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A Newsletter for Friends and Supporters of the Arthur Lakes Library
Fall 2019
Welcome to the newly expanded version of the Inside Arthur Lakes Library newsletter! So many great things are happening in the library these days that four pages twice per year is no longer enough to keep you, our valued library supporters, up to date. We are therefore quadrupling the size of the issue and will send it out once per year, each Fall.

To keep you better informed of developments throughout the year, we will supplement each annual issue with a quarterly digital newsletter, which we hope you all will subscribe to and enjoy! To do so, just email us at library@mines.edu.

Please let us know what you think of the newly expanded format and – as always – thank you for your ongoing generosity. Each and every contribution you make is a direct investment in the library’s ability to enhance our learning spaces, strengthen and showcase the research excellence of Mines community, expand our information resources, develop our growing undergraduate and graduate information literacy program, and engage each other through creative programming. As evidenced within these pages, your ongoing support of the library positively impacts our students and scholars each and every day. You are making a difference.

Carol E. Smith
University Librarian
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WHAT'S NEW

Scholars Hub

The library is pleased to announce the new Scholars Hub is up and running! The Scholars Hub provides collaborative end-to-end support across the research lifecycle, focusing on the areas of scholarly publishing and research data management. The Hub’s design is a state-of-the-art space for students and faculty to connect with librarians for research help through small group instruction or consultations. The Mines community can utilize these services by booking research consultations through the Book a Librarian scheduling system, by submitting questions to the Ask a Librarian form, or by stopping by the Research Desk.

Our research consultations provide students with the opportunity to work side-by-side with a librarian to find resources and refine research topics either in person or online. Research teams and other small groups can also book consultation time with librarians. Scholarly publishing and research data consultations provide researchers with guidance on managing, sharing, and preserving their research data, navigating intellectual property and disseminating their work. Instructors can meet with Scholars Hub librarians to integrate customized sessions, lessons and materials into their courses to help students find and evaluate information sources. The Scholars Hub team also co-sponsors and coordinates workshops and engagement events.

To learn more about the Scholars Hub, please visit library.mines.edu/scholars-hub. We invite students and faculty to take advantage of our services through the Book a Librarian scheduling system and Ask a Librarian ticket system.

Congratulations, OER Mini-Grant Awardees

- Todd Ruskell, Physics
- Xerxes Steirer, Physics
- Justin Shaffer/ Rachel Morrish / Michael Barankin (group project), Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Justin Shaffer, Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Kamini Singha, Geology and Geological Engineering
- Stephen Pankavich, Applied Math and Statistics
- Scott Strong, Applied Math and Statistics
- Qin Zhu, Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
- Andrei Swidinsky, Geophysics
- Jeffrey Ackerman, Mechanical Engineering
Past Student Employee: Roxana Meza

Chemical Engineering alumna Roxana Meza has excelled in her profession just as she did as a student employee at the library. The library staff remembers hiring a determined young woman facing the many challenges of a first-year student including leaving home, sharing a dorm room and the rigors of the Mines curriculum. Roxana chose to work at the library, not only for the chance to earn money, but also as an opportunity to meet people. “It was very beneficial to be at the library front desk. This positioned me in a place where I could interact with and make valuable connections with my peers and faculty every day.”

Roxana recalls some favorite memories from working at the library, “The people that I met made my time at the library very enjoyable. I still keep in touch with many people that were part of the “Library Gang”, which included students as well as library staff. The staff was always so supportive and interested in our lives. I honestly don’t know how I would have made it through some of the really tough days at Mines without the library staff to lean on.”

Roxana is a first generation American raised in Colorado Springs. Her mother grew up in Mexico and her father is Peruvian. She is one of two sisters and both were the first in their family to graduate from college. Roxana is extremely grateful for her parents’ difficult decision to leave their native lands in search of opportunity. “My parents always taught us that school was most important, that our education was the ticket to our success and reason they sacrificed so much to make sure we grew up in this country. Now, I am able to thank them for their sacrifices by taking care of them or taking them to the places they have always wanted to visit.”
STUDENT EMPLOYEES: PAST AND PRESENT

Roxana Meza continued...

After graduating in 2012, Roxana worked in oil fields for a service company as a stimulation engineer. She spent four years in the field, working in North Dakota, Wyoming, and New Mexico. Per Roxana, “That was quite an experience for a woman of color who is a complete city dweller and also a vegetarian! However, my time in the field taught me invaluable lessons I don’t believe I could have learned anywhere else.” Roxana was often the only woman at the job site and chronicled her experiences in a blog. In 2017, she transitioned to consulting and returned to Denver. She now works primarily on air permitting and compliance projects for oil and gas facilities in Colorado and Oklahoma.

In her spare time, Roxana is always looking for ways to get involved in her community. She enjoys charity work and finding great nonprofits. She is an animal lover and very passionate about animal welfare. Trail running and hiking are always a very welcome break from her busy life. On her rare more relaxing days, she likes to stay home and embrace the life of a suburban cat lady.

Present: Billy Beasley

The Arthur Lakes Library’s Ropeway Collection is the largest public resource on ropeway systems (ski lifts) in the United States. Mechanical Engineering undergrad Billy Beasley desires to be in the ropeway industry after he graduates, so attending Mines and working at the library were easy choices for him. He also loves how close campus is to the mountains.

Billy’s favorite library project was constructing the model ropeway for the display case on the first floor. Per Billy, “It was an extremely fun challenge to build all of the components basically from scratch.” He also enjoyed studying and reviewing the engineering prints of New York City’s original Roosevelt Island Aerial Tram, the first tram built for urban transportation in the nation.

Skiing is Billy’s favorite activity but he also enjoys golf, running, fishing, hiking, and 4-wheeling. He is a huge sports fan. Favorite teams are the Cincinnati Reds, Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts. He worked the past two summers at Vail’s Lift Maintenance department.
Welcome to Arthur Lakes!

Patrick Farrell
Systems Architecture and Web Services Librarian Patrick Farrell was intrigued by the library’s diverse projects and strategic plan. Patrick states, “Doing digital design work in a diverse community of critical thinkers adds dimension and nuance to the work I’ve done so far. Meeting the team of brilliant and innovative library faculty I’d be working with sealed the deal.” Patrick worked primarily in web and digital services for Jefferson County Public Library and responsible for e-resources, technology training and content management. He also worked as a front-end web developer, project manager and supervisor. He has led implementations and migrations for a number of library websites and software systems and worked in depth with the major web content management systems.

Patrick received his MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His coursework in digital libraries sparked an interest in markup and programming languages, interface design and all the intersections between librarianship and Computer Science.

Joe Kraus
Reference Librarian Joe Kraus joined the library to expand reference hours on nights and weekends. Joe brings years of reference expertise combined with a science background to the Library. Graduating with a BS in Physics from Beloit College and a MLS from University of Maryland, College Park, Joe served as the Engineering Librarian at George Mason and University of Denver (DU). He also taught classes at the DU Library School.

For over 20 years, Joe was involved in the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and organized conference sessions for the Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division, Sci-Tech Division, and the Scholarly Comm Section of the Academic Division. Joe states, “In short, I like to help bring librarians together to learn from each other as an organizer of meetings and conferences.”

Rebecca Schneider
New Circulation and User Services Manager, Rebecca Schneider always knew she wanted to be part of Mines. One of her friends, a Mines graduate, was recruited by Space-X to design a space station on the moon. “It sounded like a dream job. I knew I had to be part of a community that will eventually allow me to vacation on the moon.”

Rebecca loves new technology and gadgets. At CU-Anschutz Health Sciences Library, Rebecca helped expand the gadget collection and a makerspace to bring anatomy software to students. With a BS in Business and BA in French, she is interested in pedagogy and exploring how technology is affecting how people learn.
“The day I was hired I was expected to hit the ground running and prioritize the needs of our students above all else.”

Laura Guy, Librarian Emeritus

Systems Librarian and now Emeritus Professor Laura Guy retired from the library after 20 years in 2018. Laura spent her career at the Arthur Lakes Library as the Systems Librarian. Laura states, “About a year after I retired from Mines, I was awarded Emeritus Librarian status, which is a recognition that I received only because I worked with such amazing colleagues for 20 years.”

As an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota, Laura obtained a student job at the Social Welfare History Archives. Her boss was so inspirational; it sparked Laura’s interest in Archives. She graduated from the Library School at University of Wisconsin-Madison with a specialization in Archival Administration. After working at several libraries and in private industry, Laura was hired as the Systems Librarian at the Arthur Lakes Library. Laura remembers, “The day I was hired I was expected to hit the ground running and to prioritize the needs of our students above all else. That was exactly what I did.”

During her time at Mines, Laura was involved in numerous projects on campus and as part of national and international professional organizations. Per Laura, “Perhaps the thing I valued most is when I became involved in a joint project with the Mines Museum. The team joined forces to promote more access to the Museum’s unique collections, by digitizing images then ingesting them into the Mountain Scholar Repository. We did very good work that I hope set a precedent for future projects. That assignment closed a circle for me in that it did have archival aspects to it. I finally got to be in a small way, an archivist!”

Laura now serves as a volunteer at a wildlife rehabilitation center where she specializes in helping injured and orphaned birds. She also has a “retirement gig” that continues her connection to the library community. She is an avid hiker and bicyclist and enjoys the trails in Colorado. Laura says, “It is true what they say, that life gets busier after retirement. I am enjoying myself immensely.”
Farewell: Stephen Katz and Pam Blome

Stephen Katz
Head of Serials and Acquisitions, foreign language teacher, cook and Bronx native Stephen Katz retired in December 2018 after 38 years of service at Mines. Steve started out as Serials Assistant in the pre-computer days when everything was paper. Steve’s proudest accomplishment at the library was cataloging and maintaining the thousands of serials in the collection, many of which required complex and original cataloging. Per Steve, “Serials, as opposed to books, are constantly changing. They live. They die. They change title and split into sections. Always a challenge and I loved making order out of the chaos element of serials cataloging. I took pride in making serials information available to our public in the most clear and precise manner possible.”

He also played a role in the transition to the Library’s first operating system to our present state-of-the-art Alma system.

In August 2017, Steve married the former Diane Pitre from New Orleans. They have traveled extensively in Europe and the U.S. They never miss Carnival in New Orleans. Steve has been traveling to France annually for 25 years and enjoys meeting up with long-time friends there. Formerly a dedicated runner, he now rides his bike every morning, enjoying the beauty of Colorado.

Pam Blome
Pam Blome is a librarian’s librarian. From getting approval from a Chicago librarian to check out James Michener’s “Hawaii” from the adult collection at age 11 to earning her MLS degree long distance, Pam has ably served the library profession and its users for over 20 years. In 1997, Pam worked as a general librarian at Northern Arizona University’s satellite campus in Yuma, AZ. In 2002, she joined the Arthur Lakes Library staff as a cataloger. At Mines, Pam served on Undergrad Council, Diversity Committee, Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Board and Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) as a Colorado representative. She also served as a CSM 101 mentor for 15 years.

Pam’s most memorable experiences at Mines include E-Days fireworks, singing in the Mines choir and participating in the OreCart pull. Her favorite memory: “Working with our marvelous Mines’ students! Whenever past students stop in for a quick visit, it is so wonderful.”

Pam retired in 2018 and plans on visiting her two sons serving in the military and their families. Her bucket list includes a European river cruise and touring the National Parks. Her advice to librarians is to get more involved on campus.
Mines History Antiques Roadshow

As part of the 2019 Homecoming events, the Library hosted the “Mines History Antiques Roadshow” in the library’s Boettcher Room on October 18. Based on the popular PBS “Antiques Roadshow” which features experts from top auction houses appraising collectibles and antiques, alumni were invited to bring their Mines collectibles such as photographs, memorabilia and papers to our expert appraiser Lisa Dunn, manager of the Russell L. & Lyn Wood Mining History Archive.

The event was an all-ages affair. Attendees ranged from undergraduate students to alums who graduated in the early 1960s. Collectors were excited to share the story behind each item, from how it was obtained to the memories it evoked for the collector and audience members alike. Items included wallet-sized diplomas, letters, t-shirts, 1920s dance card programs, military memorabilia, mimeographed class registration forms from the 1960s and much more. Each item evoked memories from the audience who then shared their own reminiscences about student life and experiences from their eras on campus.

Mines collectibles are discovered in many places from thrift stores to family attics. An alumni member touchingly read aloud a recently resurfaced letter dated May 12, 1968 that he had written to his mother for Mother’s Day. The letter included an explanation of his final exam results and his plans to attend Mines Summer Camp which would cost approximately $500 including transportation and lodging. It was a wonderful contextual look at life as a Mines student in the late 1960s. Ruth Jones, Mines Foundation Engagement Program Manager, brought a 1963 Sigma Nu beer stein engraved with the nickname, “Big Wind.” Like many Mines collectibles, the beer stein was found in a thrift store.

This was a great opportunity to learn more about the Colorado School of Mines History Archive and its mission to preserve the story of Mines students, faculty and alumni. Current students and alums alike thoroughly enjoyed the items displayed from the Archive and the online demonstrations of the Archive’s history resources. We are honored to accept donations of items to preserve the Mines experience for historians, students and the residents of Colorado.
Arthur Lakes Library Goes Global

As showcased in the recent Winter 2019 issue of Mines Magazine, the faculty, students and alumni are increasingly engaging on a global scale and as a result fostering international perspectives is becoming a strategic priority for our campus. Libraries are community platforms that must continuously develop in the same direction as their community. Toward this end, Arthur Lakes Library has been cultivating close relationships with select international academic libraries.

China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), Xuzhou, China
The Library hosted Dr. Song Yingfa, Library Director of CUMT, for a stimulating two-day visit in July 2018. Our library faculty presented on a range of subjects in order to discover areas of shared research interest. In May 2019, eight members of the Mines Library and Museum Department visited CUMT to engage in an intensive two-day library and museum symposium. Our librarians also conducted an all-day workshop for CUMT graduate students on scholarly publishing. We all learned a great deal from each other and identified several opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

These initial meetings led directly to the mutual exchange of scholars between our two libraries. This fall, the Arthur Lakes Library is hosting two visiting librarians, Bao Jie and Xu Shujuan, for a three-month period. Shujuan and Jie are studying, respectively, our library’s approach to research data management and information discovery systems. In Spring 2020, we will send Brianna Buljung, our Teaching and Learning Librarian, back to CUMT to engage in instruction and research relating to her specialization in information literacy.

The CUMT Library and Arthur Lakes Library have truly become sister libraries via these early exchanges of library knowledge and best practices. We look forward to learning much more from each other in the coming years.
Collaborations

Arthur Lakes Library & Mines Museum work together as a joint department. Experience digitized mineral specimens and recorded ED Talks in Mountain Scholar or visit the Scholars Hub to see a selection of the museum’s mineral specimens.

Nazarbayev University (NU), Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Arthur Lakes Library hosted Asema Temirkhanova, Acting Head of NU Library, and her colleague Didar Khalelov for a two-day visit in September 2018. This visit was productive, well received, and resulted in an invitation to attend Kazakhstan’s annual International Conference on Emerging Global Trends in University Library Development in June 2019. In addition to presenting multiple accepted papers at the conference, Mines library faculty toured several universities, met with NU administrators and established foundational relationships with many international librarians. As a direct result, Arthur Lakes Library invited Mehmet Üneş of Kastamonu University in Turkey to visit Mines in October 2019 to lecture on innovative library accessibility technologies. We are becoming fast friends and anticipate many more opportunities to engage with each other in the future.

These new international relationships are already benefiting the Mines campus. We are busy planning traveling exhibits between our respective libraries and museums, are considering implementing new accessibility technologies and have identified research areas where Arthur Lakes Library faculty can contribute to the growing field of international comparative librarianship. Thank you to Ramona Graves and Academic Affairs for their support of these initiatives!

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The Arthur Lakes Library faculty and staff are committed to disseminating and expanding their professional expertise through presenting professional papers at conferences and publishing in peer-reviewed journals and books all year long. Here is a list of their accomplishments July 2018-Sept 2019:

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