional community partners to incorporate data analytical methods into their business or strategic planning objectives.

Jim Gordon, Applications Programmer Analyst, has been selected as a Microsoft® Most Valuable Professional (MVP) for 7/1/2019 - 7/1/2020. This is an annual award that recognizes exceptional technology community leaders worldwide who actively share their high quality, real world expertise with users and Microsoft. There are about 2,000 MVP awardees in over 90 countries worldwide and they share the following characteristics: a passion for technology, a willingness to help others, and a commitment to community. Jim will be entitled to attend the Microsoft MVP Global Summit. This event will feature a large catalog of in-depth technical discussions and feedback sessions combined with networking opportunities among fellow MVPs and the Microsoft product groups. Jim was an MVP last year, too.

Transitions in the UB Libraries include:

Theo Belniak, Associate Librarian, continues as head of collection management in the Sears Law Library, at the

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completion of Librarian **Beth Adelman's** serving as Interim Vice Provost of University Libraries. She will still be responsible for the selection of legal materials, interacting with vendors, and negotiating terms of contracts for law.

Nancy Babb, Associate Librarian, transitioned to Discovery Services Librarian, responsible for support and configuration of Primo VE; coordination and monitoring of activities related to electronic resource products, including contribution to the ongoing development of vision and strategic goals for electronic resources in the University Libraries; providing support and assistance to Alma and Primo system operations and data; coordination of user experience evaluation and development of recommendations for improvements relative to Alma, Primo, and related online services.

Ellen McGrath, Associate Librarian, transitioned Continuing Resources Cataloger, and continue as the law specialist on the cataloging team.

Mike Kicey, Sr. Assistant Librarian, became the Mathematics Librarian Liaison, after **Fred Stoss**, Librarian, vacated this position upon taking on the liaison responsibilities for the College of Arts and Sciences new Department of Environmental and Sustainability.

We had several events and endeavors take place in the University Libraries at the end of the Spring 2019 Semester that brought many of us together and allowed the Libraries to offer the campus and external communities unique glimpses of our endeavors.

Nearly 80 people joined us at Abbott Library to celebrate **Linda Lohr**, Associate Librarian, and the History of Medicine Collection. It was a special evening that was inspiring and heartwarming. Linda also established the "Linda Lohr Endowed Fund for the History of Medicine Collection."

UB Libraries received an impressive amount of support on UB Giving Day, when 60 people showed their love for UB Libraries and the UB James Joyce Collection by providing more than \$13,000 in valuable support.

The UB Poetry Collection welcomed the Consul General of Ireland in New York and 50 friends of the UB James Joyce Collection to share news about plans for the James Joyce Museum and the 2022 international traveling Ulysses exhibition. **Consul General Madden** mentioned publicly that the Irish government is interested in supporting the James Joyce museum project, which is an exciting endorsement and opportunity that the University Libraries plans to pursue.

Renee Bush, Associate Librarian Emerita, was recognized for her volunteer activities, by the Edward T. Bean Award from Child & Family Services of WNY. This annual award was established in honor of **Edward Bean** who served 53 years on the C&FS Board. It is considered the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for this agency. Since Renee's retirement, she continues to dedicate a great deal of time collecting and sorting donations to see that they go to the agency where they are most needed.

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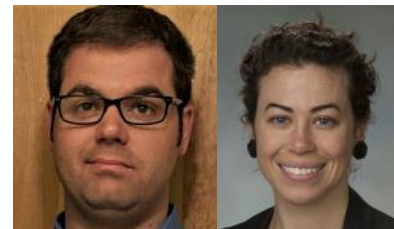
BUFFALO STATE

Amy Rockwell

Marianne Foley, former Head of Acquisitions and Library Systems in Butler Library, has left Buffalo State College to take the next step in her career as the Director of Library Technology and Collection Management at California State University, Fresno. We wish Marianne the best in her new position and are grateful for her years of service at Buffalo State.

Congrats to **Joe Riggie** on his new position as Head of Information Management. In addition, Joe has recently been promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian and awarded continuing appointment.

We also congratulate **Katie Bertel**, Outreach & Engagement Librarian, who was promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian and awarded continuing appointment.



Joe Riggie (l); Katie Bertel (r)

Amy Rockwell, First-Year Experience Librarian, presented the poster, "Using Information Literacy Skills to Explore Issues of First-Year Experience" at the High School to College: Supporting Student Success conference at SUNY College at Brockport in May.

Cheryl Schoenhardt has been awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service for the 2018-2019 academic year. Cheryl works tirelessly to ensure reliable access to the library's online resources by troubleshooting database and online journal problems. She is also crucial to our acquisitions activities, processing all payments for Library purchases, interacting with a broad array of salespeople, and maintaining voluminous stats. She has also taken on ILL tasks, created many book displays that highlight and drive use of our collections. The award is much deserved!

Dan DiLandro and **Hope Dunbar** hosted a visit from New York State Education Commissioner **MaryEllen Elia** and several members of the Board of Regents (including Buffalo-area Regent **Catherine Collins**) as part of their tour of WNY cultural education organizations, including museums, libraries, archives, and public broadcasting stations. A lively discussion ensued about opportunities for fostering more connections between cultural education and children's educational experience in Buffalo, with particular focus on the Archives & Special Collections' East Side History Project, which won the 2018 Debra E. Bernhardt Annual Archives Award for Excellence in Documenting New York's History.

In June, Butler Library also hosted a three-day open educational resources (OER) event in the library called "Bringing Open, Accessible, and Affordable Resources to a Class Near You."

Butler Library was co-recipient of a grant from the [Civic Switchboard](#) project to support an environmental scan of the region to identify where open data resources reside and how academic and public libraries can partner with government and community organizations to make the data more visible.

COBLESKILL

April Davies

The Library is pleased to welcome **Stacy Abrey** as our new Technical Services clerk. Stacy is a graduate of SUNY Oswego (major: Adolescent Education) and was formerly employed at the Anne Arundel Public Library in Annapolis, MD.

ILL and Archives Librarian **Katherine Brent** is co-chairing SUNY Cobleskill's Middle States Steering Committee. The college's visitation happens in 2021.



Stacy Abrey (l); Katherine Brent (r)

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Instruction Librarian **Don LaPlant's** flash fiction piece, "Safety", was recently published by *Mystery Tribune*. His short crime fiction has been published previously in *Thuglit* magazine and online in the Akashic Books *Mondays Are Murder* series.

We are currently preparing to search for a new Outreach and Public Services Librarian as **Mandy Babirad** has chosen to move to the public library sector.

Van Wagenen Library's annual Chili Cook-off was held on October 9th and was, as always, a delicious success! Although, it was suggested that we provide tasters with antacids as well as beverages.

CORNING

Erin Wilburn

Librarian **Erin Wilburn** will be leaving SUNY Corning as of September 13 to be the new Access Services Librarian at Broome Community College. We wish her well in her new adventures!

In October and November, the Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. Library will be hosting the South Central Regional Library Council's traveling Women's Suffrage Centennial Exhibition. Staff are currently reaching out to potential presenters, and engaging with teaching faculty.

FARMINGDALE

Megan Marchese

Congratulations to Librarian **Danielle Apfelbaum** on her term reappointment and to Librarian **April Earle** on her notification of continuing appointment.

Library Director **Karen Gelles** received the CARES Award of "Commendation and Recognition for Exceptional Service." Karen has worked at the Greenley Library for 20 years, serving as Reference and Instruction Librarian, Acquisitions Librarian, and as Head of the Technical Services department before becoming Director of the Library in 2017. The Library is thrilled to recognize her hard work.

Farmingdale also congratulates **Nicole Loder** on her new position as Library Supervisor at Stony Brook University's Southampton Campus. Nicole had a temporary position at the Greenley Library, where she warmly welcomed students at our reference desk. We are happy to have her in the SUNY library family!

Farmingdale was one of three hosts of SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) in April 2019. Library Director **Karen Gelles** served as co-chair of the SURC committee and Librarian **Megan Marchese** helped plan the poster



SURC Poster Session, SUNY Farmingdale

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sessions for the event. The Greenley Library facilitated FSC student poster printing for this event and librarians enjoyed learning about the research conducted by students throughout the SUNY system.

Librarian **Danielle Apfelbaum** and co-author **Derek Stadler** (LaGuardia Community College) published “Safeguarding Your Scholarship in OA: What to Look for and What to Avoid” in the summer 2019 edition of *The Academic Author*, the official newsletter of the Textbook and Academic Authors Association.



April Earle

Librarian **April Earle** presented “Finding the Class of 1919: How to Host a Class Reunion When the Whole Class is Long Deceased” to the Long Island Alumni Directors’ Consortium. This presentation discussed April’s research into the Farmingdale class of 1919 for the College’s Centennial Commencement and the importance of Library and Archives’ work with Alumni Relations.

Librarian **Megan Marchese** presented “Establishing an Undergraduate Research Day: A Library-Campus Collaboration at Farmingdale State College” at the University of Chicago Kathleen A. Zar Symposium. The Symposium theme was High Impact Collaboration: Libraries and Undergraduate Research Partnerships and Megan discussed how the Greenley Library held Farmingdale’s first interdisciplinary student research day through collaborating with the College’s Research-Aligned Mentorship (RAM) Program.

Librarians **Fatoma Rad**, **Kathy Machin**, and **Megan Marchese** received a Students First Campus Grant to implement a collection of professional accessories. This collection will include ties, portfolios, and professional bags for students to borrow for interviews, internships, and other formal occasions.

FREDONIA

Randy Gadakian

Amanda M. Shepp has joined the faculty of Daniel A. Reed Library as the Coordinator of Special Collections and Archives at SUNY Fredonia. Amanda received her MLS in Library & Information Science in 2013 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. After graduation, she worked on a variety of library and museum projects for the Center For Inquiry including digitization, digital collections management, and working with rare books.

In 2014, she was hired by the Lily Dale Assembly as the first professional Librarian of the Marion H. Skidmore Library, a special collections and rare books facility which houses the largest private library collection of Spiritualist and Occult books in the world. In 2016, she became the Library Director, and in 2017 she was presented with the WNYLRC Excellence in Library Service Award for her efforts in revitalizing and creating the library’s collections as they are currently seen.



Amanda Shepp

She presents and writes on topics related to the digitization of institutional collections, particularly special library collections and museum collections, and also on historical subjects within the realms of the paranormal, Spiritualism, and the Occult. When she isn’t presenting on library-related topics, she’s homebrewing, cooking with science, and loving life with her husband Chris.



GENESEE

Cindy Hagelberger

The GCC library held its 15th annual “Weed & Feed” event in support of the Nursing Program in August. For one hour, Nursing Faculty worked with librarians in reviewing library collections for currency, historic labeling, and recommendations. A luncheon followed hosted by the Nursing department at which librarians presented “Library Resources & Services Supporting Nursing 19/20”. This collaborative event is appreciated and shows our commitment with the Nursing Department in providing a current and comprehensive nursing collection.

Library staff visited all six Campus Centers over the summer to share Alma/Primo news and review student needs. The annual tours and discussions with staff go a long way toward maintaining library-campus center relationships.

Michelle Eichelberger left her position as Systems & Electronic Services Librarian in July to become Discovery and E-Resources Program Manager for SUNY Shared Library Services.



Liz Simmons

Genesee welcomed **Liz Simmons** as our new Systems & Electronic Services Librarian as of September 9th. Liz started her GCC career as a part time reference librarian in 2017 and moved into a cataloging/ online instruction position in 2018. She worked closely with **Michelle Eichelberger** and played a key role on our Alma/Primo migration team.

GCC Library was recently contacted by a faculty member at the University of Utah for information about our plagiarism tutorials.

Creations by GCC fashion students were on display in the library to help promote the spring fashion show, Limitless, and the library’s varied fashion collection resources.

Jessica Olin, Director of Library Services, was appointed to the SUNY-wide LSP Advisory Board for a two year term. This group works closely with SUNY Libraries Shared Services and with LSP-related SUNY Library Consortium working groups to develop and review policies, workflows, and recommendations related to the Shared Libraries Services Platform.



GENESEO

Sherry Larson-Rhodes

In late June, Milne Library said good-bye to **Sue Ann Brainard**, who retired after 23 years at Geneseo. Sue Ann was the librarian liaison to the Departments of History and English and over the years taught hundreds of research instruction classes and helped thousands of students. She also was instrumental in developing the library-offered plagiarism workshop and one of the main instructors for the program. Sue Ann was also a mentor to new librarians, patiently helping them learn how to search for primary sources and deal with Turabian citations; at least one librarian has commented that "I wish I could do a Vulcan mind-meld to learn everything in Sue Ann's brain!" The students in the campus History Club will miss Sue Ann's baked goods, as she provided homemade treats each week (and shared her recipes), and her faculty, students, and colleagues in Milne will miss her insights, institutional knowledge, and willingness to go above and beyond to ensure that people's research needs were met. Thank you, Sue Ann, for all of your service...you are missed!

During Geneseo's Convocation in late August, Associate Librarian **Brandon K. West** received the 2018–2019



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Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. During the awards ceremony Brandon was recognized for his instructional skills, including innovative lesson plans; collaboration with faculty; scholarship and service to the profession; and leadership roles in Milne Library, including his work as the Head of Research Instruction Services. In his role as head Brandon has developed a strategic plan for the department, thoughtfully examining the programs the Research Instruction Services department offers and restructuring the library's research services, based on usage data, to ensure maximum availability of the research instruction librarians to the maximum number of students. Brandon was the first librarian at Milne to receive the award in 12 years. Congratulations, Brandon, on this well-deserved honor!

Additionally at Convocation, **Michelle Costello**, Education and Community Engagement Librarian; **Brandon West**, Head of Research Instruction Services; and **Dan Ross**, Head of Access Services, were recognized for earning continuing appointment. At the same time, Dan was promoted to Associate Librarian. Congratulations to Michelle, Brandon, and Dan...those years of hard work have paid off!

Milne Library's OER search tool, OASIS, received the 2019 Open Education Consortium's OER Curation Award. OASIS (Openly Available Sources Integrated Search) is a search tool developed by **Bill Jones** (Digital Resources and Systems Librarian) and **Ben Rawlins** (former Library Director) in consultation with **Alexis Clifton** (SUNY OER Services Executive Director) and **Allison Brown** (Digital Publishing Services Manager) and is aimed at making the discovery of open content easier. OASIS helps to fill a void in the discovery of open content and eliminates a barrier to OER adoption by reducing the frustration in finding relevant materials. The tool searches multiple vetted sources for materials, a majority of which are in the public domain or openly licensed. At present OASIS searches open content from 95 sources and contains more than 367,000 records, most of which are in the public domain or openly licensed. Currently, more than 470 institutions from eight different countries are linking to OASIS from their institutions' websites. In one year alone (Fall 2017–Fall 2018), OER efforts at Geneseo resulted in \$384,000 in textbook cost savings, and OASIS has helped further those efforts even more this academic year by enabling faculty to discover open content in a much more seamless manner. Congratulations Bill, Ben, Alexis, and Allison!

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Andrea Kingston

In May, the MCC Libraries were named the Rochester Regional Library Council's Academic Library of the Year! We were selected for this award based on the strength of nominations from MCC students, faculty, and staff. Check out [MCC's Library of the Year video](#) on YouTube!

Here is a small sample of the dozens of nominations submitted on the Libraries' behalf:

"Love the Libraries! The librarians go out of their way to help students navigate the information system and make sense of all that is out there. And there is a lot out there!"

"The people who work in this library are so incredibly dedicated towards helping students. They are consistently going over and beyond..."

"Everyone here is always so helpful.... Frankly, if it wasn't for the library, I would not have been willing to pursue my education in my advanced age."

In the fall semester, MCC librarians went live with office hours in Starfish, MCC's early alert and student tracking system.

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Librarians now appear as part of a student's Success Network, and they can use the system to set up an appointment with a librarian. The system also enables college faculty and staff to refer students to the library for research assistance.

Librarian **Michelle Beechey**, Campus Strategist with SUNY OER Services, who is based out of MCC's LeRoy V. Good Library, has been selected as a fellow in the SPARC Open Education Leadership Program, an intensive professional development program to empower library professionals with the knowledge, skills, and community connections to lead successful open education initiatives that benefit students. The two-semester program blends online, peer-to-peer, and project-based learning to build a comprehensive understanding of the open education space coupled with practical know-how to take action on campus and beyond. Michelle is one of 27 fellows selected from a competitive application pool for the program's 2019-2020 cohort.

Library Director **Katie Ghidiu** and Associate Director **Alice Wilson** presented a well-attended session on SUNY community colleges and the guided pathways model at the SUNYLA Annual Conference at Onondaga Community College in June. They and the attendees discussed ways that community college libraries can participate in the guided pathways model and how that model impacts library services.

Librarian **Andrea Kingston** also presented a session at the SUNYLA Annual Conference. She talked about incorporating **Dr. Carol Kuhlthau's** model of the information search process into library instruction, as well as how that model can inform other library services, such as reference. The model incorporates information seekers' feelings, thoughts, and actions into the research process and breaks the process down into six nonlinear stages. She will present a similar session at SUNY Oswego in October.

MORRISVILLE

Adam Saunders

The SUNY Morrisville Library has been fairly quiet over the last few months outside of Alma/Primo implementation. There have been two new hires, a full-time Circulation Coordinator and a part-time Reference Librarian. **Peggy Craig** joins us as our Circulation Coordinator. Formally a part of the Mid York Library System, she has worked for a number of Central New York public libraries. She is the proud mother of a United States Marine and enjoys practicing violin and genealogy research. **Claire Ehrlich** has come on-board as our new part-time Reference Librarian. Claire was previously a librarian at a community college in Illinois. When not chasing her toddler around the house, she enjoys reading and the occasional jog.



Reading room furniture, SUNY Morrisville Library

We were able to purchase much needed new reading room furniture thanks to a generous donation from College Council member **Judith Gibson Noyes** in memory of her father, noted Latin American ethnohistorian **Charles Gibson**. A reception to celebrate the renaming of the Reading Room in honor of Dr. Gibson will take place later this year. Thanks also goes to Executive Director of the Morrisville Foundation and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, **Theresa Kevorkian**, and her staff for working with Judy and the Library staff to make this project possible.

The library is also fortunate to once again be hosting the art of CNY local artist **Lee Brown Coye** in a gallery display titled *Summer Midnight Phanstasies: The Unknown Art of Lee Brown Coye*. Lee

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Brown Coye is best known for his macabre fantasy and horror illustrations. For more than fifty years his artistic talents covered a wide range of paintings, scratch art, as well as illustrations for books and magazines. The gallery display will remain in the library through the month of September.

NEW PALTZ

Jennifer Rutner

Chrissy O'Grady joins the college as a Research and Education Librarian at the Sojourner Truth Library. She holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and previously worked in research, information, and digitization services at the University of Illinois Main Library.

Chrissy has taught library sessions on subjects including tool-based workshops and sessions dedicated to supporting international students. She has a background in special collections, digital history and genealogy, and strong interest in the information needs of first-generation students and of incarcerated people. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, cooking, and gardening.

NIAGARA

Jeanne Tuohey

Effective September 1st, **Mary Beth Morse**, Circulation Librarian, was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Jean Linn, College Archivist, and the College Archives received a Conservation/Preservation Discretionary Grant from the New York State Education Department. NCCC was one of eight institutions, including the American Museum of Natural



Jean Linn

History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to receive this award. The grant funding will be used to preserve maps and blueprints, including the original designs of the college campus and early 20th-century maps of the region. The award will also fund preservation of the Arthur B. Nichols' Native American history collection, which features rare books focusing on Native American history, especially the nearby Tuscarora Nation. This collection, compiled by Nichols, presents a detailed history of the Tuscarora and Iroquois.

The College Archives also published a new collection to New York Heritage: "N-Triple-Scene". It is a play on NCCC's nickname of N-Triple-C. It was a cable television show produced by the College during the 1990s. Each episode is about 30 minutes long and features campus and community events, including guest speakers such as **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** and **Ralph Nader**. View the collection of episodes here: <https://nyheritage.org/collections/n-triple-scene>

Barb Ruppel, Division Secretary of the H.G. Lewis Library, was awarded a Level IV Certificate of Achievement in Administrative Management at the 2019 NYSLAA Conference. Barb has worked at the HGLL for 30 years, and keeps everything running smoothly in our Division Office.

Katie Benson, part-time Evening Circulation Clerk, left us for a full-time position. We welcome **Gil Certo** to replace her.

We said goodbye to several of our part-time reference librarians at the beginning of the semester. **Diane Balcom** and **Elizabeth Fulwell**, both of whom have a long history with us, decided to pursue some much deserved leisure time. We will miss them. In addition, **Stephanie Molnar**, our part-time librarian at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, found a full-time position elsewhere. **David Odum** has agreed to step in as our man in Niagara Falls, in addition to his hours here on the main campus.

NCCC, along with the rest of SUNY, migrated to Alma and Primo over the summer. Many thanks to the SUNY Libraries Consortium and fellow SUNY Librarians for sharing your knowledge and experiences during this process.



ONEONTA

Sarah Karas



Darren Chase

Darren Chase became the new Library Director on August 5. Darren comes to SUNY Oneonta from Stony Brook University where he served in a variety of positions including Head of Scholarly Communications.

Michelle Hendley was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. She also published the article, Discovering data discrepancies during deselection: A study of GreenGlass, Aleph, and due dates slips circulation data in *Technical Services Quarterly* (36:3, 233-248, DOI: [10.1080/07317131.2019.1621558](https://doi.org/10.1080/07317131.2019.1621558)).

Lyndsie Robinson departed the library to pursue personal interests on July 18. As a tenured Librarian she served in a variety of roles at SUNY Oneonta, including User Experience Librarian and Interlibrary Loan Librarian.

There are currently two searches underway for a Reference and Instruction Librarian and the Head of Bibliographic and Digital Services.

ONONDAGA

Lisa Hoff

Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz, Chairperson of Coulter Library Department, has successfully defended her dissertation and has completed the Doctor of Education (EdD) program in Organizational Leadership from Northeastern University (Boston, MA). Her dissertation is titled: "Working together: A narrative inquiry study exploring ongoing collaborations between college librarians and faculty pairs."

Onondaga Community College's Common Read selection for 2019-20 is the novel *Breath, Eyes, Memory* by **Edwidge Danticat**. Ms. Danticat is a Haitian American award-winning author and she will be visiting OCC on Sep. 9, for a lecture and several student workshops. All students receive a free copy of Danticat's novel as part of OCC's Common Read project. Many faculty will be incorporating the novel in their instruction and many campus-wide events will feature the book and its themes throughout the school year. Reference and Archives Librarian **Barbara Scheibel** is an active member of the Common Read Committee and is excited about using the Common Read to bring students together to read and discuss the book and its varied issues and ideas.



Common Read event at Onondaga. Left-right: Prof. Michelle Malinovsky; author Edwidge Danticat; Kiki Horten (OCC student)

**ORANGE**

Nancy Murillo

Andrew Heiz, former Electronic Services Librarian and Interim Library Director, has been promoted to Library Director for both the Middletown and Newburgh Campuses of SUNY Orange. Andrew has been a professional librarian for 12 years, 11 of which have been at this College.

Also, the Library has hired a new adjunct librarian. **Melissa Tidd**, a recent graduate of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, will be joining the library team at the Middletown Campus.

Congratulations, Andy! Welcome aboard, Melissa!

OSWEGO

Morgan Bond

Personnel News

Ray Morrison retired after 10 years of service in Penfield Library. Ray headed up the Access Services unit, and was the liaison to the Business Department, and also at one point he was the liaison for Vocational Teacher Preparation, Technology Education, and Math. Happy Retirement, Ray!

Penfield welcomes **Erin Kovalsky**, who now leads the Access Services unit. Erin holds a Master of Science in Information and Library Science from Syracuse University, as well as a Certificate of Advanced Study in Cultural Heritage Preservation. Most recently she served as the Circulation Coordinator for SUNY Morrisville. Erin has already proven to be a vital and dynamic member of the Penfield family and we're grateful to have her on board!



Erin Kovalsky

Building News

This past summer, the Office of Learning Services (OLS) and the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) moved into the library building. OLS includes the Tutoring and Writing Centers and EOP provides academic support to students with disadvantaged backgrounds. The library looks forward to collaborating with these programs to support learning at SUNY Oswego.

Presentations

Discovery Services Librarian **Juan Denzer**, and Learning Technologies Librarian **Sharona Ginsberg** presented at the SUNYLA Conference this June. Their presentation, "Makerspace Marketing: A Library Anniversary Extravaganza," discussed the library's 50th Anniversary Celebration event, and how the activities promoted valuable library resources.



Juan Denzer (l); Sharona Ginsberg (r)



PLATTSBURGH

Michelle Toth

Associate Librarians **Joshua Beatty**, **Tim Harnett**, and **Debra Kimok**, worked with **Dr. John McMahon's** African-American Political Thought class to create both a physical display in Feinberg library and an online collection of information from our Special Collections titled: "And Still We Rise: Celebrating the (Re) Discovery of Plattsburgh's Iconic Black Visitors." The class opened the exhibit on May 1st with a presentation in the lobby where the physical display is set up. A monitor in the lobby gives access to the online version – available at: <http://tinyurl.com/plattsburghrise>. The campus news story about this event, including great photos of the class in the library, can be found here: <https://www.plattsburgh.edu/news/news-archive/student-research-on-display-in-and-still-we-rise-exhibit.html>.

At the end of the Spring semester Feinberg Library rolled out a new library video tour for students. Over the spring semester Associate Librarian **Michelle Toth** worked with the Teaching Enhanced Learning (TEL) Unit, **John Locke** TEL coordinator, and interns **Matthew Rine** and **Robert Sanchez** to create the video. The interns took the lead on this project and participated in every aspect including setting up focus groups with students, research on other library tour videos, script development, recruiting the 'tour guides' and extras, and the actual filming and final editing. We are thrilled with the [final product!](#)



Image from video tour, SUNY Plattsburgh Library

SUNY POLYTECHNIC

Rebecca Hewitt

For Fall 2019, SUNY Poly Librarian **Sam Nesbitt** is spending one day a week at our Albany campus, the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, piloting a librarian residency to provide face-to-face reference and instruction services to students and faculty on that campus.

As of July 1st, **Rebecca Hewitt** is the Interim Library Director.

Small grants continue to power the library to serve student needs. This year we will be spending \$5,000 to buy current textbooks, and we have five new Fat Boy beanbag chairs, both courtesy of a Program Account grant from SUNY Poly Auxiliary Services. Thank you!



Fat Boy beanbag chair



PURCHASE

Carrie Marten



Mustafa Sakarya

Purchase College Library is pleased to announce that **Mustafa Sakarya** will join us as Director beginning on October 7, 2019. Mr. Sakarya was selected after a national search, which concluded with three finalists visiting campus.

Mustafa Sakarya graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in English and has graduate degrees from Pratt Institute (M.L.S., Master of Library Science) and Mercy College (M.A., English). Prior to accepting this position, he served as Head of Library Media Services for Mercy College and Director of Libraries since 2010. During his tenure at Mercy, he was appointed Title V Activity Director, providing leadership for the transformation of the library into a learning commons. Mustafa also served as

2017-18 President of the Westchester Academic Library Director's Organization (WALDO), a library consortium providing resource procurement and professional development events across the region.

Mustafa brings to Purchase over a decade of experience in library space design, strategic use of student data for continuous improvement, and the integration of digital literacies into library services. A passionate believer in the power and potential of student creativity, Mustafa is a certified digital storytelling facilitator and active performance poet. His scholarship focuses on digital storytelling as a tool for academic, personal and cultural expression. His most recent publication is *Digital Storytelling: Library as Place of Creation, in the Library Publishing Toolkit* (IDS Press, 2013).

Please join us in welcoming Mustafa to the SUNYLA community.

“Mustafa [Sakarya] is a certified digital storytelling facilitator and active performance poet.”

STONY BROOK

Jennifer DeVito

Prelec Lecture



Patricia Brennan speaks at SBU Libraries' Prelec Lecture

Patricia Brennan, the Director of the National Library of Medicine, spent the day at Stony Brook University on Friday, September 6. She met with bioinformatics professionals and medical librarians and gave a fantastic presentation on the use of Artificial Intelligence for improvement of healthcare information delivery. Patti and the NLM are committed to using data science to make sure that technological advances are applied to problems of health and healthcare in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Her visit was made possible through the Antonija Prelec Memorial Fund. The fund

was established in honor of **Antonija (Toni) Prelec** by her family, friends and colleagues at the Health Sciences Center (HSC) of Stony Brook University, to continue Toni's pursuit of excellence in medical librarianship and to improve the information services provided by the HSC Library.



Patricia Brennan with health sciences librarians Michael B. Huang, Jessica Koos, Jamie Saragossi, Laurel Scheinfeld, and Gregg Stevens.



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Personnel News

In August, **Darren Chase**, former Head of Scholarly Communication, left the Stony Brook University Libraries to assume the role of Director of the James M. Milne Library at SUNY Oneonta. For more than a decade, Darren served the University Libraries in various capacities, starting in 2006 as Informatics Librarian at the Health Sciences Library. In 2008, Darren stepped into the role of Head of Stony Brook Southampton Library and from 2010-2015, he was the Library Webmaster. Most recently, he took the helm for the Center for Scholarly Communication to advance the Library's Scholarly Communication initiatives. He was a leading member of the Library team that promoted the campaign for the University's adoption of an open access policy, the first SUNY institution to do so, and has since advanced initiatives such as open access, repository building (Academic Commons), OER, and data management. Darren was very active in faculty governance within the Library department and across the University, holding several leadership positions. He served as the President of the College of Arts & Sciences Senate, was a former Chair of the University Libraries Faculty Executive Committee, and was on the Executive Committee of the University Senate. In SUNY, Darren served as the Chair for the Faculty Senate Open Access Task Force and held offices in several other committees, including the Senate Operations Committee, Center for Online Education, and SUNY Librarians Association. Darren recently received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship for 2017-18 and the Faculty Senate Service Award from the University Senate in 2019.



Mona Ramonetti

Mona Ramonetti has been named Head of Scholarly Communication. Mona has been a key member of the Scholarly Communication Working Group and, since 2018, has led the Open Educational Resources (OER) initiative at Stony Brook University. She currently serves as SBU OER campus lead for the SUNY-wide OER initiative. In this role, Mona has actively engaged our SUNY colleagues in support of advancing grants, projects, and overall OER integration in the curricula at SBU. To date, her work in this area has led to nine grant-funded small projects, two funded larger-scale projects, and more than 35 course sections with OER integration resulting in cost savings to students of over \$700,000. In addition to her leading role in the implementation of OERs, she is heavily involved in the back-end of the process which has resulted in various collaborative work with other teaching faculty along with non-academic entities on campus such as Human Resources, Procurement and the Office of Institutional Research. Furthermore, Mona's work as liaison with various science departments on campus has afforded her an opportunity to strengthen her relationships with faculty from these departments as they relate to the OER initiative. She also chairs the University Libraries' OER Working Group. In Fall 2018, Mona spearheaded (and moderated) the inaugural OER Colloquium where faculty members who were currently using OERs detailed their experiences to the SBU campus community.

Clara (Yuet) Tran, Head Science Librarian, received tenure and promotion in August.



Christine Fena

Christine Fena started at the University Libraries as the new Undergraduate Success Librarian in September. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in music history and theory from Stony Brook University, an M.S. in information and library science from the University at Buffalo, and a B.A. in music from Barnard College. Christine has held librarian and intern positions at St. Joseph's College, at the Theodore Roosevelt Center Digital Library, and at Stony Brook University Libraries. She has also participated in the development of an Open EdX MOOC, "Empowering Yourself in a Post-truth World."



Clara (Yuet) Tran

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Kimberly Kennedy joined the Stony Brook University Libraries on September 5th as the new Content Access & Discovery Librarian. She comes from OverDrive, Inc. as a Metadata Specialist. In this capacity, she processed and uploaded publisher-supplied metadata and ebook files to OverDrive's content management system, edited digital records to improve resource discoverability, and managed relationships with vendors. Kimberly's prior experience includes positions at Rutgers University Library, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Washington and Lee University Library. Kimberly holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers University and a Bachelor's in History from Washington and Lee University.

Claire Payne joined the Stony Brook University Libraries on July 11 as the new Web Services and Data Librarian. Claire comes to the University Libraries from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she worked as Content Management Research Assistant. In this capacity, she worked in WordPress, LibGuides, and LibCal web services environments focusing on user experience and assessment. She was also a Teaching Assistant in the Art Department and a Research Assistant in the School of Information and Library Science at UNC. Claire's prior experience includes positions at Chapel Hill Public Library and Oberlin College Library. Claire holds dual master's degrees from UNC at Chapel Hill, a Master of Science in Information Science and a Master of Arts in Art History. She is currently pursuing a Diversity Advocate Certificate from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.



Claire Payne



Sonali Sugrim

Sonali Sugrim joined the University Libraries as the Head of Content Acquisitions and Services in May 2019. Sonali holds an M.L.S. from Queens College, an M.A. in public history from St. John's University and a B.A. in economics from Fordham University. Sonali most recently held a position at the Levy Library - Ichan School of Medicine where she had served as E-Resources, Content Management and Cataloging Librarian since 2017. Previously, she held positions at New York Health + Hospitals, Pace Gallery Archives, Fashion Institute of Technology, and St. John's University. Her experiences in electronic databases management will be a great asset as we transition to our new LSP platform, Alma/Primo. Sonali is the lead author of a 2019 article published in the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, "Identifying E-Books Authored by Faculty: A Method for Scoping the Digital Collection and Curating a List." Her research interests are founded in the streamlining and best practices for the handling and maintenance of electronic resources in an academic library.

The Access & User Services department welcomed two part-time User Services Supervisors, **Renae Rapp** and **Timothy Kohn**. Renae holds a bachelor's degree in history from West Texas A&M University, a Master of Science in Information Science from the University at Albany, and a Master of Arts in public history from the University at Albany. Until recently, Renae was working as a Graduate Assistant for the New York State Archives in Albany and as a Library Assistant in the Circulation department at Troy Public Library. Timothy holds a bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University and a master's degree in psychology from Grand Canyon University. For the past two years, Timothy has worked in East Quogue at the Center for Discovery as a Counselor and at the Stony Brook Wang Center as a Production Manager.



SUFFOLK

Joan Cook



Keith Pardini

Keith Pardini is a new librarian on the Grant Campus. In the last several years, he has worked in a couple of public libraries in Suffolk County, at the American Museum of Natural History, and also at the Touro College School of Health Science Library. He enjoys the unique challenges of working with students and is excited to return to an academic library setting at Suffolk. Becoming a librarian was a career change for Keith. He previously worked with the U.S. Coast Guard for almost 15 years in New York City. He is looking forward to a great fall semester!

Lisa Meléndez, Professor of Library Services at the Ammerman Campus, published, “Shifting the Pace: Contemplative Practices and the Research Process” in *Recipes for Mindfulness in Your Library: Supporting Resilience and Community Engagement*. Drawing on her background in yoga studies, she details practices she developed to encourage students to have more meaningful experiences with information. Edited by **Madeleine Charney, Jenny Colvin** and **Dr. Richard Moniz**, the collection as a whole explores how librarians are integrating mindfulness into their teaching, programming, professional development, and beyond. Further information can be found at the [ALAstore](#) and on Amazon.



TOMPKINS CORTLAND

Karla Block

Librarian **Barbara Kobritz** retired in August. **Marilyn Webb** retired from her position as Coordinator of Tutoring & Accommodation Services in July. **Scott Bennett** was hired as the new Coordinator of Tutoring & Accommodation Services over the summer.

Eric Jenes has taken on an additional role as Coordinator of the College Teaching Center (CTC). The CTC is conveniently located in our library and serves as a hub to connect educators to share resources and experiences to improve teaching. It provides professional development opportunities, sponsors presentations and roundtable discussions, and will host the Connecting, Collaborating, and Celebrating the Art of Teaching Conference this spring.

Barbara Kobritz completed her term on the Curriculum Committee at the end of spring semester; **Susanna Van Sant** started her term on the committee with the start of fall semester. **Karla Block** was elected to the College Senate beginning in fall semester.

CollegeNow (concurrent enrollment) hosts an annual professional development day for instructors who teach TC3 courses in the high schools. This year more than 170 instructors attended. Librarians offered two sessions. “Online Library Resources for ENGL102” was taught by librarian **Susanna Van Sant**. This was a hands-on session specifically for teachers of our Introduction to Literature courses to give them time to explore an array of relevant resources. “Library ‘Open House’ and Work Session” was offered twice and was hosted by librarians **Karla Block, Eric Jenes, Barbara Kobritz, and Susanna Van Sant**. The sessions were focused on informing teachers about our resources and services and sharing updates following our migration to Primo. Over the course of their professional development day, nearly 30 teachers, from the arts, sciences, health, technology and business, attended sessions in the library



Susanna Van Sant

**WESTCHESTER**

Rebecca Steere



Don Simmons, Jr.

Don Simmons, Jr. will be joining our department in September as Information Literacy and Student Engagement Librarian for Fall 2019. Professor Simmons holds a master's degree in library and information science and a bachelor's degree in communication and rhetorical studies from Syracuse University. As Community Engagement and Children's Librarian at White Plains Library, he collaborated successfully on library and literacy programming with such local agencies as the White Plains Youth Bureau, 4-H, Grandpas United, and other national and grassroots organizations. Prof. Simmons will be teaching in our active information literacy program and developing outreach activities for our students.

Domenick Gasparro has joined us in the role of Library Technician. Mr. Gasparro brings more than 7 years' experience as a museum and library professional, with skills in the areas of collections, operations, development, and public programming. His most recently held position was as staff assistant in the Office of Career Services at Pace University. He holds a master's degree in library and information science with a specialty in museum studies from Kent State and a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY Purchase.

On June 21, Library Technician **Anthony Reda** represented Harold L. Drimmer Library at SUNY'S Pride event at the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan. Mr. Reda is currently pursuing a master's in information and library science at University of Buffalo.

In 2018-19, Library Technicians **Anthony Reda** and **Mayra Cabrera** served as co-academic chairs on the Westchester Library Association Annual Conference Committee. The conference was hosted at Westchester Community College's Gateway Building in May and featured an "un-conference" format.

Librarians **Rebecca Steere** and **Jessica Tagliaferro** have established a partnership with the college's Writing Tutorial by offering "Citation Consultations" to students during designated times. The partnership has led to the production of shared writing samples and increased ad hoc training of the tutors on research and citation tools offered by the library.



Rebecca Steere (l); Jessica Tagliaferro (r)

Library Chair **Jessica Tagliaferro** and Assessment Librarian **Joshua Weber** will be presenting on the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy to faculty members of the college Writing Across the Curriculum initiative on November 27.



GRANT REPORT: KRAEMER COPYRIGHT CONFERENCE

Pam O'Sullivan, Copyright Liaison/Events Coordinator, Brockport

From June 10th through the 12th of this year, I attended the Kraemer Copyright Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I was able to attend in part through the generosity of SUNYLA, which awarded me a Professional Development Grant.

The conference was held at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. It was very well organized, and each of the sessions I attended was interesting and informative.

I started out Monday morning with a pre-conference session called "Copyright Boot camp." While it was described as being geared toward those with less copyright experience, I thought it would be a good "check-up" to make sure I was paying attention to all aspects of copyright. The presenters moved right along without seeming rushed. I didn't worry too much about taking notes, as they said all the session information would be available on-line.

The first conference session, "Coaching Copyright," focused on ways that librarians who have little training in copyright can approach handling copyright queries. The presenter used several anecdotes to demonstrate how to approach them as coaching situations in which the librarians' role is to help others make good decisions.

"Cutting Edge Copyright Programs" described two programs in progress at the presenter's library at Harvard. Both are aimed at increasing accessibility to materials. One focuses on the great quantity of material that entered the public domain this year; the other is a team that is working on raising understanding and reducing legal risk associated with commercial platforms for popular media.

I next attended a session focusing specifically on things to be aware of with all the new materials that have entered the public domain; this was broader than the information presented in the "Cutting Edge..." session, but very informative and timely.

There was a block of time to view posters, which included one called "The Kraemer Effect" that demonstrated how an attendee of a previous conference used the knowledge obtained to set up a copyright training program at their institution.

I also attended a session on copyright issues with streaming media and interlibrary loan, and another on identifying stakeholders and how the body of stakeholders has changed over the years.

On Wednesday morning, I was very excited to attend a session which compared the Georgia State University case with a case involving York University in Canada. Again, the presenter was very interesting, and the comparison between the U.S. policy of Fair Use and the Canadian policy of Fair Dealing was very informative. I followed that with a session entitled "I Am Not a Lawyer", during which the presenter framed his journey from general librarianship to Copyright Specialist.

The final presentation discussed an interactive library instruction workshop designed for graduate students at



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the University of Denver. The goal of the workshop was to educate and empower graduate students, faculty and staff in understanding and using Creative Commons licenses, which included interactive components to demonstrate to the participants the scope of Creative Commons licensing.

After brief final remarks, the conference was over. In addition to the many excellent workshops I attended, there was time to talk with the other conference attendees during breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks. I spoke with a number of librarians from a variety of institutions and gained valuable insights from some of these conversations.

Overall, I consider this to be one of the best conferences I have attended. The venue, presenters, organization, variety of topics, and food were all top-notch. My hotel was only 5 minutes from the university, and both parking and navigating the campus were very easy.

I'm very grateful to SUNYLA for supporting this opportunity for me.

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