AGSL Awarded Major Grant to Process Archives

The Andrew Mellon Foundation has awarded the American Geographical Society Library (AGSL), through the Council on Library and Information Resources, a $259,900 grant to organize and process the American Geographical Society (AGS) Archives, which were transferred from New York City to Milwaukee earlier this year.

The AGS library and map collection moved to UWM in 1978 while the archival collection, dating from the founding of AGS in 1851, remained in Manhattan. Under terms of a deposit agreement, the collections were reunited February 1, 2011.

The AGS Archives consists of approximately 540 cubic feet (10,000 pounds) of materials, including documents, photographs, drawings, and artifacts relating to all of the great names in American exploration and the larger field of geography from the mid 19th century through most of the 20th.

Documents already uncovered by AGSL staff include correspondence from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rudyard Kipling, David Livingstone (with a return address of only “Zambezi Africa”), and TE Shaw (“Laurence of Arabia”).

The Archives will require additional private support to preserve and make accessible.

Collaboration with SOIS Creates New Practicum Internship

The UWM Libraries’ Research and Instructional Support Dept. and the UWM School of Information Studies (SOIS) have partnered in the creation of an Information Literacy Instruction Practicum, a result of discussions on how to combine their resources to meet the information needs of UWM students.

The paid practicum, a 100-hour, semester-long position, is designed to give graduate students in SOIS hands-on instruction experience.

Marianne Kordas, the program’s first participant, assisted with teaching and also independently taught workshops for English 102 and Educational Psychology 100 during the Fall 2011 semester. The Spring 2012 student is Eleanor Peterson. Both students are enrolled in the dual degree program for Musicology and Library and Information Science.

UWM Libraries’ Library Instruction Coordinator Kate Ganski and SOIS faculty member Raina Bloom worked together to create the internship.
From the Director

There is no denying that budget issues loom large in our discussions as we work through the Libraries’ strategic planning for this year and the coming ones. In spite of these difficult times, we must remain focused on supporting our faculty, staff and students as well as new campus initiatives around research and teaching.

We work extremely hard to provide critical resources and services in spite of rising costs because our users repeatedly tell us that the Libraries are critical to their success as researchers, teachers and students.

Among recent achievements, we are very proud that our staff initiative on an information literacy tutorial was featured by the Association of College and Research Libraries as its tutorial Site of the Month in December. This new learning tool ([http://guides.library.uwm.edu/infolit](http://guides.library.uwm.edu/infolit)), created by UWM Libraries staff members Kristin Woodward and Kate Ganski, engages students in information literacy and research skills and meets the needs of the growing number of online and hybrid students.

Another initiative is our pilot project, focused on three departments with significant distance learning populations, to access selected books electronically (ebooks). The titles are included in PantherCat and are immediately available if needed. We are adjusting our acquisitions model to provide resources to our patrons in a more timely manner, and we are providing access to the resources truly supporting research and curriculum in a transparent manner. With this new model, often called patron driven acquisition (pda) or demand driven acquisition (dda), we hope to improve efficiency and provide the right resources.

An exciting and new project with faculty and students is the creation of a secure yet openly accessible digital space for their publications, as well as the possibility of peer reviewed publications emanating from UWM. This “Digital Commons” will contribute to the research standing of the university by highlighting publications through greater discovery opportunities and thus more citations.

In conjunction with this project, our work with the Graduate School is coming together and we will see the first cohort of dissertations submitted electronically this summer, saving students money and making their research more visible.

Finally, I want to mention the Libraries’ efforts to engage the larger community. We continue to host programming and events that are open to the public and relevant to all of Milwaukee, such as the upcoming Friends of the Golda Library Annual Program focusing on the education of children in the city (see at left).

I hope to see you in the library—perhaps in the Grind or at one of our many events—and please let me know how else the Libraries can meet your instructional, educational, and research needs.

Ewa Barczyk

Library Staff Awarded for Outstanding Work

Recipients of the 2011 UWM Libraries Outstanding Achievement awards were honored at a reception on January 10. Provost Johannes Britz presented with them certificates and cash awards, underwritten by the Carl and Janet Moebius Endowment and the Friends of the Golda Meir Library.

Awardees were:
- Kristin Miller Woodward, Instructional Design Librarian
- Giulia Caspari, Shelving Supervisor
- Erin Kunert, student employee in the Interlibrary Loan Department
UWM Libraries Opens Milwaukee Transgender Oral Histories

The Archives Department of the UWM Libraries, which actively collects materials documenting LGBT life and culture, has completed an oral history project focusing on Milwaukee’s transgender community from the 1960s to the present day.

The Milwaukee Transgender Oral History Project was conducted for the Archives by Dr. Brice Smith, author of “‘Yours in Liberation’: Lou Sullivan and the Construction of FTM Identity.”

Smith interviewed eight individuals from January through May 2011. Among them are social activists, community leaders, healthcare workers, service providers, and drag queens. Individuals self-identify across a broad spectrum of gender identities, and some resist identification entirely.

Topics covered include drag pageants from the pre-Stonewall period and later; the history of community organizations and programs such as the Gemini Gender Group, FORGE, and the Milwaukee Transgender Program of the Pathways Counseling Center; and issues confronting transgender individuals, including access to medical services, transitioning, and marginalization within mainstream and LGBT culture.

The oral history project resulted in almost 10 hours of audio and over 200 transcribed pages. The collection is open for research in the Archives Department, and a guide to the collection is online at http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/wiarchives.uw-mil-uwmmss0302. Plans are underway to provide online access to selections from the interviews.

“I cannot emphasize enough the significance of this project in strengthening to the LGBT History Collection,” said Michael Doylen, head of the Archives Department. “Our goal is to develop a collection that is genuinely inclusive and representative of the diversity of the Milwaukee LGBT community. Transgender people were not previously well documented in the historical record, and this collection helps to address that.”

Cary Gabriel Costello, associate professor in UWM’s Sociology Department and coordinator of the LGBT Studies Certificate Program, said: “Brice Smith’s oral history interviews are a vital addition to the UWM LGBT History Archive. The individuals interviewed present a picture of the rich and multifaceted history of transgender life in Milwaukee during the past half century. Preserving this history is of great value for future generations of scholars and community members.”

The project was made possible by the generous support of Joseph R. Pabst and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s Johnson and Pabst LGBT Humanity Fund, and the Eldon E. Murray Foundation Fund.

Advocacy Leads to Legacy Gift

For the past decade, Joseph Pabst has been one of the city’s most dedicated advocates for LGBT issues and since 2007 a major supporter of the UWM Libraries LGBT Collection.

Last year, he took his commitment one step further through the planned gift of a substantial bequest to the Libraries’ LGBT OUTreach History Endowment, which he had established in 2008.

The most recent beneficiary of his support is the Milwaukee Transgender Oral History Project (see above story), which Pabst characterizes as “astounding and touching.”

“The goal of the UWM Libraries’ LGBT collection is to document the struggle for acceptance and equality. It’s incredibly important work,” Pabst says. “That’s why I support the collection and encourage others to join me.”

On campus, Pabst’s generosity has stretched beyond the Libraries. He has supported the Milwaukee LGBT Film & Video Festival for many years and more recently the UWM LGBT Resource Center and UWM LGBT Certificate Program. Last year, these programs formed the UWM LGBT Campus Partners, a collaboration he encouraged.

Pabst was awarded Philanthropist of the Year by Wisconsin’s AIDS Resource Center in 2010 for his personal contributions and innovative fundraising strategies. As recipient of Milwaukee’s LGBT Community Center’s Equality Award, he received a citation from the Wisconsin State Assembly.

For more information about creating your own legacy to benefit the UWM Libraries, please contact Susan Modder, UWM Libraries Director of Development, at (414) 229-2811, semodder@uwm.edu or Gretchen Miller, Gift Planning Specialist, at (414) 229-3067, gemiller@uwm.edu.
Music Dedicated to Libraries Premiered at UWM

A cantata written by Slovenian composer Damijan Mocnik and dedicated to the UWM Libraries—which hold the largest collection of Slovenian music materials in the US—was given its world premiere on December 6 as part of the UWM Winter Choirs Concert.

“Venit Lumen,” for chorus, string orchestra, and organ, was conducted by UWM Music Professor Sharon Hanson.

Mocnik traveled to Milwaukee for the premiere and conducted the performance of another of his choral compositions at the concert.

Mocnik’s music has been performed by choirs and vocal groups throughout the world, including the World Youth Choir, London Sinfonietta Voices, St. Jacob’s Chamber Choir Stockholm, Opus 7 (Seattle), and many other choirs from Europe, US, Japan and Taiwan.

He is the choral conductor and music teacher at the Diocesan Classical Gymnaziija in Ljubljana.

While on campus, he met with UWM music students and toured the Golda Meir Library.

Friends Used Book Sale April 2-4

More than 6000 gently used books in a wide range of categories including fiction, history, biography, social sciences and more, will be offered at the Friends of the Golda Meir Library’s Spring Used Book Sale, April 2-4.

Over 4000 LP records of mostly classical music (with some pop, rock and jazz) and in very good condition, will be available as well.

The sale, held in the fourth floor Conference Center of the library, is open to UWM students, faculty, and staff only, from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, April 2.

The sale is open to the public on Tuesday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LPs will be priced at 50 cents, most hardcovers at $3 and paperbacks $1 or 25 cents. On Wednesday, a bag of books or LPs will cost just $3.

Proceeds benefit the UWM Libraries.

Little Review Images Illustrate New Books

The UWM Archives’ Little Review Collection recently contributed photograph and manuscript reproductions to two new books.

Images of seven previously unpublished manuscript poems, as well as other materials, appear in Body Sweats: The Uncensored Writings of Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven (Irene Gammel and Suzanne Zelazo, eds., MIT Press, 2011).


The editorial files of The Little Review were acquired by the UWM Libraries in 1966. The literary and art magazine was known for its publication of works by such modernist authors as James Joyce, Guillaume Apollinaire, Djuna Barnes, Andre Breton, T.S. Eliot, and William Carlos Williams.
Junior League Donates Records to Archives

An important and long-standing contributor to the welfare of the city, the Junior League of Milwaukee has chosen the UWM Libraries as the home for the charitable and educational organization’s archives.

This past fall the Junior League donated its records, dating from 1916 to 2001, to the UWM Archives Department.

The collection includes meeting minutes, newsletters and directories, scrapbooks, presidential and committee files, and project files, documenting the organization’s mission and members as well as operations of the significant philanthropic projects with which the Junior League has played a formative or leading role.

These projects include:

- The Workshop for Occupational Therapy, later the Junior League Curative Workshop at Columbia Hospital and now Curative Care Network. This project began as structured assistance for children with special needs in Milwaukee in 1919. It expanded to include disabled adults and became independent in 1931. The Workshop became the first in the United States to be accepted by the American Hospital Association.

- Health Education Center of Wisconsin, launched with the Milwaukee Rotary Club in the early 1990s, and serving as a 75th Anniversary project for the Junior League. The center provides supplemental classroom instruction for grades 1 to 12 with a particular focus on health issues.

- The Advocates for Battered Women project, started in 1977 in association with several other area groups. Now under the leadership of the Sojourner Family Peace Center, Inc., this organization provides shelter and support for victims of domestic violence.

- The Blood Center of Wisconsin, opened in 1947, now a self supporting organization serving as a community-based blood bank. It is the sole supplier of blood products to many hospitals in Wisconsin and is one of four such organizations in the world with a significant blood research program.

The Junior League of Milwaukee, formed in 1915 and with a current membership of 650, is located in the historic Isabel Miller residence, home of founder Alice Miller Chester, on Juneau Avenue.

The League’s records will complement those of Curative Care Network, Rotary Club, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, and Woman’s Club of Wisconsin already available in the Archives Department.

Ellen Engseth

Latino Immigrant Identity Is Subject of Fromkin Research Project

UWM Director of Libraries Ewa Barczyk and the members of the Morris Fromkin Memorial Research Grant Committee are pleased to announce that Raoul Deal, Senior Lecturer, UWM Department of Art and Design, has been awarded the 2012 Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship.

The title of his research project is “Forging Identity in Milwaukee’s Latino Immigrant Community.”

Deal is preparing an exhibit, to be displayed at the Latino Arts Gallery in the United Community Center, of woodcut images based on personal immigration stories from families of recent Latino immigrants in Milwaukee.

He proposes “to organize these primary source materials into a contextual framework and supplement it with a historical investigation of Mexican immigration” in the city. He will also research printmaking’s contribution to immigration movements elsewhere in the US.

His lecture, to be delivered in the fall, will be the 43rd in the Fromkin lecture series, the longest-running continuous lecture series on campus.

This year’s committee members were Ewa Barczyk, Johannes Britz, David Fromkin, Sandra Jones, Lindsay McHenry, Peninnah Kako, Robert Smith, and Max Yela.

More information about the annual $5000 Fromkin Research Grant is available at http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/special/fromkin/grant.cfm
AGS Library Contributes to World Digital Project

Twenty-two maps from the UWM Libraries’ American Geographical Society Library (AGSL) Digital Map Collection have been added to the World Digital Library (DWL), a project hosted by the Library of Congress and in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

LAunched in 2009 and continuously adding to its website, WDL (http://www.wdl.org/en/) is a free source of some of the world’s most important cultural achievements, including resources from every member state of UNESCO.

AGSL’s contributions include digitized images of:

- a rare Chinese map of the world, “Great China Embracing the Kingdoms under Heaven” (1818);
- the first sea chart engraved and printed on copperplate, an Italian portolan of “The Mediterranean Sea Region” (1569);
- the first large-scale map of the Wisconsin Territory based on actual surveys, “Topographical Map of Wisconsin Territory” (1837).

UWM Libraries is one of the first U.S. libraries asked to join the project. Currently, most of the other contributing organizations are national libraries, national museums and other major institutions.

Mapping Washington’s Life: 2012 Holzheimer Lecture

Author and historian Barnet Schecter will present the 2012 Holzheimer “Maps and America” Annual Lecture on Tuesday, April 24 in the American Geographical Society Library.

His presentation is entitled “Mapping a Life, Mapping a Nation: George Washington and His Vision of America.”

Schecter is the author of George Washington’s America: A Biography Through His Maps; The Devil’s Own Work: The Civil War Draft Riots and the Fight to Reconstruct America; and The Battle for New York: The City at the Heart of the American Revolution.


The Holzheimer Lecture series, initiated in 1990, is supported by Arthur and Janet Holzheimer and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Golda Meir Library. In conjunction with the talk, an exhibit of maps relating to the lecture topic will be on display.

The lecture will be presented at 6 p.m. with a reception preceding the talk at 5 p.m. The AGS Library is located on the third floor, east wing of the UWM Golda Meir Library building, 2311 E. Hartford Ave.

For more information or special needs, please call 414-229-6282.
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Chancellor, Vice-Chancellors Serve Late Night Snacks at Library During Final Exams

UWM Chancellor Michael Lovell (left) supported student efforts during Fall semester final exams by serving snacks late one night in December at the library. Photo by Molly Susan Mathias.

First Alumni Fellow Tours Archives

Milton Coleman (right), deputy managing editor of The Washington Post and the first UWM Foundation Alumni Fellow, looks at UWM Archives materials relating to the civil rights movement at UWM and in Milwaukee, with the head of Archives, Michael Doylen (left), and archivist Brad Houston. Coleman, who earned his BFA in music history and literature, was on campus February 21 and 22 to receive his Alumni award and participate in music and journalism classes. Photo by Alan Magayne-Roshak.

Libraries Events

April 2-4, 2012
Friends of the Golda Meir Library Used Book Sale
Open to UWM students, faculty, and staff only, April 2, noon - 6 p.m. Open to the public April 3, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and April 4, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Conference Center, fourth floor. 414-229-4786.

April 24, 2012
Annual Holzheimer “Maps & America” Lecture
Author and historian Barnet Schecter presents “Mapping a Life, Mapping a Nation: George Washington and His Vision of America.” 6 p.m. Reception at 5 p.m. American Geographical Society Library, third floor, east wing.

April 27, 2012
The Scholar and the Library
Katie Ports, PhD candidate in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis in women's reproductive and sexual health, and recipient of the 2011-12 Chancellor's Golda Meir Library Scholar Award, presents “Identifying Barriers and Facilitators to Human Papillomavirus Vaccination in Malawi.” 2 p.m. Room E281, second floor, east wing.

April 20, 2012
4th Annual William Shakespeare Birthday Celebration
Brief performances by UWM Theatre students and community actors, presentation on “Aspects of Mercy in Shakespeare” by UWM Theatre professor Bill Watson, exhibit of Shakespeare materials from Special Collections. 4:45 - 6:45 p.m. Special Collections, fourth floor.

May 15, 2012
Friends of the Golda Meir Library Annual Program
Ellen Gilligan, President and CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Carol Colbeck, Dean of UWM School of Education. 5:00 p.m. Conference Center, fourth floor.