



News Notes

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News

Libraries Faculty Teaching Wide Range of Freshman Seminars: The 2007-2008 Freshman Seminar program features several sessions by Libraries' faculty throughout the upcoming academic year.

Autumn Quarter 2007

- *Need a Ride to Johannesburg or Timbuktu?; Literary Travels Across Africa*--**Miriam Conteh-Morgan**
- *Analyzing the Appeal of Manga*—**Maureen Donovan**
- *Women in Islam: The Secrets of the Veil*—**Magda El-Sherbini**
- *Of Time and Change: Critical Turning Points in OSU History*—**Raimund Goerler**
- *The Amazon River and Rainforest: Exploring through Research*—**Ted Riedinger**

Winter Quarter 2008

- *From National Treasure to The Da Vinci Code: Freemasons, Fact, and Fiction*—**Jose Diaz**
- *Droppin' Science: Introduction to Rap Music Research*—**Leta Hendricks**
- *Zombies, Chainsaws, and Screams: Horror Films and Culture*—**Beth Kattelman**

Spring Quarter 2008

- *Need a Ride to Johannesburg or Timbuktu?; Literary Travels Across Africa*--**Miriam Conteh-Morgan**
- *Angels, Madwomen, and Somewhere In-Between: A Selection of Ghost Stories by American Women Writers*—**Anne Fields**
- *Headless Woman in Topless Bar: Researching Tabloid Journalism and Privacy Rights*—**Gerald Greenburg**

OSU Libraries to Host Thai Librarians October 18: The OSU Libraries will provide a full day of presentations and tours to a group of 12 visiting Thai librarians on Thursday, October 18. The visiting colleagues have asked that learn specifics about the OSUL organization, cooperation and interlibrary loans.

Libraries Moving to Automated Timekeeping System (ATS): The Libraries are going forward with plans to simplify payroll recordkeeping for employees and supervisors. The Libraries have signed an agreement with Workforce Software to plan, test and implement ATS. Libraries' Assistant Director Linda Gonzalez said the system will allow the Libraries to comply with pay practices and improve the timeliness of the pay process beginning with the way employees' record and report and supervisors review and approve time worked. The Libraries are beginning with the hourly student employees and the hourly staff.

Linda said the Libraries is one of several units on campus currently implementing ATS, including Business Operation, Campus Police, and Facilities Operations and Development (FOD). Several other units are interested in the process including the Office of Academic Affairs and Central Payroll, which both have representatives on the Libraries' project team. "The move to paperless pay a few years ago--replacing paper time cards with an electronic system--was the first step in automating payroll," Gonzalez said. "The changeover to ATS will continue that process."

The Workforce ATS includes multiple methods employees can use to enter their times, including a Web clock and card swipe devices. The ATS provides employees and managers with a real time view of hours worked, the automatic addition of hours worked, and automated messages to the employee from the manager for any necessary follow up. The system will also provide oversight for the Libraries' HR staff on exceptions, and enhance the reports that need to be produced.

Staff and managers will be trained on the use of these systems as part of the implementation process.

Personal Health Assessment (PHA) deadline extended for 2008 premium

reduction: While the Incentive Program has ended, the deadline to take the Personal Health Assessment online questionnaire has been extended to Friday (12/14) to allow faculty and staff to obtain the \$10 monthly or \$4.62 biweekly health plan premium discount beginning in 2008. The premium reduction for PHAs completed Oct. 1-Dec. 14 will not be reflected in Open Enrollment confirmation information but will take effect with your January pay. Get a free health screening at one of several locations around campus to obtain data needed to complete the PHA online. (This data also may be obtained from your physician within the last 12 months.) Register for a screening online (click on Assessing Your Health Risks) or call 292-1050.

Update on lighting projects, E-phone project, at the Ackerman Road Complex:

- Four 20' University Standard light poles for the South lot are installed and operational. The "up" lighting on the flag pole is also installed and operational.
- Emergency phones have been installed in the south and north lot; OIT/UNITS will make final connections.
- The work for the North Wall Lighting outside the Library should be complete by Friday, October 12.

The Art of Books, with Book Arts Specialist Bob Tauber, Tuesday, October 16, 4-5:30 p.m., George Wells Knight House, 104 E. 15th Ave.: Tauber will present several examples of his handprinted books, and explore the redactive and collaborative nature of book publishing. RSVP to literacystudies@osu.edu . Presented by LiteracyStudies @ OSU.

Faculty Recognition Program Reception, Thursday, October 18, 3:30-5 p.m., Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S. Oval Drive, Columbus campus: University Libraries, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Faculty Club will host the 5th annual Faculty Recognition Program reception to honor all Ohio State University faculty granted tenure or promotion in 2007/08.

The 152 honorees include regular and clinical faculty from all OSU campuses. Faculty honorees have the opportunity to select a book or a bound journal volume from the University Libraries' collection to be book-plated in their name in recognition of their accomplishments. Selected books will be displayed at the reception and later at library location book displays. The reception is open to the university community and guests. There will be music and refreshments. For details contact [Marsha Hamilton](#) (247-7461).

Kate Wittenberg, Director of Electronic Publishing; Columbia University, Wednesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m. (refreshments at 3:15 p.m.), Faculty Club Grand Lounge: Kate Wittenberg is the Director of EPIC, the Electronic Publishing Initiative at Columbia, and serves as the PI for Columbia University on the Core Integration Team of the National Science Digital Library. In addition to her work on NSDL, Dr. Wittenberg directs the digital publications Columbia International Relations Online, Columbia Earthscape, the Gutenberg-e Online History Project, and Digital Anthropology Resources for Teaching. She is particularly interested in collaborative organizational models for the development of digital resources and innovative business plans for sustaining electronic scholarly and educational publications. For information call 614-292-2503 or 614-292-5875.

Training Opportunities

Family Violence and Relationship Abuse Training Classes, Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 9-11 a.m. (at Gateway) or Tuesday, October 16, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (at Gateway): These classes are being offered this month to faculty and staff. The two hour interactive presentation will allow participants to increase their knowledge about family violence and relationship abuse, improve their comfort level with intervening, and increase their knowledge about family violence resources available to them and their coworkers. To register go to http://hr.osu.edu/OHRD/training/core_programs.asp Click on Diversity on the left side of your screen and then click on Family Violence and Relationship Abuse.

Autumn Quarter New Student Employee Orientations: New student employees of the Libraries are required to attend a single two-hour library orientation workshop. The Autumn Quarter workshops for new student employees will be held on the following dates:

- Friday, Oct 12: 2:30-4:30 p.m. in SEL 090
- Tuesday, Oct 16: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in SEL 090
- Wednesday, Oct 24: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in SEL 090
- Friday, Oct 26: 2:30-4:30 p.m. in ACK 5826

Note the locations of the sessions: ACK 5826 is the large conference room on the second floor of the Ackerman Library; SEL 090 is the large Science & Engineering Library basement conference room close to the stairs and elevators. Refreshments and activity prizes will be given to student employees who attend the orientations. No reservations are needed.

- **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>.

PERSONNEL

Spot Bonus

Dan Noonan, electronic records manager and archivist, has been recommending for a spot bonus for his work in expanding the website of the OSU Archives to encompass electronic records. Thanks to Dan's work, the site (library.osu.edu/sites/archives/retention/arvguidelines.php) includes general issues concerning electronic records, the management of e-mail, best practices, and sources of information concerning records retention and disposition.

VACANCIES

FACULTY

CIPS - Curator, Arabic & Islamic Studies - 100% FTE - New Position

Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (FAES) Library - Assistant Professor (FAES Subject Specialist) - replacing Logan - 100% FTE

Science and Engineering Library - Assistant Professor (Physical Sciences Subject Specialist) - replacing Arnold -100% FTE

Serials, Electronic Resources and Rights Management Department (SER) - Assistant Professor (Electronic Resources Coordinator) - 100 % FTE - replacing Feather - 1st Listing

To comply with University procedures, employees who are 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:

<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>

Exhibits

The Horse: A Mirror of Man--Parallels in Early Human and Horse Medicine

October 17-31

Veterinary Medicine Library, 2nd floor

1900 Coffey Rd.

This mini-exhibit from the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health highlights the history of medicine through the study of the horse. The horse has been one of the most important animals throughout human history, and healing horses has had an important place in veterinary and medical literature. Theories about equine physiology and health often mirrored theories about humans, and the literature of both was inherently linked. Bloodletting, astrology, and ancient texts were used by both physicians and veterinarians to heal their patients, and many discoveries, including the circulation of the blood, developed in tandem. In addition to showing the historical study of anatomy, the exhibit also demonstrates an early example of "one medicine."

Rarities: Unusual Works from the Caniff Collection

September 4, 2007 - January 19, 2008

Cartoon Research Library

Milton Caniff was a saver, and he was the son of a saver. As a result, the Milton Caniff Collection, the founding collection of The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library, is enormous - nearly 12,000 original artworks by Caniff, 85 boxes of memorabilia, and more than 450 boxes of manuscript materials, fan letters, and business records. This exhibition celebrates the richness of the Caniff Collection and provides insight into the work, friendships, and influence of one of the 20th century's great cartoonists. In addition to work by Caniff, several drawings of Caniff by Noel Sickles, a fan letter from Mort Walker when he was 13, and an oil painting of General George Patton by Bill Mauldin are among the items on display.

Register for the 2007 Festival of Cartoon Art: GRAPHIC STORYTELLING,

October 26-27, Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N 3rd St.: Registrations are now being accepted for the ninth triennial Festival of Cartoon Art organized by the Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library. Attendees will enjoy presentations by top cartoonists from the around the country and the world focusing on the art of graphic storytelling. Registration is \$150 (only \$25 for students and seniors 65 and over!) and includes admission to all Festival of Cartoon Art Forum presentations, the exhibit catalogue for *Milton Caniff: American Master* and *School of Caniff*, morning refreshments and lunch at the Renaissance Hotel on both Forum days, a special exhibit reception at The Ohio State University, and a souvenir tote bag.

Registration is limited to 275 participants and will be accepted in the order received.

A downloadable registration form is available at the 2007 Festival of Cartoon Art Web site:

<http://cartoons.osu.edu/FCA2007/site/>. The site also features additional information about related events taking place in conjunction with the Festival including an academic pre-conference at the Blackwell Hotel and a special cartoon exhibition and reception at the Thurber House on Thursday, October 25 and a banquet on Saturday evening, October 27. The full schedule and information about the speakers is posted at

<http://cartoons.osu.edu/FCA2007/site/>.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus.

Accommodations for conference registrations are available at a special group rate.

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