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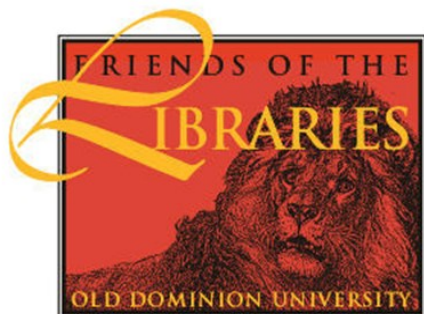
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# Newsletter

## Board of Directors Election

At the June 8th Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meeting, the Friends Board of Directors was elected for 2015-2016. Joe Jackson had served his maximum time on the Board, and he left the group surrounded by accolades for his service over the years. Col. (Ret.) Richard Hull was elected to fill the vacancy. The remaining members of the Board were each elected to serve an additional term.

The new Board consists of Sue Doviak (President), David Metzger (Vice President), Joanne Fish (Secretary), George Fowler (Treasurer), Janet Bing, Barbara Henley, Elizabeth Hogue, Clare Houseman, Jody Howard, Richard Hull, George Maihafer, Peggy Haile McPhillips, Donna Morris, Gail Nicula, Jennifer Priest and Mary Redd-Clary.

## University Libraries' New Head of Special Collections and University Archives

Jessica Ritchie, recently hired as Old Dominion's new head of special collections and university archives, is energized to help people find out about the resources contained in her department.



Jessica Ritchie

Ritchie, who previously worked (2010-2011) as a supervisor in the University's Hofheimer Art Library, came to Old Dominion University in January from the Chrysler Museum of Art, where she oversaw the move of the Jean Outland Chrysler Library (the permanent collection of the Chrysler Museum of Art) to the Barry Arts Building at Old Dominion University.

One of the goals Jessica has for the Archives is to make the wider campus community aware of the rich resources they contain. In addition to the history of Old Dominion University, the collections span a mid-20th Century period that saw major changes in society, including desegregation, the Cold War and women's rights.

The University is hiring an archivist for the department, whose job will be to collect and promote ODU's stories. Ritchie said the University's upcoming 85th anniversary is an extraordinary opportunity for the Special Collections and University Archives. With the growth of the University, the archives have also evolved into a broader historical resource, housing collections from organizations such as the NAACP and the Virginia Symphony, as well as local musicians and influential members of the community.

Old Dominion's Special Collections and University Archives, the ODU Photograph Collection and oral histories, can be reached through the ODU Libraries' Website: [www.odu.edu/library](http://www.odu.edu/library)



*George Fowler*

Photo by Chuck Thomas

Dear Friends,

2015 is continuing just as it began, with no let-up in sight. Valentina Neblitt-Jones, the Head of Systems Development (technology), announced that she will be leaving the Libraries to follow her husband to New Mexico at the end of June. Ann Pettingill, the Associate University Librarian for Information Services is retiring at the end of June. Fortunately, however, the Libraries are in the middle of searches for a Scholarly Communication and Collection Development Librarian and a University Archivist. Also, the University is in the middle of the search for the next University Librarian, with a hire date hopefully this summer and has begun the search for a new Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

The Libraries are making considerable progress on many of their initiatives, to include increased digitization efforts for ODU's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and preparing for a comprehensive survey of students, faculty, and staff on the Libraries' performance.

The next letter from this office will likely be from the new University Librarian, so, if this is my last newsletter, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Libraries. It has been an honor serving as Interim University Librarian for the past year and I look forward to serving in whatever capacity I can in the future .

Regards,

George J. Fowler

### **Librarian of the Year and Libraries' Staff Members of the Year**

The Friends held their annual reception to honor the staff members of the University Libraries. During the Reception, the winners of the Librarian of the Year and the Libraries' Staff Members of the Year were announced: Valentina Neblitt-Jones was selected as Librarian of the Year. In a surprise twist, Mona Farrow and Kathleen Smith tied as Libraries' Staff Members of the Year. Please join us in congratulating all three winners!



Kathleen Smith, Mona Farrow, and Valentina Neblitt-Jones

Dear Friends,

I have very much enjoyed these last two years as President of Friends of the ODU Libraries. It has been such a pleasure to work with a team of engaged board members and wonderfully supportive library staff members. Special thanks go to George Fowler, Interim University Librarian, for giving Friends the opportunity to try a few new things this year, his continuous support of our endeavors, and his wise advice. Along the lines of trying something new, please look for the announcement of our yearbook digitization project sometime this coming September.

I hope that you were able to attend one or more of the lectures we sponsored this year, with composer and scholar Dr. Adolphus Hailstork in January; Captain Robert Clark, ODU Alumnus and

Commanding Officer of the Norfolk Naval Station in March; and historian and scholar Dr. Annette Finley-Croswhite in April.

We will have four more events this fall, beginning with the first on September 17 when Professor Peter Eudenbach will present a fascinating program entitled "To Arrive Where We Started - The Redwood Library, Newport, Rhode Island." This presentation will take place in the Perry Library's Learning Commons at 7 p.m.

Following that, on October 22, Dr. David Burdige, Professor and Eminent Scholar in the Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences will discuss "Writing Books in the Sciences - Giving New Meaning to Publish or Perish," again at 7 p.m. in The Learning Commons.

On November 6th, Dr. Dylan Wittkower,

Professor of Philosophy and Culture will speak on "The Intarwebs: Maed of Cats, Akshully." Want to know what this is all about? Join us in The Learning Commons at 7 p.m. to find out!

And finally, on December 4th, join us in Perry Library for a unique opportunity to see some of the many treasures in the Libraries' Special Collections. Our guide will be Jessica Ritchie, Head of Special Collections and University Archives.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer - see you in September!

Gail Nicula  
President  
Friends of the ODU  
Libraries



## University Establishes Lactation Rooms for Nursing Mothers

To help meet the needs of nursing mothers at the University, Old Dominion recently adopted a new policy regarding establishment of lactation rooms on its main campus and higher education centers.



Lactation room in Perry Library

The policy, approved in April 2015, provides guidelines for the availability of appropriate spaces and break times for nursing mothers. The federal Fair Labor Standards Act, amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, requires employers to provide time and private space, other than a bathroom, in which to express milk, for a year after a child's birth.

Employees and students at the University are responsible for coordinating breaks with supervisors or instructors and for reserving a room.

The University Women's Caucus and the Department of Human Resources worked together to complete the project. The Libraries' own Morel Fry was a significant force in moving this project forward. A \$1,400 grant from the Consortium for Infant and Child Health, and administered by Eastern Virginia Medical School, assisted in the purchase of furniture for the rooms.

The following is a list of lactation room locations, with the phone numbers to call for reservations:

University Libraries, room 2016 Perry Library (circulation desk, 683-4154)  
Student Recreation Center, room 1100A (main desk, 683-3384)  
Webb Center, Career Management Center, room 2202 (main desk, 683-4388)  
Spong Hall, room 1509 (main desk, 683-3042)  
Virginia Beach Higher Ed Center, room 117 (front desk, 368-4100)  
Tri Cities Higher Ed Center, room 1204 (front desk, 686-6220)  
Peninsula Higher Ed Center, room 2225 (front desk, 776-5200)  
Innovation Research Park I, 1307, Suite 103 ([click](#) for reservation instructions)

To view Old Dominion's full lactation support policy, visit the University Policies website.



## Madeline Dietrich joins ODU Libraries as Diehn Composers Room Supervisor

Madeline (Maddie) Dietrich has multiple music degrees and plays a variety of instruments: playing the cello at age 12, the mandolin by 14 and the double bass at 17. "I love western swing, bluegrass, eastern European folk music and Scandinavian music," said Dietrich, who was recently hired to supervise the vast collections held in the Old Dominion Libraries' F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room.

This position appeals to all of her different musical interests. Dietrich said, "I love working with and serving people. And I love being where I'm able to talk about music and musicology with professors and students alike. It's always interesting and stimulating."

With a Bachelor of Music (Music Education), a Master of Music (Double Bass Performance), and a second Master of Music (Music History and Literature), Maddie spent two decades as a music



Maddie Dietrich

teacher and high school orchestra director. She then chose to pursue another master's degree, this one in library information science.

The additional expertise is a perfect accompaniment to support her new supervisory role in organizing and circulating the Diehn Composers Room resources.

"I make it easier for people to access the content, and easier for them to interpret what the catalog tells them," Dietrich said. "I can tell people things about the music they might not have known, and also answer technical questions about music."

The room's shelves and storage areas are stacked with a rich trove of books, scores, manuscripts, records, tapes, CDs and other materials available to Old Dominion students, faculty and staff - much of it online. There are listening areas and equipment with which to play recordings and videos. "Many people aren't aware of what we have to offer," Dietrich said. "That's why I want to do more outreach and networking."

Maddie also hopes to digitize archived vinyl recordings, on an as-needed basis, to increase accessibility to the Diehn Composers Room's vault of records from all genres.

Other goals include increasing the functionality of the Diehn Composers Room website, reinvigorating its mission as a research facility for composers, and promoting the New Music Performance Collection of works composed since 2000.

Beyond all of this, Dietrich plans to maintain her double-bass chops by playing jazz gigs with local artists while pursuing her own scholarly research. Maddie, in fact, delivered a paper on western swing music - based on research she conducted for her thesis - in Pittsburgh last month at the annual conference of the Association of Recorded Sound Collections.

Visit the [Diehn Composers Room website](http://www.odu.edu/library/diehn) (www.odu.edu/library/diehn ) to explore all of its available resources and services.



Poetry Exhibit in the Learning Commons

## Library Quality Survey – Coming Soon!

In September 2015, the ODU Libraries will be launching a Library Quality Survey on campus. The ODU Libraries are using the LibQUAL+ survey to poll faculty, staff, and students about their perceptions of the Libraries and library services.

LibQUAL+ is a “rigorously tested Web-based survey” that has been used by more than 1,200 libraries around the world. This survey helps libraries “assess and improve library services, change organizational culture, and market the library” (LibQUAL.org).

This 20-25 minute survey will allow the ODU Libraries to better understand how faculty, staff, and students perceive the ODU Libraries and library services. It will give the ODU Libraries invaluable data on where there are opportunities for improvement, and feedback on how to go about those improvements. The survey will also provide baseline data to which future data can be compared. This provides the ODU Libraries with a wonderful chance to gauge the impact of coming changes in the Libraries.

LibQUAL+ also provides the ability for the ODU Libraries to compare data to other institutions, and thereby better situate ourselves within the field of our peer institutions.

The ODU Libraries’ goals for the survey are:

- To assess user expectations and perceptions of the effectiveness of the ODU Libraries services, collections, and resources
- To assess user expectations and perceptions of the ODU Libraries spaces
- To assess what is currently effective, and where there are opportunities to improve
- To create a data baseline for comparisons to peer institutions, and the ODU Libraries in the future

The survey will be launched on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and will run through October 13<sup>th</sup>.

After the analysis is complete, there will be a town-hall style meeting held in Perry Library to discuss the findings and plans to address those opportunities for improvement. Be on the lookout for more information!

### *2015 Libraries’ Calendar*

*Friends of the Libraries’ Lecture series is free & open to the public.  
Please RSVP to 683-4141 to reserve a seat.*

#### **September 17, 7:00 pm Learning Commons @ Perry Library**

Celebrating Art and the ODU Libraries. FoL Lecture Series speaker: Peter Eudenbach, sculptor and conceptual artist. “To arrive where we started -- The Redwood Library, Newport, Rhode Island”

#### **October 22, 7:00 pm Learning Commons @ Perry Library**

Celebrating the Sciences and the ODU Libraries. FoL Lecture Series speaker: Dr. David Burdige, Oceanography. “Writing books in the sciences; giving new meaning to ‘publish or perish’”

#### **November 6, 7:00 pm Learning Commons @ Perry Library**

Celebrating Philosophy and the ODU Libraries. FoL Lecture Series speaker: Dr. Dylan Wittkower, Philosophy and Culture. “Teh Intarwebs: Maed of Cats, Akshully”

#### **December 4, (Time to be announced) Special Collections, Perry Library**

Guided tour of Special Collections. Jessica Ritchie, Head of Special Collections and University Archives

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