



NEWSLETTER Spring 2012

Susan M. Ryan Named Dean of the duPont-Ball Library



Longtime Associate Library Director and Professor **Susan Ryan** was promoted to dean of the Library and Digital Learning Resources at Stetson. Ryan, who had served as interim director since last summer, was selected following a national search.

Ryan has been a member of the library faculty at Stetson since 1989, working as head of the Government Documents Department, associate director of Public Services and, since 2002, as associate library director.

Before coming to Stetson, Ryan was an Intelligence Analyst for the CIA and worked as a librarian in Arizona and California public libraries. After completing undergraduate studies at Florida State University, Ryan earned a Master of Science in International Relations from FSU and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ryan has published numerous articles and a book on government information policy, as well as articles on a number of other information-related topics. In 1995, Ryan became the only librarian to win Stetson's Hand Award for Research. She has also won the premier national government information research award, the Reynolds Award for Excellence in the Field of Government Information.

During the last few years, Ryan has increasingly focused her attention on the University Archives and Special Collections. She serves as curator for the large Clay Shaw and Max Cleland collections, as well as for a number of smaller special collections.

Message from the Library Dean

As noted, I was named Dean of the duPont-Ball Library and Digital Learning Technologies on April 1st. Stetson changed the title of the position this spring to reflect the library's role in student learning, as well as the future directions of libraries in general.

The Stetson library will continue to support the integrity of its excellent print and unique archival and historical collections, but we will also develop and increase online collections. Stetson is known for the quality of its undergraduate research, and the library will play a lead role in digitizing and sharing both student and faculty research online for wide dissemination.



In conjunction with my appointment, Associate Professor Debbi Dinkins, a member of the library faculty since 1993, has been appointed associate dean of the duPont-Ball Library. Dinkins previously served as a catalog librarian, technical services librarian, and, since 2002, as head of Technical Services.

Dinkins holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University and a Master of Library Service from the University of Alabama. Before coming to Stetson, she worked as an engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and Rockwell International. Her areas of expertise include collection development, collection management, and patron-driven acquisitions.

Debbi and I look forward to working not only with library users regularly on campus, but with our alumni and Library Associates who have been so generous in supporting our efforts to move the library forward.

Susan Ryan, Dean of the duPont-Ball Library

Library Research Awards

Each spring, the library awards two research prizes to students, the Evans C. Johnson Research Prize and the R. Neil Scott Research Prize. Recipients receive a monetary reward and an engraved plaque.



The Johnson Prize, sponsored by his family in honor of long-time Stetson history professor Evans Johnson, is awarded to a student whose

documented research paper in English 101 or a First-Year Seminar shows thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of the library and research resources. **Jennifer Curtis** won the award this year for her paper titled *Difference of Faith: Why Conservatively Religious Students Can Thrive in a Liberal Arts University*, written for Dr. Jamil Khader's class. Jennifer is a second-time winner – she received the Scott Research Prize last year for her paper on the negative effects of sugar and nonnutritive sweeteners.

The Scott Prize is awarded for the same criteria as the Johnson Prize, but with preference to papers dealing with general themes of business and economics. The Prize was initiated and sponsored by Neil Scott, a Stetson alumnus and former Stetson librarian. Neil passed away this year after a long illness and as a memorial tribute to him, his family and friends donated the



funding to keep the Scott Prize going for many years. **Tabea Wanninger** won the Scott Prize this year for her paper titled *Implications of Pig*

Factory Farming: A Concise Study of How Pig Factory Farms Impact Animals, Humans, and the Environment. Tabea is pictured with Dr. Paul Croce, the professor for whom she wrote the paper.

The high quality of submissions for this year's research prize competition led to the award of two Research Prize Honorable Mentions.

Kelsey Hoblick received an honorable mention for her paper, *An Education for His Future: Unraveling Ross Allen's Experience at Stetson University*, written for



Karen Cole's (pictured with Kelsey above) First-Year Seminar course. The Prize Committee was especially impressed with Kelsey's extensive use of primary sources on Ross Allen (who attended Stetson in the 1920s) found in the Stetson University Archives.

The second Honorable Mention went to **Dillon Moore** for his paper *Street Art: Experiment in Dialogue*.

Dillon is pictured here with Dr. Katya Kudryavtseva, the professor for whom Dillon wrote the paper.

All four students were honored at an award ceremony in the library, and we are proud to recognize outstanding work by students in first year English and seminar classes.

More about the prizes can be found on the library's website at <http://stetson.edu/library/prize.php> and all of the papers can be read at http://stetson.edu/library/prize_winners.php.

The Library on Facebook

Consider "liking" the Stetson University Library on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/StetsonLibrary>). We post a variety of photos and notices on our page to keep you up-to-date on the library.

Max Cleland Collection

The Stetson University Archives was included in the credits of The History Channel's *Vietnam in HD* television documentary series. The Archives supplied audio and video material from the library's Max Cleland Collection. The videos, 54 Vietnam home movies, were digitized in high definition by The History Channel and copies given to the library for the Cleland Collection.



Max Cleland, class of 1964, has had a distinguished military and political career, including service as a member of the Georgia State Senate, Head of the Veterans Administration under President Jimmy Carter, a U.S. Senator, a member of the 9-11

Commission, and currently as President Barack Obama's appointee as Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Stetson duPont-Ball Library is pleased to hold thousands of pieces of Max Cleland's personal memorabilia, photos, DVDs, and videos, including items from his time in Vietnam, his time in the U.S. Senate and other political offices, and much more. Learn more about the Cleland Collection (and browse photos of many of the items) at <http://archives.stetson.edu>. (Choose "Special Collections" in the left column.)

Dean of the Library Susan Ryan recently travelled to Atlanta to visit Max at his home and to inventory additional memorabilia there that will eventually be donated to Stetson. Below Max points to a picture of himself with President Obama at a ceremony for World War II veterans in Normandy, France.



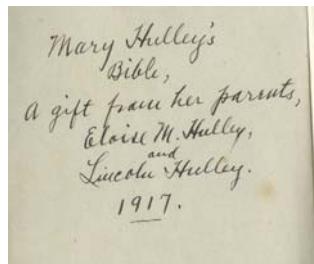
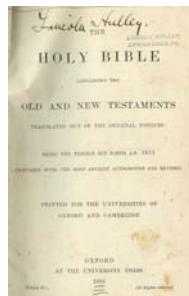
Recent Gifts to the Archives

The library received several interesting artifacts pertaining to the Delta Delta Delta sorority from **Barbara A. Walters**, class of 1948, including this beautiful sorority pin from 1913 that belonged to Mary O. Walters Brooks, as well as a number of other jewelry pieces.



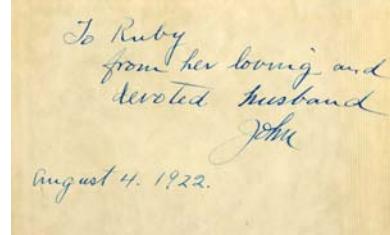
Barbara also donated her rat cap, worn by all freshmen in the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and '60s. Her rat cap is the oldest of nine rat caps in the Stetson Archives.

Lucy Richert, great granddaughter of Stetson's longest serving President Lincoln Hulley (1904-1934), donated a number of Hulley's personal possessions to the Archives, including books authored by Hulley, Hulley's 1885 Bible, and a 1917 Bible that Lincoln and Eloise Hulley gave to their daughter Mary, a Stetson alumna.



Bill Widdowson, great-grandson of University benefactor John B.

Stetson, and his wife **Diane** recently sent us a 1922 limited edition book, *Documents and Narratives Concerning the Discovery and Conquest of Latin America*, translated and signed to his wife by John B. Stetson, Jr.



Cookies and Milk at the Library

The library held Cookies and Milk Night during final exam week this spring. A tradition that began in 2003, library staff bakes and buys cookies, brownies, treats, and drinks for our students. Students look forward to the event and the library fills up at the designated start of the sugar-fest.



Final Exams and the Library is Packed!

The library stays busy whenever classes are in session, but students spend long hours with us as final exams approach. The atmosphere is charged with nervous energy, but it all ends well for most of our dedicated studiers!



Congratulations, Graduates!

The library employs dozens of student assistants each year. The student workers are an integral part of our staff – we couldn't run the library without them. Many of them are with us all four years of their Stetson experience.

A sad goodbye, but a happy congratulations to our senior library student assistants who graduated in December 2011 and May 2012. We expect to see you back for many visits!

2011-2012 Grads: Jeff Gil, Zanolee Grant, Noah Hilton, Zech Lange, Shay Martin, Lillyan Ratcliffe, Luis Rodriguez, Hannah Tennyson, and Jiae Zhong.



Seniors Luis Rodriguez, Noah Hilton, & Jeff Gil



Senior Jiae Zhong poses with library staff.