

Bookmarks

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



Focus on the new faces of the University Library.

From the Dean

Welcome to the spring/summer issue of *Bookmarks*.

Since the founding of Iowa State, the University Library has played a vital role in fulfilling the land-grant mission to create, share and apply knowledge to make Iowa and the world a better place. And the key to our success is our people. In this installment, we focus on the new faces in the library. In recent months, we've welcomed new librarians and staff with expert knowledge in their areas of concentration. We've expanded the depth and breadth of our services to meet user needs.

We continue to expand the library's reach across campus. Our liaison librarians work with academic departments to support students' education, as well as faculty scholarship and research needs. We are a trusted and valuable partner for citizens and libraries across the state.

We are making strides with space enhancements in Parks Library. In order to meet the ever-evolving information needs of our campus community, we are committed to provide physical and virtual resources that are inclusive, accessible and inspire our users to success in their research pursuits.

Last year at this time, we announced the completion of our comprehensive space and feasibility study. I am happy to report that Phase 1 is about to get underway. The 57-year-old restrooms will be completely revitalized over the next two summers. We continue to capitalize on opportunities to enhance spaces in Parks Library and meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff.

Phase 2 will address the significant HVAC issues in Parks Library, and then in phases 3-6 we will finally tackle the top two goals of the space study: increased student study and collaboration spaces and expanded space for Special Collections and University Archives.



Each day in the Library, we renew our commitment to partner with the University to ensure an education is accessible, that we address global challenges and contribute to the social good by expanding the know-how and values to enhance the lives of our citizens in Iowa and around the world.

July marks three years for me as a Cyclone, and I continue to be proud to be part of this library and the important role we play at Iowa State.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and extend my gratitude for your continued support.

I hope you enjoy spring/summer Bookmarks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth".

Beth McNeil

Dean of Library Services and Professor,
University Library



Library Briefs

Hello!

My name is Monica Gillen, and I'm the editor of *Bookmarks*. In this issue, please allow us to introduce you to a number of individuals who recently began their careers at the University Library. In the last year or so, we have established some new positions, with a few filled by current staff members who sought different opportunities and challenges in the library. Twenty-one people in all. We hope that you enjoy getting to know the names and faces of our colleagues and that you learn a little more about what we do to facilitate the research pursuits of students, faculty and staff.

Is there something you'd like to learn about the library?
Do you have a story to tell? Please write and tell me about it.

In the meantime, enjoy *Bookmarks*.

Sincerely,

Monica

[M. Monica Gillen](#)



In memoriam Warren Kuhn

[Warren B. Kuhn](#), dean emeritus of library services, passed away on Feb. 19, 2018. Born Feb. 12, 1924, Kuhn spent his 45-year career in libraries and served the U.S. Army in WWII and the Korean War. He arrived at Iowa State in 1967 and retired in 1989.



Grant Wood murals documented

Videographers documented our treasured murals as part of a Grant Wood retrospective on display through June 10, 2018, at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. Wood's [When Tillage Begins](#), [Other Arts Follow](#) (1934) and [Breaking the Prairie](#) (1935-37) are included.



Congrats student assistants

Our student employees are vital to the library's success. Truth be told, we couldn't open our doors without them. This spring, we have 26 students (listed) graduating who have worked in the library for a portion of their time at Iowa State.

A few of them are pictured in the photo illustration: Kirsten Beeck, Noah Beeck, Dave Black, Lindsey Broadhead, Gavin Christenson, Rebel Clodi, Ashley Delpesce, Kara Harm, Cameron Hosimer, Rachel Houck, Austin Hurt, Leah Kremer, Marie McCarthy, Tre Moore, Ana Moreno, Jace Dostal, Alan Peine, Jessie Patton, Kenny Slagell, Jake Thompson, Brice Tegeler, Stevanna Truso, Logan Sheldenhelm, Ben Williams, Brianna Williams, Mathew Winch.





JASMINE KIRBY
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 2017

Jasmine Kirby completed her Master of Library and Information Science degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in August 2017 and headed for Ames to begin her position as social sciences and humanities librarian. Kirby's specialty is connecting people with what they need to complete their research, whether locating technology solutions or resources around campus. Kirby is satisfied when someone emails her back with "yes, this is exactly what I was looking for" when she's helped them discover resources that are hard to find.

Kirby is the library liaison for the human development & family studies and psychology departments, which allows her to assist faculty in these areas with the development of coursework and help students satisfy their research needs. Kirby also does outreach to enhance library visibility via student organizations on campus. Kirby is inspired by how much the library is valued on campus.

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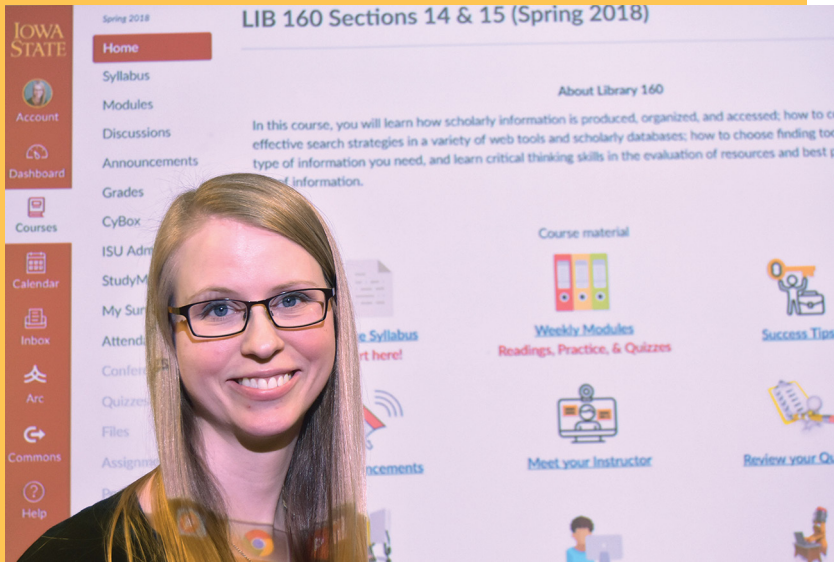
Ryan Wolfslayer, a recent graduate of the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is metadata librarian and comes to Iowa State from an internship at Gartner, Inc., in Champaign, Ill. Metadata is data about data. Wolfslayer's work is important to library users when they need to discover items in the collection. His experience with creating ways to classify or group items together (taxonomy) is key in his position. He offers expertise on linked data and standardizing existing metadata using techniques from knowledge management and understanding how humans interact with computers.

Wolfslayer sees his position evolving as machine learning (computer systems read and make predictions about data) becomes more prevalent. He envisions ontology-driven metadata (questions about what things exist and how those items are grouped and then sub grouped and information about those things) as crucial to improve interoperability and search functions across library platforms.

[Contact Ryan.](#)



RYAN WOLFSLAYER
METADATA LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 2017



CARA STONE
INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JULY 2017

Cara Stone coordinated information literacy instruction at the Grand View Library at Grand View University in Des Moines prior to assuming similar duties as instruction librarian at Iowa State. Stone was drawn to the role the library plays in advancing the land-grant mission and the focus on student success, instruction, research assistance and community-building via library services and resources.

Stone connects students with resources and helps them process and understand those resources. She enjoys the opportunity to encourage students as they gain confidence in their research skills. Stone works with faculty and staff in an effort to create meaningful library instruction sessions for their courses. She sees flexibility in her instruction role, which allows her to be responsive to the ever-changing needs of library users as the nature of information-gathering and research evolves.

[Contact Cara.](#)

Denise Wolf is circulation assistant at Parks Library and brings a wealth of experience to her position. She held library jobs in Illinois and Iowa, including school libraries in two central Iowa districts. Prior to that, Wolf served ISU as a library assistant. In her current position, Wolf assists library visitors. Many times the visitor's first stop is the Circulation Desk, so Wolf has taken it upon herself to learn "at least a little about everything in the library."

She offers a high level of service to visitors and answers questions about all areas of the library and resources. Wolf refers visitors to staff in the library who can help if she can't. Wolf sees that libraries are ever-changing and advances in technology will allow for expanding resources and services on campus and beyond to a growing distance learning community.

[Contact Denise.](#)

DENISE WOLF
CIRCULATION ASSISTANT
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY MAY 2017



Abbey Elder is open access and scholarly communication librarian and comes to Iowa State from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, after completing her Master of Science in Information Sciences degree. Elder has an intense interest in open access, open educational resources (OER), and scholarly communication and is making her mark in these areas for the University Library.

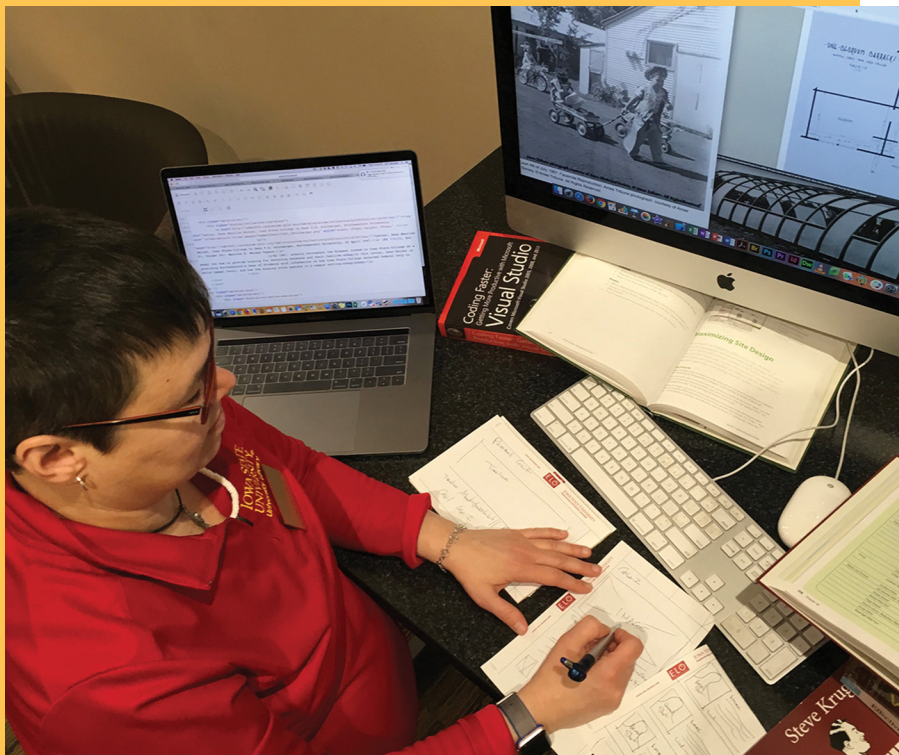
Working with colleagues in the library, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching and the Senior Vice President and Provost Office, she developed the Miller Open Education Mini-Grants program that will provide incentives to faculty to fold OER in their courses. In addition to her work in scholarly communication, Elder is the subject liaison for the anthropology and sociology departments, providing research consultations and instruction sessions, and purchasing books and other collections for these disciplines.

[Contact Abbey.](#)



ABBEE ELDER

OPEN ACCESS AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JULY 2017



LORI BOUSSON

DIGITAL INITIATIVES DESIGNER
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IN 2003

Lori Bousson is a designer at heart and is most satisfied when involved in Web work. She came to Iowa State in 2003 from the Ames Tribune and over the years gained experience in various campus and library departments. In 2017, Bousson became the Web designer in Digital Scholarship and Initiatives, and now she designs, builds and maintains Web pages for the department.

As an ISU alumna ('90 art and design), Bousson recalls her great experience on campus and enjoys watching current students grow and graduate.

Bousson characterizes her position as ever changing and anticipates learning every day without a dull moment. She envisions more collaborative efforts with departments outside of the library and sees this as an opportunity to engage others in the Library's collections and spread the word about how useful they are for research, teaching and scholarship.

[Contact Lori.](#)



MINDY MCCOY
PRESERVATION SERVICES COORDINATOR
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IN 2002

Mindy McCoy recently became preservation services coordinator but began her career in the University Library in 2002, shortly after she earned her BFA in art and design from Iowa State. In her new position, McCoy oversees and manages the reformatting and digitization of library materials, this includes managing the workflow of multiple digital projects, both what is scanned in the library and those that are sent out to vendors used by the library. She played an integral role in the digitization of the ISU Experiment Station publications - over 20,000 pages, which are now discoverable in the Digital Repository.

McCoy spends much of her time training student assistants and managing their work, which includes use of scanners, camera equipment and multimedia software programs. She writes blog posts about numerous preservation topics, and she offers content for social media channels. McCoy has served in leadership positions for the Library Staff Association.

[Contact Mindy.](#)

PETER SUTTON

METADATA ASSOCIATE FOR AVIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JUNE 2017

Peter Sutton is metadata associate for the Avian Archives of Iowa Online (avIAN), a project funded by a grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR). Sutton is part of the digital initiatives team, and his work focuses on describing resources for discovery online and scientific documentation with metadata related to reviews of rare bird sightings by the Iowa Ornithologists Union online. His work is to make these collections available and useful.

The avIAN project makes resources interoperable using controlled vocabularies through URLs that other collections link directly to, as well. The online database represents the avIAN resources in interesting ways. Sutton sees his work evolving from metadata work to include some user feedback and engagement into description of our resources, which could build on the success of the *Bomb* initiative.

In addition to his work with avIAN, Sutton is a doctoral student at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

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CHARLES YIER
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JULY 2017

Charles Yier serves as social sciences and humanities librarian and liaison to the journalism and mass communications in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and apparel, events and hospitality management departments in the College of Human Sciences. He comes to Iowa State from a librarian residency at the University of Iowa. Yier's interests are varied, and he has expertise in all forms of reference service. Yier is fluent in three languages and recently served as a language consultant at the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Study of Language.

Since his arrival at Iowa State, Yier was accepted to participate in the 2018 Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians, which will be held in July in Minneapolis. Yier is among 26 individuals selected via the competitive application process.

[Contact Charles.](#)



WESLEY TEAL
METADATA LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OCTOBER 2017

Shaina Destine is residency librarian at the ISU Library. Destine comes to Iowa State from the University of Maryland and is a graduate of the MLIS program, where her concentration was in archives and digital curation.

During her residency, she will gain experience in several library departments and learn about various staff roles and responsibilities. Destine has found a place at the University Library where she can merge her interest in activism with archives and research.

At the recent ISCORE (Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity), she presented her project *The HBCU Connection: A digital collection of black ISU alumni from the early 20th century.*

At the same conference, Destine presented with Dean of Library Services Beth McNeil, *Enriching the academic and research library profession through diversity and inclusion: The University Library's residency program*, which reported the already-realized program benefits and its future.

[Contact Shaina.](#)

Wesley Teal is metadata librarian and comes to Iowa State from the Vogel Library at Wartburg College. He was drawn to his current position by the potential collaborative projects including digitizing and making available archival and special collections. On his way to learning about library workflows and practices, Teal has worked on several notable collections on topics like bird species and identification, Iowa pioneer life and late-19th- and 20th-century agricultural equipment. Teal collaborates with the Library's Digital Initiatives Department to satisfy the metadata needs for digital collections. He supervises staff and helps oversee the metadata standards in the library.

Teal sees metadata becoming increasingly important as unique and special collections are digitized and more open access (freely available) items become part of our institutional repository. Those materials will need to be discoverable so users can benefit from the research.

[Contact Wesley.](#)

Caitlin Moriarty brings a diverse set of archives experience to her position as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration project archivist. While working on her Master of Science in Information at the University of Michigan, she gained experience in the Special Collections Library and The Bentley Historical Library, where she worked with archives materials and researched reference inquiries.

In her two-year term position, Moriarty is transferring finding aids for ISU manuscript and archival collections (a detailed description of each collection with a box inventory), from text documents into a database system. With the new database, SCUA will be better able to manage collections and make them more searchable and accessible to researchers and accessible to new audiences.

[Contact Caitlin.](#)

CAITLIN MORIARTY

PROJECT ARCHIVIST FOR NHPRC GRANT
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JUNE 2017

SHAINA DESTINE

RESIDENCY LIBRARIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JUNE 2017



Rosie Rowe is audiovisual preservation specialist at the University Library. Rowe has more than 20 years of experience in the field and is responsible for the preservation of the film, video, and audio records held in the Special Collections and University Archives. She has expertise in various multimedia software programs and in the operation of many types of equipment. She has extensive knowledge in identifying and prioritizing at-risk items for preservation.

One of Rowe's first projects at ISU was to digitize footage of Iowa State football games for streaming during a library-sponsored tailgate before the Oklahoma State versus Iowa State contest on Nov. 11, 2017. Rowe sees her position evolving from preservation of analog AV records to that of digital AV records to provide ISU media creators with a safe archival repository of digital materials.

[Contact Rosie.](#)



ROSIE ROWE

AV PRESERVATION SPECIALIST

JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY MARCH 2017



OLIVIA GARRISON

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
REFERENCE COORDINATOR
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FEBRUARY 2017

Olivia Garrison was the adult services coordinator at the Ericson Public Library in Boone before accepting her current position as the reference coordinator in Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) at the University Library. Garrison relishes linking patrons with the resources they need to answer their research questions. Her passion for history and research means that sometimes she gets to be a detective when tracking down resources to satisfy reference inquiries.

A patron recently told Garrison that she may have “the coolest job of all time.” She is in charge of the SCUA Reading Room and arranges schedules for the reference desk and creates policies and procedures. Additionally, Garrison contributes to the SCUA social media channels. In the future, she sees her position evolving to help educate patrons with locating items that are in digital format; however, not everything in SCUA can be digitized, so Garrison’s skills with investigation will always be important.

[Contact Olivia.](#)



ROSALIE GARTNER

LEAD PROCESSING ARCHIVIST
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2017



Rosalie Gartner is lead processing archivist in Special Collections and University Archives and arrived in Ames in November from Boston, Mass., where she spent years gathering experience in all aspects of archives work. Gartner tells relatable stories when she describes her job. Boxes that are discovered in offices and attics of family and friends need to be sorted through and organized so they can be located in the future. For example, gas receipts and hospital bills might be discarded but military discharge papers that no one knew about start to frame the story of the person to whom the items belonged. It’s no longer just a box of papers.

Gartner sees more and more collections arranging in digital form and understands that providing access to them will require different processes to make sure there are not gaps in our history.

[Contact Rosalie.](#)

RACHAEL ACHESON

ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JANUARY 2018



Rachael Acheson is assistant university archivist and works in Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA). She comes to Iowa State from a position as the temporary head of Special Collections at the University of Northern Iowa. Acheson builds collections that document current and past ISU student life and plans to teach student groups about the importance of good record-keeping practices and preservation tips. Her ideas include discussions with student groups about the value of regularly donating their materials to SCUA.

Acheson will have additional opportunities for teaching, specifically conducting archival instruction sessions, and she would like to work in the area of oral history. Acheson received a full scholarship to attend the 2017 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association.

[Contact Rachael.](#)

Curtis Brundy arrived in Ames from Wartburg College in Waverly, where he was the library director. Brundy is the associate university librarian and leads scholarly communication and collections and technical services for the University Library. In this role, Brundy works with staff around the library and appreciates the teamwork and support of the initiative across the organization.

He particularly enjoys the open initiatives: Open Access, Open Data and Open Educational Resources. These efforts largely center on promoting the library philosophy that a free and open exchange is important to the research discussion. Scholarship reach is enhanced when it's openly accessible and discoverable from anywhere in the world. According to Brundy, progress towards open publishing models will lead to improved access to scholarly content.

[Contact Curtis.](#)



CURTIS BRUNDY

ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN
SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION AND COLLECTIONS
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY APRIL 2017



LINDSEY HILLGARTNER

DIGITAL INITIATIVES PROJECT COORDINATOR
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FEBRUARY 2017

Lindsey Hillgartner moved from Madison, Wisc., to Ames to accept the digital initiatives project coordinator position at the University Library. Hillgartner's experience includes work in museums and libraries and the Wisconsin Historical Society, where she worked extensively with the McCormick International Harvester Collection.

Hillgartner's first digital collection launched at Iowa State is the Hortense Butler Heywood Papers. She coordinates efforts between four departments to create digital content for the Web. Hillgartner sees her position evolving in the future to include the need for more and more access to materials via the Web, including many that, in the past, would have only been viewable in person. Making collections available online will increase the audience for Iowa State's one-of-a-kind collections.

[Contact Lindsey.](#)

JUSTIN NOLTING

BUSINESS SERVICES MAIL ROOM
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY APRIL 2017

Justin Nolting is a storekeeper in the business services mailroom. Nolting is a 2008 graduate of Iowa State and earned his B.A. in criminology and criminal justice. In addition to handling all the mail, Nolting is responsible for all the deliveries that come to the library. He sends and receives interlibrary loan materials, which places him right in the middle of the research process for scholars around Iowa, the country and the world.

Nolting assists the building manager with projects all over Parks Library, at the Design Reading Room and the Veterinary Medical Library. He lends his expertise with operations and has handled a variety of repairs at library facilities, including locating an elusive roof leak. He was able to fix the problem before it damaged one of the collections.

[Contact Justin.](#)





ERIN ANDERSON
PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR AVIAN
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY JUNE 2017

Erin Anderson came to Iowa State from the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden where she managed database requests and grant submission and reporting processes. Anderson earned her Master of Arts in American Studies from the University of Wyoming, Laramie. She brings a wealth of project management and museum experience to Iowa State.

Anderson is the Project Coordinator for the Avian Archives of Iowa Online (avIAN), a project funded by the Council of Library and Information Resources (CLIR). She is creating a Web portal that provides access to eight collections related to bird watching and ornithology in Iowa. avIAN is a complex project, and Anderson keeps its many parts moving and meets deadlines. She also talks about birds a lot.

Looking ahead to 2019, when avIAN is launched, Anderson will focus on outreach and promotion of the project to on- and off-campus audiences.

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Tom Finestead joined Iowa State in 1991 and in 2017 accepted a new assignment as the building manager for the University Library and the Gerdin Building, home of the College of Business.

Finestead oversees the day-to-day operation of Parks Library, the Design Reading Room, the Veterinary Medical Library and the Library Storage Building, which means he ensures that the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are operational and coordinates repairs when they aren't. This requires collaboration with departments around campus, outside contractors, vendors and library staff. He supervises the library storekeeper and student staff.

Additionally, Finestead serves as the primary purchaser of furniture, equipment, computers and supplies. He has expert knowledge of the facilities and serves on the Library's emergency response team.

[Contact Tom.](#)



TOM FINESTEAD
BUILDING MANAGER
JOINED THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY 1991

Seo earns ARL fellowship

Hilary Seo has been selected for the ARL (Association of Research Libraries) Leadership Fellows program. The 2018-19 group is made up of 30 individuals from the United States and Canada, and participation in the program is designed to develop senior-level leaders in ARL institutions.

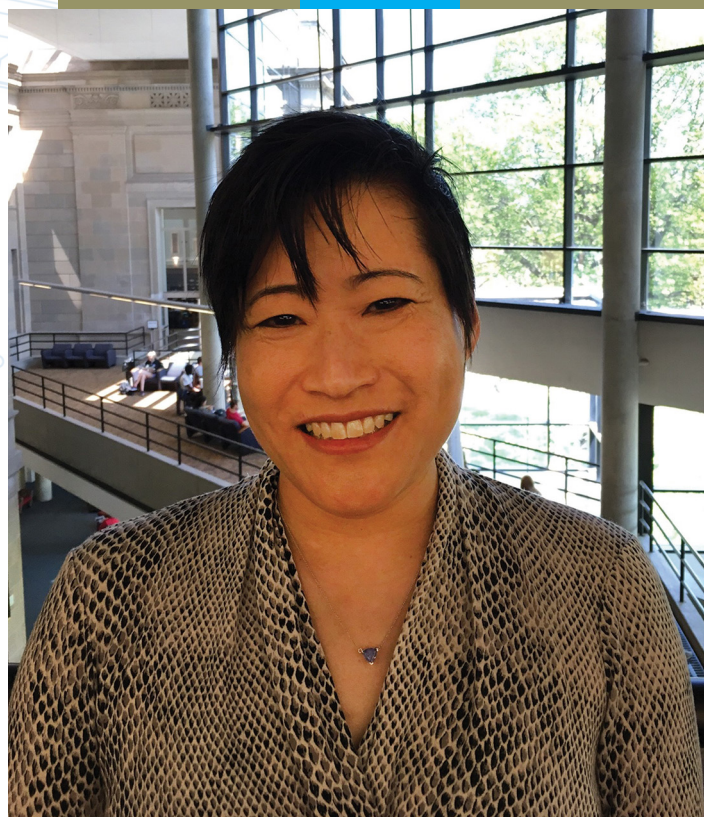
Seo serves the library as an associate dean and is an associate professor.

In the ARL program, she will have the opportunity to explore a personal/professional area of interest in a group setting with other future library leaders. Participants will construct a learning plan, have access to mentors and attend focused week-long institutes at sponsor libraries, University of Florida, The George Washington University and the University of Iowa.

"I hope that exposure to new things peer institutions are pursuing, diverse higher education perspectives, and campus dynamics will broaden my understanding and improve my ability to support the future direction of our library as an advocate and leader," Seo said. "The climate on campuses changes with its leadership, and being able to fit into the broader university conversations and effectively represent the library during difficult times and times of growth are imperative for our library to be continuously recognized as a key partner in the success of the university."

The seventh group selected for the program, 2018-19 Fellows will contribute ideas and feedback to allow for the enhancement of activities for future cohorts. Program activities began in February and culminate at the April 2019 Association Meeting.

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Coming events

Through June, "Do[ing] their bit": Iowa's Role in the Great War, an exhibition on World War I, Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives, 403 Parks Library.

July 18 through January 2019, "Activist Agriculture": Farm protest in Iowa, 1929-1969, Special Collections and University Archives exhibition. [Editor's note: Email Rachel Seale (rmseale@iastate.edu) for programming information.]

Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, Memorial Union, the University Library will co-sponsor a talk by **Cathy O'Neil**, author of *Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy*. O'Neil will discuss the social and cultural consequences of using big data.

Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. in the Upper Rotunda at Parks Library, the University Library will host a lecture by **Meredith Evans, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, and vice president/president-elect of the Society of American Archivists**. Evans' presentation will focus on the importance of presidential and political papers.

Oct. 8, at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Memorial Union. The University Library will co-sponsor a moderated program, **Watergate 45 years later: What have we learned?** Moderator Kathie Obradovich with Nick Kotz, Edward Mezvinsky and Jonathan Yarowsky. *The Edward M. Mezvinsky papers are held in the Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives.*



Be Forever True

The Library is a gateway to all of the world's knowledge, whether in print or electronic format, and meets the information resources needs of Iowa State University students, faculty and staff.

Through the University Library, Iowa State students learn to access, evaluate and use information effectively, a skill set that serves them well as students and in the future for their lives, careers and communities.

- Beth McNeil

From the Development Director

Take a walk on campus and you will see that Iowa State University is growing at a remarkable rate. New residence halls and expanded teaching facilities are visible indicators of several years of record enrollment numbers, which reflect a growing desire for the unique educational experience that Iowa State University provides.

An increasingly specialized global workforce demands applicants with strong research skills, collaborative experience, and an innovative outlook.

As a land-grant institution and leading research university, Iowa State prepares students to meet these demands. Classrooms, studios, and laboratories across campus provide space to create, share, and apply knowledge, and at the heart of campus, the University Library fosters this mission in a unique way.

Parks Library is home to 2.9 million printed books, but the resources available to faculty and students extend beyond the printed word.

Every one of the 36,000+ students enrolled at the University will interact with the library during their years at Iowa State. All grade levels, all majors, and students and faculty alike utilize the resources found in the library; an English student can study primary source manuscripts, a history professor can find photographs and microfilm to create an impactful lecture presentation, and a physics postdoc can access scholarly articles to support their research via online databases. As the needs of these students and faculty evolve, so do the services that the Library offers. Demand for digitization of print resources, the necessity of wireless connectivity and charging capacity,

and the need for areas to accommodate group projects and tutoring have pushed the library to rethink and reclaim its space. Regardless of its evolving image, the goal of the University Library to serve as a home for the creation and sharing of knowledge on Iowa State's campus remains as relevant and vibrant as ever.

Resources provided by donors have allowed for expanded opportunities and services to students and faculty. Thread technology allowed for 1305 additional outlets for Library users to charge personal technology devices. Donor resources provided access to maintain and enhance the library collections, hire students



to assist with the collections and the needs of patrons, and grow the library special collections.

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