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## CSU Archives Launches 50th Anniversary Oral History Project

On January 24, 2008, Columbus State University officially launched its yearlong 50th anniversary celebration with a luncheon for Columbus College's first students, who attended classes in the former Shannon Hosiery Mill; a formal Kickoff ceremony; and activities for students reminiscent of the 1950s. Other 2008 50th anniversary activities included an Open House-Homecoming on April 4 and 5, the President's Recognition Banquet on May 13, and the 50th Anniversary Convocation, which featured Doris Kearns Goodwin, held at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in downtown Columbus on September 25, 2008.

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration, CSU Archives initiated the 50th Anniversary Oral History Project. Funding for this project was appropriated by former CSU President Dr. Frank Brown. The project was conducted under the supervision of Reagan Grimsley, former

Archivist at CSU Libraries. The CSU Archives hosted a seminar to train interviewers.

The oral history interviews were conducted with 27 individuals who have had strong connections with Columbus College/Columbus State University over its 50 year history, including students, faculty, and staff (see list below). Included is an oral history by Dr. Thomas Y. Whitley, the first president of Columbus College. Much can be gleaned from these oral histories, which are a testament to the hard work of many, and document the growth of an institution from a junior college to a university. There are also references to events in our nation's history, such as the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War.

At present, eight of the interviews have been cataloged and are housed in the CSU Archives, which is located on the third floor of the library. The Archives web site can be accessed via [archives.colstate.edu](http://archives.colstate.edu).

### 50th Anniversary Interviewees:

Mary Blackmon, former CSU faculty  
James Brewbaker, current CSU faculty  
Frank Brown, former CSU President  
Dewey Cash, former CSU faculty  
James Chappel, former CSU faculty  
Bill Chappell, current CSU faculty  
Spencer Garrard, current CSU faculty  
Herb Green, current Athletic Director  
Larry Kees, former Dean of Students  
Ray Lakes, current Alumni Association Director  
Tom Loughman, current CSU faculty  
John Lupold, former Chair of the History Department  
Callie McGinnis, current CSU Dean of Libraries  
Marlene Melvin, former Columbus College student  
Lindsey Mock, former Vice President of Student Affairs  
Geri Regnier, former Alumni Association Director  
Linda Reynolds, current Student Affairs Administrative Coordinator

Hugh Rodgers, former Chair of the History Department  
Dalton Royer, current CSU Archives staff  
Emily Spano-Bentley, former Columbus College student  
Rosa Stanback, former CSU faculty  
George Stanton, retiring VPAA  
Cheryth Swafford, former Columbus College student  
Paul Vander Gheynst, former VPAA  
Rex Whiddon, current Director of Major Gifts  
Mary Jo Whitley, wife of 1st Columbus College President  
Thomas Whitley, 1st Columbus College President

Linda Jones  
Head of Cataloging and Periodicals  
Instructor of Library Science

Giselle Rémy Bratcher  
Archival Assistant

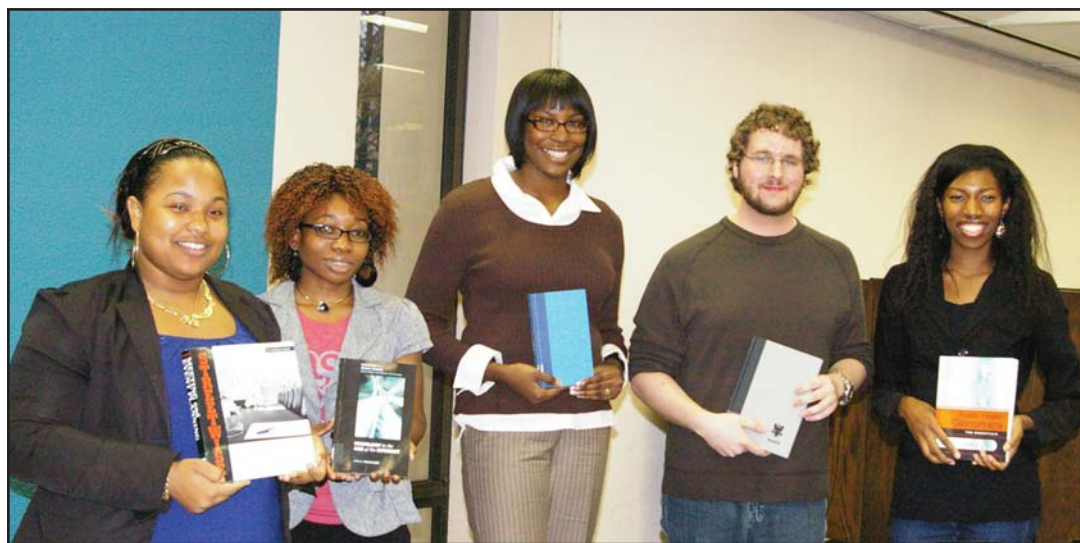
Michelle Jones, Editor

## Graduating Seniors Book Dedication Ceremony

On December 10, 2008, the library held its first Book Dedication Ceremony for graduating library student assistants. This program, designed to show our appreciation, honored Brittney Jacobs, Marketing major; Ashley Loury, Communications major; Anieno Ndem, Sociology major; David Owings, History major; and Sheronda Richey, Health Science major. The seniors selected a book for the library's collection based on their field of study. Special bookplates were added to the front of each book stating to whom the book was being dedicated. At the ceremony, the honorees were asked to give a short speech about their work experience at the library and why they chose their particular book. Check the online catalog (<https://gil.colstate.edu/>) for the following books selected by the seniors: *The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale*; *Public Health Genomics*; *Say It Like Obama*;

*Streetwise Meeting and Event Planning*; and *Sociology in the Age of the Internet*.

Cynthia Fears  
Senior Library Associate



**Left to right: Brittney Jacobs, Anieno Ndem, Ashley Loury, David Owings, Sheronda Richey**

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## LIBRA Award Presented to Dr. Sandra Stratford

On Thursday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m., the LIBRA Award was presented to Dr. Sandra Stratford, Associate Professor of Library Science and Coordinator of Instructional Technology at CSU. The LIBRARY Recognition Award (LIBRA) is presented by the Columbus Area Library Association (CALA) to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to libraries in the Chattahoochee Valley area. It is a "Library Supporter or Librarian Hall of Fame"—a way to acknowledge the people who have had the most impact on libraries, reading, and literacy in our community.

Dr. Stratford has worked her entire professional library career at Columbus State University Libraries. She began that career in 1978; prior to that she worked for eight years as a library staff member at Fort Benning. According to Callie McGinnis, Dean of Libraries at

CSU, "Sandra has proven herself a hard-working, knowledgeable, credible resource on campus—a person known for her strong service orientation, conscientiousness, thoroughness, collaborative nature, and keen analytical ability. She is truly a major asset to CSU Libraries and to Columbus State University. Her contributions to libraries at CSU, in the Chattahoochee Valley, and throughout the state of Georgia are myriad."

Linda Jones  
Head of Cataloging and Periodicals  
Instructor of Library Science

# CSU Libraries 8th Annual University-Wide Faculty Research Forum Series

On January 22 and 29, and February 12, CSU Libraries hosted its eighth annual University-Wide Faculty Research Forum Series. The annual event, which began in 2002, offers CSU faculty the opportunity to share information about their research projects with their faculty colleagues as well as CSU students and staff. This year's series, coordinated by Assistant Dean of Libraries Robert Ford, was comprised of three forums. Attendance at each of the forums averaged around forty.

The featured faculty presenters and their topics were:



**Dr. Heriot explains his research.**

**Forum #1:** Thursday, January 22

Dr. David Schwimmer, Professor of Geology

*A New Assemblage of Late Cambrian Trilobites in Northwest Georgia, with Close Relatives in Nevada, Europe, and China*

Dr. Rodrigo Obando, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

*A Stroll Down CSU's CSU (Collaborative Student's Universe)*

**Forum #2:** Thursday, January 29

Dr. Virginia Causey, Associate Professor of History

*The Civil War and Historical Memory: Columbus as a Case Study*

Dr. Kirk Heriot, Associate Professor of Business and Dr. Andres Jauregui, Assistant Professor of Business

*The Economic Freedom Index as a Determinant of Firm Deaths: An Empirical Investigation*

**Forum #3:** Thursday, February 12

Dr. Christopher Whitehead, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

*Teaching in a Virtual World*

Dr. Yousef Ahmadibeni, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

*Antisense ODNs Containing Diphosphodiester Internucleotide Linkages for Cancer Treatment*

CSU Libraries hosted the first Research Forum Series in January 2002. To date there have been 27 forums with 85 presenters. A list of all the previous forums and presenters can be found online at <http://library.colstate.edu/forums/index.shtm>.

Since the forums are held at the lunch hour (12:30-1:30), the Libraries have always provided refreshments for these events. The Libraries' Value Added Services (VAS) Committee is in charge of providing light lunch refreshments. This year's VAS Committee is chaired by Michelle Viers of the Information Commons/Reference Department. Committee members are Paula Adams (Coordinator of Instruction), Darlene Cooper (Cataloging Department), Brandi Epps (Circulation Department), and Linda Jones (Head of Cataloging and Periodicals). The committee is greatly assisted by Mariah Fowler (Periodicals Department) and Derek Brantley of Instructional Technology Services (ITS), who is responsible for the sound and presentation equipment. Jon Haney, also of ITS, assisted with the printing of publicity materials for the forums.

# Georgia's Oldest Hardware Store: The Singer Company

This March, Columbus State University Archives received a generous gift of store records from Mr. Sam Singer, Mrs. Ann J. Singer, Mr. Sam Singer, Jr., and Mrs. Susan Singer Patterson. The Singer Company, Georgia's oldest hardware store, was founded in 1838 and ownership has been within the Singer family for five generations. The Singer's family progenitor, Johan George Singer, emigrated from Germany in 1835 and settled in Lumpkin, Georgia (Stewart County) by way of Baltimore, Maryland. He was a shoemaker with a thriving business making boots and shoes, and aided the Confederacy by furnishing boots during the Civil War. As industries changed, the store evolved from providing groceries and mercantile to hardware and farm supplies. The first location of the store is being preserved at Westville, while the second location,

built in 1894, sits in the southeast corner of the town's square.

The Singer store records are historically significant and are an important resource for understanding life and commerce in rural southern towns during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. The store records date from the late 1880s to the 1940s, and are currently being processed for public use. To learn more, please visit the CSU Archives located on the third floor of the library and open Monday –Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit our web site at <http://archives.colstate.edu>.

Giselle Rémy Bratcher  
Archival Assistant



## CSU Libraries By The Numbers

### COLLECTIONS

	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2008
<b>PRINT COLLECTION</b>			
Volumes	386,733	386,199	384,219
Journal Subscriptions	1,707	1,885	1,879
Microforms	1,127,021	1,129,444	1,130,729
<b>NON-PRINT COLLECTION</b>			
Audio	8,293	8,781	9,224
Videos	1,813	1,997	2,113
Cartographic	1,163	1,173	1,181
Manuscripts (linear feet)	2,332	2,359	2,927
<b>CIRCULATION SERVICE STATISTICS</b>			
Persons entering Library	364,667	379,358	407,053
Circulations	42,657	36,864	39,119
<b>INFORMATION SERVICE STATISTICS</b>			
Reference transactions	22,993	23,910	23,289
Class presentations	207	396	484
Students taught	1,558	5,335	3,157
ILLs borrowed	3,622	4,951	5,006
ILLs lent	1,396	1,372	1,411

### STAFF AND EXPENDITURES

	2006	2007	2008
Librarians (including vacancies)	12	12	12
Professional & Administrative	9	9	9
Support Staff	9	9	11.37
Student Assistants (FTE)	4	6	4.45
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,952,543</b>	<b>1,823,064</b>	<b>1,943,474</b>
Wages	1,003,861	1,123,873	1,061,491
Library Materials	571,243	365,800	445,452
Binding	22,174	9,688	6,729
Operating Expenses	355,265	323,703	429,802

## Libraries Host Rite of Passage Convocations

CSU Libraries hosted two Rite of Passage Convocations on March 24 and 26, 2009. These convocations are sponsored each year by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. They provide an opportunity for recently-promoted full professors to share their thoughts with the university community on their research, teaching experiences, or more generally, life in the academy. The idea for the convocations was first implemented in 2003. Since that time, CSU Libraries have had the responsibility of coordinating and hosting the events.

The 2009 convocations featured five presenters:

Tuesday, March 24

Dr. Shawn T. Cruzen, Professor of Astronomy

Dr. Paulina O. Kuforiji, Professor of Instructional Technology

Thursday, March 26

Dr. Zewdu Gebeyehu, Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Mary Beth Hendricks, Professor of Special Education

Dr. Eugen Ionascu, Professor of Mathematics

Dr. George Stanton, Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomed the attendees and explained the origin of the convocations. He also introduced the speakers. After the presentations, each speaker received a commemorative plaque to celebrate his/her Rite of Passage talk. Light lunch refreshments were served beginning at noon to allow time for fellowship. The convocations ended at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance at the events averaged around forty-five, and included faculty, staff, and students. The speakers were very engaging—presenting slide shows and many humorous anecdotes. One presenter even required the audience to participate in an attention-deficit simulation exercise. The convocations offer a wonderful way for members of the university community to get to know the new professors.



Dr. Cruzen captures the audience's attention.

## Teaching LIBR 1105 Online: Whine & Cheese

Teaching an online course for the first time has created a different range of experiences. The actual preparation was one thing, yet administering and teaching it is quite another. Technology issues have been a source of transpersonal angst; in particular, concerning CougarView as it seems clunky to navigate at best. The email feature crashes much too often hindering communication efforts and file uploading problems have required re-creation of online tutorials larger than the 25 MB file limit (which by the way can be difficult to accomplish when trying to maintain the flow of course content). Yet, I am a bit more hopeful about the newer course management system scheduled for Fall 2009, which I am told will be more like the Blackboard platform (keeping my fingers crossed).

However, getting to know my students has been worthwhile as I realize some have taken online courses before while others have not. At the beginning of the semester students posted brief bios and I found all of my students are either working, raising families, taking a full load (some up to five classes), and are of all ages and walks of life. I have been able to interpret learning and communication styles among my students, which has helped me to

tailor assignments and exams. Student expectations have been enlightening as some initially assumed it would be easier, expecting plenty of flexibility to work at their own pace, only eventually to find online courses require lots of work, effort, and time management. Many others have found the course fits rather accommodatingly into their busy lives and are managing quite well.

As we are well into the home stretch of the course, I contemplate various ways to revise and deliver course content the next time around thereby better affecting a more seamless experience for myself and the students. Pedagogical approaches to online teaching and learning along with strategies to better utilize and navigate software applications will entail more research into best practices and require meaningful experimentation- all of which I still find a worthwhile and rewarding challenge.

Paula Adams

Coordinator of Instruction

Assistant Professor of Library Science

## CSU Libraries Staff Development Day 2009: Teamwork and the Library Experience

On Monday, March 9, the first day of Spring Break, CSU Libraries closed its doors to the public and held its annual Library Staff Development Day. This day gives the library faculty and staff an opportunity to retreat from the hustle and bustle of the daily library work routine to learn more about libraries, technology, collaboration/teamwork, and other topics of interest to library employees. The event was organized by the libraries' Morale, Recreation and Development Committee, chaired by Giselle Bratcher, Archival Assistant. Other members of the committee were Mariah Fowler, Periodicals Senior Paraprofessional; Judy Moore, Music Library Associate; and Sandra Stratford, Coordinator of Instructional Technology Services.

The program for the day included remarks by Abraham George, CSU's CIO, to whom CSU Libraries have been reporting since January of this year. He facilitated a discussion about the information needs of Net Gen users. There was also an exercise which had heads and representatives of different library departments demonstrate the connections they had with other departments inside and outside the library. This was done by drawing lines on a chart to connect departments. Some of the important connections mentioned that are outside of the campus community are donors, researchers from all over the world, vendors, and other colleges and universities. The highlight of the morning was a talk by Charles Forrest, a librarian at Emory University, who is the Director of Library Facilities Management and Planning. Charles gave a very interesting presentation on future trends in academic libraries and on the "library experience," which is about making the library a "third place" – the third place a student goes after home and school. Towards the end of the presentation, he led us in an exercise in arranging chairs to highlight the necessity of having comfortable and varied furniture in configurable spaces.

After lunch at a nearby Mexican restaurant, Library Staff Development Day attendees headed for Peach Bowl Lanes for a few games of bowling – and some good old-fashioned teamwork. The group was divided into teams, and each team bowled two games. Winning a prize for the highest team score was the team consisting of Giselle Bratcher; Dalton Royer, Archival Assistant; Mary Holmes, Information Commons Paraprofessional; and Callie McGinnis, Dean of Libraries. Becky Boswell, Senior Acquisitions Associate, received a prize for most improved bowler. The bowling activity was a great lesson in reinforcing the principles of teamwork and gave us an opportunity to build interpersonal relations. A good time was had by all!

Callie McGinnis  
Dean of Libraries

Giselle Rémy Bratcher  
Archival Assistant

Associate Professor of Library Science



**Senior Acquisitions Associate Becky Boswell (at lane) awaits results as Dean Callie McGinnis (foreground) prepares to take her turn bowling.**

## Department Spotlight: Circulation

The Circulation Department facilitates access to the Schwob Library's instructional and research materials, making the resources of the libraries freely accessible while still maintaining the control to ensure that these resources will be available to all library patrons.

The department is coordinated by Senior Library Associate Cynthia Fears. Other employees in the department are Shirley Hinckley (Stacks Supervisor), Brandi Epps (Evening Supervisor), and Elizabeth Durusau (Part-time Circulation Assistant). There are also eight student assistants in Circulation.

The Circulation Desk is the place to check out and renew materials from both the general and reserve collections, pay fines/fees, get change, pick up and return Interlibrary Loan materials, pick up and return Gil Express items, and place searches for items not found on shelves. This is also where students can come to check out a circulating laptop. In addition to checking out materials, the department is also responsible for opening and closing the building, processing reserves, maintaining the physical collections, and maintaining a computer lab, photocopiers (print and microfilm), and AV equipment for in-library usage.

### Bragging points:

Gate count for Schwob Library was 341,402 for FY2008

Processed about 5,500 Gil Express transactions  
(4,096 borrows; 1,440 lent)

Collected \$10,389.16 in fines for the university's general fund



**Left to right: Shirley Hinckley (Senior Library Paraprofessional – Stacks Maintenance Supervisor), Cynthia Fears (Senior Library Associate – Department Head), Elizabeth Durusau (Library Assistant – Part-Time), Brandi Epps (Library Assistant – Evening Supervisor)**

## CSU Librarians in Leadership Roles

Library Assistant Professor **Paula Adams**, who serves as Coordinator of Library Instruction, is in her second year as chair of the CSU Faculty Handbook Advisory Committee. Paula also chaired a team of library faculty who converted the library science two-hour course, LIBR 1105, to an online format. She is teaching the online course this semester.

**Erma Davis Banks**, Associate Professor of Library Science and Coordinator of the Information Commons and Reference, chaired the libraries' Standards of Excellence Committee, which created a new Standards of Excellence document for library faculty. Erma also coordinated the libraries' 2009 African American Read-In Event as part of Black History Month Activities.

**Carole Burke**, Library Assistant Professor and Government Documents Librarian, was elected 2008-2009 president of the Columbus Area Library Association (CALA). The local association, which is comprised of public, academic, K-12 and special librarians and library staff, along with library advocates, was founded in 1985.

Assistant Dean of Libraries and Library Associate Professor **Roberta Ford** was accepted as a 2008 Summer Fellow of Vanderbilt University's Peabody Professional Institute for Academic Library Leadership. She attended the Institute from July 6-10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Linda Jones**, who began her employment at CSU Libraries in January 2008 as Head of Cataloging and Periodicals, has been elected chair elect of the GIL Cataloging Committee. A new MSL library professional, Linda has also been elected chair of the Columbus Area Library Association's 2009 LIBRA Award Committee.

Assistant Professor of Library Science and Interlibrary Loan Librarian **Michelle Jones** served as chair of the Georgia Library Association's Interlibrary Cooperation Interest Group from 2007-2008. On campus, Michelle is secretary of both the Minority Affairs Advisory and the Women's Issues Committees.

In fall 2008, Dean of Libraries and Library Associate Professor **Callie McGinnis** chaired a special University Curriculum Committee task force charged to clarify policies and procedures for the Curriculum Committee. Also, Callie served as chair of the CSU 50th Anniversary Committee during 2008.

**Dr. Sandra Stratford**, Associate Professor of Library Science and Coordinator of Instructional Technology Services, is serving as Executive Officer of the CSU Faculty Senate. This is the first time in CSU's history that a librarian has been elected to this office. Sandra was also elected 2008-2009 chair of the Regents' Academic Committee on Distance Education (RACDE).

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## New Reporting Structure for CSU Libraries

On January 9, President Timothy Mescon made the following announcement to all CSU faculty and staff:

“Effective immediately, the Columbus State Libraries will report to Chief Information Officer Abraham George. Today's 21st century university libraries must operate on an increasingly sophisticated technology and information science platform. The synergy that will take place between our libraries and CINS (the IT organization) is a great one that will surely enhance functionality and support. Students and faculty will benefit mightily from this. I know that Callie and Abraham look forward to the possibilities generated by this alliance.”

With this change, CSU Libraries were moved from the academic to the administrative side of the house. Formerly, the Dean of Libraries reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Other changes in the libraries' reporting structure included the separation of the department of Instructional Technology Services (ITS) from CSU Libraries. It will be merged with other IT units. Also, the former Coordinator of ITS, librarian Dr. Sandra Stratford, will become head of a new Distance Learning department, which will also report to the CIO. Mr. George is working out the details of

these two organizations to be ready by summer.

The blending of cultures is not an easy task. However, CSU Libraries faculty and staff are hopeful for a positive outcome. They acknowledge that in today's high-tech campus environment, it is important for libraries to utilize technology more effectively for the benefit of students and faculty. Working under the new CIO, CSU Libraries faculty and staff anticipate more resources and more advanced technologies. They believe that a seamless IT-Library collaboration can help them accomplish one of the university's new strategic objectives: To promote the libraries to be the premier information resource for the CSU community (students, faculty, and staff).

Callie McGinnis  
Dean of Libraries  
Associate Professor of Library Science

**WAY MORE THAN BOOKS!**