

SCHAFFER LIBRARY

UPDATES FOR WINTER 2024

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Return 2 Earth returns to the Lally Reading Room with the help of skilled art handlers from Archive Fine Art based in Saugerties, NY.

RECENTLY INSTALLED IN THE LALLY READING ROOM – ALISA SIKELIANOS-CARTER’S OVERSIZE WORK ON PAPER: *RETURN 2 EARTH*

With the help of a skillful team of art handlers, an artwork from the Union College Permanent Collection has been reinstalled in the Lally Reading Room on the first floor of Schaffer Library. The delicate work on paper was removed earlier in the year for conservation treatment and framing at nearby Williamstown Art Conservation Center in Williamstown, MA. This piece is part of the *Teaching Artworks AY23-24* display of artworks from the Permanent Collection currently on view in the library and at the Mandeville Gallery.

Return 2 Earth includes a number of unusual materials in its composition, including various metallic foils and gold leaf, and mineral compounds like micaceous oxide. For this reason, it was important to protect the surface of the artwork in order to preserve it for many years. This work was purchased for the Permanent Collection in 2021. The artist, a queer, mixed-media artist from upstate New York, had a solo exhibition in the Mandeville Gallery the same year. Sikelianos-Carter’s most recent solo exhibitions include the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, California; Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago; and Fridman Gallery, Beacon, NY.

LIBRARY NEWS

WELCOME, MEGHAN!

In December, the Library welcomed Meghan Willis, our new Library Metadata Specialist. Meghan works to ensure that all of our materials are ready to be discovered, whether on our shelves or part of our growing digital collections in ARCHES. Welcome, Meghan!

A NOTE TO FACULTY REGARDING STREAMING MEDIA

Schaffer Library is in the process of updating its streaming media services for Course Reserves. To comply with copyright law, we will no longer digitize DVDs or provide streaming access to digitized media on Panopto after the Spring 2024 term. Faculty are encouraged to submit all streaming media requests well in advance so that we have adequate time to pursue licenses from our streaming vendors, including Kanopy, Swank, Docuseek, and more. For more information on our streaming media services, please visit the Film at Schaffer Library guide.

RESEARCH PARTY

Leap into your school work the day before Leap Day! During week nine, we're throwing a research party. Whether you're just starting or already deep into your research, our librarians can help get you to the next step. We'll bring refreshments, you bring your questions.

Date: Wednesday, Feb 28

Time: 5-8PM

Location: 1st Floor, Schaffer Library

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Need help with your research? Did you know that you can contact a librarian in real time through UChat? Look for the green UChat button on the library website. Chat will be staffed from 12:30pm to 5pm. Don't worry, we're also still available for more in-depth help through email and in-person meetings. See our Ask a Librarian page for more information.

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, the Chronicle of Higher Education, The Atlantic, Albany Business Review, Times Union, and Daily Gazette – all with your Union email address? We also have a variety of newspapers and magazines via Flipster. Visit our Periodicals with Free Personal accounts page for details and step-by-step instructions to set up your access.

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Questions? Use our Report an E-resources Issue form or email Patrick Cassidy at cassidyp@union.edu.

LAPTOPS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

Need to temporarily borrow a laptop? A small number of Mac and PC laptops are available to faculty, staff, and students for short-term loan (up to two weeks). Please visit the Schaffer Library Service Desk to check one out.

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Looking for some great new resources for your research and teaching? We've been busy acquiring books, journals, and streaming media. Some of our new offerings include:

AccessScience

AccessScience is a gateway to 21 authoritative textbooks and reference manuals, full-text access to authoritative STEM articles, and videos that illustrate key scientific concepts. The scope of the platform covers astronomy, biology, chemistry, Earth science, engineering & materials, and medicine & health sciences, and physics.

JoVE

We have expanded our access beyond the biochemistry and chemistry content to include the full JoVE Education platform. JoVE Education illustrates key concepts and lab techniques in science, engineering, and medicine through video textbooks, video lab manuals, and video demonstrations of real-life techniques geared toward undergraduates. These resources are accessible to various learning styles, offer closed captioning and translation to ten different languages.

Swank

We now offer Swank's Top 1000 collection, titles most streamed by academic institutions across the country. Swank partners with major Hollywood studios, documentary providers, independent filmmakers and international film companies to provide a diverse library of titles which ensures all academic departments can find streaming content to promote active and engaged learning in their classrooms.

New books

Visit our [New Books](#) page to discover the latest resources we've received, and don't forget to [Suggest a Purchase](#) to tell us more about the items you need.

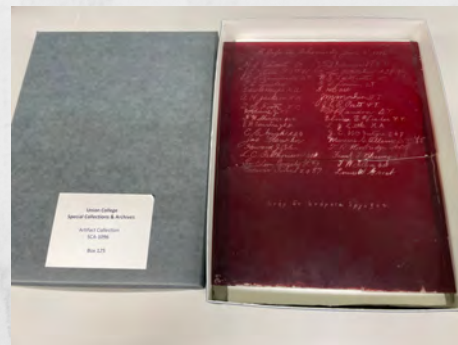
UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

COLLECTIONS NEWLY ACCESSIBLE FOR RESEARCH

Special Collections & Archives recently undertook a large collections management project in the stacks after receiving new shelving. While verifying the location of objects in the Artifact collection (SCA-1096), signatures from chemistry classes on different colors of window glass from the late 19th and early 20th centuries were rediscovered. The earliest item in this set dates to 1884.

Collections recently updated and made accessible include:

- Walter W. Lewis papers (SCA-0087)
- Wayne Somers Encyclopedia of Union College History (SCA-1078)
- William H. King letters (SCA-1210)
- James R. Boyd papers (SCA-1211)
- Schaffer Library records (RG03.050.001)



Signatures on glass from an 1884 chemistry class--the earliest item in the Artifact Collection (SCA-1096).

CLASSES AND RESEARCHER APPOINTMENTS

This Fall, Special Collections & Archives hosted 249 students from 19 classes in formal instruction sessions. Students participating in the FYI Escape Room activity learned the basics of SCA, while students spending full sessions in the department delved deeper into primary source literacy and research outcomes. Students across majors and disciplines interacted with the breadth of SCA's holdings, from George Washington's hair to born digital collections.

Special Collections & Archives also fielded an ever growing slate of local, national, and international research inquiries, supporting research near and far on subjects ranging from famous alumni to local engineering history.

**Special Collections and Archives
is open for walk-in visits
Wednesday 11-2 and by
appointment all other times.**

EXHIBITS

- "The Flight and Return of the Audubons"
- "'Dogs all Over the Place:' A Brief History of Union College Canines"

UPDATES FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION & EXHIBITIONS

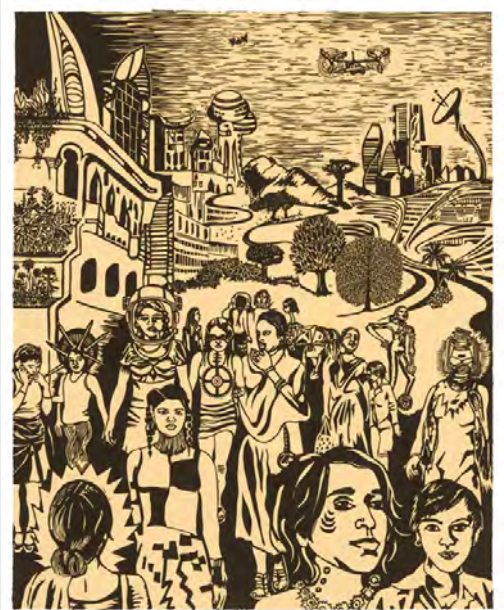
TEACHING ARTWORKS AY23-24 IN THE MANDEVILLE GALLERY AND SCHAFFER LIBRARY

On View through June 2024

The display of artworks requested by Union College professors for use in teaching continues through June in the Mandeville Gallery, and locations in Schaffer Library. Many of these artworks are recent additions to the College's Permanent Collection, a term used to describe the collection of art that the College has amassed over its more than 200-year history.

In recent years, the Permanent Collection has focused on acquiring modern and contemporary works of art that can be integrated within established academic curricula to give students and faculty opportunities to engage in object-based learning and make connections across disciplines. Such artworks feature historical, cultural, scientific, artistic, and political concepts that can be used in the classroom to expound learning methodologies, theories, histories, and philosophies. Engaging students with thought-provoking works of art serves to broaden knowledge of other cultures, increases critical thinking and historical empathy, and sparks creativity. When students observe art objects first-hand, the learning experience is amplified.

Please contact Sarah Mottalini (mottalis@union.edu) for more information about how to request artworks for instruction and independent study. Further details may be found at union.edu/gallery by clicking "About" under the "Permanent Collection" tab.



Chitra Ganesh, Sultana's Dream: City in Broad Daylight, 2018, linocut on BFK Rives, ed. 4/35, 20 1/8 x 16 1/8 inches, printed and published by Durham Press, purchase of the Union College Permanent Collection, 2019.17.4 UCPC, © Chitra Ganesh and Durham Press, image courtesy of Durham Press