
Averett Library News

"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."--Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784.

Library Student Assistant Wins *Ember* Art Award

Blount Library student assistant Marissa Angel (Class of 2010) won first place in the *Ember* art competition. Ms. Angel's winning entry, *Serenity Lake* and two other paintings are reproduced here with permission. Originally from Sandy Ridge, North Carolina, Marissa is pursuing a double major in Art and Equestrian Studies. Her work will be on exhibit at the library in Spring 2009. The *Ember*, a literary and art journal published by Averett students, is available in the library. Congratulations, Marissa!



Marissa Angel. *Serenity Lake*. Acrylic, c2006.

Charles R. Hawkins Donates Papers to Averett

The Honorable Charles R. Hawkins (Republican, 19th District) retired from the Virginia State Assembly in 2007, following 10 years as a delegate and 16 years as a senator. Senator Hawkins has provided leadership on numerous issues affecting life, work, and the environment of Southside Virginia. He sponsored legislation creating the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission (serving Virginia and North Carolina), developed legislative support for the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research, chaired the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, and continues as chair of the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission.

Averett is most grateful to Senator Hawkins for selecting Blount Library as the repository for his papers. We also thank his legislative assistant, Mary Catherine Plaster and Averett History Professor, Dr. Jack I. (Jay) Hayes for their efforts in bringing this collection to Averett. The Library will accession the Hawkins Papers and make them available to researchers by late Fall 2009.

Library News and Administrative Team Return

Library Director, Elaine Day and Administrative Associate, Deborah Touchstone are happily returning to the library after two years with Institutional Research and Effectiveness. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Jodi Pettazzoni to Averett as Director of Institutional Effectiveness. Though our work "abroad" was fulfilling, Deborah and I now want to give 100% to furthering the mission of the Library for Averett students and faculty.

Reconnecting with students, alumni, Library Friends and neighbors is an important part of our plan. Please read on for information on Friends' accomplishments and events, how to start or renew your tax deductible membership in 2008-2009, or to make a donation to the Mary C. Fugate Endowment Fund.



Marissa Angel. *A Dawn Silhouette*. Acrylic, c2006

Transitions

The Averett community was saddened by the passing of faculty emerita and longtime supporter of Blount Library, Dr. Pauline Coll (December 16, 1913 – August 23, 2008). Miss Coll joined the Averett faculty in 1946 and retired in 1978. She devoted her life after teaching to reading, writing, church, community, and extensive correspondence with colleagues and former students.

Another Averett heroine, Miss Mary Jo Davis died on August 29th, 2008. Miss Davis graduated from Averett in the Class of 1955, returning to the area after earning her baccalaureate and masters degrees in education to serve as a counselor in the Danville City Schools, then for nearly forty years in key administrative positions at Averett. She was a frequent visitor to the Archives in search of memorabilia for display at special campus events.

Charles Postelle, Averett History Professor from 1966 to 1983, died on August 10, 2008. Among his contributions are portraits of former President Dr. Conwell A. Anderson and library donor, Miss Mary B. Blount. Both portraits are displayed in the library entrance.

Honors

Clara Garrett Fountain (University Archivist, Reference Librarian, Associate Professor) retired in April 2007. Mrs. Fountain has returned to campus on several occasions to assist with archival research and library instruction in Dr. Betty Heard's course, *Literature for Children*. We are grateful for Mrs. Fountain's many years of service to her alma mater (Averett Class of 1962) and the Danville community, and we look forward to sustaining that relationship into the future. She was recently appointed to President Franks' Committee for Averett's 150th Anniversary Celebration, and she is consulting with

incoming archivist, Dr. Patrick Wasley. Patrick's first exhibit for the library includes several of her publications on Danville history.

When this newsletter was last published, shortly before Mrs. Fountain's retirement, she recommended acquisition of a display case for archival collections and Averett student art to be placed on the library's main floor. With the benefit of contributions from the Averett Library Friends and friends of Pauline Coll, we have acquired a beautiful 30" x 60" case with 14" shelf for display of pottery and archival collections. It will be dedicated in April 2009. Library friends and neighbors are welcome to attend.

Averett Journal Revival

Dean of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Stephen Ausband announced revival of the *Averett Journal*, a scholarly publication edited by Dr. Margaret Lanham from 1970-1978, by Prof. Ausband with Prof. Charles Postelle and Dr. Ann Garbett until 1990, and by Dr. Betty Heard with Dr. Richard Vinson through 1996. A new editorial board will review submissions for publication in 2009. An exhibit on the history of the *Averett Journal* is on display at Blount Library through Spring 2009.

Bibliographic Services Librarian Appointed

Our newest librarian, Patrick Wasley was raised in the Cumberland Valley region of south central Pennsylvania. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from West Chester University, a master's degree in American Studies from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His dissertation, *Invitations To An Icy Land: Textual Constructions For Nature Tourism In John Burroughs' And John Muir's Narratives Of Alaska And The Far North*, addresses the ethos of nature travel and how contemporary ecotourists can contribute to the preservation of Alaskan parks, forests and wilderness areas. He has taught courses in composition, literature, and American Studies at several universities, including George Mason, N.C. State, and James Madison.

After spending several years as an English teacher, Patrick decided to change paths and pursue a career in the information sciences. He returned to school and earned a master's degree in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Following graduation, he worked as a cataloger for Baker and Taylor, a leading book distributor and Averett's primary source for academic titles.

As a bibliographic services librarian, Patrick's responsibilities include print and electronic serials

management, reference service, and classroom instruction. He will also manage the Averett University Archives. Outside of the library, he enjoys playing the guitar, reading, movies, and spending time with Chester, his three-year-old, peach-colored cat.

Featured Databases

VIVA Licenses 25 EBSCO Periodical Databases

In July 2008, VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia licensed 25 new databases on behalf of Virginia's public and independent colleges and universities. Academic Search Complete and Business Source Complete offer comprehensive coverage of scholarly and professional journal articles.

Journalism majors will find a wealth of new content in Communication and Mass Media Complete and Newspaper Source Plus.

Computer and Information Science majors can now search for articles and research in Computers & Applied Sciences Complete.

Education Research Complete, with full text of 900 scholarly journals, complements the ERIC index for articles and research in education.

Arts and humanities scholars will find peer reviewed, full text articles in Humanities International Complete and the Religion and Philosophy Collection.

In addition to BioOne and Wiley InterScience (previously Blackwell-Synergy), Biology majors can now tap full text resources in Environment Complete, Health Source -Nursing/Academic Edition, and AltHealthWatch.

The Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection provides full text of over 550 peer reviewed journals. Psychology majors should continue to search in for citations in the more comprehensive PsycInfo, then link out to full text in this database and PsycArticles.

Test your foreign language reading skills with scholarly academic journals in Fuente Academica, medical literature in MedicLatina, Salud en Espanol (Spanish language version of Consumer Health Complete), or the French language business database, Vente et Gestion.

VIVA is a project of the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia.

Mergent Online Expands Financial Coverage

The Virtual Library of Virginia also licensed Mergent Online, providing financial data and corporate history for over 35,000 publicly traded

companies: 12,000 domestic, 24,000 international, 10,000 extinct (due to merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, etc), over 200,000 annual reports, and 30 years of stock prices.



New & Notable Books

See our display of New & Notable titles in the lobby, or browse recent fiction and nonfiction in the Averett Library Catalog:

<http://library.averett.edu/search/d=new+and+notable+collection>. New & Notable Books circulate for 3 weeks.

Book Reviews

Mary C. Clement. *First Time in the High School Classroom: Essential Guide for the New Teacher.*

Lanham, Md.: ScarecrowEducation, 2005.

New & Notable LB 1737.U6 C54 2005

Reviewed by Linda Lemery.

When I began teaching medical laboratory technician courses in 1989 at a North Carolina community college, I had a lot of experience in my field but no experience teaching. I knew what a syllabus was, but not how to construct one. I knew what grades were, but not how to construct and grade a test, or about grading practices from the teaching side. Though passion for the subject saved me, I could have used some organizational help in learning how to teach.

While that first harried year allowed little time for teacher preparation, I'd have given the world for access to a resource like *First Time in the High School Classroom*. Mary Clement covers the nuts and bolts of what it means to be a new teacher, with advice on developing effective practice and streamlined activities that apply also to community college teaching.

The gems in this book are written for people with no time to waste. The introduction provides a realistic picture of high school teaching (including positives and negatives), together with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) and how the book chapters meet every one of the 10 standards. Many topics are covered as quick overviews. For example, the chapter on curriculum planning covers national and state standards, district curriculum, textbooks, aligning curriculum to help raise achievement scores on college aptitude exams, and a curriculum planning checklist--in six pages flat.

"Methods for Teacher Presentations" pays indirect homage to some millennial generation students'

shortened attention spans by recommending that teachers use technology, embed visuals in the presentations they make, and limit their lectures to 10 to 12 minutes before breaking for questions and activities. A modified lecture can be 12 to 18 minutes, followed by “a break for questions to and from students.” I find that a 10-to-18 minute lecture followed by learning activities is more likely to retain millennial generation student attention, assuming the teacher can structure an entire course that way. I wonder, though, whether high school students who have never had to learn from 60 to 90 minute lectures will be prepared for a college learning environment?

Readers should note that 10 chapters, each related to a standard, make this book easy to use by faculty teaching a 10 or 12 week education course. The chapter on lesson planning, units, and syllabi includes bulleted checklists, templates and worksheets. Other chapters cover classroom practice, guiding student work, technology, homework, assessment, and grading, diversity, communication, professionalism and strategies for success in and beyond the first year.

Simplicity like this only comes with much distilled thought and much hard work. Highly recommended.

Reviews in Brief

Diane Ackerman. *The Zookeeper's Wife*.
W.W. Norton, 2007.

Empathy and competence gained from caring for pets and wild animals confronts the greatest human evil.
New & Notable: D804.66.Z33 A25 2007

Drew Gilpin Faust. *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*.

New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2008
The Civil War transformed Americans' understanding of death, mourning, and vital statistics.
New & Notable: E468.9 .F385 2008

Greg Mortenson and Greg Oliver Relin. *Three Cups of Tea*.

New York: Viking, 2006. (On order)
Muslims do too want their daughters to succeed!
Schools, not bombs, will stabilize Pakistan.

Rory Stewart. *The Places In Between*.

Orlando: Harcourt, 2006 (On order)
A risky trek in rural Afghanistan unveils natural beauty, medieval echoes of hospitality and conflict.

Book Review Sources

Reviews of Books: <http://www.reviewsofbooks.com>

Metacritic: <http://www.metacritic.com/books>

Education Oasis. Children's book reviews:
http://educationoasis.com/ch_book_reviews/childrens_book_reviews.htm



ARTstor Offers Digital Library for Averett Scholars

In December 2007, Averett University and seven other Virginia independent colleges received a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the acquisition of ARTstor, a digital library of nearly one million images in art, architecture, the humanities, and social sciences. The Mellon Foundation created ARTstor in 2001 to provide museums and schools with digital access to original art. ARTstor became an independent, non-profit organization in January 2004.

ARTstor digital collections are available on and off campus to Averett students, faculty, and staff, and on campus to visitors at the Mary B. Blount Library. This educational resource provides an alternative to other online image collections such as Google Image and Flickr. We encourage students and faculty to explore the collections of this digital library for teaching, learning and research. ARTstor offers images from a wide range of disciplines, from art history and anthropology to photography and women's studies.

In addition to its permanent collections, ARTstor offers PC and Macintosh-compatible tools to help faculty and students manage images and build personal collections for teaching and research. Each ARTstor image and image group has a stable URL that can be shared by email, embedded in a document, or linked from a course on Blackboard.

ARTstor's Offline Image Viewer (OIV) allows students and faculty to create digital slide show presentations that enable side-by-side comparisons, zooming and panning, and the ability to customize text on the slides. Participants can download this software from the database and use it with any image in the ARTstor Digital Library.

Averett faculty are eligible for instructor level privileges that include the ability to capture ARTstor images and contribute local images for academic research, instruction, or sharing with colleagues at Averett and other institutions. Among other options, faculty can determine which ARTstor users have access to their folders and image groups.

Averett's license for ARTstor prohibits any commercial use of the images or their reproduction in campus publications; however, students and faculty are free to download them for scholarly research, lectures, and class assignments. For participants interested in scholarly publication, ARTstor currently provides rights to 3,300 Images for Academic Publishing (IAP) from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, free of charge.

ARTstor is available on and off campus to Averett students, faculty and staff, and on campus to visitors, from the library web. A variety of training materials are available, including a series of interdisciplinary guides at <http://www.artstor.org/using-artstor/u-html/interdisciplinary.shtml>. For any questions or comments related to ARTstor, including instructor privileges, please contact Dr. Patrick Wasley (patrick.wasley@averett.edu).

Library Tutorials and Consultations

Do you yearn to unlock the mysteries of library reference and scholarly communication? We now offer an online Orientation Tutorial for students, faculty, and visitors. (Link from <http://www.averett.edu/library> under "LEARN" and "Orientation") The tutorial is required for students in English 111/112. Its table of contents serves as a handy guide to library resources and services.

Business and Social Sciences Librarian, Kevin Harden teaches a one credit online course for Graduate and Professional Studies Students in Business, and recently created a tutorial for the Master of Education. Tutorials are linked from the library web home page.

Reference librarians welcome drop-in consultations and appointments with students and faculty. Our interest areas are:
 Art, English: Patrick.Wasley@averett.edu
 Music, Theatre, Religion: James.Verdini@averett.edu
 Business, Social Sciences: Kevin.Harden@averett.edu
 Sciences: Elaine.Day@averett.edu

Library Friends Make the Difference!

Library Friends contribute tax deductible gifts to build collections and enhance public areas of the Mary B. Blount Library. At a tuition-dependent institution, Friends can make the difference between maintenance: providing resources and services essential to support the curriculum, and improvement: our ability to offer a range of cultural and co-curricular opportunities to inspire student and community reading, scholarship and independent thought.

We encourage alumni, educators, neighbors and other Averett supporters to make an annual contribution to Averett University, earmarked for the Friends of the Library. All gifts are welcome. With a minimum donation of \$30 per year, Friends may borrow books from our circulating collections. To ensure that all contributions are available for improvements, Friends who borrow materials are subject to the same fines and late fees as current students.

In 2007 and 2008, Averett Library Friends supported the purchase of a display cabinet for student art and archival exhibits, (to be dedicated in April 2009), acquisition of two computers with high end graphics for use with ArtSTOR, a laptop for use in library instruction, designation of two computers for Library Friends and one for visitors, purchase of wireless mice for the Friends' computers, and a small expenditure for printing and communication. Future issues of the *Averett Library News* will continue to report on how Library Friends are contributing to the university's educational and cultural mission.

In a previous era, library supporters inspired by professors Juanita Grant, Pauline Coll, Margaret Lanham, Betty Steele, Betty Heard and many others, established a book endowment fund in memory of Mary C. Fugate, former Dean of the College and Interim President. Annual income from the Mary C. Fugate Fund continues to supplement our book budget, including purchase of New & Notable titles.

Please join friends and neighbors at the Mary B. Blount Library in April 2009, as we celebrate Averett's 150th Anniversary by dedicating our new display case to the memory of Pauline Coll. The exact date and time will be announced in the Spring *Library News*.



Marissa Angel. *A Country Home*. Watercolor, c2007

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