**PURDUE LIBRARIES FACILITATORS HELP ENGAGE NEW STUDENTS THROUGH BOILER GOLD RUSH**

**BY SHANNON WALKER**

Purdue Libraries will greet new students in Boiler Gold Rush (BGR) sessions this coming week. This year, the Libraries involvement in BGR has increased due to additional BGR sessions/locations added by Student Success. Twelve sessions will be conducted on Thursday, Aug. 18 and an additional twelve sessions on Friday, Aug. 19. Libraries facilitators assisting with these sessions include: Michael Flierl, Margaret Phillips, Rachel Fundator, Clarence Maybee, Megan Sapp Nelson, Amy Van Epps, Heather Howard, Wei Zakharyov, Natasha Johnson, Shannon Walker, Jennifer Jackson, Ann O'Donnell, Emily Heitman, Aly Edmonson and Ashley Butler.

In the BGR sessions, Libraries facilitators conduct a Student Mentor Battledecks Challenge. A battledecks is an improv game where contestants have to give a presentation on a specific theme and relate it to a set of PowerPoint slides they have never seen before. The main idea is to have student mentors tell new students about the great learning spaces, services and resources provided by Purdue Libraries. Last year, the Battledecks Challenge proved to be a very fun and highly engaging activity as part of BGR. For this year, the Libraries BGR planning committee took time to refresh last year’s presentation with updated slides, memes and content based on feedback from last year’s facilitators and our student ambassadors.

To prepare for the upcoming Libraries BGR sessions, we once again encouraged new students to take photos of themselves in different library locations as part of a series of photo challenges announced on social media. Student groups are challenged to find the life-sized cutout of Amelia Earhart traveling to different library locations, take a “selfie” and tag themselves on social media as part of the campaign by using the hash tags: #BGRSelfie #PurdueLibs. Some of the photos posted on social media will be incorporated into the BGR session presentation.

Again, a huge thank you to all Libraries facilitators and the Libraries BGR planning committee. Specifically, thank you to Ashley Butler and Michael Flierl who worked tirelessly to make sure the Libraries involvement in this year’s BGR will be a success.

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**VISIT BY LIBRARIANS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN**

**BY CLARENCE MAYBEE**

Five library faculty from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln visited Purdue Libraries Aug. 2-3. They attended the Information Literacy Research Symposium held on the morning of Aug. 2. Considering some renovations to one of the libraries at UNL, following the Symposium the group toured Purdue Libraries spaces. Ilana Stonebraker provided a tour of the Parrish Library and Clarence Maybee a tour of Hicks Library. After learning about the recent work we have done to renovate library spaces, Dean Jim Mullins gave the group a glimpse of the future by leading them on a tour of the under-construction Wilmeth Active Learning Center.

On the morning of Aug. 3, the UNL visitors met with various Purdue faculty and staff involved in the Instruction Matters: Purdue Active Course Transformation (IMPACT) program. The Nebraska group met with Dave Nelson from the Center of Instructional Excellence, Cody Connor of Information Technology at Purdue, and Clarence Maybee of the Libraries, who comprise the IMPACT management team. The Nebraska group also met with two instructors who redesigned courses through IMPACT, Ellen Gundlach from Statistics and Melanie Morgan from Communications, who described their collaborative projects with Purdue Libraries faculty. Libraries faculty and staff involved in IMPACT, including Rachel Fundator, Catherine Fraser Riehle, Ilana Stonebraker, Amy Van Epps and Dave Zwicky, discussed the benefits of partnering with faculty and staff outside of the Libraries to enhance student learning.

Top photo: Dean Mullins conducts a tour of the WALC. Bottom photo: IMPACT Faculty Fellow, Ellen Gundlach, and Melanie Morgan, Communications, and student....
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er even popular “white elephant” challenge! If you have never been before, give it a try this year.
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Libraries Employment Opportunities page. Accepting applications.
Continuing
- Engineering Technology Information Specialist, (Faculty). Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page. Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.
- Library Assistant IV, Digital Programs (C/S) (Posting 1601265). Check the Libraries Employment Opportunities page. Accepting applications; review of applications has begun.
New Staff
- Adriana Harmeyer, Outreach Archivist, Archives and Special Collections
- Erika Heyns, Head, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Business Division
- Sandi Caldro, Data Repository Outreach Specialist
- NuRee Lee, Molecular Plant Sciences Information Specialist

EVENTS AND EXHIBITS
Agriculture at the State Bicentennial: Purdue's Contributions to Indiana and Its People
Archives and Special Collections
June 10–December 23
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Monday–Friday
HSSE Library 4th floor
STEW
West Lafayette Farmer's Market
Wednesdays
May 4–October 26
3:30–7 p.m.
Cumberland Park
3150 North Salisbury Street
www.westlafayette.in.gov/department/index.php?textured=228
Purdue Farmer's Market
Thursdays
August 18–October 27
11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Memorial Mall
Purdue Campus
www.purdue.edu/sustainability/
Lafayette Farmer's Market
Saturday
May 7–October 29
5th Street
Between Main & Columbia
www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com/

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
Ilana Stonebraker, Ebony Magnus, Mark Puente presented “Real Institutions, Real Talk: Reflecting on More Than A Decade of Diversity Scholar visits to ARL Libraries” at National Diversity in Libraries Conference (hosted by Association of Research Libraries and UCLA), Los Angeles, August 11.
Sammie Morris, Larry Mykytiuk, and Sharon Weiner, co-authors, interactive workshop: “Integrating Archival Literacy

Libraries New Staff

Rachel Fundator
Information Literacy Instructional Designer
I come from a family of educators. My twin sister, my mom (and two of her siblings), my maternal
grandfather, and my great-grandfather became teachers. So, it is safe to say that teaching and
learning are deeply engrained and valued in my family dynamic. I initially neglected the traditional
family career path, opting instead for a career in museum work after I earned my BA in art history
from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
After living for a few years in Chicago and Washington, D.C. and interning in a few museums along the way, I
decided to go back to school for a degree in Library and Information Science. While living in D.C., I enrolled in the
Graduate School of Library and Information Science at UIUC and hoped to select a track or specialization along
the way. Perhaps it was inevitable, but I was immediately drawn to reference work and particularly information
literacy instruction. I realized the crucial role librarians play in teaching and learning and aligned this new
perspective with the values I acquired growing up in a family of passionate educators. I’m extremely excited to be
joining the Purdue Libraries as the Information Literacy Instructional Designer, where I will work with faculty to
support student learning as part of the IMPACT program. Now, my mom, sister, and I are constantly talking about
teaching and learning, which I am sure drives everyone else in the family who are not in this field a bit crazy.
In my spare time, my husband and I have our hands full with our hyperactive labrador, Louie, and exceedingly
grouchy cat, Bernie. I love to travel, especially abroad. When we get the chance, my husband and I visit his family
in Israel. Most recently, we took a trip to California, since I had never been to the west coast. My next dream
destination is Spain, particularly Barcelona.
Having grown up in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, I am a Midwesterner at heart. I am happy to be close to family
again and thrilled to be starting my career at the Purdue Libraries working in an environment where librarians
contribute in such a fundamental way to student learning.
My office is located in HKS G936 and my contact information is rfundator@purdue.edu or 49-48217.

Adriana Harmeyer
Outreach and Instruction Archivist
I am very excited to join the staff of Purdue Libraries and be part of the Virginia Kelly Karnes
Archives & Special Collections team. Since my first day on Aug. 8, I’ve been learning all I can
about Purdue and its history.
I received a BA in History from Marshall University, conveniently located in my hometown of
Huntington, West Virginia, with a focus on late 19th and early 20th-century America. I then
completed my Masters of Science in Information with a dual focus on Archives & Records Management and
Preservation of Information from the University of Michigan. While at Michigan, I was fortunate to gain experience
working in a variety of library and archival settings, including the University Music Library, the General Motors
Design Archive, the Washtenaw County Historical Society and the Theodore Roosevelt Center.
I spent the past three years working as a Lincoln Librarian with the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection housed at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. In that subject-specific role, I did anything and everything related to the care, promotion and use of one of the best archival collections focused on Abraham Lincoln. That also means that I know more than I ever could’ve imagined about Lincoln, so if you ever find yourself in need of a Lincoln-related anecdote (and want to be sure that it’s actually true), I might be the person to ask.

I have always loved stories, so most of my free time is spent with books, movies, television and trivia. I especially love the old and obscure books that nobody’s really heard of before. I usually figure out pretty quickly why nobody’s heard of them, but occasionally a gem turns up. I also enjoy learning and sharing the stories of people who are usually forgotten by the textbooks yet led interesting lives. Basically, there could not be a more perfect job for me than archivist.

You can find me in Archives & Special Collections, STEW451, email aharmey@purdue.edu, or call 49-42263.

**AROUND THE LIBRARIES**

**EAPS Map Collection Update**

For the past three years Donna Slone and Terry Wade have been working on the United States Geographical Survey (USGS) 7.5’ maps for all of the United States. They created a spreadsheet with all the information from each map and then made item records for each map drawer. Karen Fields has been doing the cataloging. The US maps are completed and they are now working on the Canada maps.

On average there are 500 maps in each topography drawer, but not quite so many in the drawers that have maps in envelopes.