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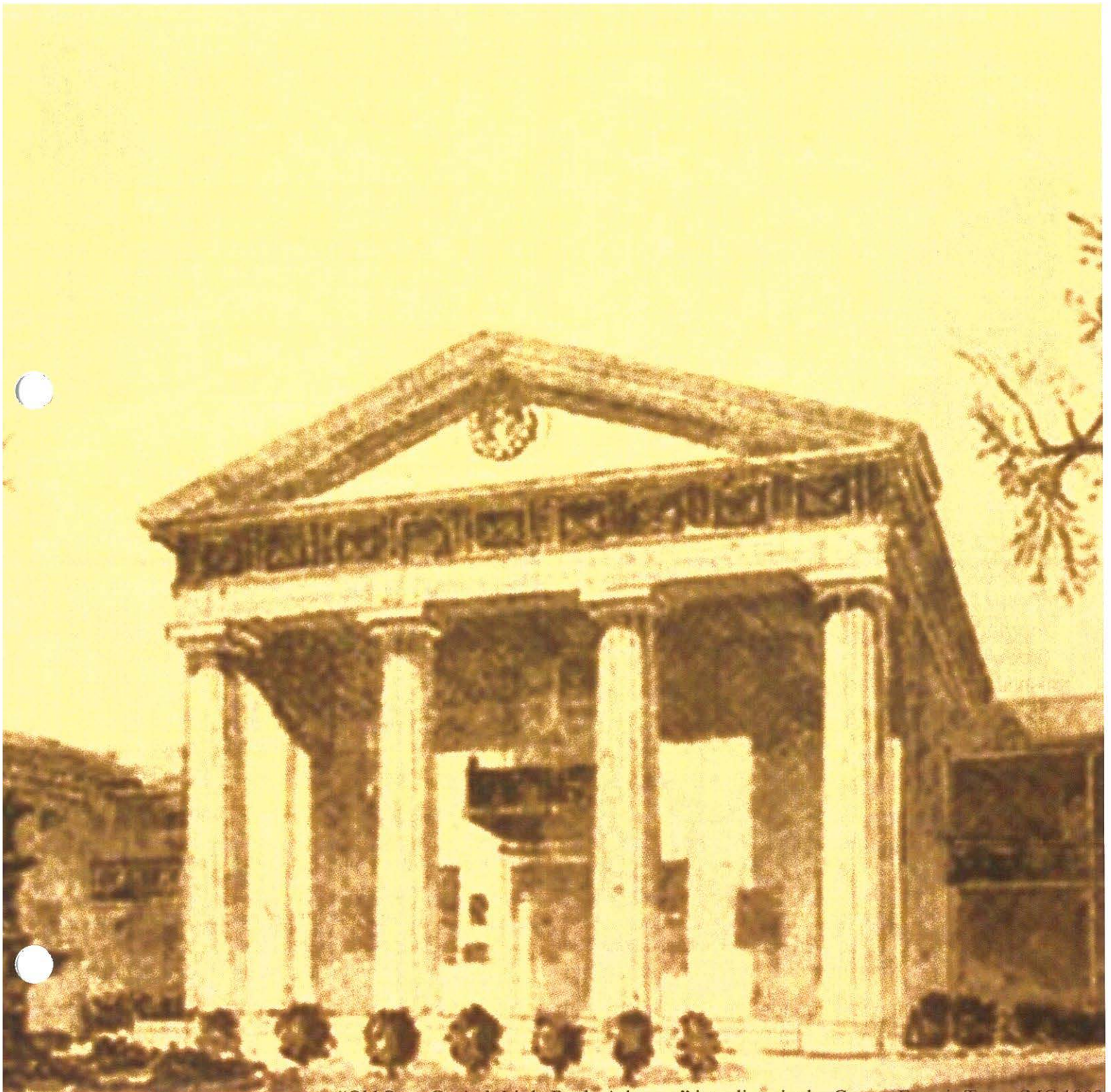
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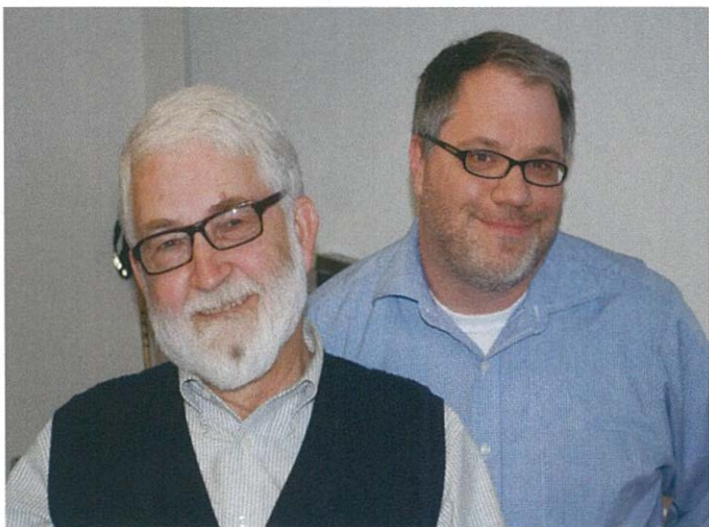
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# Special Collections Annual Report 2012



## Looking Back: Highlights

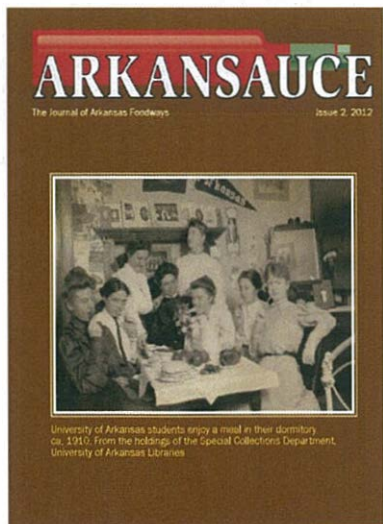
The 2011-2012 academic year was an eventful one for Special Collections. Department Head Tom Dillard retired in January 2012, after more than seven years of service to the University of Arkansas and decades of service to the people of Arkansas. Assistant Department Head Tim Nutt was named interim head of Special Collections. Tim brought a lifelong passion for Arkansas history and seven years of experience within Special Collections to this position. He also received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Honors College in the fall of



Tom Dillard (left) and Tim Nutt enjoy a luncheon honoring Dillard's retirement as head of Special Collections. Nutt was appointed interim Special Collections head.

2011.

The second issue of *Arkansauce: The Journal of Arkansas Foodways* was published in January 2012. The journal explores the history, traditions, folklore, and current trends surrounding food in the Natural State. In the 18 months since its debut, 1,280 people have subscribed, far exceeding our expectations.



**Arkansauce: The Journal of Arkansas Foodways, issue 2**

The publication was founded by Tom Dillard, Tim Nutt, and Diane Worrell. Nathania Sawyer guest ed-



Researcher Keith Orejel (center) received the first Lioneld Jordan Fellowship in Labor and Working Class Studies. L to R: Special Collections interim head Tim Nutt, Fayetteville Mayor Lionel Jordan, Orejel, Communications professor Dr. Stephen Smith, and University Libraries Dean Carolyn Henderson Allen.

ited the second issue.

The first Lioneld Jordan Fellowship in Labor and Working Class Studies award recipient, Keith Orejel, became a fixture in the Special Collections Department during the 2011-2012 academic year. Orejel, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at Columbia University in New York City, used materials in the Arkansas and manuscript collections. He researched community efforts to achieve industrial development in response to the rapid decline in agricultural employment after the widespread mechanization of farming.

## Manuscripts Unit

Special Collections acquired many new collections. Highlights of the year's acquisitions include:

- Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony at Eureka Springs
- Black Americans for Democracy Materials
- Rudy Moore Jr. Papers (Legislator)
- Stanley Family Materials (documenting Weiner, Arkansas)

A total of 34 new collections were acquired this



Recently acquired photo, by William Hines Furbush, of Henrietta Cameron, ca. 1862. From the William Hines Furbush Photographs (MC 1783), Box 1, Folder 1, Image 12.

year, and processing was completed on 41 collections. Two more Civil War-era photographs were added to the existing William H. Furbush Collection (MC 1783). Numerous collections were opened for research, the largest and most prestigious being the John Paul Hamerschmidt papers (MC 1230). Special Collections also released the Marie Lavallard papers (MC 1644)

and the Foundation for International Exchange of Students Records (MC 1881). Digital collections released online included a collection of German POW letters, "Politics and Principles: Documenting the Career of Congressman Brooks Hays," "Drawing Dis-



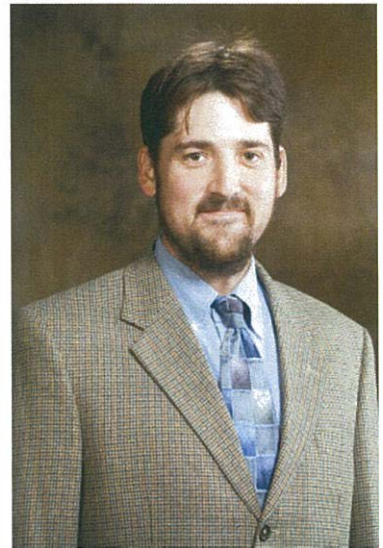
History was made by Mellonee Carrigan (L) and Jo Lynn Dennis (R) when they became the first African American homecoming maids in 1974, photograph from the digital collection BAD Times, December 12, 1974 issue.

sored by the University Information Technology Services, whereby undergraduate honors students can now deposit their theses directly into the institutional repository.

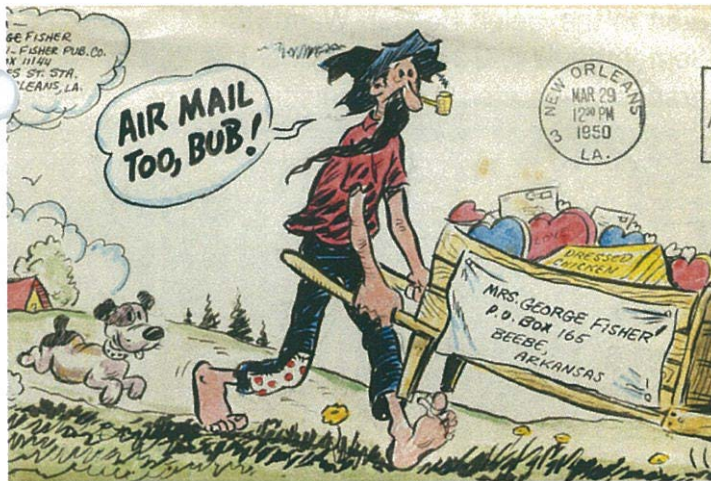
## Research Services Unit

The research services unit saw many changes during the 2011-2012 year. Joshua Youngblood began work in July 2011 as the research and outreach services librarian. Megan Massanelli began as the full-time reading room assistant in November.

The research services unit successfully served the research needs of hundreds of patrons from around the campus, the state, and the world. In 2011-2012, the reading room served 1,991 patrons, including 120 faculty members, 104 graduate students, and more than 200 undergraduate students. Researchers accessed more than 5,000 archival boxes, 3,400 items in the Arkansas Collections, and 1,300 maps and photographs. Research services served more than 160 different universities, businesses, and other organizations and produced more than 800 scans of images and 19,000 photocopies during the year. Special Collections staff



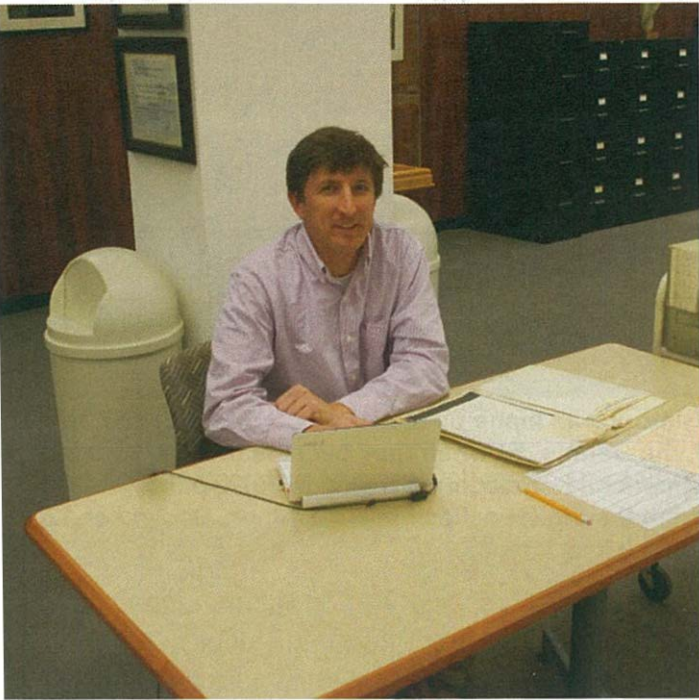
Joshua Youngblood joined the Libraries' faculty as the research and outreach services librarian in Special Collections in July 2011.



Envelope with artwork by George Fisher, for a letter to his wife Rosemary. From the digital collection, *Drawing Distinctions: the Life and Work of American Cartoonist George Fisher*, excerpted from the George Fisher Papers (MC 1495), unprocessed.

tinctions: The Life and Work of American Cartoonist George Fisher," and *BAD Times: The Black Americans for Democracy News*.

University Archives released two Black Americans for Democracy collections, one digital collection of the organization's newspaper, *BAD Times*, and a manuscript collection. University Archives established an institutional repository project spon-



**Researcher Jeffery Kosioreck, examines Special Collections materials, January 13, 2012. Kosioreck is a faculty member at Hendrix College.**

conducted 24 presentations to nearly 450 students and other members of the community.

External patrons served by Special Collections ranged from individuals representing historical societies and academic institutions, to radio stations and research facilities, to government organizations and state parks. Our patrons represented 27 out of the 50 United States as well as 14 other countries, ranging from Cambridge students in England to researchers in Peru. Japan, Bulgaria, Ontario, Finland, Italy, Brazil, and the Republic of Korea were also represented through research queries and correspondence.

The most heavily used manuscripts by patrons visiting the department this year were the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Historical Collection (CU) (MC 468) used by 48 different patrons, the Fay Jones Collection (MC 1373), used by 33 patrons, the Fulbright Papers (MC MS F956 144), used by 28 different patrons, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) Records (MC 703), used by 26 patrons.

Other popular collections included the Orval E. Faubus Collection (MC MS F27 301), the Otto E. Rayburn Folklore Encyclopedia and Papers (MC 119), the Edward Durell Stone Papers (MC 340), the Walter J. Lemke Papers (MS L541), the Florence Price Papers (MC 988), and the Billy James Hargis Papers (MC 1412).

Special Collections' materials were utilized and cited in at least nine books, six theses and dissertations, thirty-eight journal articles, four exhibits, several websites, and eleven other events and performances.

The research services unit created four new Lib-Guides, available through the main library website, for on campus and off campus researchers.

## Events, Exhibits, and Outreach

The Special Collections Department made its presence known across campus and across Northwest Arkansas during the 2011-2012 academic year with numerous events, exhibits, and outreach activities.

The Department was called upon to inject some style and history into the newest concourse at the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA). A vintage Arkansas postcard exhibit was mounted in August to inspire travelers.

The opening of the John Paul Hammerschmidt Papers was celebrated with a reception and an exhibit in the Helen Robson Walton Reading Room on September 14, 2011. On June 18, 2012, the Libraries celebrated the acquisition of the Laurence Luckinbill papers with a press conference, reception,



**Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt (second from left) receives a commemorative finding aid at the opening of his papers on September 14, 2011. The event celebrated the release of the John Paul Hammerschmidt Papers (MC 1230).**

and exhibit in the Helen Robson Walton Reading Room.

The release of the Foundation for International Exchange of Students Records collection and the



**Marie Lavallard, ca. 1981, from the Marie Lavallard Papers (MC 1644), Box 1, Folder 25.**

1950,” by author Abby Burnett. Four “field archivists” were deputized during the program: Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ragsdale, Dana Durst Lawrence, and James J. Johnston. These individuals were honored



**Journalist Abby Burnett spoke on burial customs in the Ozarks during the 2011 Archives Month open house held on October 5.**

for their continued assistance in helping us identify materials to add to our collections.

Other exhibits included the Daisy Bates exhibit in the Helen Robson Walton Reading Room, “Arkansans at Work” for Arkansas Heritage Month in the Special Collections exhibit cases, “War and Reflection: Selections of Rare Books related to the Civil War,” in the glass case near the Reference Desk, and “Sidney McMath: A Man for Arkansas at 100,” in the McMath Library of the Central Arkansas Library System and in the display cases in the hallway outside of Special Collections.

Marie Louise Lavallard materials were celebrated on April 18, 2012 with a reception and the presentation of the Lavallard International Scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year in Holcombe Hall.

Archives Month, celebrated annually in October, was commemorated on October 5, 2011, with a program, “Discover Arkansas in the Archives: Burial Customs of the Ozarks, 1850–

In June 2012, an exhibit titled “Internment and Heroism” was opened in the hallway in front of the department. This exhibit displays Special Collections images related to Japanese American internment in Arkansas. The ten images depict camp life at the Rohwer and Jerome internment camps, as well as photographs of Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Special Collections provided display items drawn from collections related to African American history for a table at the regional Juneteenth celebration, June 9, 2012, at Murphy Park in Springdale.



**Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ragsdale were deputized as “field archivists” during the Archives Month celebration on October 5, 2011.**

## The Future: Looking Ahead

In the year ahead, Special Collections hopes to open several significant collections for research: the Senator Dale Bumpers papers, the papers of business man and public servant Thomas “Mack McLarty and his wife Donna, and the papers of noted landscape architect Neil Hamill Park. Special Collections is committed to expanding its digital libraries, and a project to digitize selected materials from the Ozark Society records should be completed in the near future.

The 2011-2012 academic year was a busy and rewarding one for Special Collections. For the upcoming year, the goal of Special Collections is to build on its successes and continue its forward momentum in acquiring significant materials, in expanding electronic access to our collections, and in developing new avenues for programming and outreach.

## Personnel Accomplishments Special Collections Department, 2011-2012

### Presentations

Nutt, Timothy G. "Perry County Businesses," Perry County Historical & Genealogical Society, Perryville, Arkansas, May 8, 2012. Presentation.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Perry County Church Histories," Perry County Historical & Genealogical Society, Perryville, Arkansas, August 9, 2011. Presentation.

Parsch, Janet. "Introduction to Rwanda" for Architectural Students, Study Tour, August 31, 2011. Presentation.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Ozarks at Large," KUAF 91.3, an NPR affiliate, Fayetteville, Arkansas. November 9, 2011. Interview regarding the National Film Preservation Foundation grant received for re-mastering a 1963 14-minute 8mm film created by Dr. Neil Compton.

Wallack, Catherine, co-presenter. *Mid-Century Modern Architecture: A Regional Interpretation*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Global Campus, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. April 4, 2012. Presentation.

Youngblood, Joshua. "Arkansas Genealogy Resources." Gather Your Family: Northwest Arkansas Family History Conference, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Springdale, Arkansas. April 21, 2012. Presentation and workshop.

### Non-Refereed Publications

Nutt, Timothy G. (Special Collections). Four bi-weekly columns, "Are You Arkansavvy?" *The City Wire*. Online.

Worrell, Diane (Special Collections). "Brooks Hays Digital Collection Opened," *Southwestern Archivist* 34 (4), November 2011, p. 20.

Robertson, Erin and Diane Worrell (Special Collections). "Selected Works of Political Cartoonist Available Online." *Southwestern Archivist* 35 (1), February 2012.



Costumed Special Collections staff hosted a reception for the 2012 meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association on April 12, 2012, at the Headquarters House in Fayetteville. L to R: Krista Jones Oldham, Andrew Donovan, Megan Massanelli, Tim Nutt, and Amy Allen.





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