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FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY

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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library represents a unique collaboration between San José State University and the city of San José. Since 2003, the library has combined academic and public services in the nation's largest joint library. Serving as both the university library for San José State and the main branch of the San José Public Library System, the King Library provides resources and services for a lifetime of learning.

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A Message from the Dean



We are in the middle of another exciting fall semester here at the San José State University library. Most notably, we are experiencing our largest ever class of new students at nearly 10,000. It is essential for the academic success of these students to get oriented with the library and working with the librarians right from the start. Therefore, our university librarians are busier than ever before. The librarians and library staff ensure that students attain effective research and information literacy skills that they will need to use throughout their entire academic careers and long after they graduate. Reaching every student early in their academic career can be challenging, so there are a number of new initiatives the library has launched this fall that we hope will get students into the library and meeting with librarians.

First, we have extended study hours for SJSU students to 24 hours, five days a week. Second, we are providing self-service checkout of technology and equipment such as laptops, calculators, tablets, cameras and more. Third, we have begun a late-night tutoring program in subjects that have the highest failure rates, including math, chemistry and physics. Along with tutoring in these challenging courses, the Writing Center will be moving into the library in time for the spring semester. In the meantime, Writing Fellows are meeting in the library's study rooms with

students who need writing assistance. All of these initiatives, as well as others that are in the planning stages, are designed to add value to the student experience at SJSU, and, more importantly, to ensure students' academic success. Emerging research continues to suggest that students who use the library are significantly more successful than those who do not. Here at the King Library, we try to ensure that every one of our students can take advantage of library resources and services.

Along with the exciting news about the library comes some very sad news. Several of our long-time university library supporters have passed away. These individuals, and in many cases their families, have not only provided essential financial support to the library, but have served as an inspiration to every one of us who works in the library and to many of our students and faculty. Please read about these donors in this issue of the *Library News*. I am sure you will find their stories as inspirational as we do.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our new and continuing donors and supporters. Your donations help the library not only improve services and resources for all of our users, but they also continue to inspire us to be the best university library we can be for SJSU students, faculty, staff and the city of San José.

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Upcoming Events and Exhibits

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR SERIES

**November 29, Noon–1 p.m.
Room 225, second floor**

In his latest book, *A Practical Education: Why Liberal Arts Majors Make Great Employees*, Dr. Stross shows that liberal arts majors can succeed not in spite of, but because of, their education. The book presents ten profiles of recent Stanford graduates who chose humanities majors. The stories of their first-job experiences in Silicon Valley may embolden other employers to give liberal arts majors a similar chance to demonstrate how multi-capable they are.

Dr. Stross is a professor in the School of Management in the College of Business. Among his eight previous books is *The Wizard of Menlo Park: How Thomas Alva Edison Invented the Modern World* (2007).

FRIENDS OF KING LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Third Saturday & Sunday of the month, November to December

The Friends of the King Library hosts book sale events one weekend every month, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A wide variety of books and media is available at great prices. Book and media donations are accepted at the sale and new volunteers are always welcome. All sales are held outside of the Friends Bookstore on the patio on the campus-side of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

TOURS OF THE KING LIBRARY

**Every Thursday,
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Welcome Desk, first floor**

Drop-in tours covering the King Library building's design, collections and art are offered every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Where else can you see a revolving secret door, a low-rider table complete with hydraulic lifts or a set of tables shaped like the seven continents? These pieces and more comprise 34 public art installations designed to provoke curiosity and encourage exploration throughout the King Library. Sign up for a tour at the Welcome Desk on the library's ground floor. For more information, call 408-808-2181.

FACE MAKING—ART OF PORTRAITURE

**Now through November 30,
Exhibit Gallery, second floor**

Oil Paintings
Artist: Bhavna Misra

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

**Now through November 30,
Exhibit Gallery, fourth floor**

Drawings
Artist: David Mejia

PORTUGUESE COBBLESTONES: PAVEMENTS IN THE WORLD

**December 2 to January 30,
Exhibit Gallery, second floor**

Photos
Presented by: Manuel Bettencourt

History of Thanksgiving

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1983, the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies has served as the only institution of its kind in North America and holds the largest collection of Beethoven works and memorabilia outside Europe. Located on the fifth floor of King Library, the center is a museum and research center, and regularly hosts lectures and performances devoted solely to the life and works of Ludwig van Beethoven.

For more information about these and other public events, visit the King Library website at library.sjsu.edu/events.

Transforming the Library

The King Library is undergoing an extensive transformation this fall. Several exciting new changes are taking place in library services to respond to student demand!

Unified Service Point

Starting this fall, both the library circulation and reference desks can be found on the first floor in a Unified Service Point. Service desks in the library have been merged to provide library patrons with one central location to find answers to all their information needs. This desk will be staffed by guides who can answer questions about the website and library services as well as help with navigating the library building itself. SJSU librarians are available for research consultations. The goal in merging service desks is to have one central location for everyone to ask questions and receive guidance, rather than requiring patrons to go to various floors for information.

Sound Studio

In late September, a new sound recording studio was installed on the fourth floor of the library. The sound recording studio was added to the library's fourth floor based on student requests for a dedicated space for sound creation and editing. It also provides complete sound isolation for students looking to edit sound for videos, record podcasts, practice an instrument or edit their latest video game soundtrack.

From dusk till dawn five days a week

SJSU students can now study in the library 24 hours, five days a week! With over 1,000 students using the building after midnight when it was open during midterms and finals, the need for this became obvious. With the thumbs-up from Provost Andy Feinstein, the King Library extended the hours throughout the semester beginning in September 2017. Another new feature is a laptop vending machine for self-checkout of laptops, iPads and other technology.

Late-night tutoring

Late-night tutoring is now available for students in the library. Tutoring will be provided for science and math courses that have been shown to be the most challenging for students. The library has been working closely with SJSU's tutoring service, Peer Connections, to employ experienced and well-trained tutors for this service. These tutoring hours are ideal for students who want answers to quick questions about coursework or who want a second pair of eyes to review their assignments.

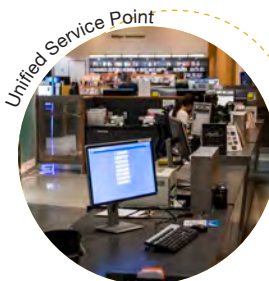
Materials Connexion

Materials Connexion is a library made of material samples that students can review, evaluate and experience. This library provides students with the ability to prototype products, develop innovative designs and inspire use of new materials for product and design development. Starting in the spring 2018 semester, all students, particularly those studying Art, Design or Engineering, will be able to utilize this library by reviewing sample materials to develop a product or design.

zSpace: Bringing virtual and augmented reality to the library

At the end of the fall semester students will be able to use zSpace systems located on the fourth floor in the Creative Media Lab. zSpace technology combines elements of Virtual and Augmented Reality that are immersive and interactive to create lifelike experiences on the computer. zSpace applications such as the Human Anatomy Atlas assist with developing accurate mental models where users can see the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Design applications like these introduce students to interactive 3D creations of digital objects.

Unified Service Point



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Late-night tutoring





Student Assistant Profiles

With over 90 student assistants working on staff at the SJSU Library, there are lots of opportunities for students to gain job training and contribute skills and intellect to SJSU. The following is a spotlight on four of these real-world lifesavers who found fulfilling work at the King Library. It goes to show that the library is a place for students who are looking to acquire professional experience as well as meet internship requirements for many academic majors.

Hun Zaw
Media Services &
SCS Student Assistant

Brenda Alfaro
Affordable Learning Solutions &
Access Services Student Assistant

Enrique Luna-Ramirez
SCS Student Assistant



Brenda Alfaro

Affordable Learning Solutions & Access Services Student Assistant

History major Brenda Alfaro has been a student assistant at the library for over a year now. Her first role was as a Reference Desk student assistant. Now she works for both Affordable Learning Solutions and Access Services. Library employees Terrylynne, Justin, Mike and Suzie are important mentors for her. For Affordable Learning Solutions, Brenda organizes documents, handles record keeping, sets up conferences and works on research assignments. “I really enjoy the research part of working for Affordable Learning Solutions. It’s very different from Access Services, which involves a lot of Excel spreadsheets.”

Brenda’s role in Access Services comes with daily challenges. “Every patron is different. I have to be adaptable.” She wishes students would better utilize the library’s resources. “There’s a lot more than just Course Reserves.” Brenda is currently applying to graduate school in library science and wants to work in the field of archives.



Andrew Belamide

SCS Student Assistant

Computer Engineering student Andrew Belamide has worked in the Media Services department at SJSU Library for the last two years. Starting this semester, Andrew has also become part of the Student Computing Services team. In Media Services, Andrew assists in providing support for the classrooms and meeting rooms on the second floor of the library. “For classrooms, we usually set up the student laptops and help teachers with any setup they might need.” Andrew takes great pride in being able to help teachers, students, presenters and others, “...so that things go as smoothly as possible.”

Andrew considers SJSU Library staff members Dave Daley and Neil Ordinario to be great mentors as well as managers, and both are “...really helpful, cool and great with students.”



Hun Zaw

Media Services & SCS Student Assistant

Hun Zaw’s previous job experience as both an Amazon warehouse and Apple store employee have prepared him for all the hands-on work with technology, customer interactions and problem solving that make up both Student Computing Services and Media Services, which he refers to as “the backbone of the library.” Hun’s job requires him to know how to set up classrooms in the library for lectures and presenters. He handles microphones and audio levels, and sets up laptops and projectors inside the large rooms.

“On one of my first days at the library, I was preparing a presentation room for a professor... she requested on the spot that she needed to be able to write on the presentation screen. I chose to open up Microsoft Paint, and she was able to use it to aid the lecture.” Another aspect of Hun’s Media Services job that he values is being able to troubleshoot with knowledgeable, helpful advisors like IT manager Dave Daley and Media Services supervisor Justin Villena. “They are the coolest bosses. Justin bought us all donuts our first week just because.”



Enrique Luna-Ramirez

SCS Student Assistant

Mechanical Engineering student Enrique Luna-Ramirez works at Student Computing Services (SCS) where he assists students with all of their technology needs. Enrique is part of a team that prides itself on “presentation, appearance and [an understanding that] aesthetic matters” though he believes it is good not to “judge a book by its cover.” Enrique’s tidiness has not only benefited SCS by helping keep the area as clean and organized as possible, but his cleanly habits have rubbed off on his co-workers!

Working under SCS he has learned the importance of communication between himself and the students who approach him for help. He has observed that students need the most help with logging into the library’s Wi-Fi and how to use the library’s printers. The SCS team also participates in Freshman Orientations, where they show students what is available to check out in the library.

Explore the New Electronic Resources

The university library subscribes to hundreds of electronic databases to support faculty and student research. The following two databases may be accessed for community members when visiting the King Library.

ASTM Standards & Engineering Digital Library

Founded in 1898 as the American Section of the International Association for Testing Materials, ASTM International predates other standards organizations. Now, SJSU Library has access to the ASTM digital library.

The digital library includes journals, 12,900 standards, technical publications, manuals, proceedings, and bulletins that cover engineering disciplines such as: aerospace, biomedical, chemical, civil, environmental, geological, health and safety, industrial, materials science, mechanical, nuclear, petroleum, soil science and solar engineering.

HeinOnline

HeinOnline is an online database containing over 150,000 titles and 145 million pages of legal history and government documents in a fully searchable, image-based format. The database provides comprehensive coverage from the inception of more than 2,300 law-related periodicals. Along with its vast collection of law journals, it contains the entire Congressional Record, Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations, complete

coverage of the United States Reports dating back to 1794, and entire databases dedicated to treaties, constitutions, case law, world trials, classic treatises, international trade, foreign relations, U.S. Presidents and much more.

San José Studies

Looking for a great resource for local history and culture? A newly digitized San José State University journal is now accessible online through SJSU ScholarWorks (scholarworks.sjsu.edu/sanjosestudies). San José Studies was published from 1975 to 1995 and was sponsored by the SJSU Research Foundation.

Issues were published three times a year — winter, spring, and fall — and included critical and creative prose, as well as poetry, interviews and photographs. Though the focus was multidisciplinary, there was a particular interest in Bay Area and California cultures. Special issues focused on César Chávez, John Steinbeck, and Ezra Pound, among others.

The university library staff and faculty thank and acknowledge the Research Foundation, the copyright owner and publisher, for permitting this digitization project. The journal's assistants Joshua Luna and Jonathan Wong, who prepared, digitized and assigned metadata. SJSU ScholarWorks is a digital repository of the research, scholarship and creative works of San José State University faculty, students and staff. Go to scholarworks.sjsu.edu for more work created by the campus.

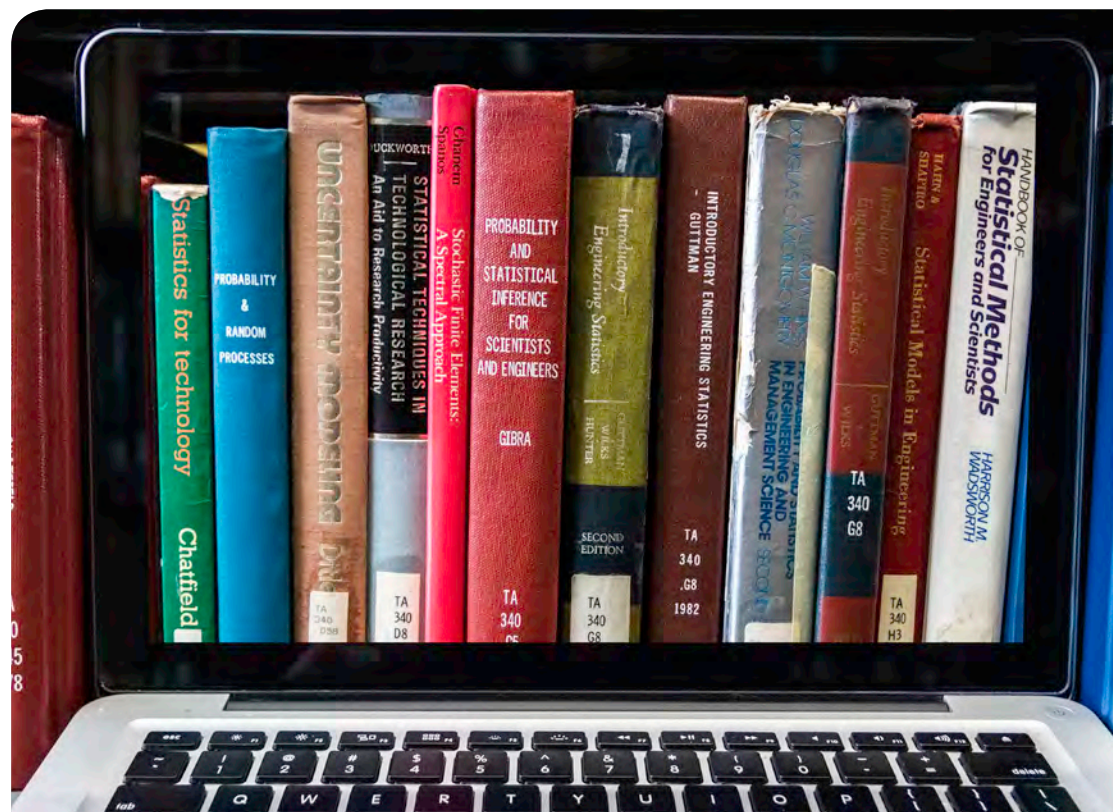
OneSearch

SJSU Library launched a new unified catalog system, OneSearch, improving access to SJSU Library resources and allowing users to view 29 million print books across all 23 California State University campuses. The primary goal of this upgrade is to enrich the research experience for SJSU students while assisting faculty and staff in their scholarly and professional pursuits. In addition to finding information more efficiently, OneSearch provides an intuitive, mobile-friendly user interface that is customizable.

Having the new SJSU Library donor card can give you access to

OneSearch and can be used to check out university materials. Contact Sylvia Ruiz, executive assistant to the dean, at sylvia.ruiz@sjsu.edu or 408-808-2107 for more information about this new card. You can also use your San José Public Library card to check out university materials found in OneSearch.

SJSU librarians are available to assist in any questions about the new OneSearch catalog. Visit the first floor desk to meet with a librarian or contact a librarian for a specific subject by going to library.sjsu.edu/staff-directory/sjsu-library-subject-liaisons.





Research Commons

The SJSU Library will expand its current basic research services by adding resources and creating a defined space for researchers. The Research Commons will provide a suite of services in a single location, providing expertise and a collaborative, technology-enhanced space. The goal is to provide support for researchers in each stage of the research lifecycle, from research design and funding to dissemination and publication. There will be experts to assist with education, training, referrals, and a physical and virtual space to showcase research. Researchers will be able to collaborate with others at SJSU and across the globe as well as find quiet space to work and write.

With the development and implementation of a Research Commons, the SJSU Library will be able to guide researchers through any part of their research process. For more information about the upcoming Research Commons, contact:

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Library Helps SJSU Students One Textbook at a Time

As part of SJSU Library's goal of providing students with resources to aid academic success, librarians used grant money awarded in 2016 to create a program called Teaching with Engaging and Affordable Materials (TEAM). This cost-effective solution is a part of a larger California State University Affordable Learning Solutions initiative. Through TEAM, the library collaborates with teaching faculty to implement the adoption of high quality, low or no-cost teaching materials.

At the end of spring 2017, TEAM faculty efforts saved students a total of \$72,094 by switching to Open-Educational Resource materials.

Total number of faculty adopters: 8
Total number of courses: 9
Total number of students: 325
Average savings by student: \$221.83

By the end of spring 2018 the goal is to integrate low or no-cost teaching materials into 49 course sections.

For more information please contact Academic Liaison Librarians Christa Bailey, at christa.bailey@sjsu.edu, 408-808-2422 or Adriana Poo, at adriana.poo@sjsu.edu, 408-808-2019.



Here is what a faculty member had to say about her TEAM experience:

"I was able to free myself much more to include topics on ableism/disability culture, LGBTQ issues, role of any professional provider/educator in preventing bullying and discrimination and being an ally — these are not topics that are commonly included in textbook chapters on cultural-linguistic diversity issues so I think I've studied and grown much more as an instructor."

—Nidhi Mahendra, PH.D., CCC-SLP
Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences



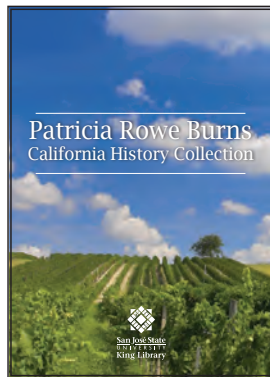
Dean Honors Library Donors

The annual donor recognition event is a time to celebrate our dedicated university library donors for their continued support while enjoying food, cocktails and the company of friends. Last spring, SJSU Library donors were invited to attend a showcase reception opening with musical accompaniment by SJSU student band The Ex Libris Trio, followed by a self-paced exploration of the fifth floor treasures and West African drumming by musical group Jaliya. We want to thank those of you who came to this lively event. We hope you will be able to attend the next event in late June so we can personally thank you and the other generous and loyal donors. Stay tuned for information about the next donor event hosted by Dean Elliott.



Remembering Our Library Supporters

The SJSU Library lost several cherished friends this past year. Their contributions to the library's collections and departments carry on their legacies.



Patricia Rowe Burns

Patricia Rowe Burns was born December 5, 1926, in Laguna Beach, California. She was married to Hobert W. Burns, who served as both the Academic Vice President and interim President at San José State University, and has two children, Janifer Marie Burns and Charles Rowe Burns. She received a B.A. in Art from Pomona College, an M.A. in Education from Stanford University, and a Master of Library and Information Science from San José State University. She taught art at both an elementary and junior high school and served as a reference librarian at the Santa Clara Public Library.

As a fifth-generation Californian, Patricia took a keen interest in California and local history. Her interest began as a fifth grader when

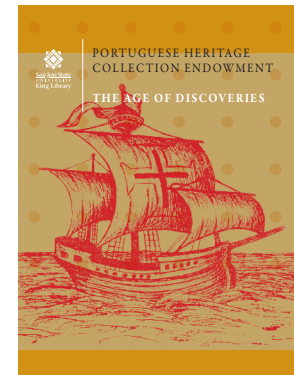
she learned about Jean Louis Vignes, the "original California ancestor," who came from Bordeaux, France to California in 1826. From there her interest in California history grew. Patricia and her late husband Bert established the Patricia Rowe Burns California History Endowment, encouraging others to develop interest and research in California history, particularly of the early Spanish and French settlers. The Burns family were also generous supporters of Special Collections, also home to Bert's archives. When asked, they said they supported the library because they "just love libraries!"

The library community will miss Patricia's charitable attitude and kindness. We are honored her legacy will live on here in the library.

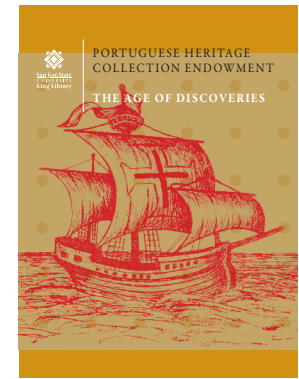
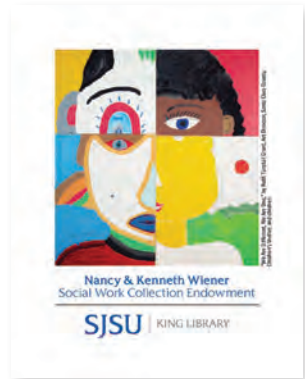


Ray Silva

Ray Silva was born and raised in San José, California. Ray was a first-generation American whose father emigrated from the island of Faial in the Azores. He attended San José High School and went on to play varsity basketball at San José State University, where he received his B.A. and M.A. in Physical Education. During the Korean War, Ray served as a physical training officer at the U.S. Naval School in Pensacola, Florida. After returning to the Bay Area, he served as President of the Spartan Foundation and was involved in the San José Rotary Club, the National Society of Financial Service Professionals, and the Santa Clara County Estate Planning Council.



Ray is survived by Carolyn Helms Silva, whom he met on the SJSU campus, their six children, 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ray was deeply proud of his Portuguese culture and took great interest in the enhancement of the Portuguese Collection here in the library. Ray served as an integral part of the library and the SJSU campus. Ray often spoke of his wife and his family, of whom he was deeply proud. The library community will miss his generous spirit.



Nancy Wiener

In 1963, Nancy met and later married Kenneth Wiener in San Diego, California. From early on, they were both mutual lovers of the arts and had a deep desire to help others in the community. She earned her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and in 1975 earned a Master of Social Work from SJSU. After getting her degree, she worked for the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services. Nancy's degree in social work opened the door to a fulfilling 40-year career in social work, administration and project management.

Nancy was deeply involved with many community efforts but her primary focus was supporting current and former foster youth and support for the arts. She was a part of the YES Program of Silicon Valley Children's Fund, which helps foster children; a member of the first board of directors for

Opera San José and the Arts 2020 program. She also served on the Friends of the University Library Board for many years. Much of Nancy's work was behind the scenes, but without her tenacity and effort many projects would simply not have come to fruition.

In 2016, Nancy and Ken established the Nancy and Kenneth Wiener Social Work Collection Endowment, supporting the purchase of print and electronic materials in the field of social work. Nancy's tremendous and loving support cultivated a strong partnership with the library and the community. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ken Wiener. Her many friends at the library, SJSU and throughout the community will miss her dearly. Nancy was truly unique and we were honored to call her a friend.

Lionel Goularte

Lionel was born in Warm Springs, California, and was the last surviving child of Jack and Adelaide's 15 children. In San Mateo County, Lionel served as a teacher, counselor and administrator. He got his degree at San José State University in business in 1954. Lionel's late wife, Bernie, got her degree in education at SJSU in 1955. He was an avid historian and member of Portuguese Fraternal Society of America #16, St. Anthony's Society in Half Moon Bay and the Portuguese Historical Museum.

Drawing from an interest in and love of culture, Lionel enriched the Portuguese Collection in

the SJSU Library. He and Bernie were deeply committed to teaching and funded the renovation of a library instruction classroom and also started an endowment to support professional development opportunities for SJSU librarians and staff.

The King Library is just one of many organizations that Lionel supported. He was deeply committed to the Portuguese community, to his faith, to his family and friends and to SJSU. The library community will remember his warm and gentle nature.

DID YOU KNOW?

The endowment bookplates depicted in this memorial were created in collaboration with these library supporters. To view all of the library's colorful bookplates, go to library.sjsu.edu/giving-library/ways-give. Contact Sabra Diridon, Senior Director of Development for Campaign Priorities, at sabra.diridon@sjsu.edu or 408-924-1510 about establishing a new endowment, a forever source of revenue to ensure continuous growth for the library.

Welcoming the New Director of Special Collections & Archives



Craig Simpson comes to the SJSU Library with over 20 years of experience as a librarian, archivist and faculty member in higher education. While earning a Master of Arts in History at Marquette University, Craig began his career working with collections as diverse as the papers of J. R. R. Tolkien and Senator Joseph McCarthy at the University of Missouri Special Collections and Archives. He gained further experience processing faculty papers as an intern at the Ohio State University Archives while earning a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from Kent State University.

Immediately following his MLIS, Craig spent six years as Special Collections Librarian at Kent State University Libraries, where he managed the Public Services Desk in the Department of Special Collections and Archives. Additionally, he headed the Kent State Shootings Oral History Project, a digital collection of over 100 interviews pertaining to the May 4, 1970, confrontation between Vietnam War protesters and the Ohio National Guard on the Kent State campus.

For the last seven years, Craig has served as Lilly Library Manuscripts Archivist at Indiana University, where he arranged and described a vast array of manuscript collections and personal papers.

Craig has taught history at Marquette University, humanities at Columbus State Community College and a wide range of courses in library science and lifelong learning at Indiana University. He is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists and has presented at the Midwest Archives Conference, the Ohio Academy of History and the Oral History Association.

Craig has family roots in the Bay Area and is excited and honored to be joining SJSU Special Collections and Archives, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library and the San José community.

Welcoming the New Student Success Librarian

Originally from the Midwest, **Laurie Borchard** has been living in Los Angeles for the last five years. She previously worked at California State University (CSU), Northridge as the Digital Learning Initiatives Librarian, where she created library tutorials, worked with students one-on-one and coordinated the campus textbook affordability initiative. She considers San José State University as one of the best colleges in the CSU system and thinks the location in Silicon Valley makes for a lot of exciting opportunities, especially for libraries. Plus, she gets a needed break from the hot weather.

Laurie loves working with students. She is always impressed by the hard work and determination students have and finds herself learning from them constantly. She is very passionate about the CSU experience and strongly believes in affordable education for everyone.

Laurie went to college right out of high school, but quit after two years because of a lack of direction, no connection to the faculty and feelings of not belonging. She returned to college after 10 years and knew she wanted to be a librarian. Laurie has a lot of compassion and empathy for students, knowing how daunting it can be, especially as a first generation college student herself.

One of the reasons Laurie came to King Library as the Student Success Librarian was because she was really impressed with what the campus was doing with their graduation initiative and the steps the university was already taking to improve student success. The King Library plays a huge role in student success, as a place to study, a place for information literacy instruction, research assistance, information sources, laptops, tutoring and much more. Laurie is looking forward to working with faculty, staff, administrators and students in improving student success at San José State University.



Welcoming the New Data Services Librarian



Kate Barron is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she just completed her M.A. in Information Science. In graduate school, she was able to study both librarianship and data analytics. Outside the classroom, Kate practiced librarianship as a User Information Services Assistant, and later Specialist, at the University of Michigan Libraries, where she provided reference services both in-person and virtually through email and instant message. Her library experience was supplemented by community service work in data analytics, management and governance. For example, Kate spent a summer in Medellin, Colombia, where she contributed information technology knowledge to a public health program for patients with chronic conditions. The program used automated phone calls and text messages to support patient self-care, particularly among diabetes or hypertension patients.

Later, during her second year of graduate school, she helped organize a “data hackathon,” wherein community non-profits worked with volunteer analysts to answer data-related questions.

Kate decided to come to San José State University because the Data Services Librarian position integrated her interests in librarianship and programming around campus data needs. Big data collection, storage and analysis is affecting everyone’s lives more than ever, albeit often under the radar. Kate is excited to support students, faculty and staff in navigating this new landscape.

Support the NEH Challenge Grant Endowment

Endowments allow donors to contribute to the growth and vitality of the university library. These funds not only help with the university's educational mission to promote student success, but also enhance library services and resources far beyond base budgets.

Established with a matching challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in 2009, the purpose of the NEH Challenge Grant Endowment was to strengthen and enrich the library's digital humanities collections. With funds from this endowment, the library now acquires digital resources in the humanities.

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