NEWS | University Libraries Staff to Serve on Email Archiving Task Force

Erin O'Meara, head of our Office of Digital Innovation and Stewardship, has joined a task force that will spend the next 12 months preparing recommendations for specific actions that archives could take to create, preserve and provide access to records of electronic correspondence. Formed by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Digital Preservation Coalition, members represent universities, companies, and organizations, such as Google, Stanford, and the National Archives and Records Administration.

“A major goal of the University Libraries is to advance learning and scholarship by providing access to content,” said Dean Karen Williams. “Personal correspondence is a unique resource which can provide context for and bridge gaps in public accounts of historical events.” Learn more.

AWARD | John & Helen Schaefer Honored as 2016 Library Legends

We have honored John and Helen Schaefer as our 2016 Library Legends. John was president of the University of Arizona from 1971-1982. During his tenure, he lay the groundwork for the UA’s role as a research university. He also broke ground for and dedicated the Main Library, and established the Center for Creative Photography with Ansel Adams. His wife Helen is the former chair of the College of Humanities Advisory Board, and a longtime member of the Poetry Center Development Committee. The Helen P. Schaefer Building today is home to the UA Poetry Center.

To mark this occasion, we purchased two books to add to Special Collections. In honor of John and his commitment to science, the addition of Alessandro Piccolomini’s Della sfera del mondo, published in Venice in 1553, will further strengthen our holdings of early books. In honor of Helen and her commitment to poetry, we are pleased to add Found Poems by Philip Gallo to our collection.

Pictured: Helen and John Schaefer surrounded by friends and admirers at the dinner honoring them.

AUDIO | USS Arizona: Memorials and Memories

Did you miss the two talks at our last USS Arizona event of the semester? Associate Professor Susan Crane from the Department of History discussed why some memorials remain in our consciousness and why others are forgotten.
Special Collections Director Steve Hussman gave an overview of our USS Arizona archives, and discussed the reasons for their importance in research, cultural preservation, and community legacy. [Listen to the recording.]

Bustamante's Journalism/Latin American Studies class will present the results of their multimedia reporting projects that examine life along the border. They will explain how virtual reality 360° video and the use of drones help tell the stories of the people who live in these regions.

Join the University of Arizona in remembering Pearl Harbor 75 years after its bombing. This year's ceremony will feature the dedication of the USS Arizona Mall Memorial in front of the Student Union Memorial Center. This new memorial was designed as a full-scale outline of the famous ship's deck, and honors those who lost their lives aboard the ship during the attack. [Read more.]

Visitors can also view the exhibition “The Life and Legacy of the USS Arizona” at Special Collections from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. before the ceremony.

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