Congratulations to...

James Adams
James was selected to attend Association of College & Research Libraries’ Immersion 2015 on the teacher track. He was also chosen by ACRL to represent them as an American Library Association’s Emerging Leaders for 2016.

Caitlin Corbett
Caitlin was selected as one of the 2015-17 Diversity Scholars through the Association of Research Libraries. This award provides funding for Caitlin to pursue her MLIS.

Sarah Robbins
Sarah was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Award by OU’s School of Library & Information Studies.

Peggy V. Helmerich
Collaborative Learning Center
The HCLC was awarded the 2015 Oklahoma Creativity World Forum Great Inspirations Award.

Contributions to the Profession

Presentations

- Grant, Carl. “Libraries as a Core Part of Teaching and Learning: Dream or Reality?” Charleston Conference. Charleston, South Carolina. 6 Nov. 2015.
OU Libraries Major Accomplishments

- Built organizational capacity by creating and hiring the following new positions:
  - Exhibition Coordinator - David Davis
  - Head of Undergraduate Services & Learning Initiatives - Mary Ellen Spencer
  - Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian - Kristal Boulden
  - Technical Project Management Specialist - Richard Fitzpatrick
  - Repository Developer - Zhongda Zhang
  - Circulation Services Librarian - Doni Fox
  - Digital Scholarship Specialist - Sarah Clayton
  - Metadata Imagineer - Montana Rowe
  - Library Service Center Coordinator - Jenny Watson
- Renovated the public spaces for the special collections on BL5 and opened the Galileo’s World exhibition in Bizzell and across campus.
- Made significant progress on the renovation plan for the Library Service Center scheduled to open in Fall 2016.
- Migrated the library service platform from SirsiDynix to Alma.
- Launched an updated and revised libraries.ou.edu site that is mobile-responsive.
- Launched the NavApp to improve navigation on campus as well as within Bizzell.
- Opened Innovation @ the Edge in Bizzell to tie main campus to the Innovation Hub.

Contributions to the Profession (cont.)


Publications

Books


Galileo’s World Implementation Team

In celebration of OU’s 125th anniversary, Galileo’s World is a series of exhibits, events, and programs at the Bizzell Memorial Library, the Sam Noble Museum, the National Weather Center, the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Headington Hall, the Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library, and the OU-Tulsa Schusterman Library. Starting August 2015 through 2016, Galileo’s World illustrates connections between science, art, literature, music, religion, philosophy, politics, and culture.
Thank You for Going the Extra Mile

Ethan Bean, Government Documents Collection
For assisting with a six day art installation in the 5th floor special collections and throughout Bizzell.

Twila Camp, Web Services
For her dedication to learning, her many hours worked, her careful and thorough planning, and overall excellent implementation of the revised libraries.ou.edu.

Caitlin Corbett, Web Services
For her extraordinary efforts and work in designing graphics for the new website. She too has worked well beyond normal hours to insure a successful site launch. She was also recognized for her work on the new master plan website.

David Davis, Exhibitions
For his work on the Galileo’s World Exhibition including the layout and design of each exhibition site, amazing graphic design, coordination with our partners, vendors and facilities personnel on installations, and for all of his hard work and dedication in completing OU Libraries’ first major exhibition.

Sara Huber, Interlibrary Loan
For automating ILL and Sooner Xpress requests for the branch libraries. Her efforts allow staff to spend their time with library users, and will result in better reporting of statistics.

Barbara Laufersweiler, Digitization Laboratory
For her dedication, perseverance and phenomenal language skills used to assist and ensure delivery of items purchased in other countries for the Galileo’s World exhibition. She was also recognized for her implementation of a project management list tool for knowledge services. Barb took on this project and continues to lead it forward by organizing meetings, working with people to solve problems and setting a great example for others.

Jayson Marsh, Circulation
For his time and effort in processing the reference collection withdrawals and his willingness to take on such an assignment. He did an outstanding job of organizing the work so the reference collection could quickly be relocated in preparation for the renovation and exhibition installation on the main floor.

Larry Myers, Facilities
For his outstanding support of the launch of the Galileo’s World exhibition and completion of the BL5 special collections and main floor renovations. His dedication and steadfast passion beyond the call of duty display the true spirit of OU excellence, and his work ensures that library guests have the best experience possible when they visit.

Brent Purkaple, History of Science
For his instrumental role in preparing the Galileo’s World iBooks for upload to iTunesU, in editing graphic panels for the physical exhibit, and for editing content for galileo.ou.edu.

Melissa Rickman, History of Science
For providing access to the Galileo’s World exhibition and our special collections, even when it means returning to campus late in the evening, with little advanced notice, after an already long week and event-filled weekend so an esteemed international guest could experience Galileo’s World.

Stephen Rogers, Cataloging
For his work with our staff, collections and Alma. He has advised, trained, answered questions and done massive updates of metadata in Alma, all of which helped contribute to a successful implementation and smooth transition to Alma.

Jason Sherman, Library Tech Platforms
For working extensive hours and demonstrating creativity in finding and implementing solutions needed to bring the new website to life.

Karen Stark, Acquisitions
For taking on many extra duties this year during times of staff shortages. During the move to Alma, she took responsibility for adjusting procedures for firm orders and approvals, particularly the receiving process, which had generated many issues within the new system.

Kelly Thompson, Acquisitions
For learning the new bindery software and then leading training sessions for the branch libraries’ staff and students. For her eagerness to assist when problems arise and her leadership in bindery while learning and adapting to changing workflow with Alma.

Debra Vaughn, Finance & HR
For her support of Galileo’s World, including her work procuring items for the exhibit that required delicate international collaboration, and for her work on very challenging arrangements to bring international speakers to OU for the Galileo’s World Symposium.

Amber Workman, Acquisitions
For taking a lead role in managing a number of projects to update workflows and orders after the migration to Alma, while also overseeing preparations for the department’s move to the LSC.
James Adams, Emerging Technologies Libraries
James has worked for UL since October 2014, when he was hired to work in the newly opened HCLC. He most enjoys working with the student workers and watching them grow as individuals.

Kabita Adhikari, Student Worker, Acquisitions
Kabita has worked for UL since September 2014. She likes working independently on projects, and the experience she’s getting that will benefit her when she graduates with a degree in LIS.

Kyle Aleman, Student Worker, Circ.
Kyle has worked for UL since September 2014. He most enjoys the friendly work environment; his colleagues are helpful and willing to offer assistance when needed, which helps him better serve our customers.

Twila Camp, Web Services Manager
For Twila, UL is the bad habit she can’t seem to kick - she leaves but we always convince her to return. She’s worked as a student worker, our Electronic Services Coordinator and, most recently, as our Web Services Manager. She enjoys working in a collaborative environment to help solve problems and create positive change through web services. She has fun working on teams to achieve things that she could never have hoped to accomplish on her own.

Tara Carlisle, Digital Scholarship Specialist
Tara has worked for UL since 2014. She most enjoys working with wonderful and talented people.

David Davis, Exhibition Coordinator
David joined the UL team in January 2015. He enjoys working with the curators, librarians and faculty to bring a creative vision of an exhibition to life.

Chelsea Julian, Communications Coordinator
Chelsea has worked for UL since August 2014. Chelsea enjoys the team of people she works with at UL and their ability to make every day fun.

Olivia Lane, Student Worker, Circulation
Olivia has worked for UL since January 2013. She enjoys interacting with the many OU students and also enjoys her department’s annual snowflake competition.

Kerry Magruder, Curator, HoS Collections
Kerry has worked for UL since 2000. He most enjoys the wide variety of visitors to the collections, from undergraduate students looking for a group project, to visiting scholars or a Nobel Prize winning scientist.

JoAnn Palmeri, Librarian, HoS Collections
JoAnn has worked in the collections since 2009. She enjoys learning more and more about the materials we hold, identifying something unique about individual books (like a tipped-in manuscript letter). She also enjoys working with students and faculty to enable use of these wonderful cultural resources for research and teaching.

Brent Purkaple, Grad Assistant, Hos
Brent has worked for UL since July 2013. He most enjoys engaging with the public, from kindergarteners to adults. He finds the work is an excellent complement to his academic work in the History of Science program, as it’s kept his feet firmly grounded in the questions and interests of the general public, and not just those of the specialists who write for the academic journals.

Sarah Robbins, Strategic Initiatives/Branch Libraries
Sarah started at UL as a student worker in the marking area of Cataloging in 1998. She enjoys working on teams to accomplish more together than they could as individuals.

Jason Sherman, IT Analyst III
Jason has worked for UL since June 2014. He loves making complex things simpler and automating manual processes.

Eric Zemke, HCLC Coordinator
Eric has worked for UL for 3 years. He most enjoys empowering our students to become tomorrow’s leaders in a safe environment.