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Vanette Schwartz was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding College Researcher Award for Milner Library in recognition of her scholarly contributions to both Illinois State University and the field of librarianship.

Among Schwartz's many contributions are her efforts to fund library resources by winning competitive grants, which have improved collections, exhibits, and curriculum. This in turn has assisted faculty and benefited students.

Milner Library and the University have been greatly rewarded by Schwartz's dedication and service over the last 33 years, during which she achieved the rank of associate professor. As the library's Social Science and Maps librarian, she has subject responsibilities in history, social work, sociology, and women's and gender studies.

Particularly notable among her achievements is work on Illinois State University's Faculty Publications Database. In its tenth year, this research project began with the ambitious goal of creating a comprehensive bibliography of all publications by faculty members since 1857, the year the University was founded, to the present. She is one of the original coprincipal investigators, and as a colleague states, she has provided the "critical leadership" necessary to maintain this project's momentum. The compilation of the first 100 years of faculty and faculty publications was completed in time for Illinois State's 150th Anniversary celebration, and the database was listed prominently on the University's website throughout its sesquicentennial during 2007–2008.

The 2011 Outstanding Service Award was received by Ted Schwitzner. He has contributed substantially to Illinois State University through his participation and leadership in service activities at multiple levels. His involvement and the knowledge that he has gained from it has informed and facilitated Milner Library's ability to respond to changing realities in the academic library environment. Schwitzner is the coordinator of Bibliographic Services.

During the last three years, Schwitzner has performed service for Milner Library, as well as for professional organizations whose work directly impacts library operations. These include: The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries, Ex Libris Users of North America (ELUNA), the Illinois Library Association (ILA), the Illinois State Library, and the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). His level and quality of service is reflected in the numerous leadership roles that he has held. He chaired ELUNA's Voyager Product Working Group, mentored new library leaders as part of the State Library's Synergy program, served as ILA treasurer and Executive Board member, and held several key officer positions within the OCLC network.

Within Milner Library, Schwitzner has provided valuable service on two search committees as well as a number of other committees. He has provided important leadership on multiple levels and served the profession at local, state, and national levels.
Inside Milner

NEW EMPLOYEES

Len Childers joined the Administration Department as the administrative clerk. This is his first year with Illinois State University, having come from the corporate world of State Farm. Before moving to Bloomington, he spent four and a half years working as an executive administrative assistant at American Express in New York City. A former actor, he earned his B.F.A. from the University of Utah and his M.F.A. from the University of Washington.

RETIREMENTS

Teresa Thomason retired on November 30 after 28 years of service. Thomason started in reserve at Milner, then later moved to the Humanities Department where she also assisted in Special Collections. She finished at Milner as a library specialist in Reference Services.

Carol Hartzell retired on December 22 after serving for more than 18 years. Hartzell began in Interlibrary Loan/Borrowing and the Processing Unit of Preservation, and then joined the Bibliographic Services staff. Her last position was as a library specialist.

Barbara Brandon retired on January 1 after serving 41 years. Brandon started out in the Teaching Materials Center, but devoted the majority of her career as a manager in the area of Acquisitions.

Christine Kubiak retired on January 31 after serving 20 years. Christine has played many roles over the years, including subject specialist librarian for Music, Theatre and Communication; division head, head of Materials Resource Center/Learning Resource Center; and chair of Library Faculty Council, among many others.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS


Julie Derden, Christine Kubiak, and Sharon Van Der Laan presented the poster “Triage @ the Library” at the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries conference in Springfield.


Andrew Huor was elected president of the Guild of Book Workers.


Jean MacDonald presented “Libraries’ Librarians, and Patrons’ Use of Identifiers for Locating Information” at the Association of History, Literature, Science and Technology Interdisciplinary conference at Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain.


Priscilla Matthews presented “A Different Look at Two Voyager Authority Reports: The Overlap between Cat6 and Cat7 PDF Document” at the I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team fall forum webinar. Matthews also presented “We will now be cataloging... what?!!!” for the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois Streaming Video Symposium.


Toni Tucker was the featured librarian for the column "Interviews with Marketing Masters" in Marketing Library Services, Vol. 24 (6).


Dane Ward was a panelist for "Information Literacy Education: A National Overview" at a College of DuPage teleconference in Glen Ellyn.

Sohair Wastawy received the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) International Relations Committee Special Recognition Award for Leadership. Wastawy received the award at the American Library Association conference in Washington, D.C., on June 26.


Sarah C. Williams, Angela Bonnell and Bruce Stoffel wrote "Student Feedback on Federated Search Use, Satisfaction, and Web Presence: Qualitative Findings of Focus Groups." Reference and User Services Quarterly, Vol. 49.

Tidbits

HOMECOMING 2010

Esther Baker gave an engaging talk about her role as a school library leader during her 38 year career as a school librarian in East Peoria.

Roll Out the Red or as Milner puts it “Roll Out the Read” during the 2010 Homecoming parade garnered first place again as library staff and student workers rolled red book carts on the parade route. Milner also took second place for the campus decorating contest in which the entire main floor was decked out with a six foot Reggie Redbird in the middle of all the red crepe paper.

FALL SPEAKERS

A week did not pass without an event or speech taking place in the library. Mark Wyman kicked off the semester with a talk about his newest book Hobos, Bindlestiffs, Fruit Tramps, and the Harvesting of the West, where he explained the role of wandering workers and dispelling the myths surrounding them. Carlos Eire shared his story of being a child in Cuba and what life was like in the states after being one of the 14,000 children rescued in Operation Peter Pan, a rescue attempt to save Cuban children from the Castro regime from 1960–1962. The tattooed lady Amelia Klem Osterud shared her eight years of research on tattooed women through a multi-media presentation highlighting the most famous women from the mid-1800s to the present day. Sharing her memoir on life growing up in poverty and with dysfunctional parents, Jeannette Walls drew the largest crowd talking about overcoming hardships and turning adversity into something positive. Governor Quinn chose Milner Library to unveil his $96 million broadband initiative for the state of Illinois with Illinois State receiving a portion of the funding. Spring semester looks to be just as busy at Milner.

MILNER LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

On January 11 Milner launched a new website. With updated navigation and a fresh look and feel, the website now features enhanced search capabilities using the EBSCO Discover product. Help is available on every page through instant messaging, texting, or phoning a librarian. Please visit IllinoisState.edu/library, and let us know what you think.

Alumni update

Carol Chase ’72 (pen name Kate Charles) was inducted into The Detection Club, the oldest crime fiction organization in the world, founded by the Golden Age luminaries in 1930. Founding members included Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, and Arthur Morrison. Membership is by election and is considered a great honor.

Elaine Gaas Hirsh ’92 has recently been promoted and will now serve as the interim associate library director at Lewis & Clark College’s Aubrey Watzek Library. She has been working there for 12 years as a reference librarian and library advancement coordinator and is looking forward to the challenges of her new position.

Imogene Zachery ’70 just earned a doctor of arts in community college education from the Higher Education Program at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. Her knowledge area was educational leadership. Her dissertation title is “The Effect of Information Literacy Competency on Student Learning and Success in Three California Community Colleges.”

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You can also send your updated information or accomplishments to Toni Tucker at ttucker@IllinoisState.edu or fill out this form and return it to Illinois State University, Milner Library, Alumni News, Campus Box 8900, Normal, IL 61790-8900.

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Spring 2011
Calendar of events

Join us for events sponsored by Milner Library. For additional information visit IllinoisState.edu/library or contact Toni Tucker at ttucker@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 438-3481.

EVENTS

January 25, 7 p.m.
Alternative Winter Break to Guatemala
Milner Library, third floor, northeast corner

March 15, 7 p.m.
Shattered Dreams: My Life as a Polygamist’s Wife
Irene Spencer, Milner Library, main floor

March 17, 7 p.m.
An Evening with Lorenzo Pace
Milner Library, main floor

April 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Edible Book Festival
Milner Library, main floor

April 5, 7 p.m.
Fullbright Informational Workshop: Experience in Turkey
Rebecca Anderson and Becky Mentzer
Milner Library, third floor, northeast corner

April 7, 7 p.m.
More than Pretty & Pink
Shirin Yim Bridges, Milner Library, main floor

April 14, 7 p.m.
Dances with Robots: The Story of One Engineer, 112
Little Robots, and the Toys, Insects, and Star Wars
Movies that Made it all Possible.
James McLurkin
Bone Student Center, Brown Ballroom

April 20, 3 p.m.
Q&A with Animal Planet Host Jeff Corwin
Milner Library, main floor