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Interactive News and Links to Our Services



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From the Director



In the summer of 2020, Furman introduced a Strategic Diversity Plan to the University. Over the course of the next 12 months, University departments and divisions were asked to provide feedback on the plan and to begin the work of creating

individual departmental plans. The Libraries began that work in the Spring of 2021. Robyn Andrews, Circulation Supervisor and Diversity Coordinator, co-chairs the committee with me. Committee members are Miles Dame, Paige Dhyne, Mary Fairbairn, and Nancy Sloan. The committee meets regularly to discuss mission, vision, values, and goals. Over the course of our work, the committee realized that diversity, equity, and inclusion is, and should be, a part of everything we do in the libraries. Through this insight, our initiative developed into not only a plan guiding our diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, but a strategic plan to guide all programming and services of the Furman University Libraries. Our vision is "to be a campus leader in the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion by creating a welcoming environment where every member of the Furman Community can connect, discover, and learn." In our mission, to "support the evolving curricular needs of Furman University, we promote a collaborative culture, advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion by connecting individuals, ideas, and areas of study on campus and beyond." Our values have been expanded to include specific references to diversity, equity, and inclusion and can be found at this link. We look forward to sharing more about our DEI initiatives with you in the coming months!

Welcome Archivist/Digital Collections Librarian, Dr. Nashieli Marcano

The Furman University Libraries have the pleasure of introducing to you our newest faculty member Dr. Nashieli Marcano our Archivist/Digital Collections Librarian. Dr. Marcano comes to us from the Kennesaw State University Library System where she held the position of Graduate Librarian for Humanities and Social sciences. Her new role at Furman is Archivist and Digital Collections Librarian. She will be coordinating with the other three Duke Endowed Libraries, assisting faculty and staff in studying and researching our institutional history with race and racism, and working with graduate and undergraduate students in their research.

In her new position, Dr. Marcano will support faculty, staff, and students who use the archives for research in the area of institutional history. She will help them create scholarly work around their findings such as talks, websites, and symposia.

What are you most looking forward to in this new role?

I'm excited about this position because I will be entering the realm of digital collections, curation, and preservation, and I get to not just apply some of my experience in the past but I also get to learn a new set of skills. I will get to work with digital history projects and I will feel like that the work I do will make an impact.

What else would you like people to know about you?

I like scuba diving, bowling, playing board games, card games, and crocheting (mostly rectangles like scarves, shawls, and hats).



Jean Wynn Smith: April 6, 1941 - November 5, 2021



Jean Smith, Furman Libraries' longest serving employee died on November 5th at the age of 80. Jean began her employment at the library shortly after graduating from high school and after 46 years of dedicated work as an Acquisitions Assistant, retired in 2005. For many years during her retirement, Jean and daughter, Alice, returned for the library's annual holiday potluck luncheon.

"Jean was a loyal, dedicated and long-serving staff member. She delayed her retirement by several years because she wanted to have the experience of working in the "new" library (which was completed in 2004)." - Janis Bandelin, Director of Libraries Emeritus

"She loved the library and loved Furman. And she liked library parties! She was quiet, gentle and polite, a true southern belle." - Nancy Sloan, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian

"She made the best coconut layer cake I have ever eaten! A true Southern lady." - Libby Young, Outreach Librarian

"I knew Jean a long time, and we talked plants, gardens, especially transplants, Whatever season it was." - Steve Richardson, Outreach Librarian Emeritus



Inter-Departmental News

Digital and Resource Management

- Due to the increased demand for streaming video content, the Libraries have allocated \$1,000 to each academic department exclusively for buying streaming video. If you have a video that you'd like to request, please fill out our [Video Requests](#) form.
- The Furman Libraries Open Access Fund is accepting applications. For eligible publications, the Libraries will pay up to \$1,000 in article processing charges (APCs) per faculty member per academic year. [Read the full guidelines and apply online.](#)
- Have copyright or streaming video questions? We can help find the answers! Read our newly updated [Copyright Guide](#) and contact us directly at copyright@furman.edu.
- \$3,000 of the money raised by the library during DinsDay is allocated for captioning video to improve accessibility. A project is underway to review and update auto-captioning in YouTube. Longer videos are being outsourced to Rev.com for captioning. Collections that have benefited from this captioning include: [The Furman University Oral Histories](#) and [First Nations Lectures](#).

Outreach and Access Services

This fall the Outreach Librarians have partnered with over 50 faculty members to assist with designing effective research assignments, offer course-integrated and assignment-specific research instruction, and meet with individual students or small groups from specific classes to discuss their research. An Example of such a class is German 430, Readings in German Language taught by Dr. Emily Krauter. In addition to offering credit as an upper-level course for German language majors, this class counts as a linguistics class. One of the topics it addresses is “Kiezduetsch” a form of German that the children of immigrants from Turkey and Arabic countries have developed along with German nationals which includes borrowed Turkish words and relaxing of grammar rules.

Libby Young has worked with the class this semester, building a LibGuide for their use and offering instruction on how to use specific databases such as Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts. Libby says of the class “I have enjoyed working with the class—it is a super interesting topic and addresses “ethnolects” which is a term I learned from getting ready for this class! Love my job and the things I learn.”

Dr. Krauter says of the class, “Working with the library has greatly broadened my students' view of Kiezdeutsch. Through this exercise they learned that several scholars are currently researching and debating the topics we have been learning about all semester thus bringing the content to life and reinforcing the real-world applicability of studying and researching this topic.”



Outreach Librarian, Libby Young with students from Dr. Krauter's German 430 class.



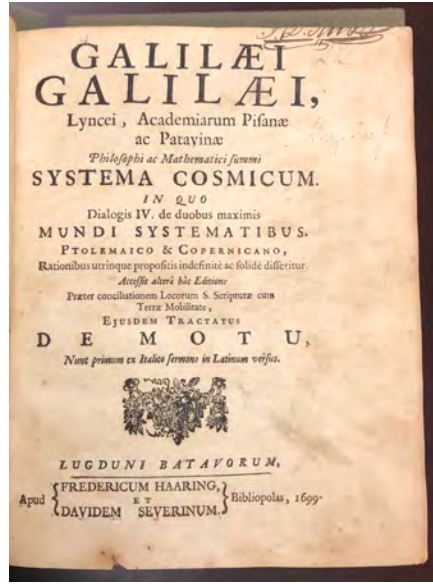
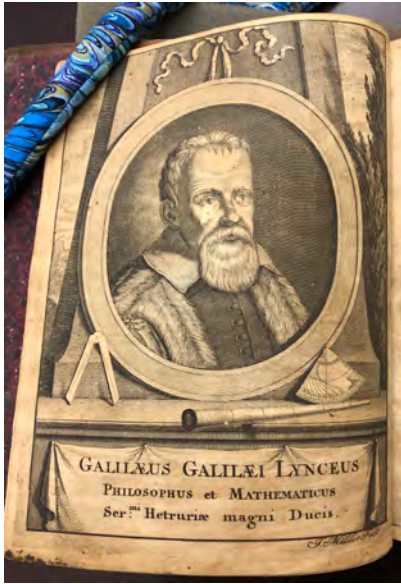
International Education Week

November 14 - 20



Newly Acquired, 1699 Galileo

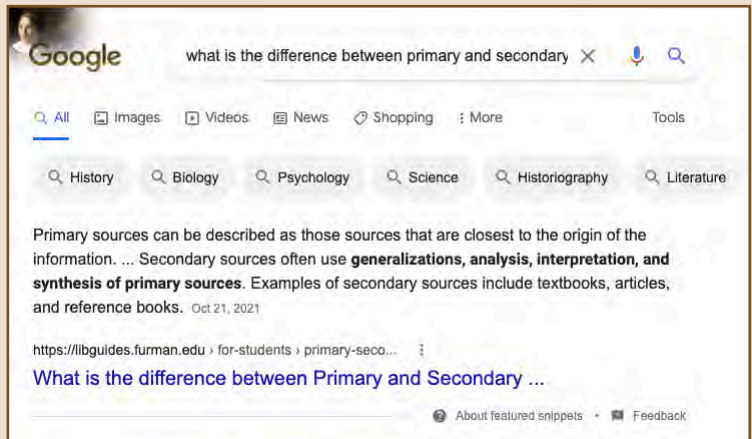
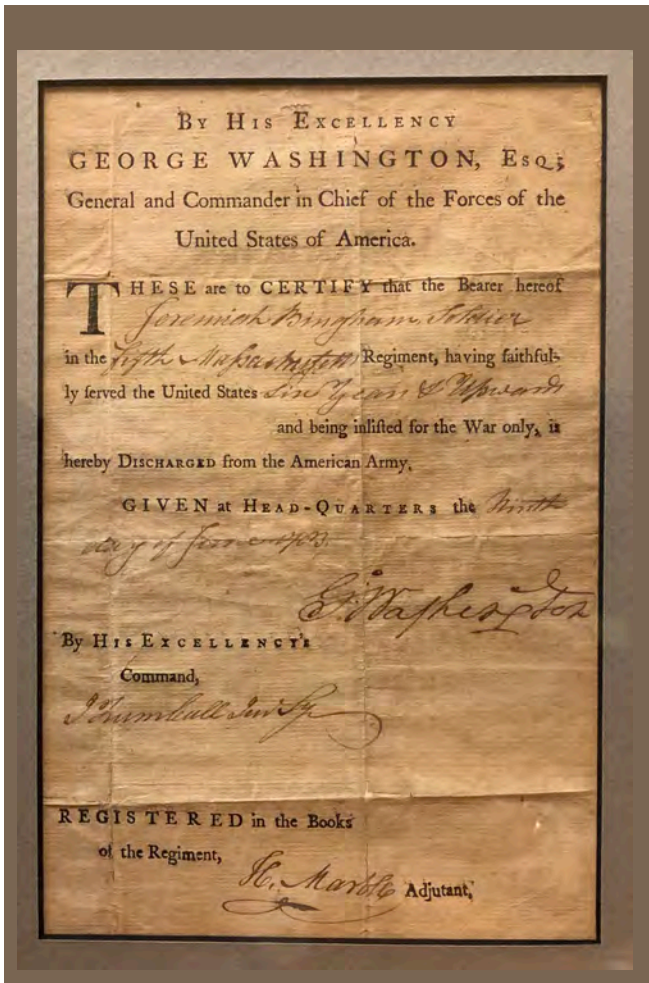
Our newest major acquisition, a 1699 edition of Galileo's Dialogue Concerning the Two World Chief Systems, is already seeing use in the classroom. See the recent [Furman News](#) article on it for more information.



Special Collections and Archives

Top Google Rankings!

If, like many high school and college students, you Google "what is the difference between a primary and a secondary source," the first link to appear on the results is a webpage created by Furman's department of Special Collections and Archives! The page, which has been active for over 10 years and is periodically edited and updated, is also one of the library's most frequently consulted pages. Over time, the number of outside websites linking to it has raised our search engine ranking to its current #1 status.



Presidential Autograph Collection

Earlier this fall, Furman received a major gift that is currently housed in Special Collections and Archives: a collection of documents with signatures by every United States President from George Washington to Barak Obama. Collected over many years by Nashville banker and investor Frank O. Keener '64 (1943-2015), the collection came to Furman as a bequest from his wife Judy and his estate.



Library and Information Technology Committee

In 2020 the Furman faculty approved a redesign of our faculty governance structure. One outcome of the redesign was the combination of the Library Committee and Academic Computing Committee to form the Library and Information Technology Committee. Last spring Operating Procedure for the committee was approved. The major responsibilities of this newly formed group are to make recommendations on the operation and policies of the Libraries and advising the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and the Dean of Faculty regarding policies, procedures, and planning for academic computing and information technology resources for faculty and students.

The following faculty are members of the committee for 2021-2022: Lori Alvin (Chair), Omar Carmentates, Katie Kelly, Alfons Teipen, and Mary Elizabeth Anderson. Student representatives are senior, Biology-Cell and Molecular Biology major Lara Rudman, and sophomore Denison Jones.

The group has met twice this semester. Major initiatives for the committee for the year include gathering feedback on the Libraries Strategic Plan, assisting with the interview process for the Outreach and Cataloging Librarian searches, the Faculty Scholarship Reception, and ongoing planning for an Academic Commons in the Duke Library.



Members of the LIT Committee meet in the Pitts Room

NEWS FLASH!

Team Engage. Enlighten. ~~Empower.~~ Over



Nashieli Marcano, Paige Dhyne, Miles Dame, Caroline Mills, Robyn Andrews

An enthusiastic team from the Libraries participated in SGA's Hallow's Eve Dodgeball Tournament on October 29th. Nashieli, Paige, Miles, Caroline, and Robyn were joined by other Furman contenders to form one of the seven teams that competed in the double elimination competition. Each player donned their game face and got down to business, winning the first round and just missing a victory in the second game. The MVP trophy went to Paige Dhyne who attributed her fast and targeted throws to "years of playing softball." It took a few days for some players to recover, but a good time was had by all!



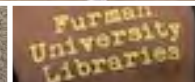
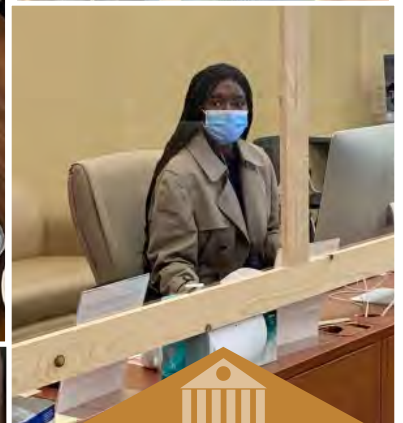
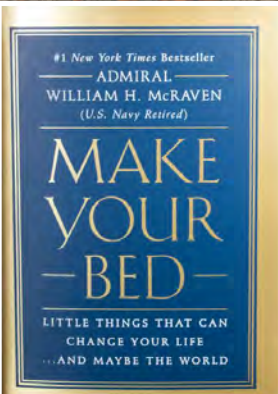
Library Student Advisory Group - Where Students' Voices are Heard



On October 28 the Library Student Advisory Group (LSAG) got off to a great start with a group of 25 enthusiastic students. Along with members of the Library Leadership Council, the group met in the 24-hour study room for a delicious dinner from Tropical Grill.

The business portion of the meeting took place in 041. Agenda items included a discussion of favorite books, library resources and study spots, an introduction of the Library Strategic Plan, and current COVID protocols in the library.

The LSAG serves as a focus group for discussion of library issues. It also provides an opportunity to bring student needs and concerns to the Library's attention as well as help us identify more effective ways to get information to students. It meets twice each semester, in the evening and includes supper. If you would like to join in the fun, please [leave your contact information here](#).



CLP - How did Sex Come to be Seen as Binary?

On October 27th, Dr. Cary Gabriel Costello gave a CLP lecture entitled “How Did Sex Come to be Seen as Binary?” The event was cosponsored by Furman Libraries, Furman Humanities Center, Furman Pride Alliance, Center for Inclusive Communities, Office of Spiritual Life, and Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Dr. Costello is an Associate Professor of Sociology and the director of LGBTQ+ Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He did his undergraduate work in Psychology at Yale. He has a J.D. from Harvard Law School as well as an MA and Ph.D. in Sociology from U.C. Berkeley. He is a medical sociologist and an intersex advocate, having published and presented dozens of articles and papers on these topics. To his extensive academic and scholarly knowledge, he adds his own personal experience. He was born intersex, assigned and raised female, and transitioned to male after receiving tenure at the University of Wisconsin. He is the gestational father of a daughter, and he is married to an intersex trans woman. While his academic credentials are indeed impressive and his personal history fascinating, perhaps most important for the CLP event was his deftness for exploring these topics with a lay audience.



In his lecture, Dr. Costello noted that in our contemporary society, physical sex is understood as an innate binary of male and female. But this is empirically false: sex is a spectrum. The physical primary and secondary sex characteristics each vary widely—sometimes subtly, and sometimes so glaringly that physicians and livestock managers classify people and animals as intersex. The contemporary view is that intersex status is a disorder, rather than a normal part of the sex spectrum. Physical sex variance is to be “cured” in human infants and beloved pets, and culled in livestock. He argued that to the extent that they think about such things, most contemporary Americans conceive of nonbinary gender as a recent innovation or fad, and intersex as a rare curiosity. But both of these presumptions are wrong.

With that as his starting point, he explored the origins and spread of binary sex ideology, placing them in the context of world history. He addressed the empirical nature of sex, the history of colonialism, the emergence of the medical field of teratology, and the development of genital reconstructive surgery. He also addressed the decolonization of sex and gender as well as the work of intersex advocates.

The student audience was full of questions by the end, and a lively discussion ensued. Our only regret was that Dr. Costello had to present his address via Zoom instead of in person, due to Covid-related travel issues. We look forward to bringing him to Furman in person sometime in the not-too-distant future.

Newsletter Links

If you are reading this newsletter in print, you may need these URLs for websites mentioned in various articles.

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Page 3: Read the full guidelines and apply online - <https://libguides.furman.edu/oa-fund>

Page 3: Copyright Guide - <https://libguides.furman.edu/copyright/>

Page 3: The Furman University Oral Histories - <https://scholarexchange.furman.edu/oral-histories/>

Page 3: First Nations Lectures - <https://scholarexchange.furman.edu/first-nations/>

Page 4: Furman News - <https://news.furman.edu/2021/10/15/furman-acquires-a-landmark-in-human-history/>

Page 6: leave your contact information here - <https://blogs.furman.edu/library-news/2021/09/02/lsag/>

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