

# Joyner Library's eNews

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## A Letter From the Dean, Larry Boyer

It's a crazy and exciting time here at Joyner. Throughout this past semester the students have responded to our new Collaborative Learning Center by coming in greater and greater numbers—singly and in groups to study, research, write and receive tutoring, writing, and research assistance. Overall library usage is up nearly 20%, and Reading Day, December 8th, was one for the record books: the single day gate count was 4292, and, at 7:00 p.m., with more than 900 people in the building every table, desk, carrel, and group study room was occupied. Moreover, our always ingenious and inventive students created their own impromptu study areas, sitting on the floor clustered around any available power plug. Laptops, Ipads, and smart devices were everywhere, and the Library's

wireless network was sorely tested. Our Senior Security Officer, David Perkins, says he has never seen anything like it!

December 8th also saw the Library marking another important but more intimate milestone, with a ceremony to present the first Bassman Honors Thesis Award Winner (see page 4). The prize, created to honor the outstanding, student-centered career of Dr. Michael Bassman, will be given annually for the best researched and written Honors Thesis. This year's recipient of the prize was Landon Allen who graduated last May summa cum laude with a BS in Chemistry and Biology.

Let me close by wishing all of our readers a wonderful and restorative Holiday from all of the faculty and

staff of Joyner Library. We will continue to work throughout 2011 to maintain and enhance the high level of service you have come to expect.



Larry Boyer

## New Exhibit in Special Collections

"Western Impact & Involvement in China: From the Vaults of Special Collections 1905-1975," depicts life in China during the first two-thirds of the 20th Century. The exhibit is filled with photographs, pamphlets and postcards, manuscripts and letters, maps, and other primary sources from the collections of missionaries and business persons who worked in China during this period. The materials, many of which reflect close contact between Americans and Chinese people, are among

display cases that reflect: Education and Religion; Family Life; Business and Agriculture; War and Politics; and Tourism and Historic Sites.

The exhibit is open to students, staff, faculty members, and the general public. It will be on display through June 30, 2011, in the Special Collections Department, located on the Fourth Floor of Joyner Library. For more information, contact Martha Elmore at 328-0274 or at [elmorem@ecu.edu](mailto:elmorem@ecu.edu).



1917 A View of Schools and a Teachers' Residence in Hankow, China (Venetia Cox Papers #263.6.a.7)

### Announcement

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Need a quiet place to work?

Joyner's 3rd floor is the Designated Quiet Zone.

# One Search

## Easily Discover the World of Library Content

From the convenience of a single location, you can now search for articles, books, DVDs and other materials that are provided by your ECU Libraries.

We've named this powerful new tool One Search. With its user-friendly interface and lightning-fast responsiveness, at first it may seem just like Google. But it's better. One Search is pre-programmed to focus in on over 200 million resources to make your academic life easier, more rewarding, and even fun.

Need to find scholarly journal articles about pirates? One Search can do that. Need to email yourself citations for five of those articles, directly from your phone, while walking to class? One Search can do that too. And, with its mobile-friendly interface, it will do it in style.

## About One Search

One Search simplifies the process of finding information in the Libraries. It searches through a massive collection of books, scholarly journals,

newspaper articles, e-books, dissertations, conference proceedings, and numerous academic databases. Rather than having to search in separate databases, One Search lets you find them all at once, quickly and easily. Even better, it's tied directly to what is available through the ECU Libraries, whether online or in print.

## What does One Search actually search?

One Search may index some or all of the databases and journals you already use. Some databases and journals have full-text indexing, whereas others are indexed just by citation information (e.g., title, author, abstract, etc.). A list of the publishers and databases that are searchable through One Search is located online at <http://web.lib.ecu.edu/onesearch/about.html>

## When should I use One Search?

One Search is a powerful way to find materials available online and in print from the ECU Libraries. One Search is ideal for tasks like:

1. Exploratory research to select a topic. Discovering a broad overview of what's "out there."
2. Finding a variety of representative

information on a topic, from various online and print sources. Many undergraduates are well-served by One Search.

3. For graduate students, professors, and other seeking a comprehensive search, add One Search to your existing search strategies. Because One Search covers a very broad range of sources, it is a great way to find information in related disciplines.

However, in some cases, it is better to search individual databases, the library catalog, or other resources. Some cautions:

1. If you seek a truly comprehensive search, do not rely on One Search alone. But do add it to your other search strategies.
2. One Search may lack some of the specific limiting and refining options found in specific databases.
3. Some databases, such as JSTOR, search the full-text of articles and books. One Search primarily searches citation information (such as author, title, abstract, etc.). If your topic is likely to be addressed only as a small part of a larger article/book, searching individual databases may yield better results.

One Search is powered by Summon™, a unified discovery service from Serials Solutions.



# Skype and Google Video-Chat

Joyner Library's videoconferencing rooms I418 and I426 are now set up for Skype and Google Video-Chat. Both systems are PC Desktop-to-PC Desktop only; they do not use the videoconferencing cameras, sound system or codec. The PC desktop can be sent to large screen displays and connect the PC sound output to a set of speakers. The camera available for use is a small USB camera. The Library's videoconferencing system is recom-

mended for high quality video and audio needs.

The I426 SKYPE name is joyner.conference (all lower case).  
The I418 Skype name is joyner\_I418 (joyner is lower case)  
The Google Video-Chat address (both rooms) is [harbitk@ecu.edu](mailto:harbitk@ecu.edu)

For more information or to try it out, contact Ken Harbit at [harbitk@ecu.edu](mailto:harbitk@ecu.edu) or 252.328-1404.



## Announcement

The ECU Student United Way will be holding a blanket drive until December 17th. Please drop off your new blankets in the designated bins, located in the lobbies of Joyner Library, Todd Dining Hall, or West End Dining Hall.

All blankets will be donated to the Greenville Shelter. Joyner Library appreciates your support!

## ON DISPLAY

Joyner Library is celebrating Holidays Around The World with a book display. The display is located on the first floor next to the main entrance. All items are available for checkout and will be displayed until December.

Featured on the Display:

- *Anniversaries and Holidays* by Bernard Trawicky
- *Christmas and Charles Dickens* by David Parker
- *Food and Wine Festivals and Events Around the World* by Colin Michael Hall
- *International Holidays* by Robert Weaver
- *United States Holidays and Observances* by Steve Rajtar
- *We are What We Celebrate: Understanding* by Amitai Etzioni

# Joyner Library Host Inaugural Program for the Michael F. Bassman Honors Thesis Award

The Library honored Daniel Landon Allen, the first winner of the Michael F. Bassman Honors Thesis Award, at a ceremony on December 7, 2010.

An Honors Student and EC Scholar, Landon Allen graduated *summa cum laude* with University Honors in May 2010. He completed dual degrees in Biology and Chemistry with a minor in Business Administration and a certificate in Hispanic Studies. During his undergraduate career, Allen won multiple awards: the Elite Pirate Leadership Award, the Keith D Holmes Scholastic Chemistry Achievement Award, the Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Academic Award, and several ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week awards.

Allen's winning thesis project "A Literature and Experiment Based Evaluation of Synthesis Techniques for Prothymosin-a Derived Peptides" was completed under the direction of Dr. Colin Burns in the Department of Chemistry. Allen is completing his Master's of Business Administration degree at ECU and will enter the Brody School of Medicine in Fall 2011.

The Michael F. Bassman Honors Thesis Award was established in 2010 to recognize excellence in research and writing by students in East Carolina University's Honors College. The award, in the amount of \$500, is sponsored by the Joyner Library and honors Dr. Michael F. Bassman, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures,



Daniel Landon Allen and Dr. Michael F. Bassman

formerly Associate Vice Chancellor of the Honors Program, and its first Distinguished Honors Professor.

For more information, contact Bryna Coonin at [cooninb@ecu.edu](mailto:cooninb@ecu.edu) or 252.328.0431.

## Personnel



Congratulations to **Eleanor Cook**, Assistant Director for Collections and Technical Services, for recognition at the Charleston Library Conference in November 2010. Eleanor received the *ABC-CLIO 2010 Vicky Speck Memorial Leadership Award*. ABC-CLIO is an award-winning publisher of reference titles, academic and general interest books, electronic resources, and books for librarians and other professionals. The \$500 award is in honor of Editorial Director Vicky Speck and is given for exemplary leadership and contributions to the Charleston Conference.



**Alan R. Bailey**, Assistant Head of Service, Teaching Resources Center, presented in November 2010 "From the Media Center to the Classroom: Bringing Coretta Scott King Award Winning Books Alive in the Classroom," at the 10th Anniversary Conference of the North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA) in Winston-Salem, NC.

## Gate Count

November 2010: 88,379  
November 2009: 75,529  
17% increase

## Reference Department Questions & Consultations

November 2010: 2,769  
November 2009: 2,199  
26% increase

## Group Study Room Reservations

November 2010: 1,215  
November 2009: 795  
53% increase

# Library Completes Stacks Shift

Many of you have probably noticed that rows of shelves are empty on the east side of the 2nd floor of Joyner Library. This is in preparation for construction of a new home for Project STEPP, consisting of offices, instructional and individual study space, as well as 10 new group study rooms that will be available in the evenings and weekends for use by the entire ECU community. Project STEPP is slated to move to Joyner Library in the fall of 2011. Project STEPP, which stands for Supporting Transition and Education through Planning and Partnerships, is a program designed to offer academic support to students with identified learning disabilities. Project STEPP was described more fully in the Fall issue of East magazine, online here: [http://](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/mktg/east/Fall-2010-From-the-Classroom.cfm)

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In order to create the space needed for Project STEPP, librarians took a multi-pronged approach. We reduced the amount of empty space on all general stacks shelves, withdrew some journal volumes, and moved many other journal volumes to the Closed Compact area of the Library. Journals were selected for withdrawal if they did not meet ECU's curricular needs (for instance, we withdrew Thoroughbred Record) or if the Library has already purchased archival online access. The online archival journals were compared to the print journals for completeness and legibility prior to making any decision to withdraw the print

volumes. Journals were moved to the Closed Compact area if the Library does not currently subscribe in print, and if either of the following conditions apply: there is current online access, or the last print volume is more than 10 years old. Most of the journals moved were from science, technical, and medical disciplines. The message that displays in the catalog for journals in Closed Compact reads "Joyner Closed Compact Stacks - Ask at the Circulation Desk." Circulation employees will retrieve the requested volumes.

Books that used to be located in the area that is now empty (A-D call numbers) were simply shifted west and up. The General Collection is housed on both 2nd and

3rd floors, and while the split between floors used to occur between the NC and ND call numbers, we have now moved all K's and all N's to the 3rd floor. The L's remain in the Teaching Resources Center. In order to make the space for Project STEPP, we focused on journal runs. Selective monographic weeding is done in conjunction with faculty in the academic departments and nothing about that process has changed.

Many people were involved with this effort; we are grateful for special one-time funding provided by Academic Affairs to support the project.

Please direct any questions concerning this project to [Eleanor Cook](#) or Joseph Thomas.



Seasons Greetings  
from everyone at Joyner Library