

People and Posts

Assistant Editor: Matt Gorzalski, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The MAC Membership Committee invites members to share positions, appointments, and honors in the People and Posts column. Please send items to Matt at mgorzalski@lib.siu.edu. Submissions must be 150 words or less. Images are welcome!



Paul Beck

Paul Beck is retiring after 23 years of service as the Special Collections Librarian at Murphy Library, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse.

Lois Hamill is the university archivist at Northern Kentucky University where she heads the Special Collections and University Archives. She has been promoted to professor. Her third book, *Archives 101*, a practical ready reference written for people who care for historical records, photographs, and collections regardless of their professional education or institution type, was just published.



Dr. Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is pleased to announce that **Dr. Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm** joined Morris Library on January 2, 2021, as associate dean of Library Affairs, Special Collections Research Center. For the past two decades, Hamilton-Brehm developed digital and archival collections and exhibits for universities and public libraries across the United States, becoming a certified archivist in 2020. Striving to increase public access to our cultural heritage, she pursues education and preservation initiatives in collaboration with diverse institutional and community partners.



Mark Thiel

Mark G. Thiel retired February 15, 2021, as archivist for Catholic Native America Collections within Special Collections and Archives at Marquette University. As emeritus faculty after 35 years of service, he will assist in the transition of duties within the department and continue to serve on several related Native American advisory boards.

Associate Professor **Eric Willey**, Milner Library, received approval for a sabbatical leave for fall 2021 semester. During his sabbatical, he will investigate integrating the creation of Wikidata items for scholarly and creative research by university faculty and graduate students with standard cataloging workflows.

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In Memoriam: James William Craven (1931–2020)

James William Craven (“Jim”) was born October 17, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and died there at his home on September 17, 2020. Jim was the younger son of George and Elsie Craven, immigrants from Yorkshire, England. Jim graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1949 and then entered an apprenticeship at the University of Michigan Bindery, beginning 62 years of employment with the university, the longest of any staff member. His employment was interrupted only by service in Korea and Japan from 1951 to 1954 with the United States Army.

Upon his return, Jim resumed work at the bindery, completing a seven-year training program as a journeyman bookbinder, and in 1964 becoming its supervisor. In 1974, Jim took a newly established position as restoration specialist, conservator, and fine bookbinder at the University of

Michigan’s Bentley Historical Library. He worked for the four university repositories for rare books and documents: Michigan Historical Collections, the William L. Clements Library, and the rare book collections of the graduate and law libraries. In this work, he mentored many students and volunteers who themselves went on to have distinguished careers in the art of document conservation.

One of Jim’s most significant tasks was to lead the design and installation of a state-of-the-art conservation laboratory when the Bentley Library expanded its building. Jim gave very popular tours of the laboratory to donors, students, and dignitaries, as well as lectures on conservation and antique bookbinding. Upon his retirement in 2012, Jim was recognized by Francis Blouin Jr., the director of the Bentley, as a “master craftsman . . . whose work was always impeccable

to the very highest standards, worthy of the great treasures entrusted to us by the various libraries at the University.”

In addition to Jim’s work in document conservation, he developed specialized expertise in library disaster response. In 1981, following a fire that destroyed the University of Michigan Economics Building, Jim supervised the complicated materials recovery process after the disaster, utilizing the vacuum chambers at the University of Michigan Aerospace Building and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, ultimately enabling the substantial recovery of many irreplaceable books and documents.

His obituary can be viewed online at <https://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=james-william-craven&pid=196892072>.

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