

## Psychoactive *What?*

BY STEPHANIE SCHMITZ

An exhibit entitled *The Science of Psychoactive Substances: Opening the Doors of Perception* is currently on display at the Archives and Special Collections. The display, which features items from the Psychoactive Substances Research Collection, includes documentation of past and present research initiatives involving hallucinogenic substances. Many of the items on display are related to research that explores the therapeutic properties of hallucinogenic substances such as LSD, psilocybin, and MDMA (more commonly known as “ecstasy”).

Among the items on display are materials pertaining to Albert Hofmann, the Swiss chemist who was the first to synthesize LSD; unique small press publications with remarkably illustrated covers; rare and historical works on addiction; correspondence between English novelist Aldous Huxley and researcher Sanford Unger; and selections from the personal papers of researchers Stanislav Grof, Walter Pahnke and Charles Savage.



The exhibit also includes materials that illustrate the resurgence of psychoactive research, including recent articles from *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. This portion of the display demonstrates that substances such as psilocybin and MDMA are currently being used to treat anxiety in terminal cancer patients and in those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The [Psychoactive Substances Research Collection](#) is a collecting effort that began in 2006 through the generosity of the Betsy Gordon Foundation and under the stewardship of Purdue Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology David Nichols. Nichols' research is focused on the relationship between molecular structure and the action of psychedelic agents that modify behavioral states, and he is well known and highly respected among the researchers who are exploring the potential benefits of these substances.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., and will be on display through August 13.

## Houston? We Don't Have a Problem

BY DAN ROTELLO

That was the response Dan Yeoman and I had when we were asked if we'd be willing to go on a little road trip down to Houston to return some loaned items and pick up some gifts from a donor for Archives and Special Collections (ASC). It would be a nice change of pace to get away from campus and hit the open road, but we were a little puzzled. Why not just send the items back UPS and have the donor send the gifts to the Libraries? Well, we were pleasantly surprised to find out that it all had to do with the nature of the items and the identity of the donor. These items were mostly one of a kind, held enormous historical significance, and some had even been to the Moon! Better yet, the donor was Gene Cernan, a Purdue Alumnus NASA astronaut, the last man on the Moon, and an international hero! Yes, we were definitely willing to travel down to Texas.

After some careful planning, reserving an appropriate university vehicle, gathering the necessary packaging supplies, choosing an efficient route to take, and booking a hotel in Houston, we rolled out of Lafayette in our white eight passenger cargo van on Sunday, May 16 at 6:30 am. Then came

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### OFF THE SHELF

#### No Changes.

To view all Purdue job postings visit the [Purdue employment page](#). If you have additional questions, contact [Michelle Conwell](#), 494-2899.

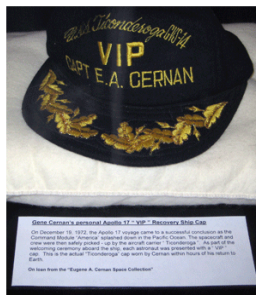
### LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

#### Purdue Exponent, June 14, 2010 [New Student Edition](#)

Our guide to the multitude of PU campus libraries; pg. 3  
The 25 Traditions Checklist; UGRL mentioned, pg. 9  
Extra technology helps with classes; DLC highlighted, pg. 15  
Purdue's full of comfortable study spots; UGRL and HSSE mentioned, pg. 16  
Guide to Libraries Resources and Services, Libraries ad, pg. 39

two days of driving and over 1,100 miles before we arrived in Houston. The next morning we met Judy Schumaker, who was handling all the negotiations and paperwork involved with the gift, at the Cernan's' home. We were greeted by his wife, Jan, and his dog, Baron. She then took us up to the office and introduced us to his assistant, Claire, and her husband, Gene. It was truly an honor and a pleasure meeting this accomplished gentleman. He is a retired captain in the U.S. Navy, flew on three missions for NASA, started his own business (The Cernan Corporation), was a contributor on ABC News, and is chairman of the board of Johnson Engineering Corporation.

First, we returned five boxes of items that Mr. Cernan had loaned to ASC for an astronaut exhibit. These items included a heat shield plug, his toothbrush from Apollo 17, a mission checklist used on the Moon, a congratulatory postcard from John Wayne signed "Duke," and a map of the Moon used on the Moon! Then we began loading what would become 17 boxes and over 25 framed items and plaques, which included photographs, awards, certificates, postcards, telegrams, manuscripts, tapes, films, and souvenirs from his incredible life. He showed us pictures of himself with celebrities like Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart, and Tom Hanks and with foreign dignitaries, including presidents, premiers, prime ministers, kings, queens, and popes. The "coolest" item was a glove he wore during Apollo 17 that still was covered in moon dust. We also met his daughter, Tracy, whose initials her father had traced on the lunar surface in 1972 when she was nine years old. He explained that they would remain there indefinitely because of the lack of weather on the Moon.



After several hours at his home, we had the van packed up and ready to go and Gene needed to leave to give a talk at his granddaughters' middle school. We were then treated to a delicious lunch with Claire that included authentic Texas BBQ. The next day, the Dans headed for home. It took two more days of driving, another stop in Arkansas, and another 1,100 miles before we were "back home again in Indiana." I would say the trip was a success. Both of us and our cargo made it down and back in one piece, and after all those hours in a cargo van, there was no physical violence, only some minor disagreements on musical tastes, and only one wrong turn (which was my fault). On a personal note, I had the privilege of meeting Neil Armstrong while working security for Purdue Football a couple years ago. So it's kind of a thrill to have shaken hands with the first and last people to have walked on the Moon!

## LCSSAC Welcomes New Members

BY TERESA BROWN

LCSSAC was formed in 1993 to serve as a communication link between the Libraries' administration and the clerical service staff. To learn more about LCSSAC, visit our [intranet Web site](#). From this site you can contact any member of LCSSAC, check on Library events, access the By-Laws, read minutes from our monthly meetings, and use our LINK Letter to make suggestions and voice concerns.

Each library unit has been assigned to a district with a representative being elected to a three year term by all clerical service staff. A sixth district is represented by an at-large representative elected to a three year term by all clerical service staff.

Please extend congratulations to new members, Dacia Wiesler and Linda Foster as they begin their three year terms in June.

**IMLS** (Institute of Museum and Library Services), June 2010  
[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant Announcement](#);  
 Purdue Libraries D2C2 awarded Grant  
 Also appeared:

- [The Wednesday Word](#) (IN State Library)

**UNS Press Release**, June 16, 2010  
[Purdue Libraries professor headed to Egypt as Fulbright Scholar](#); Michael Witt

Also appeared:

- [Nationalities Council of Indiana, Inc.](#)
- [Media Newsire](#)
- [Lafayette Journal & Courier](#)
- [Purdue Exponent](#)
- [WBAA](#)
- [USA Today](#)

**WBAA**, June 16, 2010  
[Purdue University Press series interview with Sidney Homan](#)

**WBAA**, June 18, 2010  
[Purdue University Press series interview with Diann Jordan](#)

**Purdue Today**, June 21, 2010  
[Purdue Libraries hosting conference for science and technology libraries](#)

**Digital Commons**, The Berkeley Electronic Press newsletter, Spring/Summer 2010  
[Notes from the Road; Purdue Libraries e-Pubs](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### The Science of Psychoactive Substances: Unlocking the Doors of Perception

June 7 - August 13, 2010  
 Archives and Special Collections  
 HSSE 4th floor

### Purdue Farmer's Market

Thursdays

May 6 – October 28  
 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
 Dauch Alumni Center  
 Corner of Sheetz & Woods Streets

### Lafayette Farmer's Market

Tuesdays and Saturdays

May 1 – October 30  
 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
 5th Street between Main and Columbia  
[www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com](http://www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com)



#### District 1

**Dacia Wiesler** works in HIKS as a library clerk for Circulation Services. She has worked in the Libraries for a year and a half. Dacia says, "I thought serving on LCSSAC would give me a broader perspective of the Purdue University Libraries system and to better serve the internal and external customers." Contact Dacia at 49-40369 or [dwiesler@purdue.edu](mailto:dwiesler@purdue.edu)



#### District 2

**Linda Foster** works in the Libraries Administrative Offices. She has worked in the Libraries for almost two years. Linda says, "I have been on many committees in the small town in which I live. Being a transplant from New York to Indiana, joining these committees enabled me to meet people and learn where things were and how things were run. It also made me feel a part of the community. By becoming a member of LCSSAC I am hoping to meet and get to know more of the people I work with and learn more about the libraries. I look forward to being an active participant in all of LCSSAC's endeavors." Contact Linda at 49-42900 or [foster2@purdue.edu](mailto:foster2@purdue.edu)

Continuing members include:

District 3 – Jill Begley (2008 – 2011)

District 4 – Becky Hunt (2008 – 2011)

District 5 – Laura Patnaude (2009 – 2012)

District 6 – Mary Sego (2009 – 2012) At-Large representative

Thank you to retiring members, Marsha Hill, Chair, and Teresa Brown, secretary, for their dedication to making LCSSAC a success.

## **Circulation Services Update**

BY LAURIE SADLER

Circulation Services is coordinating the next routine purge of catalog records marked as "missing" for over six months. The purge program will only delete those records still marked as "missing" with 180 or more days from the date that the missing status was set. During the past month staff members have searched for missing items one more time, changing catalog records for any found items. The "missing" records, for those items not found, will be purged on or shortly after June 25. For more information, please contact [Laurie Sadler](mailto:Laurie.Sadler).

## **Purdue Librarian Wins Award**



The **PAM Achievement Award** is awarded to recognize members of the Physics - Astronomy - Mathematics division of SLA for distinction and dedication to librarianship as well as outstanding contributions to the division. Michael Fosmire was presented this year's award at the June meeting of Special Libraries Association (SLA).

Kris Fowler, PAM chair, said, "Michael is known for scholarly contributions of distinction: he is an active conference presenter and author, often focusing on information literacy in the sciences. He has won awards from IATUL and ALA, for Best Conference Poster and as a co-author of one of ALA-LIRT's Top 20 Library Instruction articles a few years ago. He has served as an editor

for *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*, and produced the Physics and General Science sections of ALA's most recent *Guide to Reference* as well as the Physics section of ALA's *Resources for College Libraries*."

In addition to Michael's wide-ranging contributions to PAM he is a founding member of the Professional Development Committee's Mentoring Sub-Committee, has been instrumental in the conference buddy system, and in creating and delivering annual conference programs and CE courses on *Developing Science Librarians* and *Let's Get Physical!: Physical Science Reference for Non-Scientists*.

### **Sagamore West Farmer's Market**

Wednesdays

May 5 – October 27

3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

[Cumberland Park on Salisbury Street](#)  
West Lafayette

### **STAFF TRAINING**

#### **Fair, Consistent, & Clear Policies for Non-Exempt Employees Sessions**

*Supervisors and Managers of Non-exempt Employees:*

Session 1: Tuesday, June 22

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. HIKS B848

Session 2: Tuesday, June 22

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. HIKS B848

Session 3: Wednesday, June 23

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. HIKS B848

Session 4 Wednesday, June 23

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. HIKS B848

*Sessions for Non-exempt Employees:*

Session 5: Wednesday, June 30

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. HIKS B848

Session 6: Wednesday, June 30

3:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. HIKS B848

Session 7: Thursday, July 1

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. HIKS B848

Session 8: Friday, July 2

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. HIKS B848

Session 9: Wednesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. HIKS B848

### **STAFF PUBLICATIONS & UPDATES**

[Bar Code Technology and Medication Administration Error](#). Young, Judith; **Slebodnik, Maribeth**; Sands, Laura. *Journal of Patient Safety*. 6(2):115-120, June 2010.

**Weiner, Sharon .A.** & Weiner, J. (2010). Using a Student-Generated Survey to Inform Planning for a User-focused Learning Commons. *Education Libraries* 33(1):10-23. <http://units.sla.org/division/ded/educationlibraries/33-1.pdf>

**Sharon Weiner** has been selected to attend the National Center for Education Statistics *Workshop on*

## Information Literacy Operations Committee Update

BY GEORGE BERSTROM

The Information Literacy Operations Committee (ILOC) has just completed its first six months. Progress so far includes:

- Digital Literacy Contest – the Spring 2010 contest was successful. ILOC is exploring the possibilities with some of our CIC colleagues for a multi-institutional event next year. Penn State has expressed interest and Indiana University is also considering participating. Stay tuned for this potentially exciting Big Ten academic rivalry.
- Orientation – ILOC created and is working with the new Orientation Committee, which is organizing a repository of information about the libraries collective efforts related to orientation activities.
- Finally, ILOC is working with WESC (the Libraries Web Environment Steering Committee) to improve the web presence of our information literacy related tools and resources.

Next up: ILOC is working on a plan for all information literacy related web tools (tutorials, subject guides, videos, etc.) to improve tools and access to them for Purdue faculty, staff, and students.

## Library Construction Projects

The Libraries are experiencing some renovations and upgrades over the summer months.



The Math Library is having new lighting and sprinkling system installed which is limiting access to their collections as well as their work space. Summer hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and closed on the weekends. Please contact Jane Yacilla or library staff members at 765-494-2855.



MEL is currently in phase II of its renovation project. Check out more photos of their construction progress on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kranlib/sets/72157624094497146/>.

Photos by Dale White.

## Information Resources Update

### Safari Tech Books Online

By Charlotte Erdmann

The annual review of the Safari Tech Books Online subscription is complete. Library users read more than 40,000 sections from the book, *Beautiful Code* by Oram and Wilson in the last 17 months. O'Reilly published the book in 2007. This is the highest number of sections read for any book in Purdue's Safari subscription. Local users read more than 208,950 total sections. Given Safari's current single page display, a section probably means one page.

Statistics showed use for approximately 85% of the 1000+ books. Here are five books that had more than 3000 sections read:

Title	Publisher	Year	Sections
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*Quasi-Experimental Design and Analysis in Education* from August 9-13 at Northwestern University.

**Maribeth Slebodnik** was elected vice-chair of the ACRL Science & Technology Section.

**Sharon Weiner** gave a presentation on "Information Literacy and the Workforce" at the annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association in New Orleans.

Libraries faculty presented posters at the Academic Libraries of Indiana's 2010 Conference held on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

- Purdue University Libraries. Department Office Hours: *Becoming Part of the Culture*. **Amy S. Van Epps**
- Purdue University Libraries. Information Literacy, Changing Spaces, and Changing Perceptions. **Kelly Evans** and **Hal Kirkwood**

## SAFETY & ERGONOMICS COMMITTEE SAFETY TIP

With regards to all the construction taking place on campus this summer the Libraries Safety Committee recommends checking out the following site for helpful safety tips: <http://www.tfhr.com/safety/pedbike/issues/workzone.htm>

## LIBRARIES STAFF A-Z



**AMANDA GILL**  
Operations  
Coordinator  
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**Q. What do you enjoy most about your job and why?**

A. I love helping students find the resources they need. The "light bulb moment" when they find the perfect resource is priceless.

**Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?**

A. I've been here 8 months.

**Q. What is one unforgettable experience that has happened to you or your coworkers while working in the library?**

			<b>Read</b>
slide:ology	O'Reilly Media, Inc.	2008	7036
Network Warrior	O'Reilly Media, Inc.	2006	5202
LabVIEW for Everyone: Graphical Programming Made Easy and Fun, Third Edition	Prentice Hall	2008	4523
Quicken 2009: The Missing Manual	O'Reilly Media, Inc.	2008	3978
802.11 Wireless Networks: The Definitive Guide, Second Edition	O'Reilly Media, Inc.	2005	3174

Once a year, we remove lesser-used titles so that so that newer ones may be added. Charlotte Erdmann recently finished the statistical analysis and recommended 200 titles for removal. Donna Slone removed titles and also adds new ones every two weeks. Sue Long loads new catalog records and removes others. It may take 30-45 days before catalog records are available for new materials. Sue reported that over 900 of the 1,030 titles now have records in the catalog. Users may also go directly to the Safari database and search the current titles.

Donna, under Charlotte's direction, adds books every two weeks from four major publishers: O'Reilly, Addison-Wesley, Sams, and Prentice-Hall. We may also add books on request. This year, Charlotte added some published by Cisco and several books on computer security. The flexibility of the current plan serves our clients well. If you cannot find a title that was formerly available or is needed, please email Charlotte Erdmann [erdmann@purdue.edu](mailto:erdmann@purdue.edu) or complete a request through the Engineering Library's purchase request <http://gemini.lib.purdue.edu/resform/purchase.cfm>.

## What is Wrong with this Picture?

BY JULIE MUSICK HILLGROVE, SPHR

I only came in to buy a mattress—a Serta, with a fluffy pillow top—a few hundred dollars less than I had seen them other places.

Dora stood behind the membership counter at the mega club. She didn't smile. She didn't look up to make eye contact. I asked for a membership. She shoved a brochure at me and ordered me to read it and then fill out an application.

I was confused. "What is the difference between the Advantage Plus and the Advantage memberships?" I asked. Dora looked down at the brochure and studied it for a long, long while.

Very seriously, she said, "One is \$100 and the other is \$40. So, \$60." I started to laugh, but saw right away that she wasn't joking. I didn't mean it as a math question.

I filled out the information, checking the \$40 membership, (saving \$60 on who knows what benefits), and handed it back to her. She worked about fifteen minutes while I waited.

Type. Type. Type. Type.

She finally turned to her co-worker, "Sheila, this stupid computer won't let me sign in!" Gasp. Fifteen minutes and she wasn't even signed in! Sheila came to assist, finishing a second person. Well, now she was at least signed in.

Type. Type. Type. Type. Ten more minutes pass. Sheila waited on another person.

"Arrrrgh...I can't get this stupid computer to take her name!"  
"Type her name in the name box and enter."

Type. Type. Type. Type. Five more minutes pass.

"This stupid computer still won't do it!" She slammed her pen on the counter. After a few minutes,

A. I don't think I'll ever forget the time Dianna Deputy found a student in the basement with a coffee pot plugged in and brewing coffee at one of the study carrels. Seems like dragging a coffee pot around with you would be more trouble than just buying a cuppa joe somewhere.

**Q. What's your favorite book, Web site, movie, or database?**

A. My favorite movie is *French Kiss*.

**Q. Coffee, tea, water, or soft drink?**

A. Water mostly, but I can't resist a Diet Coke.

**Q. What do you like to do for fun?**

A. I love to cook, especially with my kids. I also enjoy reading, hanging out with my family, playing video games with the kids, listening to music, and crafting.

**Q. Feel free to include any information about yourself that you would like to share with the staff?**

A. Many of you already know this about me, but for those who don't: I'm a knitting fanatic. Yarn and needles go everywhere with me. It helps me relax, it helps me concentrate, it keeps me centered and focused. Plus, I end up with really great garments and accessories!

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## WHAT'S COOKING?

### Strawberry-Rhubarb Crisp

Visit the [Libraries Intranet](#) site for this recipe.

Send recipes to [Teresa Brown](#).

## COPY DEADLINE

Sheila finishes with yet another customer and comes over and asks Dora to show her what she is doing.

Sheila watches.

“Geez, Dora! You are supposed to type her name and then HIT the ‘enter’ button, not TYPE ‘E-N-T-E-R.’” Sheila stopped and looked irately at me, “Hey...she isn’t MY responsibility to train.”

Another half hour later, after a computer change, a camera malfunction, and Dora accidentally turning off the computer, I had the this picture taken. I was as unhappy as I looked--no lunch and no mattress. I had to sleep on the floor of my new apartment that night. This is a true story—every word.

I try to teach the “ACE” of customer service—Attitude, Communication and Effort. The mega club failed in all aspects. The people in the other line got speedy customer service albeit, unfriendly. Attitude means everything in customer service. A smile and thank you go a long way. I challenge you to think about your customer service today, both internal and external. Would you want to be your customer? If you were to take a picture of your last customer for identification what would they look like?



Copy for the July 7 issue is due by July 6, 2010. Send to [Teresa Brown](#).

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