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The Book and Beyond **May 2013**



Dean Mark Roosa on the left and Dr. Terrence Roberts on the right flank leaders of the Pepperdine University Black Students Association.

From The Dean's Desk

Another semester has ended, and with it another school year. This spring Pepperdine University Libraries were filled with teaching, learning, enlightenment, and joy. In January, we welcomed our students back with a Student Appreciation Day. Pepperdine students possess an extraordinary intellectual curiosity, a strength of spirit, and goodness of heart that defines this institution. To show our appreciation, students found free Starbucks coffee in the Payson Library entrance, and the first 200 who walked into Payson received a \$10 printing credit added to their Student ID card. As is often the case, students were in the library early, and by noon we had issued 200 printing credits.

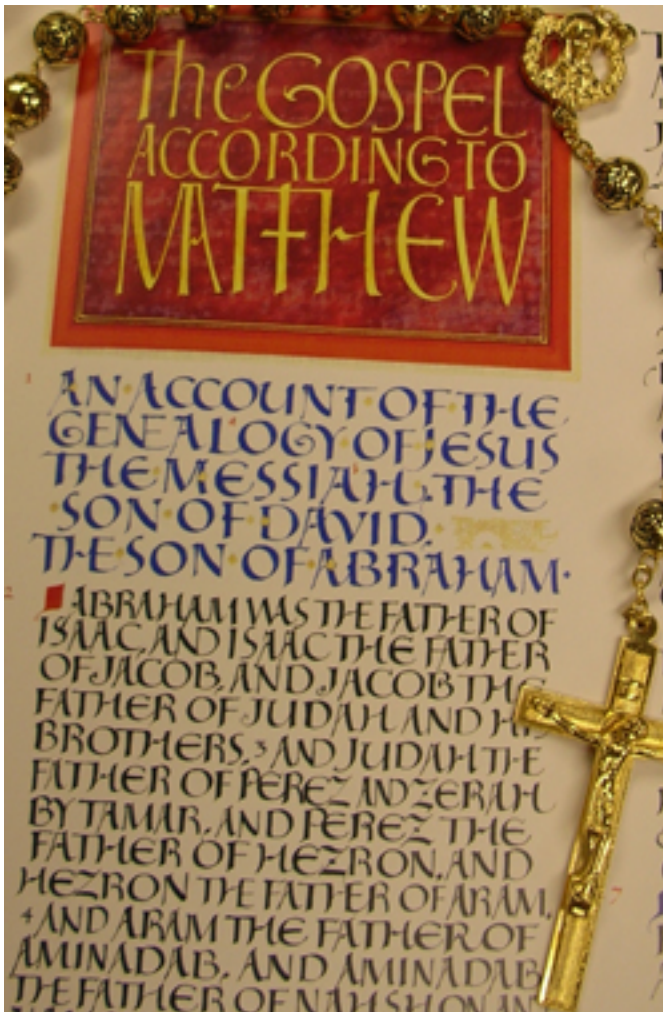
This spring we advanced teaching and learning in dozens of ways:

- Our celebration of Black History Month featured an extraordinary presentation from civil rights pioneer Dr. Terrence Roberts of the “Little Rock Nine.”
- The final volume of *The Saint John’s Bible* arrived – “Letters and Revelation.”
- Father Michael Patella spoke on the imagery of that great work of faith and art.
- Scholars spoke about everything from Taiwan to Comedy and Morality.
- An extraordinary exhibition of artwork by Malibu High School special needs students, mentored by Pepperdine art students hangs in our Payson Gallery.
- Burt Ross told how he faced down the mob when he was a small town mayor in New Jersey.
- Historypin.org was launched and is an exciting tool for Malibu history.
- Two afternoons were devoted to poetry readings.
- We celebrated April in Paris.
- And much more...

Pepperdine Libraries were a hub of cultural activity, spiritual investigation, and scholarship.

I hope you enjoy this review of some of the highlights of our spring.

Mark Roosa
Dean of Libraries



The Saint John’s Bible: “Letters and Revelation Arrives”

The Saint John’s Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. Pepperdine Libraries has acquired a Heritage Edition of this stunning work of faith and art and just last month we received the final volume of the set: “Letters and Revelation.” In March, Father Michael Patella, who served as chair of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John’s Bible* spoke on “Word and Image in *The Saint John’s Bible*.”

Visit our Special Collections and see “Gospels and Revelation” for yourself. Contact Katie Richardson at 310-506-4323 to make a reservation.

The Indonesian Ambassador Comes to Payson Library

Thanks to the partnership of faculty member Dr. Joel Fetzer, Dr. Dino Djalal, Indonesia’s Ambassador to the United States, spoke at Payson Library this spring. His focused on Indonesia’s transition to democracy and lessons that experience held for nations of the Arab Spring. His presentation will be up on **Wavelengths (LINK)**, which presents the great lectures that take place in Pepperdine Libraries as webisodes: Great speakers, big ideas, in little bites.

Praise for the Unsung Heroes of Scholarship: Our Librarians!

The teaching and learning that happens at the library constantly touches our community. We received this email commenting on the work of Lizette Gabriel, the Drescher Librarian and liaison to the Graduate School of Business and Management:

I’m writing to let you know how indebted I am to Lizette for her assistance with the Online MBA program. Lizette has gone above and beyond the call of duty to support our students by conducting a webinar (she saved the day by creating a work around when there were technical difficulties) and developing informational videos that she posted for the students after the webinar. My brief explanation above doesn’t paint a complete picture of everything she’s done on our behalf. Suffice to say, she’s been incredibly valuable in ensuring our students’ success in the program.

Sincerely,
Blake Withall
Director | Online Programs
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Librarian Awarded Grant

Librarian Sally Bryant, Head of Access Services, secured a donation from The Nippon Foundation. The Foundation selected Pepperdine University Libraries as one of the American institutions to receive a book donation from their Read Japan “100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan” program. Bryant says that the donated collection will further Pepperdine’s focus on global understanding and East Asia, in particular. Bryant adds, “Our students will have gained an invaluable resource in the study of Japanese history, society and culture.”

Historypin.com Launched at Pepperdine Libraries

This spring, we launched Historypin.com, a website and mobile application that allows the pinning of historical photographs, audio recordings, and moving image files to Google Maps. Would you like to see the Malibu hills in 1969 before the arrival of Pepperdine University, overlaid seamlessly with the current Google street view? Or perhaps you'd like to take a drive across the newly opened San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge in 1940? You can do all of these things—and more—in our new, interactive Historypin.com channel.

Kevin Miller, Librarian for Digital Curation and Publication, says “Historypin facilitates social mapping, in which individuals or institutions create a visual history of a particular spot on Earth through pinning digitized photographs along with the stories that contextualize and enrich the history behind the images. You can view the historic image of a site in Malibu and then compare it with the current Google street view. It's a great adventure in history.”

Pepperdine University Libraries is utilizing Historypin to further the twin goals of its Special Collections and University Archives department: to preserve and disseminate the history of Pepperdine University and serve as the primary historical repository for the Malibu community.

Our Historypin channel:

<http://www.historypin.com/channels/view/12655051>

Art In Action: An Excellent Adventure – Exhibition at the Payson Gallery



Over the course of seven weeks, Pepperdine art students guided Malibu High students from the Life Skills/Special Needs classroom through a series of painting lessons to discover their own unique voice and expression. The result: A colorful and dynamic body of work and new friendships.

Created by Malibu High students and curated by Pepperdine art students, this exhibition is evidence of community and creativity in action. The opening reception was held on Friday, March 22, and the exhibition remains on display on the second floor of Payson Library.

“April in Paris” – Friends of the Library Gather

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This jolly scene of a French inn was just one of many treasures that were on display at our “April in Paris,” event. Friends of the Pepperdine Libraries gathered to celebrate our Mlynarski Collection of books about life in 19th-century France. Prof. Kelle Keating, whose classes come to Special Collections and use these books to study daily life in Paris, spoke to a large crowd about the collection. It was an afternoon of French food, fellowship, and the beautiful music of Pepperdine guitar students.

Finals Week – When Too Much Coffee Is Not Enough

April means finals and dead week, and as usual the library became an intense hub for student learning – and intensive studying. Payson Library was once again open 24 hours a day during this time, and provided free coffee to all students working in the library.

Faculty Scholars at the Library

Our speaking series featured several faculty scholars this spring:

- Dr. Joel Fetzer and Dr. Chris Soper discussed their new book: [Confucianism, Democratization, and Human Rights in Taiwan.](#)
- Dr. Dyron Daugherty spoke on “Following Jesus for 21 Centuries: From Barnabas to Richard Wurmbrand.” (ADD LINK)

- Dr. Danny Mathews' new book, "Royal Motifs in the Pentateuchal Portrayal of Moses," was discussed by Dean Rick Marrs, Religion Chair Timothy Willis and Brandon Tsark.
 - Visiting scholar **Dr. Mark David Hall**, Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor of Political Science at George Fox University, spoke on "Did America Have a Christian Founding?"
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Poetry in the Stacks

Payson Library hosted two afternoons of poetry this spring. Award winning poet Matt Miller read from his latest work, thanks to the invitation of Creative Writing Professor John Struloeff.

And a trio of award-winning poets read in March: Carol Davis, Ellen Reich, and Florence Weinberger are accomplished and nationally recognized poets, who have now read their work in a Surfboard Room!

Mob Talk

Malibu resident Burt Ross enchanted a full house in the Surfboard Room when he spoke on his experience as mayor of Fort Lee, New Jersey. He not only turned down a Mafia bribe, but cooperated with the FBI, wore a wire, and testified against the mob in court.

It's a WRAP: NHPRC Funded Project Concludes

March 31, 2013, concluded the eighteen month NHPRC funded project "Preserving the Past, Preparing, for the Future: Building Sustainable Archival Collections." During the project, 1,370 linear feet of materials were processed comprising 103 collections. Among them were the collection of materials from the 1984 Olympics, the William S. Banowsky Papers, the Bruce Herschensohn Collection, and the Kenneth Hahn Collection. The finding aids for the collections can be accessed through the [Online Archive of California](#).

Lindsey Gant is Library Outstanding Student Worker of the Year!

Student workers are a vital part of providing excellent services to our patrons, and we are pleased to honor Lindsey Gant as Library Student Worker of the Year. Lindsey switched

from working in the Digital Initiatives Department to working in Special Collections and University Archives last fall and has been a huge help.

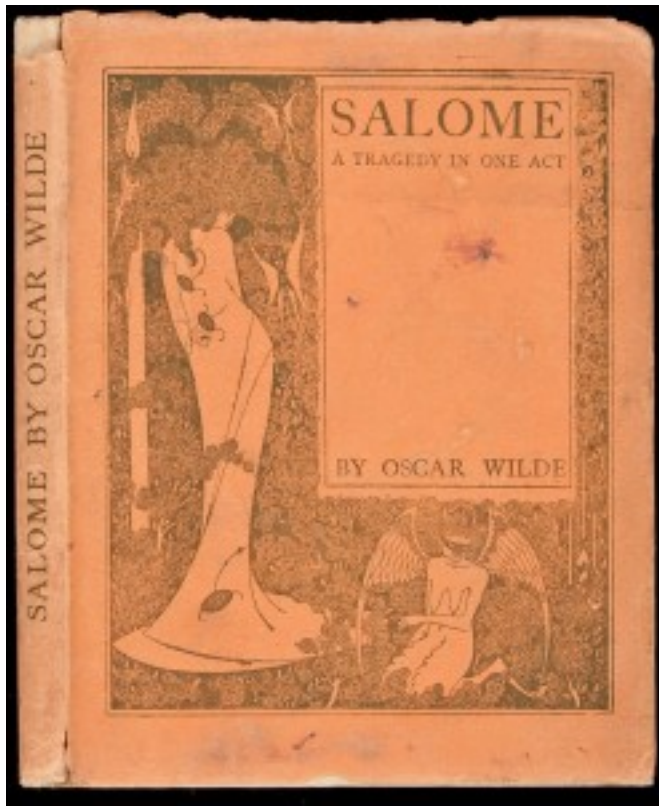


(Lindsey and Katie Richardson exhibit some of the materials from Special Collections and University Archives at the Archives Bazaar)

Lindsey is friendly, reliable, detail-oriented, flexible, and an excellent writer. She has a strong desire to preserve history for future generations and is passionate about what our department does.

Sigma Tau Delta Presents Special Collections With Rare Book

On April 9, 2013, during the New Member Installation Ceremony for Sigma Tau Delta (the English National Honor Society on campus) the society presented Special Collections with a rare book to add to its holdings. This year, all of the proceeds raised from a St. Patrick's Day bake sale went to the acquisition of a book for the department. The officers and the faculty sponsor decided to select a text by an Irish writer to keep with the theme of the bake sale. They picked a 1906 edition of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* (Bodley Head published) with illustrations by Aubrey Beardsley.



4th and 5th Graders Visit Payson Library

On March 12, 2013, twenty-six 4th and 5th grade students from Open Classroom Leadership Magnet in Thousand Oaks, CA visited Pepperdine University. During their tour of the campus, they stopped by Payson Library to look at the exhibit [“Becoming America: An Exhibition of Colonial Documents”](#). The students were able to connect what they learned in the classroom with the materials on display.

Katie Richardson, Archivist for Special Collections and University Archives said: “It was great to show the students the materials and see them get excited about what was on display. We have a document with King George III’s signature on it. One student came up to me and asked, ‘Is that really his signature?’ At which point I responded yes. Her eyes lit up and she said ‘Cool!’”

The students also had the opportunity to tour the surfboard room. The room includes 30 historic surfboards on loan from local Malibu resident John Mazza.

“I think the students were really excited about seeing the surfboards. They asked some really great questions. How old are the boards? Why are they so big? How did they get their names? My favorite question was from a student who asked, ‘Are any of the boards based on Harry Potter?’ When I told her the boards were older than Harry Potter she seemed pretty impressed.”



For more information about exhibits or tours of the library please contact Katie Richardson at katie.richardson@pepperdine.edu or Ken LaZebnik at ken.lazebnik@pepperdine.edu.

And in May...

Payson Library will host presentations during the Ascending Voice III weekend, including a class in Sacred Harp and Performance.

And during Bible Lectures, Special Collections and University Archives will host an exhibit highlighting the early years of the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. On display in Payson Library will be numerous programs and photographs from the early years of the Lectureship (1943-1971). Also on display will be a variety of hymnals used within the Churches of Christ throughout the country and abroad.