Meet our newest employees...

Alisha Cantrell
Alisha Cantrell is the new Library Technical Services Assistant in the Cataloging Unit, filling a vacancy left by Linda McCrelle’s retirement in July 2012. A native of Clarkesville, Georgia, Alisha moved to Jacksonville, Alabama and completed an undergraduate degree in Music Education from Jacksonville State University. She was a member of the Marching Southerners as well as many other music ensembles before her graduation in December 2008. She was selected as one of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities” for the 2007 – 2008 academic year as well as the recipient of the Martha Cole Memorial Award given to the most outstanding Library student assistant.

Before becoming a Library Technical Services Assistant at JSU’s Houston Cole Library, Alisha was employed by DataTech Solutions in Rainbow City, Alabama. Alisha completed her master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama in May 2011. In 2011 Alisha married her high school sweetheart, Mr. Jonathan Cantrell. They both enjoy fiction and fantasy as well as rock music.

Joseph Duke
Joseph Duke has joined the Library staff as Systems Administrator. He fills the position left vacant by Don Walter’s departure. Joseph received both his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and MBA from JSU. His most recent job was in Franklin, TN as a business intelligence analyst and application developer at RAI, a company that manages kidney dialysis centers around the country. Joseph has lived in Jacksonville off and on for long enough that he considers it as his home town. He says he has two amazing boys, ages 12 (Brody) and 8 (Miles), and a brilliant wife (Rebecca), who is a PhD candidate at MTSU.

Zachary Third
Zachary Third is the new Public Services Assistant in the Circulation Unit. He fills a vacancy left by Guillermo Woolfolk’s departure.

Zach grew up in Saks and graduated from Saks High School in 2007. He graduated from JSU in 2011 with a BS in Business Management. While enrolled at the JSU he worked in the University Print Shop as a University student worker. In his free time Zach enjoys playing just about any kind of sports. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends, and gives God the glory in everything that he does.

Friends of HCL hosts southern authors

Each year the Friends of Houston Cole Library invites an author to speak at JSU. This year we were fortunate to have two authors: Dr. Sue Brannan Walker in the spring and Ms. Susan Rebecca White in the fall.

Dr. Walker is Poet Laureate of Alabama as well as the Stokes Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing, Director of the Stokes Center for Creative Writing, and Professor of English at the University of South Alabama where she teaches courses in creative writing. Dr. Walker is the editor and publisher of the literary journal *Negative Capability*. Her work includes eight published books of poetry, editing four national literary anthologies, publications in more than fifteen anthologies, and more than forty published critical articles.

Dr. Walker has won the Hackney Literary Award for fiction and the Alabama-Writer’s Conclave Play-Writing competition for her one-continued on page 2.

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Library hosts Great Speckled Bird exhibit

Earlier this spring, the Library hosted a traveling exhibit on The Great Speckled Bird, a counterculture newspaper which ran from 1965-1975. This newspaper is only one of a large collection of such resources which the Library has access to through its Underground Press Syndicate (UPS) Underground Newspaper Collection. This collection is a treasure trove for those interested in sixties and seventies counterculture. From the AA Community to Zig Zag, this collection of over 500 small, alternative press magazines, newsletters, and bulletins centers on topics such as Vietnam War protests, hippies, vegetarianism, alternative “drop out” lifestyles, music, and civil rights. Some of the publications are well-known, such as Mother Earth News (volumes 1-24) to lesser known publications such as the Santa Cruz Free Spaghetti Dinner (say what?). Civil rights and revolutionary newsletters include the Black Panther. Some student newspapers (The Huntsville Exponent) are a part of this collection. Journals, such as The San Francisco Oracle, capture the essence of sixties counterculture with beautiful and original artwork, poetry, and essays.

The Underground Newspaper Collection is located with the 2nd floor microfilm; call number Z 6944 . US U53x. In addition to numerous presentations on these counterculture newspapers, subject specialist Laurie Charnigo has also create a guide to them which can be accessed at http://libguides.jsu.edu/content.php?id=315449.

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LibGuides New Access for Library Resources

Last spring the Library introduced libguides.jsu.edu, a subject specific gateway to Library resources. LibGuides provides all relevant subject specific information in a single webpage. It allows Librarians to create and manage these resources, offering ease of access. There are subject and assignment specific webpages. These pages narrow the focus of the Library for students and professors and offer a more tailored approach to research. Since last spring, 50 webpages have been created by Subject Specialists, including: Biology, Criminal Justice, EH 311, Education, MU 236, History, Law, and Psychology. Please visit libguides.jsu.edu to see more examples or contact a Subject Specialist to create a guide specific to your classroom assignment.

Library Adds Databases


Extended Hours & Group Study

The Houston Cole Library is pleased to announce that it will again offer extended hours during final exams. From Sunday, 2 December to Thursday, 6 December the Library will be open from 7:30 am until 1:00 am, providing a calm and comfortable place to study. Library services, including circulation and reference, will be open regular hours, until 11 pm.

Also, the newly renovated group study room on the 4th floor of the Library is now open to JSU students. Reservations for using this room may be made by phone to the Circulation Desk (256-782-5758); in person at the Circulation Desk; or by using the online Group Study Room Request Form on the Library Services website (http://www.jsu.edu/library/services/groupstudyroom.html). No less than 2 or more than 8 persons per group, please.

Publications and Presentations...

The faculty at Houston Cole Library have had a fruitful few months of publishing and presenting. Here are a few of their most recent accomplishments ...

- Bethany Latham (2012), "Review of Modern History Online" review Reference Reviews
- Laurie Charnigo (21 March 2012), "Ethical Issues in the UPS Underground Newspaper Collection," Presentation to the JSU Ethics Club, Houston Cole Library.
- John Baur Graham (3 April 2012), Presentation at Alabama Library Legislative Day and meeting with Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey (in role as Chair of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries task force for the Alabama Virtual Library), Montgomery, AL.
- Laurie Charnigo (5 April 2012), "Occupy the Occupant: Echoes of Dissidence in the Underground Press." Presentation at Houston Cole Library.
- Yingqi Tang and Jodi Poe (20 April 2012), "Blackboard IM for Virtual Reference Services: Presentation at the Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Paula Barnett-Ellis and Charlcie Vann (25 April 2012), "Library Access ‘Right There in My Hand’" Poster session at Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Hoover, AL.
- Laurie Charnigo (26 April 2012), "Screaming Microfilm: Preserving Voices of Dissent in the Underground Newspaper Collection." Poster session at Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Hoover, AL.
- Kimberly Stevens, Bethany Latham, and Jodi Poe (25 April 2012), "Cataloging Death in the UPS Underground Newspaper Collection," Poster session at Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Hoover, AL.
- Hanrong Wang (4 May 2012) "What’s Inside the Box?" Online presentation at the CARR Southeast Chapter Annual Conference.

Artwork on Display in the Library

Houston Cole Library is now a more visually interesting location for study and browsing thanks to the Department of Art. Last spring the Library received forty pieces of artwork created over the years by JSU students and faculty. The artwork is among some of the best works created by students and faculty and had been housed in the Department of Art’s archives. The pieces are on loan and can be found hanging in various locations throughout the library on the second through tenth floors.

Additionally, artwork created by current students can be seen in the display case on the Jazzman’s side of the Library lobby. This display rotates and is changed each semester. Stop by the Library and see past and current art creations!