

Library Lines

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Faculty Scholars Reception Held

Drexel Library has started a new University tradition! Last fall, the Library hosted the first celebration of faculty scholarship. The University is rich in scholarship and, for this inaugural event, the Library selected scholars from our own Jesuit community. In coming years, individual academic departments will be selected for recognition.

The celebration included a wine and cheese reception featuring presentations by three Jesuits scholars on their recent work, a display of photographs of each scholar with a summary of their education and work, and an exhibit of actual publications.

This event addressed two of the the University's needs. It created an opportunity to share and acknowledge faculty research within the campus community and it offered a forum to launch our new interactive, searchable Web-based Faculty Publications Database.

The Library has maintained a faculty bibliography since 1997 when an online publication replaced the paper bibliography. However, the online version was not searchable and had no links to online documents. Now users can search by faculty member, department and keyword.

There are also live links to electronic versions of documents.

See the following page for a schedule of workshops for faculty on how to input and maintain their own citations.



University President Timothy Lannon, SJ, Library Director Evelyn Minick, and Gerald Finnegan, SJ at the scholars reception.

Drexel Library Welcomes Two New Librarians



Susan Cheney, Cataloging / Technical Systems Librarian

The Library has been fortunate to attract two staff members back to the Philadelphia area to work at Saint Joseph's. Both Susan Cheney and Kris Mudrick had previously lived in this area but had gone off to work in libraries in other states. They join us to fill two key library positions.

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Kris Mudrick, Serials / Electronic Resources Librarian

New Faculty Publications Database

Workshops for Faculty Planned

In Fall 2003, at the Annual Faculty Scholarship Reception, the Drexel Library premiered the Faculty Publications Database. This new resource replaced the static annual Faculty Bibliography with a dynamic, searchable database.

One of the attractive features of this database is that faculty members can obtain accounts to enter the database and manage their own citations.

On the following dates in February we will offer workshops on how to access and manage citations in the Faculty Publications Database.

Tuesday Feb. 10, 11:30 AM
Wednesday Feb. 11, 10:00 AM
and 4:00 PM
Thursday Feb. 12, 11:30 AM

All workshops will take place in the Drexel Library Instruction Lab and will last approximately one hour.

To see the database in its present state, follow the link "SJU Faculty Scholarship" from the Library's Homepage: <http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/>

Students Advise the Library

A Student Library Advisory Group has been formed. Meetings with this group will offer an opportunity for the exchange of ideas to help the Library provide the best possible service.

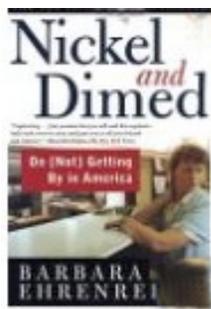
The students in the Advisory Group represent a range of years and majors and include senior Ashley Fantazier who is a Pharmaceutical Marketing major, junior Beth Rose, majoring in English, and Kevin Grubb, a freshman, who has not yet chosen a major. All indications are that this is a dynamic trio, articulate in voicing the needs of Saint Joseph's University students.

Librarians who had the opportunity to have an introductory meeting with these students late last semester readily acknowledge their good ideas and are grateful for their enthusiasm.

SJU Reads Nickel & Dimed

Come join the conversation about the Drexel Library's *Saint Joseph's Reads* selection, Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America. The book is a chilling personal exposé on the daily lives of America's working poor.

Inspired by the political rhetoric surrounding welfare reform, author Barbara Ehrenrich moves from Florida to Maine to Minnesota, taking minimum wage jobs and the cheapest lodging she can find. She quickly learns that one cannot survive, let alone thrive, on \$6 or \$7 an hour.



Students in five classes will read this book during the spring semester. The book discussion times listed

below are designed to bring faculty, students and staff together. Contact: Karin Botto (botto@sju.edu) or Evelyn Minick (minick@sju.edu) to reserve a place.

Thursday	Feb. 12	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Claver
Wednesday	Feb. 25	3:00 – 4:30 PM	Drexel Library
Friday	Mar. 5	12:00 – 1:30 PM	Claver
Tuesday	Mar. 16	3:30-4:30 PM	Drexel Library
Monday	Mar. 22	12:00 – 1:30 PM	Drexel Library
Friday	Apr. 2	10:30 – 12:00	Wolfington

Historical Photographs Preserved

Generous funding by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission allowed the Library's Archives and Special Collections Department to complete a preservation project for photographs related to the history of Saint Joseph's University.

Project staff organized and rehoused 5,000 historical photographs and created a descriptive database to provide access to the collection.

A guide to the collection and a selection of digitized images can be found through the Archives' webpage: <http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/archives>.

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Susan Cheney

Sue is happily returning to the Philadelphia area after a long stint in the Midwest. She grew up in Abington, but left the area to attend Marquette University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. After some years working in other fields, she decided to try librarianship and moved to New York to attend library school at Syracuse University. While there, she took a part-time job in the cataloging department at the Law Library and became hooked on cataloging. An internship at Le Moyne College gave Sue a strong foundation in cataloging rules and practices and launched her career in the field.

After graduating with her MLS degree in 1998, she took a Catalog Librarian position at Saginaw Valley State University in mid-Michigan. She expanded her expertise to include authority control and database management. A desire for new opportunities and challenges has brought her to Saint Joseph's University.

Sue loves to sing and performed with the Midland (Michigan) Music Society Chorale. Since her arrival she has been invited to sing with the Philadelphia Chamber Chorus. Her other interests include reading, watching the Green Bay Packers, and exploring the area.

Kris Mudrick

Kris Mudrick has just returned to Pennsylvania after spending two years in rural northeastern North Carolina working in the library at Chowan College. She was thoroughly enjoying the slower pace and warmer weather of Southern life in Murfreesboro, a historic river town, until her husband's job brought her back to this area. The snow and ice of the past couple of weeks has jolted her back into the realities of life "back up north" and she is now fully re-acclimated to the Delaware Valley lifestyle.

She has been working in libraries since she was a sophomore in college, where she pasted bookpockets and typed spine labels for new

books. She considers herself fortunate to have been able to stay employed in higher education ever since, and has enjoyed the variety of having worked in almost every department in a library. Kris has worked in a number of colleges in this area, most recently at Cabrini College in Radnor.

She holds a B.A. in psychology from Bates College, an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island and an M.Ed. from Cabrini College. She and her husband have one son, who is currently a student at Marietta College, and one brand-new granddaughter, just born in November.

Currently, she is reading works by North Carolina Literary and Historical Association award winning authors, having been introduced to them while working on the Symposium for the Literary Arts, first held at Chowan College in 2002.

E-ZBorrow

E-ZBorrow Expands

Drexel Library's ever popular E-Z Borrow Service (PALCI) has gotten better. E-ZBorrow allows faculty, students and staff to search and select books online from 35 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. In 2003, the service expanded to include the Rutgers University system in New Jersey and West Virginia University system in West Virginia. Additionally, the University of Pennsylvania joined as a full member offering free access to their collections.

Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh are currently testing a product that will allow for in person reciprocal borrowing between institutions. This pilot holds great promise for combining Saint Joseph's resources with other colleges and universities in the Philadelphia region.

Foglietta Art Donated

Ambassador

Thomas Foglietta (right) and his nephew stand with a display of replica polo players from China that were donated to the University

