New Librarians, New Services

Due to retirements and moving on of much-loved staff, we welcomed five new staff members in the last year. During this process, we reorganized the library and rewrote job descriptions to improve service and respond to needs at Salve Regina and trends in higher education.

Please welcome our new staff members:

Nicole Marino
Digital Scholarship and Instruction Librarian
Liaison to the Departments of Art and Art History, Sociology and Anthropology

Lisa Richter
Associate Director of Public Services
Liaison to the Departments of Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Nursing

Gretchen Sotomayor
Research, Instruction, and Archives Specialist
Liaison to the Departments of Modern & Classical Languages, Political Science, and Psychology

Alicia Vaandering
Education and Instructional Design Librarian
Liaison to the Departments of Education and History

Bea Grimmitt, Evening Circulation Supervisor

If you are unsure who your librarian liaison is, please visit http://library.salve.edu/faculty/liaison.html

Faculty Scholarship Cohort

Jointly sponsored by Director of Faculty Development Jim Chace, the University Writing Center, the library, and the Center for Teaching and Learning, this summer saw the completion of a successful faculty scholarship cohort. Participants joined peer review sessions, scheduled periods for free research and writing, and the 30 (minutes) for 31 (days) writing challenge, resulting in the completion of one cohort member’s book!

A fall scholarship cohort will be starting in September. Please contact Jim Chace for details.

Save the Date:
Fall Faculty Lecture Series

Dr. John Quinn
Divided Loyalties: The Irish in Civil War Newport
Monday, September 17, 2018 4:00pm

Also, please look out for a research presentation by Dr. Carol Gibbons and Dr. Jayme Hennessy on Monday, October 15, at 4:00pm and Dr. Laura O’Toole, date TBA.

Joseph O’Neill Ott Award

The Rhode Island Foundation has awarded Salve Regina University a $750 grant from the Joseph O’Neill Ott Fund to support the creation of a digital collection of eighteenth-century documents related to slavery. The project, Documenting Slavery in South Kingstown’s Colonial Records, will describe several years of probate records digitized from the South Kingstown Town Records office. Each image and its description will be available through Salve Regina’s digital collections in JStor Forum.

This project emerged from collaborations between Dr. Jon Marcoux and Dr. Emily Colbert Cairns. University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Genna Duplisea will provide the technical guidance for the project. The library is interested in working with faculty on research-related grants such as the Documenting Slavery project. Please contact your liaison if you would like to discuss this further.
Call: Faculty Publications Display and Lecture Series

If you have recently published a book, book chapter, or article, or completed research you would like to share with the university community, please contact Kiki Butler at Kristin.Butler@salve.edu to schedule a faculty lecture or display featuring your publication.

Academic and Predatory Publishing Workshops

The library is hosting two workshops related to publishing on Tuesday, October 30th, in collaboration with the humanities doctoral program.

Academic Publishing Panel
October 30, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Predatory Journals Workshop
October 30, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

New Library Instruction Space

In response to the increasing use of our first floor instructional room, we laid out a new, open instruction area on the second floor of the library. Equipped with a teacher’s podium, computer, and flat-screen monitor, this new space can seat up to twenty-five students. While it will primarily be used for library instruction, the space can also be used for large group study and research on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Alicia Vaandering at alicia.vaandering@salve.edu.

New Digital Collections

The University Archives and Special Collections made progress in two major digitization projects last year. The Salve Regina University Property and Architecture Images, including 2984 images as of June 27, 2018: http://tiny.cc/salve-property

For several decades after the founding of Salve Regina, various Sisters of Mercy chronicled the daily happenings at the college in three handwritten journals, called the Annals. Salve Regina Annals can be found at: https://digitalcommons.salve.edu/annals/

Throughout the summer, two McGinty Fellows in the history department have been conducting oral histories with longtime and former members of the Salve community. These histories are online at http://digitalcommons.salve.edu/memories.

The Salve Regina Archives also continued to create collections of documents showcasing student and faculty projects. Two of these collections contributed to the body of knowledge supporting the Salve Regina Arboretum:

- BIO140 Arboretum Project https://digitalcommons.salve.edu/bio140_arboretum
- BIO255 Arboretum Project https://digitalcommons.salve.edu/bio255_arboretum/