Welcoming our Diversity Alliance Fellow, Bridgette Flamenco

CWU Libraries recently joined the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Diversity Alliance, a nationwide initiative that seeks to enrich the academic library profession through cultivating early career candidates from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. As part of our participation in the Alliance, we are thrilled to welcome our first Diversity Resident Librarian, Bridgette Flamenco.

As an undergraduate, Bridgette worked as a library student assistant in the resource acquisition and sharing department at Oregon State University (OSU) Libraries. While earning her master of library and information science degree remotely from San Jose State University, she remained at OSU Libraries and transitioned into their Diversity Scholar Program.

Bridgette’s two-year residency at Brooks Library will include rotations with access services; instruction and reference services; collection development; and student engagement and community outreach to gain a breadth of professional experience. Her appointment will culminate in the completion of a research project focused on the needs of first-generation college students. “As a first-generation graduate myself, I am interested in learning more about how libraries can help this community better navigate the world of academia,” said Bridgette.

She goes on to say, “I have always been interested in empowering systemically oppressed communities and found that within the field of librarianship, I could do this through information literacy instruction and by working to provide access to information materials. While a love of books brought me into the field of librarianship, my passion for empowering communities led me to choose it as my profession. I am excited to learn as much as I can from everyone here and connect it back to my own career interests so that I can better serve my future communities.”

In her spare time, Bridgette enjoys reading, going on hikes with her husband and dog, listening to true crime podcasts, and photography. Please give her a warm Wildcat welcome the next time you are in Brooks!

CWU Libraries Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Three programs, free and open to the public, are scheduled to take place during November, Native American Heritage Month. CWU Libraries, CWU American Indian Studies program, and Humanities Washington are co-sponsors of the Native American Heritage Month programming.

On November 9 (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) we welcome Dr. Alexandra Harmon for a virtual presentation. Dr. Harmon, emerita faculty in the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Washington, will discuss her book, Reclaiming the Reservations: Histories of Indian Sovereignty Repressed and Renewed. This book is the Provost’s Diversity Council’s fall/winter book selection. It is available in e-book format to those with CWU credentials.

On November 17 (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) virtually join storyteller Fern Naomi Renville as she shares stories both mythic and personal that reframe and highlight the history, present, and future of Indigenous female power and leadership in America. Such stories include the Seneca story of The Peacemaker and the Dakota story of White Buffalo Calf Woman. Brought to us by the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, Ms. Renville (she/her) is a Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota, Omaha, and Seneca-Cayuga storyteller, theatre director, and playwright.

Emeritus CWU Libraries Dean Patricia Cutright closes our month-long events on November 30 (6:00-7:30 p.m.) with an in-person presentation, book signing, and reception. Dean Cutright will read from her recently published book, Native Women Changing their Worlds, a collection of biographies and interviews with 12 Indigenous women, including Deb Haaland, the current Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior.

This event may be presented virtually, depending upon COVID restrictions at the time of the event. Registration is not required for these events. For more information, visit our events calendar or contact Maureen Rust at mrust@cwu.edu.
The Dean's Corner

Welcome, and welcome back to campus for fall 2021!

Folks visiting the library will notice some additions and upgrades to the Brooks Library. We have restored our pre-pandemic seat arrangements in the second floor commons, the Fishbowl, and throughout the third and fourth floors. We have added new furniture in the third and fourth floor study rooms, and digital humanities workstations in the microform area. I invite you to explore the building to enjoy the enhancements.

October has been a busy time with the reopening of the Jimmy B’s coffee shop, and the grand opening of the centralized Presidents United to Solve Hunger (PUSH) food pantry on our ground floor.

The enhancements will continue. Watch for new featured collection selections throughout Brooks on various topics and in various formats. We are also renovating the Music Library on the fourth floor, targeting an opening in the first half of 2022.

Our Center locations follow the reopening of their host campuses. Please watch the Lynwood Library information and the Des Moines Library information for updates.

While we’re excited to have you back in person, we’ll also continue the virtual services we grew and updated during the 2020-2021 academic year. We will continue to offer 24/7 chat services and make available virtual appointments for more in-depth work. We are also piloting controlled digital lending to enhance our ability to bring resources to remote users as well as obtain materials from other libraries.

We’re continuing our quality library programming, and for the fall we’ll have a mix of virtual and in-person. Check out the events calendar.

We have updated, diversified, and deepened our electronic resource collections this past year. I encourage you to explore Adam Mathew Central Asia, US Military intelligence reports, Academic Video Online, Documentary Educational Resources Premium, Sabin Americana, the archives of the Chicago Defender, Hispanic American Newspapers, Archives Unbound, Met Opera on Demand, Ethnomusicology: Global Field Recordings, or our collection of audiobooks.

Don’t forget to check out our new books list if you’d like to see how our print collection is growing.

We hope that we can provide peace of mind and intellectual nourishment, and enjoyable events. Watch our website for the very latest updates. Be well and excel!

-Rebecca L. Lubas
Dean of Libraries

The CWU Archives and Special Collections is conducting oral history interviews with the university communities throughout the 21-22 academic year. Participants will share their COVID-19 experiences. The CWU Archives also seeks donations of works created during COVID that document your experience, such as a journal, letters, audio and video recordings, zines, posters, and artwork.

Interviews will be housed permanently and made accessible to researchers in the CWU Archives and through the online collection at digitalcommons.cwu.edu/cwu_covid_reflections/. For more information contact archive@cwu.edu or 509-963-1717.

Upcoming Events

**November**

03 Research Smartz: Hidden Gems of Primary Sources
12:00PM-1:00PM
Brooks Library Room 152

04 Friends of the Brooks Library Annual Book Sale
09:00AM-7:00PM
Brooks Library Lobby

05 Friends of the Brooks Library Annual Book Sale
09:00AM-5:00PM
Brooks Library Lobby

06 Friends of the Brooks Library Annual Book Sale
11:00AM-4:00PM
Brooks Library Lobby

09 Author Visit: Reclaiming the Reservation: Histories of Indian Sovereignty Suppressed and Renewed
12:00PM-1:30PM
Online, Zoom link

16 Research Smartz: Digital Humanities 101
11:30AM-12:00PM
Brooks Library Room 152

17 Humanities Washington Speaker Fern Naomi Renville
12:00PM-1:30PM
Online, Zoom link

30 Author Presentation and Book Signing: Patricia Cutright
6:00PM-7:30PM
Brooks Library, 2nd Floor Student Commons

**December**

06 Jazz and Crafts
6:00PM-7:30PM
Brooks Library, 2nd Floor Student Commons

07 Pizza and Popcorn
6:00PM-7:30PM
Brooks Library, 2nd Floor Fishbowl

08 Friends of the Brooks Library Pizza Giveaway
6:00PM-7:30PM
Brooks Library, 2nd Floor Fishbowl

09 Grab-and-Go Survival Bracelet Kit
01:00PM-5:00PM (while supplies last)
Brooks Library Lobby

For more information visit: cwu.libcal.com/calendar/events
The Friends of the Library are heck-bent for book leather to resume our annual book sale. We will hold the sale from November 4 to 6 (Thursday-Saturday) in the usual location, the lobby of the Brooks Library (just inside the entrance). Not only do we have a superb selection of books to offer, we will also be taking credit cards! Paperbacks are $1, hardbacks $2 (unless otherwise marked). We’re also planning blow-out prices the last two hours of the sale. Please come join us, buy a few books, and go home and read, or at least put the books in your reading pile. Know, however, that the Friends of the Library remains active long after you’ve fallen asleep with book in hand. Just for example, we are funding a digital collection of Pacific Northwest materials that are not currently on the library’s shelves. We’re also continuing our famous finals week pizza nights at the library for our hard-working students. We’re sponsoring gift baskets for student winners of the annual re-SOURCE awards, given for best use of library resources in a SOURCE (Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression) project. And we’re looking into reproducing (right here in Ellensburg) an Icelandic Christmas event known as Jolabokaflod, or “Christmas Book Flood,” wherein participants bring and receive books as gifts, and perhaps drink cocoa or something merrier. As usual, credit goes to the Friends of the Library Board and its officers, Bob Hickey (president), Dan Herman (VP), Andy Piacsek (Secretary), and Ronda Brooks Patrick (Treasurer and inspiration), and to the Brooks Library staff with whom they work, particularly Dean Rebecca Lubas and Maureen Rust, outreach librarian. There are some important names missing from that list, but you can meet them and thank them personally at the book sale.

-Dan Herman
Friends of the Brooks Library Secretary
During the spring quarter of 2021, the CWU Libraries and the Friends of the Brooks Library awarded five CWU students the library reSOURCE Award. This award honors outstanding use of library resources in projects during SOURCE or the Symposium for University Research and Creative Expression. This is a campus wide event that brings students together from across disciplines and provides them with the opportunity to share and present their research and creative works. During the 2021 event which took place virtually from May 16-22, approximately 200 students presented at the symposium and those presentations received 24,000 views.

In order to celebrate the achievements of these students, the reSOURCE award was granted to individuals who demonstrated exemplary use of library resources, including books, journals, Archives and Special Collections, databases, library equipment, and even the library faculty and staff. Student winners were selected based upon the quality of their presentation abstracts and a short essay that described how they utilized the library and its resources.

This year’s winners included the following students and projects:

- Gerald Lemmon - Qualitative Methods for Studying Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Among Gay Men Who have Sex with Men of Color in the US: A Review of the Literature
- Jannice Cebreros - Policy Analysis - Solitary Confinement, Civilly Detained Individuals and Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Taylor Roice - The Effects of Probiotics, Prebiotics, and Symbiotics on Outcomes of Lactose Intolerance
- Angela Kyle - I AM ME. I am not defined by my disability.
- America Sanchez - Women, Prison and Cognition in Washington State

You can view the students’ presentations and abstracts from the 2021 CWU SOURCE at: [www.cwu.edu/undergrad-research/program](http://www.cwu.edu/undergrad-research/program)

In addition to recognizing these students’ achievements, the reSOURCE award serves to help promote resource connections and encourages students to take advantage of the many tools the library has available to support student projects. If you or a student you know is presenting at next year’s SOURCE, we hope you encourage them to take advantage of the library’s resources and to apply for the reSOURCE award.

Angela Kyle picks up her Library reSOURCE Award for her SOURCE presentation: I AM ME. I am not defined by my disability.