

STETSON UNIVERSITY

duPont-Ball Library

Message from Interim Library Leaders

Debbi Dinkins, Interim Library Director and Associate Dean, and Jennifer Corbin, Interim Associate Library Director and Director of Public Services

During this fall semester, the duPont-Ball Library continues to be a gathering spot on campus for students, staff, and faculty. Since we are located in the center of campus, many of our students pass by daily on their way to class or to the CUB. With the library's collaborative study spaces and group study rooms, as well as the Hollis Family Student Success Center and the Writing Center, it is easy to meet with classmates to work on assignments. Individual quiet study spaces are plentiful on the basement level and around the perimeter of the building. Librarians have thoughtfully and deliberately planned the furniture and study spaces for our students under the leadership of our former dean, Susan Ryan, and through the attention of Jennifer Corbin, Interim Associate Director, to how our students use library spaces. Because of their efforts, we are close to reaching the number of visitors during the semester that we saw before the pandemic.

At the beginning of the semester, we brought back the tradition of the library's reception honoring promoted and tenured faculty from the previous year. The photos below were taken at the reception where faculty and staff came together to honor twelve faculty members who achieved tenure and/or promotion. The reception was well attended and our new provost, Dr. Elizabeth Skomp, offered encouraging remarks about the coming academic year. In this newsletter, please find statements from some of the honored faculty and their choices of influential books in their personal or professional lives.

Here's to an inspirational and successful academic year at the duPont-Ball Library under interim leadership!



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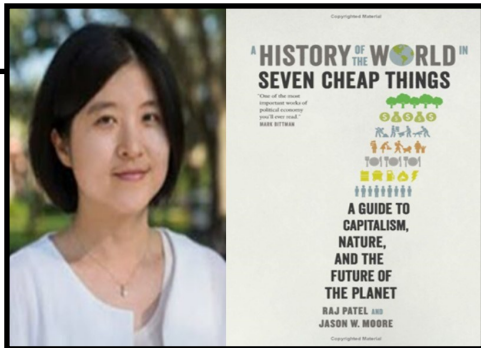
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Honoring Our Faculty

The library has an annual tradition of honoring faculty members who have been recently tenured and/or promoted. We ask each faculty member to choose a book that has been particularly meaningful to them in their personal or professional lives and we add that book to our collection with a commemorative bookplate. In addition, we celebrate our faculty and staff authors who have published a book during the last year. Congratulations to the faculty celebrated in this newsletter!

A History of the World in Seven Cheap Things: a Guide to Capitalism, Nature, and the Future of the Planet “This book skillfully interweaves nature, capitalism, culture, and history, allowing readers to expand their horizons and gain a profound understanding of their existence on a planetary context. It has inspired me to explore reader-friendly approaches for producing and presenting my research.” (Su Young Choi)

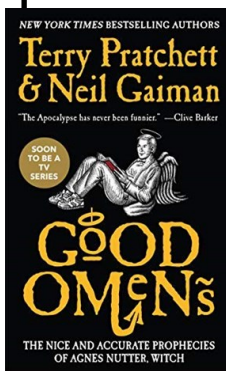


Su Young Choi,
Communications and Me-
dia Studies (left), and
Sarah Garcia-Beaumier,
Psychology (right),
both tenured and
promoted to Associate
Professor.



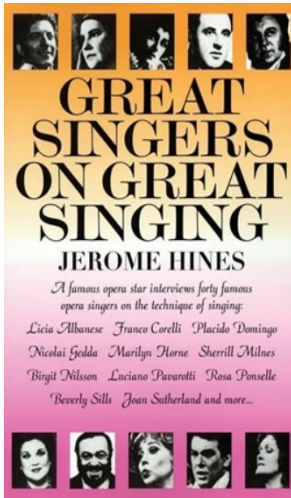
A Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl
“This may be a surprising choice given that few psychologists practice logotherapy. However, I have found this book to be highly influential in my work with both patients and students. Frankl argues that our search for happiness is counterproductive, and that there is no singular meaning. Rather a search for meaning in any situation, even in suffering, and a responsibility towards pursuing that will ensure wellbeing. In a field often focused on current symptoms-current crises- this line of thinking reorients us to each individual client's, and our own, meaning in that moment.” (Sarah Garcia-Beaumier)

Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch by Neil Gaiman
“Good Omens is a book that prompts deep consideration of friendship, good/evil, free will, and what it means to be human. I appreciate Pratchett and Gaiman's writing style and humor, as well as their ability to present their affection for humans, while deftly expressing anger and irritation for issues caused by humans such as religion and environmental destruction. Good Omens is thought provoking in an engaging way, something that I believe is important to liberal arts learning.”
(Tara Schuwerk)



Tara Schuwerk, Communi-
cations and Media Studies
(left), promoted to
Professor.

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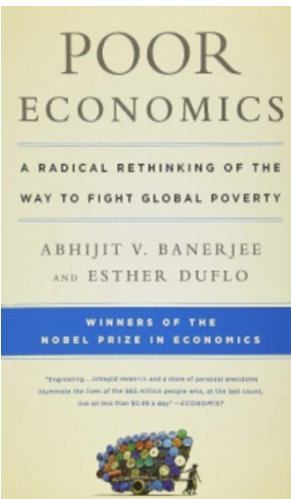


Great Singers on Great Singing “It’s a fun read and fascinating, because it illustrates so clearly that there is no one right approach to singing... all of these hugely successful stars discussing their often radically different methods and techniques... sometimes it’s hard to believe they’re even talking about the same art form! It’s a great allegory for teaching voice, though... we have to use such varied approaches for the different needs and learning styles of our students.” (Karen Coker Merritt)



My Neighbor, Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki

“Although originally from Malaysia, I spent my childhood in Japan. This book and movie is about a tight knit family, the love they have for each other, and the play and adventures the kids embark on in a beautiful place. Totoro takes me back to my wonderful childhood, the culture and fun I was immersed in as a kid in my neighborhood. The curiosity and play as a child has led me to be the scientist and teacher I am today.” (Lynn Kee)



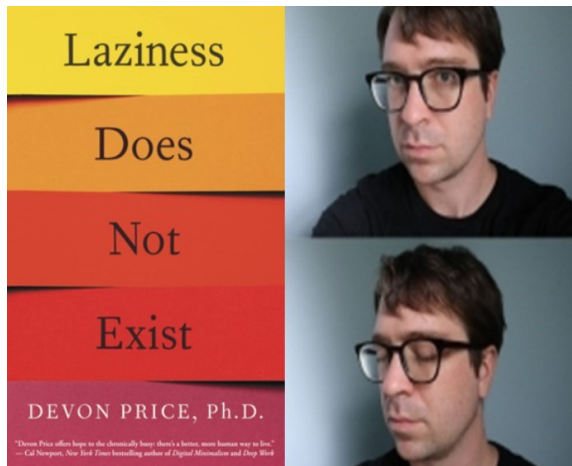
Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty by Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo

“I was particularly inspired by Duflo’s experimental approach to solving economic problems faced by the poorest societies around the world as I come from one of the poorest nations as well and I have seen some of these issues firsthand.” (Khushbu Mishra)

Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
(pictured above from top):

Karen Coker Merritt, Music
Lynn Kee, Biology
Khushbu Mishra, Biology

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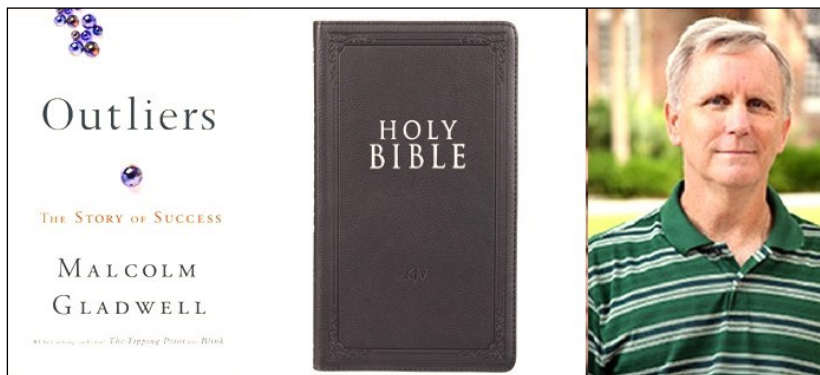


**Chaz Underriner, Digital Arts,
Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor**

**Will Miles, Mathematics and Computer Science,
Promoted to Professor**

Laziness Does Not Exist

"I've gotten the library to acquire all kinds of things already. A book that has been influential to me is Devon Price's Laziness Does Not Exist." (Chaz Underriner)



"The most influential books for me are the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and the Holy Bible. If you'd prefer to display something less religious, I also frequently reference Malcolm Gladwell's Outliers." (Will Miles)

**Congratulations to those faculty also
tenured and promoted to Associate Professor**

Basar Koc, Computer Science
Teresa Carmody, M.F.A. Program
Sean Kennard, Music
Lou Sabina, Education



Faculty Book Authors

Congratulations to Stetson's faculty authors who have recently published books:

- Will Miles, *Numerical Methods with Python: for the Sciences*, 2023
- Chesya Burke, *Hero Me Not: the Containment of the Most Powerful Black Superhero*, 2023

Welcome New Library Faculty and Staff!

Kellie Pait—Research & Learning Librarian



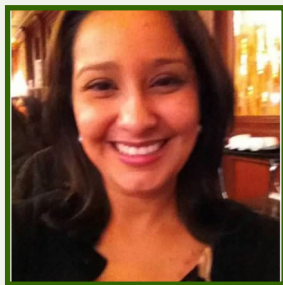
Kellie Pait joined us in the fall of 2022 as our Part-Time Reference Librarian. She was selected as our tenure-track Research and Learning Librarian in July 2023. Kellie is a Stetson alumna (2010) with a background in public education and has worked in academic libraries since 2019.

Lauren Westmoreland —Acquisitions/ILL Specialist



Lauren Woodall Westmoreland joined the library staff in the summer of 2022. She moved to a full time position as Acquisitions / ILL Specialist in the summer of 2023. She is a Stetson alumna (2010) who worked in our library as a student assistant, and went on to work for the Seminole State College Library.

Jossie Amador-Gonzalez—P/T Reference Librarian



Welcome, Jossie! Jossie is an experienced librarian who has worked in libraries and in human resources. She earned her MS in Library and Information Science from Long Island University in New York. Most recently, Jossie worked at the Maitland Public Library and at Seminole State College.

Xanthippe Pack-Brown—Serials Continuations Specialist



Xan is a recent Stetson graduate (B.A., English, 2023) and is interested in graduate school. They also serve as a liaison between the duPont-Ball Library's Gallery duPont and the Hand Art Center. Welcome, Xan!

Welcome New Library Faculty and Staff!

Ashley Conti—Night Circulation Supervisor



Ashley has a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Supervision and Management from Daytona State. She has management and library experience and has been a welcome addition to our circulation staff. Ashley is very creative and has lent her skills to multiple student projects. Welcome, Ashley!

Majailah Domingo—Weekend Circulation Supervisor



Majailah is a recent Stetson graduate (B.A., English, 2022). She has worked in management at a local movie theatre complex and joined the library's circulation team in the fall of 2023.

Welcome, Majailah!

David Ireland —Information Literacy & Learning Librarian



David graduated with a Master of Information Studies from McGill University in 2021. He earned an M.Phil. in Linguistics from Trinity College Dublin and a B.A. in English Literature from UNCW. He is passionate about language; the ideas of Marshall McLuhan, Walter Ong, Maryanne Wolf, and Elizabeth Eisenstein; and how the medium relates to how we take in information.

Welcome, David!

A Dispatch from the Stetson Archives

The Archives and Special Collections have been quite busy the last few months in the lead-up to Stetson University's 140th Anniversary celebration. In addition to helping with the planning committee and fielding research requests, Archivist Beth Maycumber showcased special items from the collections in the library during the Homecoming Celebration, and again at the CUB during the 140th anniversary party that took place on Henry DeLand's birthday, October 25th.

This past summer, the Archives worked on digitizing a large number of historic film reels, including football games from the 1940s and 1950s, footage of mid-century DeLand which included a holiday parade, and basketball games from the 1970s with scenes of a team trip to Sweden!

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