

News Notes

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News

ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce Now Accepting Applications for 2007–09 Diversity Scholars: ARL is Seeking Diverse MLS Students with educational backgrounds in applied and natural sciences or information technology. Applications to become a 2007-09 Diversity Scholar in the ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce are now available. The program offers a stipend of up to \$10,000 over two years to support graduate study in library and information science for MLS students from underrepresented groups interested in careers in research libraries. The initiative also offers a mentoring relationship with an experienced librarian, a leadership-training curriculum, and the opportunity to work in an ARL library upon graduation. The stipends can be coupled with other financial aid to provide an extra incentive for completing library school. The ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by voluntary contributions from 52 ARL member libraries; this funding reflects a commitment to create a diverse research library community that will better meet the new challenges of global competition and changing demographics. Applications are due June 18, 2007. The [application form](#) is available online. For more information about the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce, please contact: [Jerome Offord Jr.](#), Director of Diversity Initiatives, Association of Research Libraries, 21 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 296-2296.

ALAO Diversity Scholarship for MLS Students: The Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) offers a \$1,500 scholarship to a promising student enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLS program who exemplifies the qualities needed to ensure a diverse library workforce. The scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient's bursar account for tuition at his or her institution. As the scholarship recipient, the student will receive a complementary registration for ALAO's Annual Conference and at least one year of mentorship from a selected ALAO Board member. The scholarship application is available at: <http://www.alaoweb.org/comsigs/diversity/scholarship-guidelines.html>. Completed applications should be sent via email to: ione.damasco@notes.udayton.edu by Friday, March 16. For additional information or questions, please contact the current ALAO Diversity Committee Chair: [Ione Damasco](#), Roesch Library, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-1360, (937)229-4238

**Last week's issue was delayed because of the snow closings.*



Laura Gasaway, director of the law library and professor of law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, presented the second of four lectures on "Intellectual Property in the Digital Age" at the Faculty Club February 8. The lecture series is being presented by University Libraries, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the John A. Prior Health Science Library and the Moritz College of Law—Law Library.

Training Opportunities

Millennium Create Lists Training (aka "Boolean training"), Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ackerman Library, Room 5826. Sponsored by The Libraries' Training Advisory Council.

"Retirement Choices under OPERS," Wednesday, February 28, Noon – 1 p.m., Office of Human Resources, 1590 N. High St., Suite 430, Room 421: The Office of Human Resources (OHR) and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) are partnering to offer an on-campus forum on Wednesday, February 28 to help eligible staff with their decisions regarding the retirement choices available under OPERS. This seminar is designed for staff who have been at the university for less than 180 days (staff with a date of hire of September 1, 2006 and after). At the forum, OPERS representatives will review, compare, and summarize the three OPERS retirement plan options. For additional information on OPERS retirement plan options, please visit the web at: <http://www.hr.osu.edu/benefits/retirepers.htm>.

Oracle Calendar Workshop, Friday, March 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Science & Engineering Library, Room 390: The Libraries' Training Advisory Council has prepared a workshop that will introduce you to the various capabilities available with this application. We have reserved the computer lab in SEL so that you may benefit from some hands-on experience. Seating is limited, so please register with [Lisa Iacobellis](#) at 8-3030 to take advantage of this opportunity.

- **Training Calendar:** <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/calendars.html>.
- **Human Resources/Organization & HR Consulting Information:** <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/index.asp>
- **Meeting and Events Calendar:** Marilyn Willhoff maintains a calendar of all known events and regularly scheduled and special meetings for each month. The calendars are available on the Staff Information page under the first category of People, etc.; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/comcal.html>.

Lectures/Presentations

Heather Joseph, Executive Director, SPARC, Tuesday, February 20, 3:30 p.m., refreshments, 3:45 p.m., lecture, OSU Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Dr.: SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), an initiative of the Association of Research Libraries, (ARL), is an alliance of universities, research libraries and organizations. SPARC serves as a catalyst for action in helping to create scholarly communication systems that expand information dissemination and use in a networked digital environment while responding to the needs of academe. Series presented by the University Libraries, Office of the Chief Information Officer, the John A. Prior Health Sciences Library and the Moritz College of Law—Law Library. Series supported by the Friends of the OSU Libraries.

“A Conversation with Harvey Pekar,” Wednesday, February 28, 7 p.m., Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N. High St.



For more than 30 years, Ohio native and endearing curmudgeon Harvey Pekar has carefully and hilariously documented his experiences and observations through his autobiographical comics. The absorbing tale of his life and work was the basis for the acclaimed 2003 film *American Splendor*, which won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance International Film Festival. Pekar will discuss his life's work with Dr. Jared Gardner of The Ohio State University Department of English at Mershon Auditorium. This “Artist’s Conversation” is jointly sponsored by the OSU Cartoon Research Library and the Wexner Center for the Arts. A book-signing will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

Mark Sandler, CIC Center for Library Initiatives, March 7, 1:30 p.m., refreshments, 1:45 p.m., lecture, OSU Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Dr.: Sandler leads the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Center for Library Initiatives, working with the directors of the CIC libraries to identify and facilitate cooperative programs, and is a liaison to CIC library-related working groups.

People

Steven Galbraith, Rare Books and Manuscripts, has accepted a position as the Andrew W. Mellon Curator of Books at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., effective July 1. We congratulate Steven and wish him well.

Publications

John M. Bennett, Rare Books & MSS Library, has published a book of poetry, *BACKWORDS*, Espoo, Finland: Blue Lion Books, 2007. 577 pp. It is published in a back-to-back edition with Richard Kostelanetz' *FURTHEREST FICTIONS*.

Honors

John M. Bennett, Rare Books & MSS Library, was Visiting Artist at the Columbus College of Art and Design, Feb. 12.

Libraries Faculty Honored at Recognition Event February 6

The Faculty Recognition Program, sponsored by The Office of Academic Affairs, the Faculty Club, and University Libraries, recognizes achievements in tenure and promotion by The Ohio State University faculty. Each faculty member granted tenure or promotion in the 2006/07 academic year was given the opportunity to select a book or serial volume from the University Libraries' collection to be book-plated in their name. Books not owned were purchased for the program. Honorees were invited to include a personal statement of why that book or journal volume held particular significance to them.

OSU Libraries honorees included:

- **Tamar Chute**, Associate Professor with Tenure
- **Linda Krikos**, Associate Professor
- **Guoqing Li**, Professor
- **Nancy O'Hanlon**, Professor
- **Kathy Webb**, Associate Professor with Tenure



Tamar Chute



Guoqing Li

Our congratulations to our colleagues on these important honors.

Exhibits

Korean Comics: A Society through Small Frames

Through March 16

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

[Cartoon Research Library, 27 West 17th Ave.](#)

The Korea Society presents *Korean Comics: a Society through Small Frames*, the first substantial survey of Korean comics to be exhibited in the U.S. The exhibition features 83 framed works by 21 of Korea's most talented cartoonists, drawn over a period of 40 years. It includes works by artists from both South Korea and North Korea. The exhibit is organized and curated by The Korea Society as part of their traveling exhibition program. It is currently traveling to colleges, universities, galleries and nonprofit institutions across America. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Cartoon Research Library, the Korean Studies Initiative, and the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature.

Feathers, Leathers & Fur: A Fashion History

Through May 19

Historic Costume & Textiles Collection Library, Campbell Hall, 1787 Neil Ave.

An exhibition that explores the role feathers, leathers, and fur have played in garments and accessories and their effect on various animal populations throughout history.

"Imaging Antiquity: Selections from the Jack Balcer Archive"

Through March 16

Colleagues' Lounge, Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Dr.

Jack Balcer donated his slide collection to the Visual Resources Library in the History of Art Department.

"African-American & African Art: Selections from the Marantz Collection of Picture Books"

Professor Emeritus Kenneth Marantz is former chair of the Department of Art Education. He is an expert in the study of picture books. Over the course of 40 years he and his wife, school librarian Sylvia Marantz, have acquired a collection of over 21,000 picture books and associated materials. They have been donating these to Ohio State, the Columbus College of Art and Design and, most recently, to Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science where the books will reside in the Reinberger Children's Resource Center. Ohio State is fortunate to own a portion of the Marantz' collection. You can see the exhibit in room 286A of Sullivant Hall, 1813 N. High Street. You can also see the [Marantz Virtual Exhibit](#). It's a web version of the physical exhibit. To find more books from the Marantz collection in the OSU library catalog, do a keyword search for "Marantz". These books must be requested from and examined in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Room, temporarily located at 2700 Kenny Rd. in the Depository Building (292-5938). For more information, contact: Anne Fields, 250A Sullivant Hall, 292-2762.

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