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CLAUDIA BUSHMAN TO DELIVER HOWARD R. DRIGGS MEMORIAL LECTURE



Dr. Claudia Lauper Bushman (left), a prominent American historian and author, will deliver the fourth annual Howard R. Driggs Memorial Lecture on March 21, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, Hunter Conference Center at Southern Utah University. The lecture, *Lost, Stolen, or Strayed: The Unrecorded Life*, is part of the activities of SUU Founders' Week.

Dr. Bushman holds degrees from Wellesley College, Brigham Young University and Boston University. She is a former Professor of American Studies at Columbia University and founding Editor of *Exponent II*, a Mormon women's publication. Her husband, Richard Lyman Bushman, is Gouverneur Morris Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia. Following their retirement, they established the curriculum for Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University in California. They are now back in New York, teaching a course on Contemporary Mormonism at Columbia this Spring.

Claudia Bushman has published 12 books of social and cultural history and Mormonism, including *Building the Kingdom: A History of Mormons in America*, *Contemporary Mormonism: Latter-day Saints in Modern America*, and *Mormon Sisters: Women in Early Utah*. Her most recent book is *Pansy's History: Margaret E. P. Gordon, 1866-1966*, an edited autobiography by her maternal grandmother, published in 2011.

Throughout her career Dr. Bushman has been involved in community history projects, including serving as director of the Delaware Heritage Commission and chairman of Columbia University's 260th anniversary celebration. Her Church assignments have included chairing the Harlem Bridge Building Committee, the New York Stake Living Nativity Scene Project, producing the concert of the Mormon Oratorio Choir in Carnegie Hall and the Manhattan Temple Jubilee in Radio City Music Hall and installing (temporarily) a bronze statue of Joseph Smith in downtown Manhattan for Joseph Smith's 200th birthday.

The Bushmans have six children and 20 grandchildren. She was named New York State's Mother of the Year in 2002.

The annual lecture honors Dr. Howard R. Driggs (1873-1963), the first English instructor at the Branch Normal School, now SUU, from 1897-1905. The lecture series was established in 2009 by his stepdaughter, Camille Bradford, to highlight the Driggs Collection in the Sherratt Library's Special Collections.

After leaving BNS Dr. Driggs (right) taught at the University of Utah and at New York University, where he was Professor and Chair of the English Department in the School of Education. He was also a noted Western historian and author, and served as President of the Oregon Trail Memorial Association and American Pioneer Trails Association. The prior lectures in this series, given by Governor Michael Leavitt (2009), Dr. Daniel Walker Howe (2010) and Dayton Duncan (2011) are archived on the Sherratt Library website.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Michael Broadbent

One of the fun things about growing up with my parents was the large library in our home. I looked through a book shelf and found a small book entitled *In a Chinese Garden*, written by Frederic Loomis. This book was reprinted in *Light from Many Lamps*, edited by Lillian Eichler Watson.

Quoting from the book: "This afternoon I was a guest in a beautiful Chinese home here in Peking. The garden was enclosed by a high wall, and on one side, surrounded by twining red and white flowers, was a brass plate about two feet long. I asked someone to translate the Chinese characters for me. They said: ENJOY YOURSELF, IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK. I began to think about it for myself."

The Advisory Board has had an interesting year at the library. First, one of Shakespeare's First Folios, loaned to us from the Folger Library, was on display this past summer. (See more on page 4). I would like to commend Paula Mitchell and her colleagues in the library for all the work they did to make this such a special event. Advisory Board members volunteered to help and were there to answer questions from visitors and keep watch of the items on display.

Next, the Library Gala, held annually in October, was a beautiful evening with music and dance from the students and faculty (right). Planning for the upcoming gala is already underway with a theme surrounding the impact of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Utah Parks Company on the area, and its national parks and monuments. Many people in our community and throughout the state have worked at the Parks.

Members of the Advisory Board have many varied interests and contribute their time to work on many different projects for the betterment of the library. In this article I would like to mention three: Camille Bradford has volunteered to be the editor of the newsletter. Barbara Matheson collects books and donates many to a collection of books by, for, and about women. She has also offered to give a lecture on finding books. Jim Case has a wide interest in the Southern Utah area and has hiked most of the trails to the various points of interest. He has found his hidden gardens off some of the trails and has photographed and identified many wild flowers. He is also involved with the Shakespeare Festival.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the board members for the effort and time they each give to the Sherratt Library. On behalf of the board I would also like to express my appreciation to all members of Friends of the Library. Your ongoing support contributes to the success of the library and is very much appreciated.



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THIRD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARY GALA

The Friends of the Gerald R. Sherratt Library hosted its third annual Gala on October 8, 2011, featuring a variety of activities, exhibits, entertainment, and presentations. At center stage was the exhibit in the library's Special Collections area showcasing a first edition of Shakespeare's first folio, printed in 1623. The book, on loan from the Folger Library in Washington, D.C., has an estimated value of over \$10 million, and is considered by many to be the most valuable secular book in the world. Fred Adams, founder of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011, shared some thoughts with the audience on the significance of the precious volume.

Other events included a visual presentation from College of Performing and Visual Arts Dean Shauna Mendini about their trip to China, where they created and presented the production of *The Dream of Helen*. Best-selling local authors L.E. Modesitt, Jr. and Allyson Braithwaite Condie were on hand to discuss their books. Dr. Danielle Dubrasky and her students shared their original poetry. SUU dance professors Paul Ocampo and Chien-Ying Wang, performed a modern dance routine and answered questions from the audience.

The evening was topped off with the melodies of the SUU String Quartet and the SUU Jazz Ensemble, directed by SUU professors Xun Sun and Dr. Thomas Herb respectively.

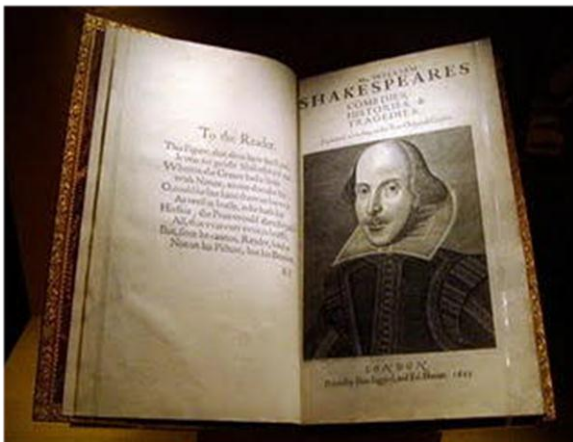


FRIENDS FOLIO VOLUNTEERS PROVE MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

By Vik Brown, Library Department Chair



The Friends of the Library played an essential role in making the exhibit *More Precious than Gold: the Treasures of William Shakespeare* an outstanding success. Over 14,000 people attended the display in the Sherratt Library's Special Collections (left-above) last summer which included one of Shakespeare's First Folios (left-below) and other rare books and artifacts from the Folger Library in Washington DC, the Sherratt Library, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival (USF). The exhibit, designed by USF designers, was part of the 50th Anniversary of the Utah Shakespeare Festival activities and was open from June to October.



Advisory Board members Helen Englehart and Lorraine Warren are to be commended for their efforts in scheduling Friends to host the exhibit. Friends participating included Helen and Ken Englehart, Lorraine and Robert Warren, Jim Case, Michael Broadbent, Joe and Beverly Burgess, Carolyn Higbee, Christopher Clark and Gene Hottinger. They greeted attendees, answered scores of questions and shared in the excitement of the visitors. Comments on the exhibit were extremely favorable.

- Debbie Steadman of Farr West, Utah: "Such a beautiful and inspiring exhibit—I was amazed at the pristine condition of the main exhibit—the Folio."
- Joe and Jennifer from Glendena, California: "Thank you!! What a beautiful library and Special Collections. How wonderful to give people access to the First Folio!"
- Gayle and Steven Dowdle: "We loved it sooo much we came back again! Thanks for fulfilling a dream!"

The folio, *Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies. Published According to the True Originall Copies*, containing 36 of Shakespeare's plays, was published in 1623. Other books on loan from the Folger were a copy of *A Midsommer Nights Dreame* published in 1600 and *The most excellent and lamentable tragedie of Romeo and Juliet* published in 1637.

Dean John Eye, Special Collections Librarian Janet Seegmiller, University Archivist Paula Mitchell (right) and Advancement Director Donna Law worked tirelessly to arrange transportation, security, funding and accompanying activities. The exhibit was sponsored by the library, USF, the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, the Utah Humanities Council, and Delta Air Lines.



PAIUTE HISTORY AND LANGUAGE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

By Paula Mitchell, University Archivist

In December 2010 a conversation took place between Dane Leavitt (Area Seventy for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and Lora Tom (Council Member of Cedar Band Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah) about preservation of the history and language of the Paiute people in southern Utah. The ideas that Dane and Lora discussed were then presented to the Paiute Tribal Council which expressed interest. From that interest the Paiute History and Language Preservation Committee was formed which includes Tribal leaders and members; professionals from SUU, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Utah State Parks; and local leaders from the LDS Church. All committee members are volunteers.

The Preservation Committee is working on several projects to help the Tribe preserve its culture, history and language. These projects will take several years to complete. Four of those projects are:

- The Paiute Digital Archive, an internet-accessible database of records, video recordings and images significant to Paiute history and culture;
- Writing a definitive history;
- Preserving in the Paiute Digital Archive recordings of tribal Elders speaking the Paiute Language; and
- Developing a documentary film concerning the history and culture of the Paiute Tribe of Utah.



The Sherratt Library Special Collections staff will be involved in creating the Paiute Digital Archive as well as collecting photographs, oral histories, videos and other items to be included in it. We will also be involved in helping to complete other projects outlined by the Preservation Committee.

The Special Collections staff has been involved in preservation of Paiute history for many years through the William R. Palmer Collection. This new project will enhance public understanding and appreciation of Paiute history. Special Collections is honored to be included in this important project.

Photographs from the William R. Palmer Collection. Above: Hannah Sampson displaying two baskets woven by her (1936). Below: Paiute family (1933). © Sherratt Library, Southern Utah University.

IRON COUNTY RECORD DIGITIZATION PROJECT

By Janet Seegmiller, Special Collections Librarian

In 2010, the Sherratt Library embarked on a digitization project to make the *Iron County Record* available online to all those interested in researching southern Utah history and genealogy.

It began publication in 1893, founded by William C. Higgins. In 1921 A. H. Rollo became editor and manager. His family published the newspaper until 1980, providing news coverage, publicity of social and cultural events, editorial comment, and local advertising. Subsequent owners later consolidated the newspaper with the *Cedar City Spectrum*.



SUU has previously funded digitization of the issues published from 1923-1940. The complete issues for those years may be searched through *Utah Digital Newspapers* at www.digitalnewspapers.org. Many people have located important family information and are asking when more years will be available. With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the years up to 1922 have also been digitized and will soon be available to search online.

How to support this project

You can support this meaningful project with a gift, in any amount, to: SUU Library, Iron County Record Project, 351 West University Boulevard., Cedar City, Utah 84720. If there is a specific year you would like to make available for online searching, please let us know.

The Friends of the Library are supporting fundraising efforts that will allow the remaining years of the *Iron County Record* to be digitized. It costs approximately \$800 to digitize each year of the *Iron County Record* which will, from now on, be available to the general public through this effort.

The library recently received a donation from the Cedar High School Class of 1946. This gift has been allocated to help digitize the 1946 editions.

We look forward to making this unique community resource available online.

Photograph from the Frontier Homestead State Park Collection. Iron County Record office on Main Street, Cedar City. © Sherratt Library, Southern Utah University.

BLANCHE CLEGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Ellen Chalmers, Library Department Administrative Assistant

Blanche Clegg (right) was the Special Collections Coordinator at the SUU Library from 1987 to 1997. She was a teacher, writer, social activist, mother and humanitarian. In her will, she left \$500 to be used as a scholarship for an SUU Library student employee. A library committee has chosen Megan Stephens, a student employee in the Copy Center pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, to receive this award for the 2012 Fall semester.



RANDY CHRISTENSEN TO RETIRE JULY 1

By John Eye, Dean of Library Services



For 40 years, Randy Christensen (left) has been working to provide access to information and services to the students, faculty, and staff at Southern Utah University. He recently announced his plans to retire effective July 1, 2012.

Graduating from Brigham Young University with an English major and a minor in history, Randy went on to receive his master's of library science degree from BYU and then spent three months on active duty in the Air Force Reserve before coming to SUU in 1972. He remembers that he "planned to stay at SUU for a couple of years but that turned into 40." Over this time, he has worked in a variety of capacities in the library from assistant cataloger to chair of public services, circulation librarian, reference librarian, systems librarian, and now as head of technical services. Through these experiences, Randy has seen many changes both as to how information is prepared for access and how it is accessed by patrons.

The most dramatic change, according to Randy, "has been the use of technology and the availability of information." He remembers the days of typing cards for the old fashioned card catalog and how revolutionary it was when the library received a typewriter that used a magnetic card to print multiple cards without the need to manually type each one from scratch. Later, in the late '80s when computers were emerging in libraries, he used his computer science minor that he earned from SUU to write a program that managed how books were checked in and out. In 1990, the library bought its first commercial library system from Dynix which he administered. Through all these changes, Randy worked to keep up and developed a strong appreciation for technology. He was an early adopter of Apple's iPhone and continues to experiment with new opportunities to access information using technology.

Among Randy's top accomplishments has been the design and planning for the new Gerald R. Sherratt Library built in 1996. He was heavily involved with how the power and data lines were integrated in the plan and he worked hard to make sure arrangements were made to satisfy pressures of future growth.

Randy plans to continue living in Cedar City after retirement, between all of the travel and other plans he has. He says he has "enjoyed working with so many good people over the years in the library." Now he will get a chance to spend more time with his family, enjoying the outdoors and exploring new places. We wish him the best in this new chapter of his life. Thank you, Randy, for your friendship and dedication to SUU!

LIBRARY RESEARCH AND INFORMATION DATABASES

By Phil Roche, Instruction/Outreach Librarian

The Sherratt Library subscribes to many high-quality online information databases. Friends of the Library at the Associate level and above have remote access to some of these excellent resources, including:

- **Academic Search Premier:** Contains indexing and abstracts for more than 8,500 journals and magazines including full text for more than 4,600 of those titles.
- **Fold3** (formerly Footnote): Provides convenient access to U.S. military records, including stories, photos, and personal documents of service members. Over 70 million original records.
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library:** A database of electronic book reference titles, covering many subject areas including the Arts, Biography, Business, Education, Environmental Studies, History, Information and Publishing, the Law, Literature, Medicine, Multicultural Studies, our Nation and World, Religion, Science, and the Social Sciences.
- **ProQuest Newspapers:** Provides access to thousands of international, national, and regional papers including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *The Times* (London).

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