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## PROMOTING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN PSET

BY MICHAEL FOSMIRE



Last May, The Global Policy Research Institute (GPRI), the Purdue University Libraries, the Purdue University Press and the College of Liberal Arts received an award from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to 'catalyze the teaming of humanities and social sciences faculty members with colleagues from the sciences, engineering, or technology fields to address the kind of large scale, public policy problems referred to as...Grand Challenges.' As part of this process, a workshop was held May 1, 2014 to facilitate conversations among faculty from across the university, including libraries faculty. Participants grouped themselves by areas of interest, with Libraries faculty participating in each group. Several PSET faculty ended up contributing to grant proposals that resulted from the workshop, utilizing their strengths to contribute to the success of the proposals and demonstrating the role of information professionals in tackling society's Grand Challenges.

Here are some brief synopses of the projects and PSET faculty members' contributions to those projects.

### Local and Global Perspectives on E-Waste (Amy Van Epps, Nicole Kong)

This project investigates the health and cultural impacts of the products of the electronics industry, particularly, the sharply increasing amount of e-waste created by obsolete or otherwise at the end of their life devices. The role of the Libraries in this project broadly focuses on improving knowledge management. Amy and Nicole contributed in many ways, from setting up a shared EndNote library, creating a PURR instance for the team, designing a geodatabase to integrate multidisciplinary data, to supervising graduate students in carrying out data collection from the field and the literature.

### Sanitation in Developing Countries (Charlotte Erdmann)

Appropriate sanitation is still a challenge in much of the developing world, and the impacts are not just in managing disease, but also public safety (e.g., getting up in the middle of the night to travel to communal bathrooms). A large portion of the project is a review/analysis of the literature on open defecation, and Charlotte leveraged the project to acquire the VantagePoint data mining software as part of a University Non-Laboratory Research Equipment request, the first such award for the Libraries. Using the VantagePoint software, Charlotte is harvesting information from the scholarly literature, organizing and visualizing the content so the PI's can understand, manipulate and develop policy statements related to the social and environmental implications of sanitation practices in developing countries.

### Equitable Water Policy Decisions Using Big Data (Nicole Kong)

This project will create decision-making tools to promote long-term availability of water in a region, taking into account equity, social stability and conservation of local flora and fauna, utilizing hydrological and social big data. Nicole's component of the project focuses on supervising a graduate student to create the GIS component, creating an integrated geodatabase that allows access to interdisciplinary data, developing a web-based visualization tool to make it easier for decision-makers to interpret the data and models, and a system for analyzing spatio-temporal patterns of water



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## STRATEGIC GOAL ICONS

You will notice the use of these icons before the article that are symbolic of our Libraries strategic goals.



**LEARNING:** Libraries faculty lead in information literacy and learning space implementation, research and scholarship.



**SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION:** Libraries facilitate and enhance the continuum of the scholarly communication process.



**GLOBAL CHALLENGES:** Libraries faculty lead in international initiatives in

availability and social feedbacks.

### Resilient Communities: Strengthening Post-Disaster Recovery by Understanding Interdependent Social and Physical Networks (Megan Sapp Nelson)

This project focuses on creating models to understand how social networks (meaning friends, family and acquaintances, not Facebook and Twitter) can overcome damage to the built environment in the aftermath of a storm. Utilizing techniques learned from her recent research on data information literacy and just-finished sabbatical work, Megan found a role on the project interviewing disaster response specialists affiliated with both government and non-government agencies about their role in responding to the March 2, 2012 severe storms and tornadoes that hit four counties in Southern Indiana. Sandy Galloway and Dianna Deputy have also been doing amazing work transcribing all of the interviews for this project.



## LCSSAC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Libraries Clerical Service Staff Advisory Committee (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 the page on the Libraries intranet](#). From this site you can contact any member of LCSSAC, check on Library events, access the By-Laws, read minutes from monthly meetings and use the [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 members from their district. 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:



**Roger Strater**  
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District 5  
Digitization & Metadata, Interlibrary Loan, Resource Services, Information Technology



**April Maybee**  
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District 6  
At-Large (All Libraries' clerical and service staff)

Continuing members include:



**Cheryl Oliver**  
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District 1  
Circulation/HICKS Repository, Life, Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences (PNHS), Veterinary Medical Sciences (VETM)

information literacy, e-science, information access and data management and collaborate on Purdue's global initiatives.



**INFRASTRUCTURE:**  
Libraries staff working together to enhance the users experience, raise awareness of Purdue Libraries and recognize the continued learning and successes of our knowledgeable staff.

## OFF THE SHELF

### New

- Health Sciences Information Specialist (Faculty) [Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page](#). Accepting applications.
- Digital Humanities Specialist (Faculty) [Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page](#). Accepting applications.

### Continuing

- Research Data Specialist (Faculty) [Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page](#). Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.
- Engineering Information Specialist (Faculty) [Check the Libraries employment opportunities page](#). Accepting applications; review of applicants has begun.
- Libraries Instructional Developer (A/P) (Posting 1403163). [Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page](#). Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.
- Web Application Developer (A/P) (Posting 1500201). [Check the Libraries employment opportunities page](#). Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.
- Library Assistant V (C/S) (Posting 1500707). [Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page](#). Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.

### New Staff

- **Robin Meher**, Library Assistant, Health and Life Sciences Division

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Dan Rotello**

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**District 2**

Administrative Office (ADMIN), Advancement Office (ADV), Auxiliary Services (AUX), Business Office (BUS), Human Resources Office (HR), University Press (PUP), Copyright Office (COPY)

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**District 4**

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If you have suggestions, concerns, etc. please feel free to send a LCSSAC LINK Letter to [lcssac@purdue.edu](mailto:lcssac@purdue.edu). Not sure what the LINK Letter is, [check it out here](#).

Thank you to retiring members, Connie Richards and Allen Bol for their dedication to making LCSSAC a success.

**DONNA FERREL TO RETIRE**

On May 19, 1986 **Donna Ferrel** came to Purdue University as a staff member in the Purdue University Libraries and after 29 years she will be retiring on May 29, 2015. Donna spent 27 years in ITD and the last 2 years in Acquisitions.

Congratulations Donna and thank you for your dedication and service to Libraries.

**THANK YOU PURDUE LIBRARIES**

BY MARIBETH SLEBODNIK



Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to all of you who have made my time at Purdue so enjoyable! It's hard to believe that I have been here for almost nine years and harder to believe that I am leaving Lafayette very soon to head west. I wish you all the best of luck and will be keeping in touch from afar as I begin my new position at the University of Arizona. Please be sure to look me up if you are visiting Tucson!

**AROUND THE LIBRARIES**

For the past five years the PSET staff and faculty have filled "survival" bags for their student employees. Bags are filled with drinks, chips, candies, Ramen noodles, crackers, cookies, granola bars, popcorn and many other assorted treats to help their students survive finals! This semester

**Tao Zhang** was chosen as an Outstanding Reviewer for Library Hi Tech in the Emerald Literati Network 2014 Awards for Excellence in recognition for his significant contributions.

Research Council has evaluated and awarded a Research Support Grant to **Line Pouchard** to travel to Minneapolis, MN to present "Comparing policies for open data from publicly accessible international sources" at the IASSIST 2015 conference, June 3-4, 2015.

Research Council has evaluated and awarded a Research Support Grant to **Jean-Pierre V.M. Hérubel** to travel to Tallinn University in Tallinn, Estonia to present at the ECIL 2015 conference, October 19-22, 2015.

**EVENTS AND EXHIBITS****First in the Field: Beginnings of the Nation's First Computer Science Department**

Archives and Special Collections  
March 16-July 24  
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
HSSE Library 4th floor  
STEW

**Lafayette Farmers Market**

Saturdays  
May 2-October 31  
7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
5th Street between Main and Columbia streets  
[More Information](#)

**West Lafayette Farmers Market**

Wednesdays  
May 6-October 28  
3:30-7 p.m.  
Cumberland Park  
3065 North Salisbury Street  
[More Information](#)

**Purdue Farmers Market**

Thursdays  
May 7- October 29  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Memorial Mall  
[More Information](#)

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Gundlach, E., **Maybe, C.**, and O'Shea, K., "Statistical literacy social media project for the masses." *The Journal of Faculty Development*, 29(2), 71-80, 2015.

PSET had 49 student employees.

The donations are voluntary and coordinated by the PSET morale team along with the help of many others!



Pictured left to right: Dianna Deputy, Terry Wade, Sandy Galloway and Angie Ewing.

**Jim Mullins** presented "Strategic Communication," a panel discussion on the Director's role and perspective on library communications at Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Center for Library Initiatives (CLI) Annual Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, May 20, 2015.

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## LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

**Purdue Today**, May 18

[Thumbs Up](#)

Teresa Balsler

**Exponent**, May 21

[Latin students take on summer-long translation project](#)

Archives and Special Collections

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## SMILE AWARD

[Submit your SMILE nomination here](#)

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## WHAT'S COOKING?

**Bacon Tomato Cucumber Salad**

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