

# News Notes



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## News

**Library Director Joseph Branin Leaving The Ohio State University Libraries:** In a message to the Libraries' faculty and staff on February 5, **Joseph Branin**, Director of Libraries at OSUL since 2000, announced that he has accepted the position as founding Director of the Library and Museum for King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia.

*KAUST offers me a wonderful, and very different, opportunity to build a world-class research library from its beginning in an important part of the world. I look forward to the international experience, learning, and adventure this will entail. My wife, Anita, has also accepted a position with KAUST, and we will be together in this new endeavor.*

*Of course, I have many regrets about leaving the Ohio State University. A library director could not have asked for a more fulfilling assignment, talented and supportive colleagues, superb collections, and a community that values its libraries. Leading the transformation of the Thompson Library and our overall organization seemed like once-in-a-lifetime opportunity -- now I will get a second chance at KAUST. The community support and interest in the Thompson Library project has been simply tremendous and so encouraging to all of us... Most of all, I will miss my colleagues and friends in the OSU Libraries, University, and Columbus community. There are too many individuals to name, just know that I value my work and personal relationships with all of you more than anything else.*

Joe will remain as OSUL Director through the end of August 2009. A national search will be conducted for Branin's successor. *NewsNotes* will carry updates on the transition as information becomes available.

KAUST is being built as an international, graduate-level research university dedicated to inspiring a new age of scientific achievement in the Kingdom that will also benefit the region and the world. For more on the project, check the [KAUST](#) website.



**Accessing ePayroll Online:** As part of the university's ongoing commitment to secure employee personal information and as required by our ePayroll vendor (TALX), beginning on February 15, 2009, employees accessing the ePayroll System will be prompted to change their PIN every 90 days. When you are prompted to change your PIN, you will not be required to answer questions to verify your identity as long as you know your current PIN. To reset your PIN, go to Ohio State's ePayroll web site at [epayroll.theworknumber.com/osu](http://epayroll.theworknumber.com/osu). Keep in mind that your new PIN must be composed of at least 8 numeric digits, and must not repeat a PIN that you have used within the last 18 months.

Changing PINs regularly is a good security practice, and changing them every 90 days is consistent with the password change policy on many important OSU systems, including the university's PeopleSoft administrative systems. If you have forgotten your PIN, go to [epayroll.theworknumber.com/osu](http://epayroll.theworknumber.com/osu) and click on "Forgot your PIN".

If you have any questions, please e-mail Payroll Services at [epay@hr.osu.edu](mailto:epay@hr.osu.edu) or call the TALX Customer Service Center at 1-866-678-3729.

**Protecting New Orleans from Hurricanes: Restoring the Ecosystem Services of Wetlands, Science Café, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Gateway Movie Theater, South Campus Gateway:** Join us for an informal discussion about a scientific topic. Anyone is welcome, although seating may be limited.

Hurricane Katrina caused major damage to many Gulf Coast communities and cities including New Orleans and even permanently damaged a presidential administration that did not understand the magnitude of damage that can occur when we leave our cities vulnerable.

Speaker: William J. Mitsch is Distinguished Professor of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Science Graduate Program, and Ecological Engineering at The Ohio State University and Director of the University's 20-hectare Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park.

Food and drink are available for purchase at the Theater. Parking: Park in the Gateway parking ramp-- it's \$1.00 for three hours. <http://library.osu.edu/sites/sel/sciencecafe>

**New Data on Libraries Instructional Activities:** Did you know that during 2007-08:

- Libraries faculty provided 228 class lectures to 7,288 students.
- Our faculty also taught 50 credit courses that enrolled almost 1,000 Columbus campus students.
- net.TUTOR tutorials were viewed more than 223,000 times.
- More than 5,400 students in freshman survey courses completed the Make the Leap online assignment.
- Overall, we provided 6.070 hours of instruction to 11, 894 Columbus campus students.

Craving even more data? See the full Instruction Report 2005-08 available at: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/ioc/evaluation.html>

**Record-breaking Borrowing:** Ohio's college students and faculty borrowed a record-breaking 30,000 books and other library materials via OhioLINK during the week of January 5-11. The second week of school, Jan 12-18, also broke all previous years' weekly records with 26,500 items delivered. You can get the complete story, with more facts and stats, about the record-breaking first two weeks of January, at <http://olc7.ohiolink.edu/whatsnew>.

**OCLC Programs and Research Distinguished Seminar Series, "Convergence of Knowledge and Culture: Calgary's Design for the Future," by Tom Hickerson, Vice Provost, Libraries and Cultural Resources, and University Librarian, University of Calgary, Thursday, February 12, 8:30 a.m., refreshments; 9:30 - 11 a.m., program, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., Kilgour Building—Auditorium, 6565 Kilgour Place, Dublin, OH, 43017:** After more than 20 years in universities, Tom Hickerson (Vice Provost and University Librarian) arrived at the University of Calgary in 2006 ready to implement his vision of what a research library should be. Bringing together libraries, archives, museums, and the university press for the benefit of scholars, Hickerson is building a 21st century research facility in the heart of campus. The Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL) will house a "collection of the future" integrating access to traditional print, museum, and archival materials with digital and three-dimensional objects, media formats and onsite broadcasting and telecommunications. Technology will be the vital foundation of the building, providing users with the tools to synthesize information in all formats and create new knowledge. An organic facility that produces unexpected learning outcomes, the TFDL will feature collaboration across campus and beyond, a converged organization, and new and traditional content that will meet the research, pedagogical and social needs of current and future generations of scholars.

You are welcome to attend this presentation in person or remotely via WebEx. Registering in advance allows OCLC to plan sufficient refreshments and to alert you if for any reason the lecture needs to be rescheduled. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required.

Please RSVP by e-mailing <mailto:disbrowk@oclc.org> or calling OCLC Research at (614) 764-6073 indicating your name, affiliation, and telephone number. Maps to OCLC are available at <http://www.oclc.org/about/headquarters/maps/>.

**General Staff Meetings February 25 & 26:** The first 2009 General Staff meetings are scheduled for February.

- Wednesday, February 25, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Ackerman Library, Room 5826

- Thursday, February 26, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Science & Engineering Library, Rooms 090/070

Agenda items include:

1. Director's Report
2. Acquisitions Funds
3. 2013 Report
4. Campus Campaign
5. Travel Update



6. Libraries Facilities Updates: Thompson and Tech Center
7. Libraries' Call Center
8. Open Q & A

**Oya Rieger, "Learning, Research, and Creative Expression: Responding to Evolving Technologies," Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m., Ackerman Library, Room 5826:** Research libraries' aim to lead the collaborative development of academic information infrastructures to enhance learning, teaching, research, and creativity. To this end, one of the critical goals has been integrating digital assets (and surrogates for traditional content) in daily practices and work flows of researchers and students. During the last decade, our service context has changed substantially, requiring us to reconsider the integration goal in terms of affordances provided by the new information and communication technologies. My goal is to review some of the emerging technologies as well as associated user expectations and behavior and consider the potential impact on integrating digital assets in learning and research environments.



**The John Glenn School of Public Affairs presents "Obstacles and Opportunities: The Challenges Ahead for the Obama Administration":** National experts offer their insight on the role and responsibilities of the new executive branch. All events will take place at the Faculty Club Grand Lounge, located at 181 S. Oval Dr. on the campus of The Ohio State University: **Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, "Obama's Presidential Drama," February 17, 4:30 p.m., presented as the 2009 Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum:** Clarence Page, the 1989 Pulitzer Prize winner for *Commentary*, has been a columnist and a member of the *Chicago Tribune's* editorial board since July 1984. His column is syndicated nationally by Tribune Media Services in close to 200 papers. Page is also a regular contributor of essays to *The News Hour With Jim Lehrer* and *News and Notes with Ed Gordon* on National Public Radio. He has hosted documentaries on PBS and served as a regular panelist on national programs including ABC's *This Week* and BET's weekly *Lead Story* news panel program. RSVP: Event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to RSVP for these events, please visit <http://www.glennschool.osu.edu/> or call 614-688-3206.

# University News



## ***StoryTelling Series, StoryBox Project features Onawumi Jean Moss:***

The Multicultural Center invites you to share your story as a part of the OSU StoryBox project with Onawumi Jean Moss, a storyteller, narrator, keynote speaker and author whose dramatic expression, inspirational a cappella music, soulful rhythms and improvisation are sure to encourage pride of heritage, kinship and appreciation of cultural differences. All are welcome at the public performance at 7 p.m. Wednesday (2/11) in 150 Younkin Success Center. Contact: 688-8449. [Read more >](#)

***Maximus Competition: Call for Faculty Exam Evaluators:*** The Maximus Competition will take place this year on February 6, 7 and 14. This competition is critical in enabling OSU to attract a large number of high-ability students to Ohio State and is central to improving the academic undergraduate profile. We expect 1,000 students to compete. All students have at least a 32+ ACT score (1420+ SAT Critical Reading and Math score) and rank in the top 3% of their graduating classes.

Our commitment to having at least two faculty members evaluate each essay represents a substantial amount of work, especially considering that there will be approximately 4,000 essays to grade by the deadline of February 20. However, since faculty are necessarily at the heart of any academic evaluation process, it is essential work. In making scholarship decisions, no factor will receive more weight than faculty evaluations of the essays.

- **Site:** Enarson 320 (refreshments will be available)
- **When:** Any time between 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday, from February 9 through February 20
- **Action:** Graders will evaluate essays from the Maximus Competition by assigning a number from 1 to 5 (no corrections needed)
- **Questions:** Merijn Van Der Heijden, (614) 247-6050 or [vanderheijden.1@osu.edu](mailto:vanderheijden.1@osu.edu)

If you are willing to participate in the grading process, please complete a short survey at [www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228RHWLB99W](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228RHWLB99W).

***23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum Needs Judges:*** The Forum is requesting professors and staff from all academic areas to serve as judges of abstracts and presentations for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Hayes Forum to be held on Saturday, April 25. The Forum provides an arena for graduate students to showcase their original research or creative productions while competing for over \$15,000 in cash prizes and travel grants. Please register as a Forum Judge at <http://cgs.osu.edu/funding/hayes.aspx> Questions? Contact Lea Popielinski at [popielinski.1@osu.edu](mailto:popielinski.1@osu.edu) Sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, the Graduate School, and the Office of Research, the Hayes Forum is the premier event for the Ohio State University graduate student body.

# Thompson



*The Stacks Tower is clearly visible through the skylights that are above both atriums. The ability to see the tower will help visitors navigate throughout the Thompson Library.*

## People



**John M. Bennett**, Rare Books & MSS Library/Avant Writing Collection, has released an audio CD recording, 30 DIALOGOS SONOROS, created with Chilean poet Martin Gubbins, Luna Bisonte Prods, 2009.

### **Personnel Report/Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department**

There are no current vacancies at the Libraries.

*To comply with University procedures, employees applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NewsNotes Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.*

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:  
<https://www.jobsatosu.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1206709374977>

# Exhibits



## **Ronald Searle: Satirist**

*January 15 – March 31, 2009*

*Cartoon Research Library's Reading Room Gallery*

The exhibit showcases examples of this great British cartoonist's work at the height of his career as a graphic reporter during the 1950s and 1960s.



Born March 3, 1920, to a working class family in Cambridge, Searle quit art school to join the Territorial Army as an Architectural Draughtsman in 1939. He was shipped to Singapore in October 1941, was captured by the Japanese a month after his arrival, he spent the remainder of World War II in a prisoner of war camp. Searle began cartooning for *Punch* in 1946 and was so successful there that he became a member of Mr. Punch's Table, a very high honor, only a decade later. During this time, Searle also worked frequently for American magazines such as *Holiday* and *Life*. In 1960 he was the first non-American artist to receive the National Cartoonists Society's Reuben Award, its highest honor.

In the early 1960s Searle moved to France and began cartooning less and painting more. He created several limited edition prints over the last 40 years. Searle collaborated on numerous book projects, as documented by the 84 titles associated with him that are held in this library.

The Cartoon Library and Museum was fortunate to purchase a collection of almost 50 pieces by Searle in 1995. Most of works in this exhibition are selected from this purchase.

The library is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See <http://cartoons.osu.edu/> for further information.

## **“Picturing History: Bela Petheo, Artist of ‘The Rise of the West’”**

<http://library.osu.edu/sites/exhibits/petheo>

[o](#). The exhibit was curated by David Staley, associate professor of the OSU Department of History. William McNeill's *The Rise of the West* is one of the most important books written on the subject of world history. When it was published in 1963, reviewers hailed the book for the new paradigm it advocated—that civilizations did not develop in isolation but grew as a result of contact with other civilizations and the exchange of ideas and techniques that resulted—and in 1964 McNeill was awarded the National Book Award.