For the third year, Marianne Stowell Bracke, associate professor, is co-instructor for AGR29400, Directed Readings in Agriculture, with College of Agriculture Associate Dean Marcos Fernandez. The course is a seminar intended to teach critical thinking skills, information evaluation, civil discourse and introduce students to social issues in science and agriculture. This semester the students are reading the book, *Denialism: how irrational thinking hinders scientific progress, harms the planet, and threatens our lives* by Michael Specter. Bracke is beginning preliminary research on the correlation between beliefs and experiences and students' ability to be critical evaluators of information. This will form her research agenda as she completes work as a fellow in the University's degree in a second discipline program.

Maribeth Slebodnik, associate professor, is one of several librarians actively involved in the University's IMPACT program for the past two years. The commitment to this program requires each librarian to attend frequent workshops and meetings with faculty selected to be participants in the re-design of courses. Slebodnik has acted as liaison for several courses in which information literacy activities are integrated into the class. This semester she is working with professors in the Departments of Nutrition Science and Food Science and co-teaching NUTR29700, Introduction to Honors Research. Maribeth also works individually with graduate students in the School of Nursing as they develop their literature search strategies for their prospective thesis.

Jane Yatcilla, associate professor, is co-teaching for the third year SCI36000, Great Issues in Science and Society, with Professor Buster Dinsmore. Another active and successful participant in the IMPACT program, Yatcilla is putting into practice some of the pedagogical techniques introduced in the workshops. This year instead of all the students reading the same journal article, she and Dinsmore have adopted the jigsaw technique where several different articles are assigned and part of the group discussion has students relating their articles to the others. They have also introduced the use of rubrics, a standard of performance for a defined population, in the writing assignments and are using a formal peer evaluation that results in a multiplier that can raise (or lower!) the points students earned through group assignments. Since spring 2011 she has also partnered with IMPACT instructors in mechanical engineering, computer science and computer graphics technology. This semester she is working with Dr. Yaman Kaakeh to re-design the therapeutics course for P3 (third professional year) pharmacy students.

Gretchen Stephens, associate professor, developed several LibGuides to support the veterinary technology program for on campus and distance learning. Guides to the e-books supporting this program and clinical decision making in the small and large animal clinics are some of our most frequently used guides.
Collection management projects are on-going or have been completed in all three division libraries. While not exactly information literacy, the projects will hopefully aid everyone by improving access to information which will be critically evaluated and applied to solve information needs.

- Ashley Reisert and Will Ferrall have inventoried the Purdue Agriculture Extension collection (approximately 8400 pieces) to determine exactly what we have available for current and future digitization.
- Victoria Thomas is working with me in reviewing the many incomplete monograph series for potential deselection.
- Allen Bol's efforts in removing and consolidating the Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences (PNHS) journal collection resulted in the elimination of 2400 linear feet of shelving — enough space to add ten study carrels and additional table for student use.
- Tonya Wichterman and Marilyn Rogers are currently working on projects that will reduce the print collection footprint and provide more active learning space in the new physical arrangement of Veterinary Medical (VETM) collections.

Purdue Libraries Geographic Information Systems (GIS) 2012 Day, Our Community Our Maps, was held on Nov. 14. Featured speaker Eric Kansa spoke to room filled audiences in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Approximately 170 attendees for the college program and 45 students with chaperons for the middle school program attended this year's events. The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Indiana support assisted with the middle school program with great success.

Other highlights included:

- Federal agencies, National Ocean and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) and Oak Ridge National Laboratories (ORNL), addressed student geospatial skills in two student-centered sessions.
- Indiana Geographic Information Council and Indiana State transportation provided sessions on state GIS resources and developments.
- Awards were given for best posters and lightning talks for graduate and undergraduate students.
- The firm ESRI at www.esri.com performed remote 3-d GIS awareness and exposure.
- Numerous members of faculty and staff participated in judging, and helping with the sessions and middle school program.
- Middle school kids participated in GIS geo-caching and learning about STEM careers and preparation needed to pursue those careers.

Participants listen to featured speaker Eric Kansa in one of the morning sessions.
LIBRARIES NEW STAFF

Emily Heitman
Patron Services Coordinator
Hicks Undergraduate Library

I started working for Purdue Libraries on Oct. 1 as the Patron Services Coordinator of Hicks Undergraduate Library. I provide reference and user services. I will also assist with establishing and communicating enhanced service procedures and philosophy throughout the HSSEB Division.

I received my MLIS from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in May 2012 and a BS from Eastern Illinois University in 2005. I have worked in a variety of different libraries on and off since I was 15.

I currently live in Indianapolis on the Northwest side with my cat and my boyfriend. I enjoy living in Indy and the commute hasn't been too bad yet. In my free time I enjoy cooking, reading, watching TV and going to museums and concerts.

I am excited for this opportunity and look forward to working at Purdue.

My desk is located right behind the I-Desk in Hicks and you can contact me by email at eheitman@purdue.edu or by phone at 49-66315.

Nicole Kong
Assistant professor and
Geographic Information Systems Specialist (GIS)
PSET Division

I was very excited to join Purdue University Libraries in September as the GIS specialist. I am very excited to have the opportunity to bring geospatial solutions to your research, instruction and outreach. Currently, I am working closely with the GIS user community at Purdue to develop GIS solutions in various research areas, as well as provide learning resources for GIS beginners. I am also searching for the best ways to harvest and organize geospatial information to serve our users' needs. GIS is a fast developing technology and I am looking forward to helping you develop ways to use geographic information systems into the curriculum.

I am originally from China. My educational background includes a BS and MS degrees in Geography from Beijing University and a Ph.D. degree in Ecology from Penn State. GIS was the fundamental tool in my research of environmental sciences and ecology. After graduating from Penn State in 2006, I moved to Kentucky with family and worked as a post-doctoral scholar at the University of Kentucky. My research focused on leveraging GIS and remote sensing technology in invasive species study. After two years of post-doctoral research I decided to explore GIS applications in the real production environment. I accepted the offer as a lead GIS developer at Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. During my years at state government I was very excited to find out how GIS helps professionals as well as the general public to save time, gain knowledge and share data in such an efficient way.

My family moved to West Lafayette last summer as my husband started his position in the School of Forestry and Natural Resources. I am so glad that we returned to the Big Ten. I really enjoy cooking and travel but most of my family time is fulfilled with two kids. Our son is a first grader now and our little Hoosier was born last year right after we moved here. I am enjoying the time of chasing them around and struggling about whether I should be a tiger mom or not.

My office is located in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) library. You can reach me at kongn@purdue.edu or 49-69474. I will be happy to chat with you about GIS as well as anything else.

LIBRARIES STAFF A-Z

EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Purdue Entomology: A Visual History of the First Fifty Years
Archives and Special Collections
September 3-December 20
HSSE 4th floor
STEW

Annual Faculty and Staff Recognition
December 13
2:30-4 p.m.
Hicks B853

Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Display
December 13
2:30-4 p.m.
Hicks B853
Contact Dot Lanzalotto for more details

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


Marilynn Shonkwiler
Library Assistant
Digital Programs and Information Access
Resource Service, Acquisitions

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job and why?
A. Working with my co-workers, most whom I have worked with for the past 15-20 years.

Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?
A. I started working in Hovde Hall 23 years ago and after three months I moved to the Libraries.

Q. What is one unforgettable experience that has happened to you or your coworkers while working in the library?
A. The fun we had in 1992 when we had to load the titles into NOTIS. D was the first letter loaded.

Q. What is your favorite book, website, movie or database?
A. Any movie based on a true event.

Q. Coffee, tea, water or soft drink?
A. Water.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?
A. Helping my husband work in the yard, making and refinishing furniture and doing craft work.

Q. Feel free to include any information about yourself that you would like to share with the staff?
A. We have two beautiful granddaughters that refer to us as Honey and Pop Pop.

Patrick Whalen was asked to provide all of the photos for the Purdue Alumni 2013 calendar. The photos feature murals from campus buildings. Two of the photos are of the murals in the Hicks Undergraduate Library and three are of the Land Grant Mural in Stewart Center. The calendars are distributed to members of the Purdue Alumni Association. If you’d like to see a copy of the calendar please contact Whalen at whalenp@purdue.edu.