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*Snowy Owl, from John James Audubon's Birds of America. Our Owls of America exhibit begins January 9.*

## BIGELOW PROJECT GRANT UPDATE

Over Fall Term and Winter break, six students worked on the Bigelow Project, making great strides digitizing the collection's correspondence. Our students are scanning correspondence from 1912, and as of December 2022 over 21,000 letters have been scanned. In addition to digitizing the letters from the John Bigelow papers, the grant calls for scanning the collection's 20 scrapbooks that range from 55 to 600 pages. The scrapbooks were created by John, but family members added to them after his death. Newspaper clippings, newspapers, notes, correspondence, and announcements can be found in the scrapbooks, and they detail Bigelow's personal and professional accomplishments. Over the Winter Break, our students scanned 8 of these scrapbooks, and we'll be working on them in the coming term. Our thanks to these amazing students: Dimitris Vasileios Zora, '26; Dang Duong, '24; Darren Nguyen, '25; Minh Pham, '25; Henry Davenport, '26; and Tuan Trinh '24.

The Bigelow team has also been working on building a website that will enable crowdsourcing to transcribe the diaries of Jane Tunis Poultney Bigelow. Jane's diaries were written between 1850-1873 and narrate her life as she traveled around the world with her husband and children. The diaries were scanned when an NEH Act Cares grant was awarded to the library from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 2020, and fifteen of those diaries have been uploaded to the website. Currently, the Bigelow team is testing the [website](#) with a small group of volunteers.



# WELCOME NEW LIBRARY STAFF!

## Welcome, Jenna!

Jenna Pitera is our new Instruction Librarian. In this role she will work with faculty to assist with research assignments and course instruction. Topic development, finding resources, citing resources and developing a discerning eye to judge credibility of sources are key areas she'll be focusing on. Jenna started December 13, 2022 and comes to us from Albany Medical Center. Jenna also worked at Skidmore College as the Science Librarian. Jenna received her Bachelors of Arts in English from State University of New York at New Paltz and her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Rhode Island.

## Welcome, Anthony!

Anthony Pantuosco started as our new Stacks Manager on November 28, 2022. An integral part of the Access Services team, Anthony's main responsibilities include the oversight of shelving operations and stacks maintenance at Schaffer Library and our off-site storage facility. Anthony will also be instrumental in space planning and physical collection management. Anthony has many years of experience in both retail and health insurance credentialing. Anthony received his B.A. in History with a minor in Film Studies from the University at Albany.

## PRIMO SPOTLIGHT GET EMAILS WHEN NEW ITEMS MATCH YOUR SEARCH

Did you know that you can save your Primo searches and then have Primo alert you when new items meet your search criteria? This helps you stay up-to-date on the latest research in your area. To do this, [log into Primo](#), then create a search. Click "Save Query" at the top of the result to save your search. To see your saved searches, click your name at the top of the screen, choose "My Favorites," and then "Saved Searches." Click the bell next to your search to start receiving emails whenever we add new items that match the search!

## FILM COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The GEJ Documentaries Project from Docuseek provides access to 40 films spotlighting environmental literacy through the lenses of ecology, history, sociology, and political science. Learn more at Docuseek's [GEJ home page](#).

## DATABASES SPOTLIGHT

- [Financial Times \(FT.com\)](#) - Financial Times is a leading international business newspaper based in London. Union College has an agreement to allow members of Union College to access Financial Time's website and access articles.
- [A&AePortal](#) - The A&AePortal is an authoritative ebook resource that features important works of scholarship in the history of art, architecture, decorative arts, photography, and design. With innovative functionality and extensive metadata, the site offers students and scholars an engaging experience, encouraging critical thinking skills and supporting rigorous academic research. The site includes many out-of-print titles, key backlist, and recent releases from some of the world's finest academic and museum publishers.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## ASK A LIBRARIAN!

Need help with your research? Ask a Librarian! We can help students identify and evaluate sources, craft citations, and develop a research strategy. There are multiple ways to contact a librarian on our [Ask a Librarian webpage](#).

## LIBRARY EBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR COURSE RESERVE

In addition to print materials, ebooks can also be placed on Course Reserve. Current ebook titles are available through [Primo](#). To request titles not currently owned by the Library, faculty should use the [Suggest A Purchase](#) form. All ebooks are accessed through Primo, and may be restricted to a limited number of users at a time.

## ARCHES

The library is in the process of launching a new digital collections website, ARCHES! Focusing on cultural, historical, and educational resources that have been produced at Union College, and consolidating resources from previous digital collections platforms, this repository will contain a wide range of digital materials for research and teaching purposes. The site is built on the open-source platform Archipelago, developed by the library community as a flexible, customizable solution to archives of all sizes. Though many tasks remain, much has been accomplished already! Take a “sneak peek” at the new repository site by browsing through one of our collections, like the [Jonathan Pearson diaries](#).

## LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

Join us for a faculty happy hour at Schaffer Library. Friday, February 17, 4:30-6:30PM. Location in Lally or the Reference Room.

## FULL STREAM AHEAD

A lunch and learn-style workshop to explore Schaffer library's many streaming resources, learn how to discover film/video in Primo, and find out how to request content that is not currently available in any of our streaming collections. (Faculty Development)

**Thursday, January 26 Common Hour (lunch provided). Location TBD.**

## *exCiting Research Workshop*

Save the date! Schaffer librarians will go over citation basics then work individually with students who need help with their research citations.

**Tuesday, February 21 4pm-5pm**

**Wednesday, March 1 4pm-5pm**

Location PBK Room, Schaffer Library 204.

Reach out to Robyn Reed at [reedr@union.edu](mailto:reedr@union.edu) with any questions.

## NEW BOOKS

The library provides a comprehensive list of our most recent acquisitions [on our website](#). Some of the newest items to hit the shelves include:

- Beaton, Kate. *Ducks: two years in the oil sands*. PN6733.B33 D83 2022
- Brennan, Jonathan R. *Language and the brain: a slim guide to neurolinguistics*. QP399.B74 2022.
- Gollin, Steve. *Women who invented the sixties : Ella Baker, Jane Jacobs, Rachel Carson, and Betty Friedan*. HN59 .G656 2022

**Reminder!** You can check out items and place them on hold for pickup right from Primo! [Log into your Primo account](#), find the books you need, and then use the “Hold at Circulation Desk” button to request your item.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## REMINDER: PERIODICALS WITH FREE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

Did you know that Schaffer Library provides personal accounts for the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* with your Union email address, as well as a variety of newspapers and magazines via PressReader?

### The Washington Post

Access to *The Washington Post* covers the most recent and prior years of this popular newspaper. Once you activate free digital access, you can access the digital *Washington Post* using both your browser and *The Washington Post* app. You can also subscribe to the various newsletters available. Visit <https://libguides.union.edu/periodicals-with-free-personal-accounts> for details and step-by-step instructions. Registration or access trouble? Please contact the Post customer service: [help@washpost.com](mailto:help@washpost.com).

### NYTimes Academic Pass

Academic Pass provides you with full access to NYTimes.com and the NYTimes.com smartphone app when you register your Union email. For more information, visit <https://libguides.union.edu/periodicals-with-free-personal-accounts>. **Note: you must reactivate your Academic Pass every 365 days.**

*Did you know?* Our subscription includes access to NYTimes Cooking, featuring more than 19,000 recipes, as well as instructions and cooking advice.

### Wall Street Journal

You can access the *Wall Street Journal* when you register your Union email address with the site. Go to <https://wsj.com/unioncollegenyt> to make an account.

See <https://libguides.union.edu/periodicals-with-free-personal-accounts> for detailed instructions.

### Chronicle of Higher Education

You can also access the *Chronicle of Higher Education* when you register your Union email address with the site. To make an account with the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, you must first access the site from a computer connected to the Union network, then follow the registration instructions. See <https://libguides.union.edu/periodicals-with-free-personal-accounts> for more information and instructions.

### More information and instructions

For more information, view our [Periodicals with Free Personal Accounts](#) guide.



# UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEWLY DESCRIBED AND/OR ACQUIRED

The **Wayne Somers *Encyclopedia of Union College History* files** document the research and writing of the *Encyclopedia* publication in 2003. The collection builds upon the narrative offerings of the *Encyclopedia*, consisting of robust historical files relating to myriad topics in Union College history. The collection offers a convenient and compelling starting point for a wide range of inquiry and instruction.

The **Andrea Barrett ('74) papers** document the esteemed author's career and writing projects. From early 1970s Union College coursework to drafts of 2022's *Natural History*, materials in this collection provide insight into Barrett's interdisciplinary approach to research and writing historical fiction as influenced by her background in science.



*Sarina Kuersteiner's HST141 class looking at the Beauvais Missal from [this collection item](#).*

The **Frank Parker Day collection** documents the only President of Union College forced to resign over ill health. The collection includes inaugural materials, correspondence, and appointment books from Day's largely forgotten but important presidency (1928-1933). Day not only led the College through the beginning of the Great Depression but was responsible for major curricular reforms and the founding of the Student Council.

In December we acquired *The Muses Library; or A series English Poetry from the Saxons to the Reign of King Charles II.* Published in London by J. Wilcox in 1737, this compilation is the first edition of the first compilation of English poetic miscellany by a woman, Elizabeth Cooper. This work served as a precursor to the better known historic anthologies compiled by Henry Headley, Robert Southey, and A.H. Bullen, all of whom profitably benefited from using Cooper's title. We are pleased to add this to our Rare Book Collection and hope faculty will find uses for it in their pedagogy.



# UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

## WINTER TERM EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

- In Beuth Atrium you will find *Tales from the Picture File*. Since the invention of photography, members of the campus community have documented this history and their stories visually. Many such photographs are housed in the Picture File (SCA-1206), a collection of thousands of images preserved in the Special Collections and Archives department. SCA staff and students mined the collection for exceptional images documenting Union's student experience, campus scenes, and surrounding neighborhoods.
- In the Lally Reading Room take a look at *The Owls of Audubon* where we feature four of John James Audubon's original *Birds of North America* prints. Put your headphones on and scan the QR codes next to each owl and listen to their calls! For more information on owls and our fascination with them, be sure to check out the [online exhibit](#) as well!



*Little Screech Owl from John James Audubon's Birds of America prints.*

- Created from rare books residing in the department of Special Collections and Archives, *Sex, Religion, and Politics: The Heterogeneous Library of John Bigelow* is a single case exhibit presenting a diverse assortment of books from the personal library of John Bigelow (1817-1911, UC 1835). The books on display range from 1700 to 1903, showcase seven different languages, and tell a story about how his personal and professional reading choices were partly responsible for shaping his open-mindedness and forward-thinking decision making.

## OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 8

Mark your calendars and be sure to stop by Special Collections and Archives, located on the third floor of Schaffer Library, on March 8th for an Open House celebrating Women's History Month and International Women's Day. This is just one of the activities available across campus honoring International Women's Day. Specific time forthcoming.



# UPDATES FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION & EXHIBITIONS

## VISIT OUR CURRENT EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY THROUGH JUNE

### ***Recent Acquisitions: Union College Permanent Collection***

Exhibition Dates: September 1, 2022 – June 12, 2023

Location: Mandeville Gallery, 2nd Floor of Nott Memorial

The artworks in this exhibition were thoughtfully considered and purchased for inclusion in Union College's Permanent Collection over the past decade. These recent acquisitions have broadened the Collection's scope by incorporating contemporary African, African American, Asian, Indigenous Alaskan, and Native American artists. They include paintings, photographs, prints, digital media, mixed media, and works on paper.

For more information, [see this page](#).

### ***LGBTQ+ @Union: Stronger Together***

Location: Wikoff Student Gallery, 3rd floor of Nott Memorial

The 2022 edition of the biennial LGBTQ+ @ UNION exhibition has been extended. The exhibition explores ongoing, contemporary topics of the LGBTQ+ community, and highlights the effects of the past two years on art-making practices, politics, culture, communities, and shaping identities. LGBTQ+ @ Union, 2022: Stronger Together includes themes regarding transexual cultural inclusiveness, family pressures and coming out deliberations, and moving past a binary construct of gender identity. This year the exhibition includes work in drawing and painting, illustration, photography, book arts, and poetry by current Union College students, alumni, and professors.

This year's artists are: former Visiting Professor Elisa Bouhet, Emma Calarco ('22), Victoria Donatacci ('23), Crystal Flax ('22), Albert Gilewicz ('75), and Professor Randy Wyatt.