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WOMEN IN POLITICS



PAST & PRESENT

Mary Ann Smith, Carol Moseley Braun, and Heather Steans (L to R) addressed Loyola students and faculty at the Women in Politics panel on the March 27, 2017

By Nancy Freeman, Director, Women and Leadership Archives

What was your pathway into politics and public life? What challenges did you face along the way and who/what helped you to succeed?

These are two of many questions asked of three women politicians the evening of March 27. The Women in Politics: Past and Present panel featured Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, former 48th Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith, and current Illinois 7th District Senator Heather Steans. Loyola's Dr. Shweta Singh, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, moderated the lively discussion and Q&A with the audience.

Panelists talked about what led them to enter political life and shared their challenges and successes along the way. Each noted the interplay of gender and race in their experiences. The three also encouraged the audience, made up almost entirely of students, to become involved and engaged in politics at any level.

The Women's History Month Committee, composed of Loyola faculty, staff, and students, organized the event. Sponsors include the Department of History, Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, School of Social Work, Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, University Libraries, and Women Studies and Gender Studies.

More photos from the evening can be found on the back cover.

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

It's hard to believe that another academic year is winding down. Since my arrival at Loyola in mid-September, the time has flown. The months have been busy and productive.

During my first semester, many hours were spent meeting one-on-one with each member of the library staff. Those initial conversations introduced me to everyone in the libraries community, who provided valuable insights and input into process improvements that we've embarked on together to make our very good libraries even better. In the coming months, we will begin making some operational improvements and strategic adjustments that you will hear more about in the next issue of *Shelf Life*.

As you explore the pages of this newsletter, you will see accounts of some of the many annual initiatives and activities that were hosted by the University Libraries during the past semester. Our spring Friends of the Libraries Speaker Series event, co-sponsored with The Clare, was Jay Tunney's presentation describing the friendship between his father, world heavyweight boxing champion Gene Tunney, and the esteemed playwright George Bernard Shaw. Women's History Month, a campus-wide initiative, was punctuated with a panel featuring Illinois women in politics and is described in detail on the previous page. The 8th annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship was a resounding success.

As if there weren't enough going on, we began new traditions, among them Loyola Libraries' first celebration of National Library Week (NLW). A long-standing initiative of the American Library Association, NLW is designed to celebrate libraries by raising awareness to users and acknowledging the contributions of staff. Our slate this year included daily events for students, the dedication of the Gilmour Connections Café, and a staff recognition event on National Library Workers Day, which is always marked on the Tuesday of NLW.

As the spring semester draws to a close, we are already looking forward to our next cycle of annual events—but not before we experience the adventure of this summer's HVAC system and elevator replacement in Cudahy Library. You can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter, too—it promises to make for an interesting and exciting time!

I hope your own summer will be meaningful and memorable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marianne Ryan".

Marianne Ryan
Dean of University Libraries

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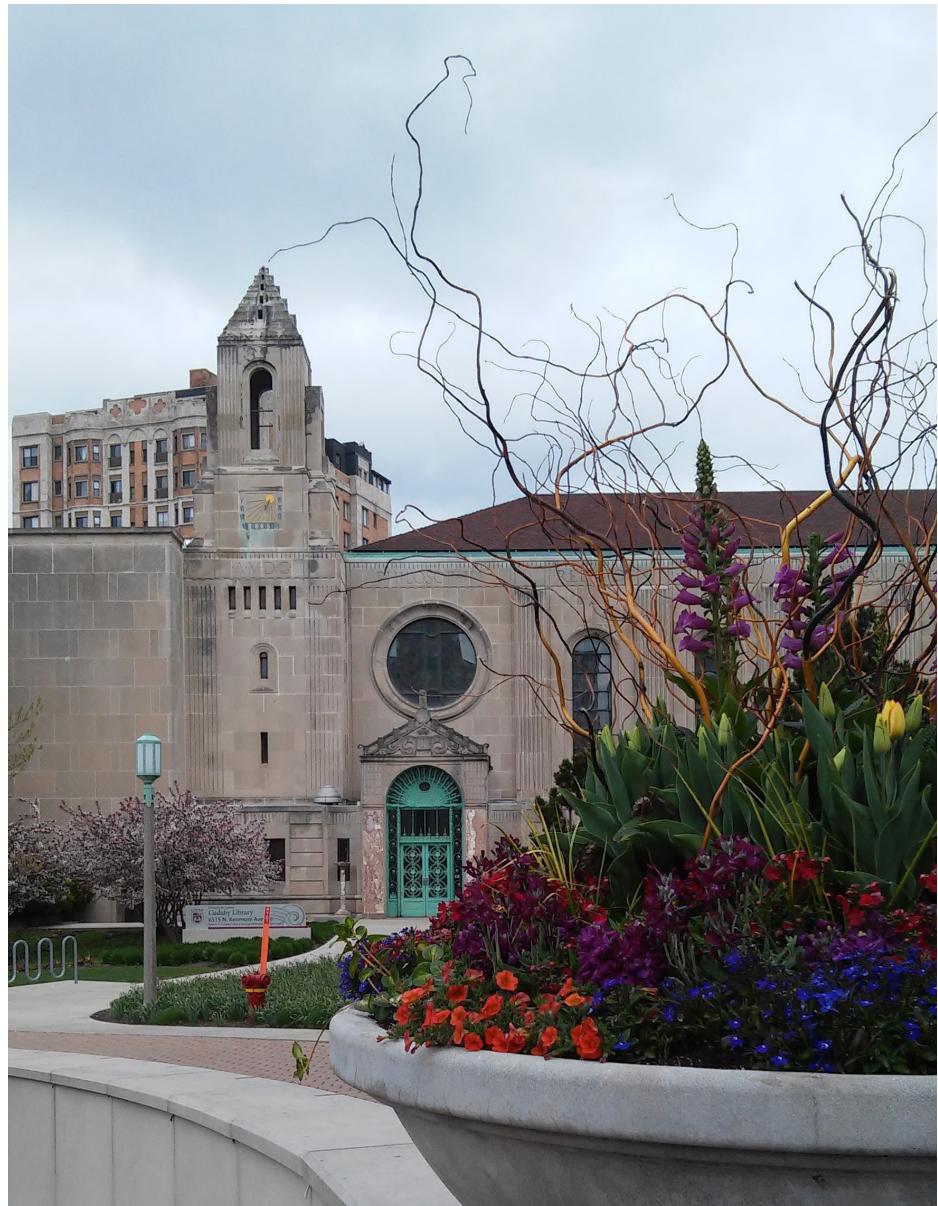
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Renewing Cudahy Library

By Elise Aversa, *Director of Administrative Services*

In comparison with the modern and vibrant Information Commons, Cudahy Library has long seemed a little out of date. The winters are often cold, while the summer months are colder yet, forcing many patrons and staff to wear jackets or wool sweaters in July. Still, many users come to Cudahy and settle in among the books and the “broken in” ambiance that welcomes students and scholars. So it is with excitement—and some trepidation—that we announce that major infrastructure work will begin as soon as final exams are over. New elevators and a new HVAC system will be installed to improve the conditions in the library.

This improvement is necessary for the well-being of our collections, as well as patrons and staff. The iconic stack decks are the oldest part of the library, dating from the 1930s. Within the stack decks are three floors of locked areas where some of Special Collections' books are kept. Maintaining adequate climate control to ensure the appropriate humidity and temperature ranges has been an arduous challenge. In recognition of the value that our collections provide to the Loyola community, the new design will enclose this area on each floor so the stack core will not disperse temperature and humidity to the other areas of the building. Each stack deck will have new entry ways and doors to allow for modern climate control of the environment. This separate system will function independently of the main Cudahy HVAC and work will begin in the fall. A new fire detection system and electrical work to support the infrastructure will be a part of the project as duct work is replaced in all the ceilings. The project will begin in the newer 1960s area of the library. The first floor and lower levels are expected to be ready before the fall semester begins, while completion of the less trafficked second and third floors may extend into October. Of course, all of this cannot take place without a large crew of construction workers working on all four floors at once. We recognize this will be very disruptive to both users and staff. After careful deliberation, we have determined that moving everyone out of the affected areas will help us return to normal operations much sooner than a piecemeal approach would allow. Staff will be moved from the building to ensure



their safety, and Cudahy will remain closed to visitors and users during construction.

The University Libraries are dedicated to providing the same levels of service to our users throughout this time. Materials in the main stacks will be available for pick up and circulation at the main desk of the IC. An easy-to-use request button is already in the online catalog; faculty can discuss needs and concerns with their subject liaisons. Faculty will also be able to continue use of the popular office delivery service already available. Access to all electronic resources will remain the same.

This is a busy time of year, but taking some time now to think ahead to summer research needs and access to vital materials may be useful. The Libraries will do their best to continue to provide service and access to materials, but it will not be possible for patrons to browse the shelves during this construction period. We hope to make this time as painless as possible for our patrons, and are confident that you will all be pleased with the improvements when you return in the fall.

Please visit libraries.LUC.edu/summer2017 for updates and additional information.

Loyola Chicago's First National Library Week

By Katherine Paterson, *Monograph Copy Cataloging and Catalog Maintenance Assistant*

The Loyola University Libraries celebrated National Library Week this spring. Though the American Library Association has been celebrating National Library Week since 1958, this was Loyola's first time participating. ALA describes the week as "a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support," and it was in that spirit that the University Libraries organized daily activities for both students and staff the week of April 10.

On Monday, students had a chance to meet Marianne Ryan, our new Dean of Libraries, and enjoy a Chicago-style hot dog at our Dogs with the Dean event at the Klarchek Information Commons. The dean chatted with students about their majors, the libraries, and—of course—baseball. The next day, Dean Ryan did the same at Lewis Library. In total, over 400 students met our new dean.

April 11 was National Library Workers Day so, later on Tuesday at the Lake Shore Campus, the library staff celebrated the Annual Library Awards. Staff who have worked at the library anywhere from five to forty-five years were recognized for their years of service with medals. Dean Ryan also recognized librarians who successfully went through the Rank and Promotion process. Two staff-nominated awards were also presented—one for innovation and one for initiative.

Wednesday, April 12, the Libraries celebrated the dedication of Gilmour's Connections Café. The café now bears the name of Peter Gilmour, D. Min., professor emeritus of the Institute of Pastoral Studies. Dr. Gilmour is a Loyola alum (BS '64, MRE '71) and a board member of the Friends of the Loyola Libraries.

On Thursday, library staff organized Poetry Remixed, a drop-in poetry workshop for students and staff. Brian Harag, Preservation Associate, guided participants in making erasures and centos.

Overall, Dean Ryan declared the week a "decided success," and we plan to continue celebrating National Library Week in years to come.

Top: Dr. Gilmour holds up a sign for the newly dedicated Gilmour's Connections Café; Right: Students line up for Dogs with the Dean in the IC



Celebrating Faculty Scholarship

By Tracy Ruppman, *Reference Librarian*

As the academic year comes to a close, the University Libraries took the opportunity to celebrate the scholarly work produced by our faculty and student researchers over the previous year. The 8th annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship was held on April 19 on the fourth floor of the Klarchek Information Commons and featured the scholarly work of over 300 faculty from more than 35 departments across the university. Among the nearly 100 guests were President Rooney and Provost Pelissero, as well as faculty, staff, alumni, and more students than ever.

We were honored to have President Rooney attend during her first year as president. She was delighted to see first-hand the wide variety of research represented in the over 600 items on display. These items ranged from books, articles, patents, and videos of dance performances. One of the most notable items on display was *Healing Earth* (LUC.edu/ijep/collaborators), an open access online environmental science textbook produced by the International Jesuit Ecology Project. Over a dozen Loyola faculty members contributed to the project as researchers, editors, and writers, and many other members of the faculty and staff contributed to technical and administrative aspects of the project.



Top: President Rooney chats with Tracy Ruppman and others; Bottom: Guests peruse the faculty scholarship on display

Marianne Ryan, Dean of Libraries, also attending for the first time since joining Loyola, spoke to those gathered about the breadth and depth of the research included before introducing the president. In her remarks, President Rooney applauded the event and emphasized the valuable role the University Libraries play in not only collecting scholarly resources but also in sharing those resources and helping to connect researchers. After the event, items were put on display in the Donovan Reading Room in Cudahy Library through Commencement activities.

The Long Night Against Procrastination

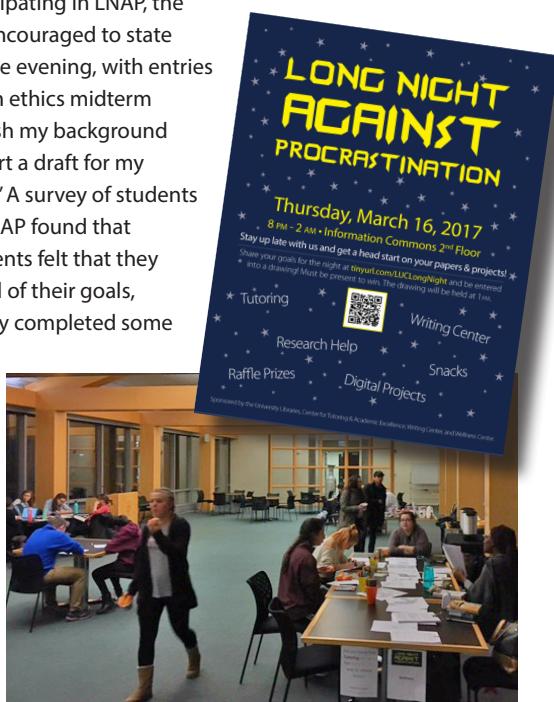
By Fred Barnhart, Associate Dean for Library Services and Collections

When you mention the Long Night Against Procrastination, most people respond with, “the what?” After a quick explanation, the value of this event where students are encouraged to start on projects early quickly becomes clear. Students frequently do not begin their most time-consuming projects until the very end of the semester, and even though the late writing session is something of a tradition, it is certainly not the key to good work. As instructors become more creative with their assignments, the end of the semester projects also frequently include presentations and multi-media projects, in addition to the term paper, not to mention reading entire books, and studying for finals.

The Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP) as an activity to encourage better writing habits has its roots in Germany, at the Europa University Viadrina, where in 2010 the Writing Center decided to create a celebratory group event to help nocturnal students get an earlier start on their assignments. The event was a success, with more European schools soon following suit and, before long, universities and colleges in the U.S. began to host their own LNAP events, as well. Generally, all LNAP events have a few activities in common: writing assistance, coffee, and food, along with other types of tutoring and methods of stress relief.

Loyola's first LNAP was yet another opportunity to leverage the popular study/work space of the Information Commons and our strong relationships with the Writing Center, Center for Tutoring and Academic Excellence (CTAE), and the Wellness Center. The event took place on Thursday, March 16, from 8 p.m. – 2 a.m., with the thought that the Thursday night after spring break would be a “sweet spot” for students beginning to feel anxious about upcoming deadlines. With tutors from the Writing Center and CTAE, librarians from the library’s Reference Department, and staff from the Wellness Center, the fifty-plus undergraduate students who participated had access to a variety of resources. Snacks and coffee on the IC fourth floor also helped fuel students’ work.

Prior to participating in LNAP, the students were encouraged to state their goals for the evening, with entries including, “Finish ethics midterm essay,” and, “Finish my background research and start a draft for my Capstone paper.” A survey of students following the LNAP found that 36% of the students felt that they accomplished all of their goals, and 63% felt they completed some of them. We look forward to improving upon these already solid statistics at our next LNAP, which will take place in the fall of 2017, if not sooner.



Highlighting Loyola's Info & Tech Resources

By Paul Voelker, Director, Information Commons

The second annual Loyola Information & Technology Showcase took place in the Klarchek Information Commons and Cudahy Library on the morning of Thursday, February 28. A joint collaboration between the University Libraries and Information Technology Services, the goal of the Showcase is to create greater awareness of the products, tools, and technologies currently available to Loyola faculty, students, and staff. University Libraries Dean Marianne Ryan and Vice President of Information Technology/CIO Susan Malisch welcomed attendees and vendors at the opening breakfast. Throughout the morning, representatives from over twenty library and technology vendors offered 25 breakout sessions and 18 resource tables.

At the concluding lunch, a Lenovo laptop was raffled for participants who had visited all of the resource tables. One participant remarked that the Showcase “is a good way to get a glimpse of some technologies we don’t necessarily use every day, but might want to explore further.” Another participant remarked, “This was a great event. I enjoy the opportunity to meet with the vendors and to interact with colleagues across the university.”

Registration for the Showcase grew by almost 60% this year to include 145 faculty, staff, and students. Vendor participation increased by 45%, and consisted of 22 organizations and 24 representatives presenting. The planning committee included Will Kent and Paul Voelker from the University Libraries and Tim Walker, Sarah Kentner, and Kristlyn Dalton from ITS. The group will soon begin planning the third Information & Technology Showcase, which will take place in 2018.



Guests mingle and view items from the University Archives & Special Collections at the dedication of the Mimi and Stuart Rose Reading Room

Celebrations and Openings

By Kathy Young, University Archivist & Curator of Rare Books

DEDICATION OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On February 24, the Loyola University Chicago Archives & Special Collections celebrated the dedication of the new Mimi and Stuart Rose Reading Room and renovated archives suite. Approximately 100 colleagues and friends from Loyola and around Chicago attended the event. Remarks by Stuart Rose on the importance of the humanities highlighted the event, along with a blessing of the archives by Fr. Stephen Schloesser, S.J. Recent purchases, including books purchased thanks to a gift from the Roses, were on display. Archives & Special Collections staff were on hand to answer questions and give tours. Overall, it was a very successful event. Archives & Special Collections staff would like to thank everyone who joined us for the celebration.

With our new reading room comes an increased ability to accommodate class visits. Since September, we have welcomed 11 classes to Special Collections to learn about archives, our collections, and to use selected items for classes. Faculty members from a variety of disciplines are discovering Special Collections and arranging visits and projects for their classes, including those from Theology, French, History, English, and UCWR, and Arrupe College. If you would like to arrange a class visit to or project using Special Collections, or to learn about the resources available, please contact the University Archivist at 773.508.2661 or kyoung3@LUC.edu. Archives staff are also happy to attend department meetings to present on the resources available at Special Collections.

OPENED COLLECTIONS & RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The Loyola Special Collections is pleased to report that both the Dan Rostenkowski papers and Henry Hyde papers are now open for research. Other recently opened collections include the Jack Mulqueen papers, the Tasso Malliaris papers, and the Ronald Kizior papers.

Recent acquisitions include both archival collections and book purchases. Among the archival collections received are the Rona M. Fields papers, the Stritch School of Medicine records, and an addition to the Dan Rostenkowski papers. Recent purchases include several Revolutionary War and early Federal period pamphlets, and books including: an 1818 edition of the *Federalist*, the first edition to identify the author of each essay; a 1766 rebuttal of the Stamp Act; and the speeches given in the Croswell trial, including a speech by Hamilton in defense of freedom of the press. Other recent purchases include a manuscript eulogy of David Davis, catalogues of sale items from Jesuit houses in Belgium during the suppression, the 1738 first edition of Joseph Falck, SJ's natural history, and *Little Dorrit* and *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens, in parts.

Here are a few selected new purchases:

- Otis, Harrison G. *Eulogy on General Alexander Hamilton, Pronounced at the Request of the Citizens of Boston, July 26, 1804.* (1804)
- Croswell, Harry. *The Speeches at full length of Mr. Van Ness, Mr. Caines, the Attorney-General, Mr. Harrison, and General Hamilton in the great cause of the people against Harry Croswell on an indictment for a libel on Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States.* (1804)
- Benezet, Anthony. *A caution to Great Britain and her colonies, in a short representation of the calamitous state of the enslaved Negroes in the British Dominions.* (1785)
- Comité Jésuitique. *Liste des Remonstrances.* (1775-1776)
- Falck, Joseph. *Mundus aspectabilis philosophice consideratus.* (1738)
- Swift, Zephaniah. *A system of the laws of the State of Connecticut.* (1795-1796)
- Dickens, Charles. *Little Dorrit.* (1855-1857), 20 parts in 19.

Checking out the Books of Summer

By Sarah Meisch-Lacombe, Serials Acquisitions Assistant

For the past three years the Loyola University Libraries have sponsored the Summer Book League, a reading contest for Loyola faculty and staff, as well as Friends of the Libraries. We invite participants to keep track of how many pages they read over the summer and to share with their colleagues what they are reading. The Book League offers a great way to challenge yourself to read more!

This year, as part of the Summer Book League kick-off, the Libraries are offering LUC Book Bags. Answer a few brief questions about your reading preferences at tinyurl.com/LUCBookBags, and the Libraries will select three books from our collection for you to read this summer. We will put your books in bags and have them ready for you to check out at the IC first floor desk or Lewis Library circulation desk. Fill out the form by May 12, and you will be able to pick up your book bags starting on June 1. Friends of the Libraries are also welcome to fill out the survey, and we will e-mail you a few book recommendations! To participate in the 2017 Loyola Summer Book League (June 1 - August 1), please visit libraries.LUC.edu/summerreading.



Shaw vs Tunney : An Evening with Jay Tunney

By Yolande Wersching, Head of Lewis Library

The friendship shared by two stalwarts of the 20th century, playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), and world heavyweight boxing champion Gene Tunney (1897-1978) was unique in many ways. Shaw was forty years older than Tunney, a Nobel laureate and academic. Tunney was a professional boxer whose skill in the ring was notable. Shaw had been a boxer in his early years and was intrigued by Tunney's style of boxing. Shaw even wrote a novel about boxing titled *Cashel Byron's Profession*.

Jay Tunney, son of Gene Tunney, has written a book about his father's friendship with Shaw titled *The Prizefighter and the Playwright: Gene Tunney and Bernard Shaw*. On Tuesday March 21, the Libraries Speaker

Series welcomed Jay Tunney, who spoke about his father's friendship with Shaw. Starting with a brief film clip of the 1923 fight in which Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey, Jay Tunney set the tone for his talk. With wit, charm, and grace, Jay Tunney described his father's boxing career, during which Gene lost only one fight. He emphasized his father's technical skills as a boxer. GBS, as Jay Tunney referred to George Bernard Shaw, was particularly drawn to Gene Tunney as a man of action whereas he (GBS) was a writer—a man who documented the actions of others. Despite their vastly different careers and 40 year age difference, they found common ground in long discussions covering a variety of subjects. Rarely one to form close personal relationships, GBS enjoyed and

cherished his warm and lasting friendship with Gene Tunney. The Loyola University Libraries are incredibly grateful to Jay Tunney for regaling us and our guests at the Speaker Series with such fascinating tales of this remarkable friendship.

Left: Kelly Tunney, Svetlana Surkevicius, Jay Tunney, Marianne Ryan, Ewa Laska, and Jocelyn Cheng (L to R) pose for a photo after the presentation; Below: "Shaw" and "Tunney" cakes enjoyed at the Speaker Series reception





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