MU Libraries Faculty Lecture Series

- Tuesday, February 21, 2-3 pm
- Ellis Library, Room 201
- Mary Jo Neitz, MU Professor of Sociology
- "Feeling Right/Left Behind: American Protestants and the Politics of Moral Decline"

In the exit polls following the presidential election in 2006, a surprising number of people indicated that they had voted for George Bush because he stood for “moral values.” While an obvious component of this response is the heated debate about abortion in the United States, the response still puzzled news analysts and Kerry supporters. This talk situates the response in terms of recent changes in the place and practice of religion in the United States. The talk will first address changes stemming from the loss of the taken-for-granted dominance of Protestantism in the United States. It will also discuss changes in the discourse of “moral values” resulting from the broader commercialization of feeling in American culture.

Personnel News

Hello to Scott Ross, part-time LIS I, UMLD. Scott is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in Anthropology at MU, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2007. Additionally, he competes as part of the nationally ranked MU Parliamentary Debate Association. Before accepting the appointment, Scott worked as a student assistant at UMLD.

Head, Journalism Librarian Update

The search committee for the position of Head, Journalism Librarian has identified a candidate to interview. Jane Schillie will be on-site February 20th and 21st. Ms. Schillie currently serves as the Director of Marketing and External Relations at the University of Miami Libraries. Her previous positions there include the Director of Education, Outreach and Research Services, the Head of Research and Educational Services, and the Head of Reference and Instructional Services. She received her MLS from the University of Missouri.

Ms. Schillie will give a 20-25 minute presentation on February 20th on a topic of her choice followed by a question and answer session. The presentation will take place from 12:00 – 1:00 pm, at Fisher Auditorium, 87 Gannett Hall. Her resume, cover letter, interview itinerary, and evaluation form will be distributed to staff closer to the interview period.

~Leo Agnew
Personnel Coordinator

Honorable Mention

Rebecca Graves, MU HSL Librarian, was mentioned in the acknowledgements of the following article for her assistance: Patrick TB et al. Evidence Based Retrieval in Evidence-Based Medicine. Journal of the Medical Library Association 2004 April; 92(2): 196–199:
Curator’s Event Held at Ellis

On January 26, 2006, Chancellor Brady Deaton and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce hosted a program in Room 201 of Ellis Library to honor Mr. Tom Atkins for his leadership on the UM Board of Curators. This event was very well attended and proved to be a most enjoyable evening.

The event featured background music by the Prairie Strings Quartet and remarks by Chancellor Deaton; UM System President Elson Floyd; the UM Board President; the MU Faculty Chair; the MSA and GPC Presidents, respectively; Teresa Maledy, President of Commerce Bank and Chair of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce; other Board members; and the honoree, Tom Atkins.

After the speaker portion of the program, guests were invited to view various artifacts on display from MU Libraries Special Collections. Attractive packets of cards, which included images and narrative descriptions of the artifacts on display, were created by Special Collections and Archives staff specially for attendees. (If you would like one of these packets, please contact Special Collections.)

I wish to extend my thanks to Mike Holland and his staff: Gary Cox, Alla Barabtarlo, Kelli Hansen, Anselm Huelsbergen, and Karen Witt, as well as Pat Jones and her security staff: Lisa Fountain-Tipton, Jason Touchatt, and Dustin Hoffmann, and everyone else involved, for making this event such a success.

~Jim Cogswell
In celebration of Black History Month, throughout February, News Notes will include a schedule of the forthcoming week’s programs. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one or more of these entertaining events.

Friday, February 10
S.S. Prismatic Nascence Neophyte Show
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Delta Tau Chapter – Skee Week Events
9:08 p.m. Conservation Auditorium

Saturday, February 11
Fashion Show and 20 Pearls Court Ceremony
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Delta Tau Chapter
7:08 p.m. Peachtree Center

The Fashionably Loud After-Party
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Delta Tau Chapter
9:08 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Peachtree Center

Universal Drum Appeal
7:00 p.m. Missouri Theatre
Contact Morgan 443-1715

Thursday, February 16
MU Scholars Round Table
The Historical Importance of African American Fraternities and Sororities
4:00 p.m. Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center

African-Americans in Films
7:00 p.m. Armory Sports Center
701 East Ash Street
874-7460

Friday, February 17
Alpha Phi Alpha State Convention Step Show
The Centennial Celebration of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Missouri Theatre

State Convention Step Show After Party
The Centennial Celebration of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. MU Rec Center
Campus Safety Training Sessions

This month, University of Missouri Crime Prevention Officer Adam Duncan will be conducting campus safety training for the Ellis Library staff and student workers. Since Ellis Library is now open until 2:00 am, Sunday through Thursday, we feel this will be a valuable training session, particularly for staff and student workers who work nights. All three sessions will take place in Library Instruction Room I (4G41) at the following dates and times:

- Monday, February 20th, 1:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 22nd, 9:30 am
- Wednesday, February 22nd, 3:30 pm

Please share information with your student workers and encourage them to attend. We will also provide student shuttle maps and include a question and answer period after each training session.

“Love does not begin and end the way we seem to think it does. Love is a battle, love is a war; love is a growing up.”

~James Baldwin
MU Libraries Vacancies

**Monograph Cataloger - MU Libraries-University of Missouri-Columbia** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Monograph_Cataloger.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Monograph_Cataloger.htm)

**Graduate Library Assistant** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/c14069_GLA.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/c14069_GLA.htm)

**User Support Analyst** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1002011](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1002011)

**Head, Journalism Libraries-University of Missouri-Columbia** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/J_Librarian.mht](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/J_Librarian.mht).

**Web Development Librarian MU Libraries** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/Web_Libr_mht.mht](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/Web_Libr_mht.mht).

**NOTE:** Depending on candidate qualifications, this position will be filled at the academic level of Librarian II or III, or as an Education Technologist (a non-academic title). The Education Technologist title is listed at MU’s Human Resources’ website: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/).

Presentation Reminder – Diversity in American Libraries

The Staff Development Committee invites you to examine the topic of Diversity in American Libraries. Program Moderator, Dr. Denice Adkins, Assistant Professor, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, is an expert on this subject. In fact, one of her main research interests is Library Services to Latinos. The presentation will take place February 15, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm, room 4G41 Ellis (Instruction Room I).

The program will present segments of a web seminar initially given by Dr Ravindra Nath Sharma on September 21, 2005. Dr. Sharma, Director, West Virginia State University Library, is the author of numerous publications and the recipient of many awards. After airing Dr. Sharma’s broadcast, Dr. Adkins will lead a discussion of the major issues he examined. Please join us for this event. Your views and comments are critical.

RSVPs are not required. Release time available with supervisor approval. For information on future SDC programs, visit our calendar at [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/sdc/program.html](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/sdc/program.html).

~Staff Development Committee

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