

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

The 2023-2024 academic year has been a year of challenges, celebrations, new student, staff, and faculty faces, and adaptation. I feel like I have learned something new each day about managing a library and being an administrator at Stetson. It continues to be an exhilarating experience!

Our main celebration at the duPont-Ball Library this year is in the hiring of Katy Webb as our new Betty Drees Johnson Endowed Dean of the Library and Learning Technologies. Katy is full of energy, has great experience in academic library management, and is eager to begin her journey at Stetson. Read more about Katy Webb on page 2 of this newsletter. The library is grateful to Provost Elizabeth Skomp and Storbeck Search for their support in our Dean search.

Other celebrations include many successful personnel searches, adding a new and diverse group of library staff and faculty to an already strong and talented group of people. Two of our most recent hires are featured on page 3 of this newsletter. We have a few more searches to go, but I am confident we will find the best people to round out our staff of library professionals.

I would like to thank my colleague and friend, Jennifer Corbin, the library's Director of Public Services and the Interim Associate Library Director for taking this library leadership journey with me this year. We have weathered the challenges and I hope the library is stronger for our experiences this year. Also, I would like to thank Susan Ryan, our former Dean of the Library, for leaving documentation and instructions for almost every eventuality that we encountered. Additionally, let me thank the library faculty and staff for their support, hard work, and adaptation to new leaders and decision-making processes. It took all of us to make this a successful year for the students, faculty, and staff that we serve and support.

Finally, I would like to thank our Library Associates for the financial support you continued to give so generously during this transition year. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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Katy Webb Named Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library

Portions of the following story were first published in the March 1, 2024 edition of Stetson Today.

After a national search, Katy Webb has been selected as Stetson's new Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library and Learning Technologies. Webb will officially join the Stetson community on July 1. She replaces longtime dean, Susan Ryan.

In addition to overseeing the library's \$2 million budget, Webb, as the holder of the only endowed deanship at Stetson, will steward the use of the endowment's annual, dedicated funds to support library projects, initiatives and/or programs. Other duties include hiring faculty and staff; pursuing fundraising and outreach activities; strategic planning and budgets; and fostering a climate of excellence and connectedness between the library and the other academic and non-academic units, as well as the rest of the university (including the College of Law in Gulfport). Further, Webb will play a role on the university's Academic Affairs leadership team.



Webb arrives on campus from Yale University, where she was director of Yale Access Services and Bass Library. As director, she was responsible for setting priorities in support of the university's teaching and research mission, and overseeing all administrative aspects of Bass Library. Her responsibilities also extended beyond the Bass Library to include high-use public spaces and collections located in Yale's Sterling Memorial Library.

Prior to Yale, Webb held library roles at East Carolina University (as a tenured associate professor/librarian) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

At Stetson, Webb will seek to continue positioning the library as a "central place for students to come together to learn and grow. Libraries are key locations for institutions of higher education like Stetson University — not only do they serve as the 'third place' on campus besides the classroom, dorm or office for students and faculty, but they are also the intellectual heart of the university," she says. Webb is particularly excited about the library's Innovation Lab. In 2018, she published a book about library labs, titled "Development of Creative Spaces in Academic Libraries: A Decisionmaker's Guide."

"This focus on innovation can spread," noted Webb, "and by harnessing the idea of the 'library as a lab' to more elements of the library, it will allow us to pilot new services and spaces."

The duPont-Ball Library faculty and staff are excited to start working this summer under Katy Webb's leadership.

Welcome New Library Faculty and Staff!

Mike Wells —Web Services and Research Librarian



Mike Wells joins us from Wilmington College in Ohio. His previous roles at various universities include Library Director, Systems Librarian, and Library/IT Director. Mike has over 20 years of experience in information technology management.
Welcome, Mike!

Sarah Bennett —P/T Archives Specialist



Sarah Bennett has a MA in Historical Archaeology and a BA in History from Flagler College. She has worked for the National Park Service on St. Simons Island in Georgia and as an archaeologist at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Osprey, FL.
Welcome, Sarah!

A Dispatch from the Stetson Archives

The Archives and Special Collections were thrilled to accept a new collection of items this past January that once belonged to beloved Professor Emeritus Dr. T. Wayne Bailey (1935-2021). Dr. Bailey, founder of Stetson University's Department of Political Science and cofounder of the university's Model Student Senate, taught at Stetson for fifty-three years, championing generations of students and advancing the careers of many federal leaders including Members of Congress, federal and state office holders, and public servants in Florida and throughout the U.S.

Dr. Bailey was an active leader in the local, State, and National Democratic Party. He served as the State of Florida Democratic Party Chair, National Committeeman, and as a delegate, attending ten Democratic National Conventions between 1972-2012. He was vice chair of the Volusia County Charter and Study Commission that created the Volusia County Constitution. He chaired the first two Charter Review Commissions and served as a member of the commissions in 1995 and

2006. In 2011, Dr. Bailey was named Volusia County Citizen of the Year. An active member of the American Lung Association for more than thirty-five years, Dr. Bailey advocated against the dangers of smoking and helped make the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act a reality. He was the first person in the United States to receive the Discovery Health Channel Medical Honor in 2004. He served on the Florida Hospital DeLand Foundation board of directors, served multiple terms as Deacon at the First Baptist Church of DeLand, and was active in the Tiger Bay Club and numerous other local, community, and national organizations.

Archivist Beth Maycumber and brand-new Archives Specialist Sarah Bennett have been hard at work organizing and cataloging this new collection of numerous papers and approximately a thousand objects, preparing it for its permanent storage in the Archives. The T. Wayne Bailey Collection includes his papers, as well as newspaper clippings, assorted political memorabilia, including Democratic National Convention ephemera and a collection of 510 political pin-back buttons, Stetson University memorabilia, American Lung Association memorabilia, awards, photographs, and other objects and ephemera. Many objects in this collection will be on permanent display in the T. Wayne Bailey Politics Room in the duPont-Ball Library, and this collection will also be available to view online in the Digital Archives. We hope to invite our Stetson Community to view these items sometime in the fall - please stay tuned!

— Beth Maycumber, Archivist



Buttons from the T. Wayne Bailey Collection.

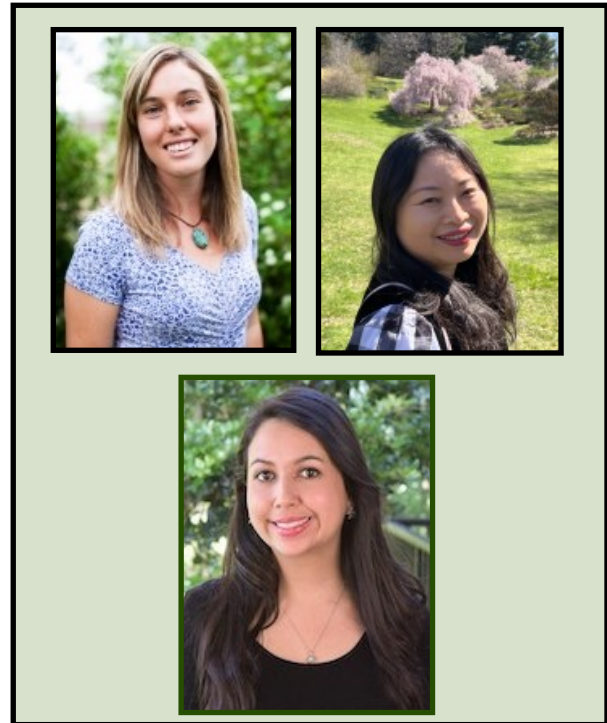
Building Partners in the duPont-Ball Library

The library shares space with two essential student services – **The Writing Center** and the **Hollis Family Student Success Center**.

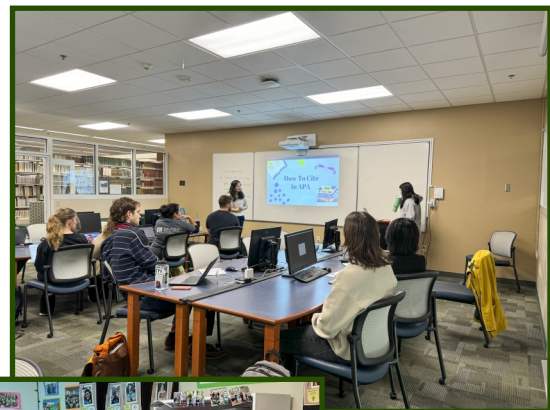
Under the leadership of **Dr. Leigh Ann Dunning**, the Writing Center, located on the main floor of the library, is a popular student service. They offer online and in-person tutoring to students. Student peer tutors help student writers across campus with any type of written work at any stage of the writing process. Having the Writing Center in the duPont-Ball Library is very convenient for students working on research papers, citing sources, and other writing assignments. Dr. Dunning is joined this year by **Dr. Yanghong Zuo**, a Brown Teacher-Scholar Fellow and the Assistant Director of the Writing Center.

The Hollis Family Student Success Center (HFSSC) is located on the mezzanine level of the library. They offer success coaching, tutoring and peer instruction, accessibility resources, learning tools, academic advising, and academic support for student athletes. **Joanne Bembinster** is the Director of Academic Success and she is joined by Dr. Martha von Mering, Director of Accessibility Services. Others working in this area in the HFSSC include Alexander Nava Medina, Marlene Vinciguerra, Steven Carrillo, Heather Holston, Caitlin McHale, D’Andra Grant, and Ed Hernandez.

Convenience is a key reason why the library has partnered with the Writing Center and the HFSSC. We want students to have scholarly support where they are studying, writing, and completing assignments. Our building partners are essential to meeting our library’s mission to advance teaching and collaboration.



Top (L TO R): Dr. Leigh Ann Dunning, Dr. Yanghong Zuo
Bottom : Joanne Bembinster.



Above: Dr. Zuo teaching a workshop on APA Citation Style in the library’s East Room. Far left: Entrance to the Hollis Family Student Success Center. Near left: A Writing Center tutor works with a student.



First Year Research Prizes

Each spring the library awards two research prizes: The Evans C. Johnson and the R. Neil Scott research prizes. The contests are sponsored by the library (and funded by donors in memory of the prizes' namesakes) to encourage the thorough, effective, creative, and ethical use of research resources in first year student papers. Winners receive a monetary award and an engraved plaque.

The 2024 Evans C. Johnson Research Prize went to Reagan Shivers for her paper, Keepers of Domesticity: the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and the Historic House Museum in the Political Sphere, written for the Gender in American History course taught by Dr. Emily Mieras.

Mia Martinez won the R. Neil Scott Prize for her paper, Water is a Human Right, written for Dr. Wendy Anderson's Water and Society first year seminar course. Honorable mention for the Scott Prize was awarded to Justine Gouldsbrough for her paper, Fast Fashion and Sustainability: The Effects of Low Price, written for Dr. Lori Snook's Style and the Self first year seminar course.

EVANS C. JOHNSON PRIZE: Reagan Shivers

R. NEIL SCOTT PRIZE: Mia Martinez

SCOTT PRIZE HONORABLE MENTION:

Justine Gouldsbrough

We congratulate all of these talented students!



Justine Gouldsbrough (L), R. Neil Scott Prize Honorable Mention, with Laura Kirkland.



Reagan Shivers (L), winner of the Evans C. Johnson Prize, with Catalog Librarian Laura Kirkland.

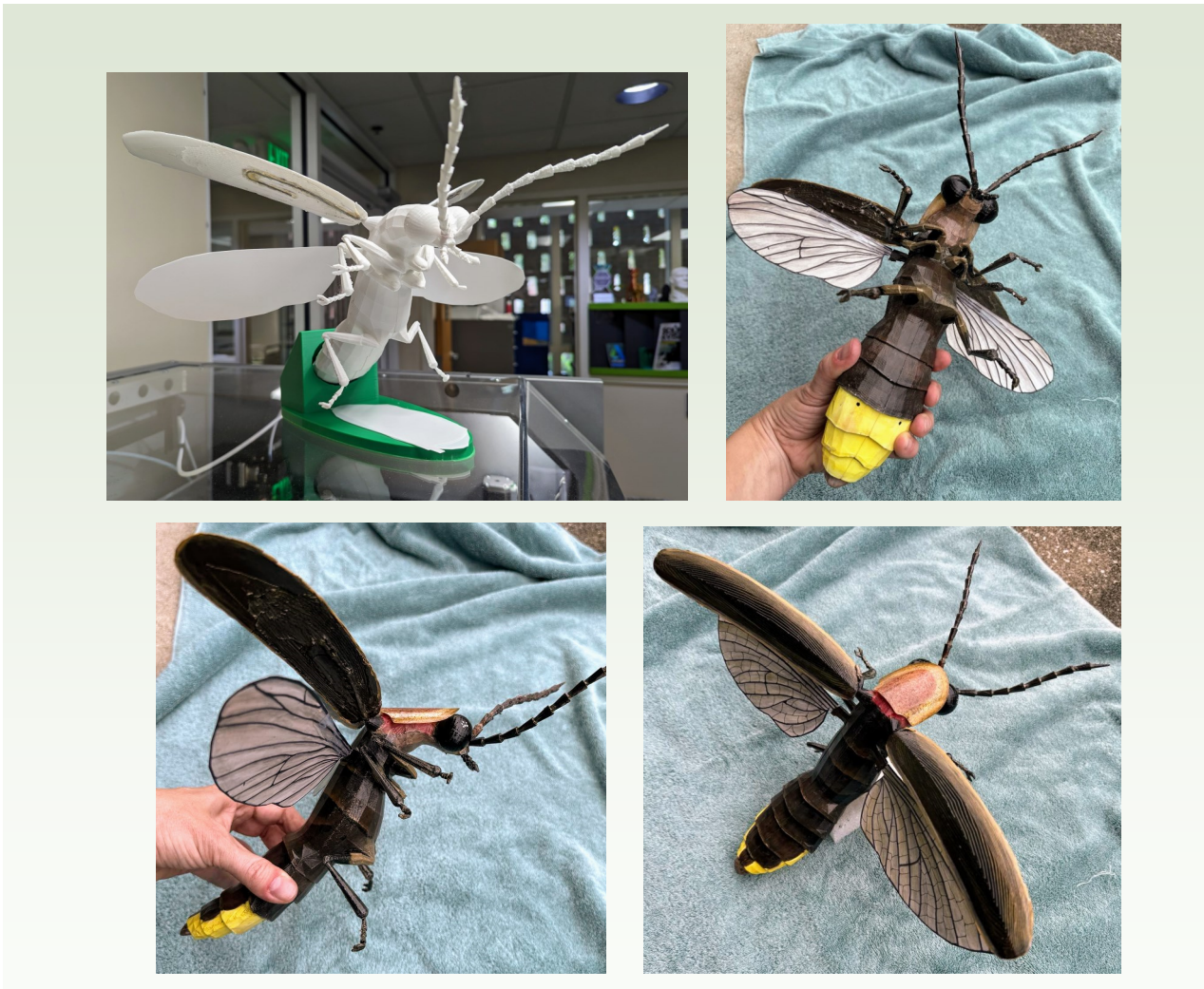


Mia Martinez (L), winner of the R. Neil Scott Prize, with Dr. Wendy Anderson.

News from the Innovation Lab

- Three new next-gen Prusa mk4 printers were added to the lab line-up, with more on the way to provide patrons with a faster, easier, and more advanced printing process.
- We have been working in close partnership with the CREA department to help 3D Art students figure out innovative ways to complete their projects in the face of a global plaster shortage. Forms that would once have been cast in plaster molds are now being 3D printed directly.
- The Lab Manager worked with Stetson professor of biology Dr. Melissa Gibbs to create a realistic 3D printed 20:1 scale *Photinus pyralis* firefly model to use for visitor education at the local Blue Spring Firefly Festival (photos attached - before and after painting). See photos below.

— Chris Finkle, Innovation Lab Manager



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