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Message from the Dean
John B. Weaver | Dean of Educational Technology and Library Services

The 2016-17 academic year was one of scholarly exploration and Christian calling at the ACU Library. The ACU Press extends its partnerships with the Siburt Institute, creating important print and video resources for Christian ministry and missions, partly through new partnerships in video-production and copy-editing with librarians from the Library Information Services division, which led in the university’s adoption of an ACU Open Access Mandate to provide global and free access to the published scholarship of our Christian faculty. This deep collaboration among university and library departments is also seen by the launch of the “Innovation Foundry” in the Educational Technology division, which led in the development of a mobile app for Summit and initiated a series of technology training sessions to expand digital literacy on campus, which is a priority also seen in the Learning Studio’s initiatives in training for multimedia production, including creativity workshops supporting ACU’s 20/20 grants for faculty innovation in pedagogy, led by the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning. Effectiveness in faculty teaching and student learning were also at the heart of the Maker Lab’s multiple academies, festivals, classes, and honors colloquia, all of which focused on experiential “learning by doing.” Experience of ACU’s Christian heritage among Churches of Christ was the focus of multiple initiatives in Special Collections and Archives, which continued its digitization of Stone-Campbell history for access on ACU’s Digital Commons, with unique development of teaching modules on the history of the Restoration Movement for use in the freshman Cornerstone courses. At the heart of all these outcomes across the library is the dedication of our library faculty, staff, and friends, whose individual contributions are acknowledged at the end of this report. I’m grateful for the insights and higher purpose of all those who are a part of ACU Library, where discovery is calling.
Library Information Services
Mark McCallon | Associate Dean for Library Information Services

Supporting Advanced Study
Our collections form the core of the resources scholars use for research, and our librarians consulted with many degree candidates about their research plan. Because of the resources and expertise the library provides, 37 new researchers successfully defended their work and were awarded advanced degrees.

ACU Faculty Open Access Policy
At the initiative of ACU Library, ACU’s faculty approved an Open Access policy to ensure that scholarship published by faculty is accessible to researchers and students. The policy encourages ACU faculty to ask publishers for permission to make their articles available through ACU’s institutional repository.

Personal Librarian Program
Librarians collaborated with the first year program in teaching Cornerstone, a course that introduces freshmen and transfer students to critical thinking and expectations for college research. The Personal Librarian program matched a librarian with each section of Cornerstone in order to shepherd students through their first big research assignment. Librarians attended classes, co-taught the research portion of the course, made themselves available for research appointments and most importantly, provided connection and personal attention.

Library Hosted Journals
This year we celebrated two new Open Access journals, Discernment: Theology and the Practice of Ministry and Dialogue and Nexus, by offering publishing infrastructure, expertise on best practices, and making the articles discoverable online, including search engine optimization. Because these journals are freely available to the world, we model unique forms of digital scholarship and extend the visibility of ACU’s scholarly work.

Poetry Slam
As part of its emerging campus reading initiative, and partnering with the ACU Language and Literature Department, we were pleased to host the 2016 Poetry Slam which drew a crowd of over 100 people. The event featured open mic time, a display of poetry books from our own collection, and a generous coupon for poetry books from ACU Press.

1. Karen Hendrick, Librarian, consults with a student.
2. Graduate student utilizes library resources.
3. Occupational therapy graduate students feature their project in the library.
The Maker Lab

Creativity and Innovation in the Classroom

Throughout this past year, students came to the Maker Lab to work on projects and class assignments. Art and Design professors brought their students to our makerspace where they made objects such as chairs, coffee tables, birdhouses, lamps, and building models.

**Introduction to Making** is a graduate level course offered to Occupational Therapy (OT) students, and was developed to provide an understanding of design principles, creative problem solving, and prototyping relative to assistive technology and rehabilitation products. Students were challenged to incorporate design methodology into their OT practice.

The Maker Lab hosted **Launching The Venture**, offered to COBA majors and led by Professor Jim Litton. Students met weekly to work and improve their projects and utilized the Maker Lab to develop prototypes. They also met with a panel comprised of other faculty and professionals who provided feedback for their business plans and ideas.

Dr. Brent Reeves led an **Honors Colloquium** on making and flying quadcopters. The course is a result of his research from last year as a faculty fellow, funded by the Maker Lab. Students met in the Maker Lab to plan and build their models, and also heard from distinguished guest speakers, such as Norm Archibald (Mayor of Abilene) and Col. Benson from Dyess Air Force Base.

**Making STEM Fun Again**

The Maker Lab led three workshops in collaboration with CEHS for more than forty middle and high-school teachers as part of the Teacher Quality Grant. The workshops offered unique opportunities exposing STEM principles combined with creative problem solving. Teachers were challenged to develop projects that they could replicate with their students taking into consideration STEM principles.
The Learning Studio
Kyle Dickson | Professor of English and Director of the Learning Studio

The Learning Studio helps students and faculty develop skills of creativity, media fluency, and collaborative problem solving that are essential to careers in the 21st century.

In 2016, the Learning Studio helped launch the 20/20 Teaching Innovation Grants program with faculty workshops that aimed to spark creativity. In August, Kyle Dickson and Mike Wiggins led faculty through an introduction to historical research into how we think about creativity with hands-on design challenges to develop new models for student learning and engagement. Later in the fall, Dan McGregor introduced faculty to urban sketching with a drawing workshop on the streets of Albany that challenged them to go back to square one and remember what it was like to learn something new.

Over the last year we also led dozens of class sessions and workshops to help students develop skills in media literacy and visual storytelling. Twice in the last year, ACU alum and professional photographer Asia Eidson ('14) worked with intermediate photographers and designers. She helped students develop advanced skills in image-making with workshops focused on portrait photography and social media and then followed those field experiences with lab sessions on Adobe Lightroom CC that combined advanced editing and image critique.

Finally, we continued to assist aspiring filmmakers with hands-on workshops to support ACU’s FilmFest short film competition. This year we worked with students of all ranges to obtain the most out of DSLR cameras, audio recording, and lighting gear in our checkout pool.

1. Learning Studio photography workshop participants.
2. Asia Eidson leading a portrait photography workshop.
4. Dan McGregor leads faculty in an outdoor drawing workshop.
The Innovation Foundry

Marisa Beard | Director of Educational Technology

The Innovation Foundry (iF) is a center for collaborative, problem-based research that focused on two projects this year, the Zika Virus Project and the Nerves Internet of Things (IoT) Raspberry Pi Project.

The Zika Virus Project was initiated by Dr. Anita Broxson, a Nursing professor, and four of her senior Nursing students. The students researched the Zika Virus by providing sessions to community organizations and collecting pre- and post-session information via a paper survey. The iF staff members helped the students collect data using Typeform, which was also used later to collect the information from a website. The students also videotaped their presentation and made it available online at the World Wide Witness Canvas course, which is used as part of the training for students entering the mission field.

The Nerves IoT project was initiated by the Innovation Foundry after an “Innovation Friday” presentation on the ‘Internet of Things.’ Students, staff and faculty were encouraged to apply for the project which involved learning a new programming language, a new development platform, and new hands on skills like soldering wires. The goal of the project was to build a distributed weather monitoring system using Raspberry Pi’s, which monitored temperature, captured images, and posted them to Twitter. Nine students, three staff, and one faculty were accepted for the pilot project. The group met for five sessions and presented their completed weather network at the ACU Maker Fest.

1. John Kaczmarek discusses the Internet of Things at an Innovation Friday session.
2,3. Nursing students present the Zika Virus Project.
Special Collections
Carisse Berryhill | Associate Dean for Archives and Collections

Last spring’s Friends of ACU Library dinner honored best-selling author and ACU alumnus Max Lucado ('77) and raised sufficient funds to complete the processing of Lucado’s papers, including Lucado’s annual deposit to the collection in January. Meanwhile, plans are nearly complete for a custom Special Collections exhibit case featuring Lucado materials. Located on the library’s main floor, its inaugural exhibit this fall will draw on the Lucado collection to inform and inspire. Funded by an anonymous donor, the exhibit case will make the library’s unique and intriguing materials accessible for viewing in one of the library’s busiest locations on the main floor.

This year’s exhibit of Lucado’s papers in Special Collections had very special visitors in April: new author and alumna Andrea Lucado ('08), who visited ACU to speak about her first book, *English Lessons*. Andrea came to see her father’s papers and get a behind-the-scenes tour of the archive. We were delighted to see her parents, Max and Denalyn Lucado ('79), with her, enjoying her response to the collection. When she saw the first letter her dad wrote to the publisher of his first book, *On the Anvil*, she exclaimed, “You were asking the same questions I’ve been asking!” and snapped a photo of the letter with her phone. It was touching to see the two of them sharing the experience of being a new author. Archives have this power: to connect the past with the present in a very personal way.

1. The Thomas Campbell pulpit at University Christian Church in Austin, TX at a special 2009 centennial celebration of Thomas Campbell’s Declaration and Address.
2. Two hymnals published by Alexander Campbell, ca. 1850s.
3. Andrea Lucado and her dad Max Lucado.
4. Special Collections Librarian and Archivist, Mac Ice, illustrates how large charts were used in preaching and teaching.
ACU Press

Jason Fikes | Director of ACU Press

ACU Press produces resources used by churches and in classrooms around the country, but the national footprint ACU Press creates for its authors, and for ACU, is sometimes underrecognized.

Take Randy Harris, for example, the longtime Instructor of Bible at ACU, who has become a household name within Churches of Christ and beyond through his *Living Jesus* and *Daring Faith* book and video series published by ACU Press. The sales of *Daring Faith* reached over 3,000.

Most notably, ACU Press helped in convening a writer’s conference in Seattle, and the Press assisted in sponsoring the second annual Diversity Conference for the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities.

**Growing Through Partners**

FY’17 also saw the beginning of the ACU Press Advancement Board who have made a commitment to support the Press financially over the next few years. Their gifts, together with donations from private foundations and individuals, has helped defray the production costs of some of our books. The Advancement board will also assist the Press in identifying new friends that can support our work.

**A Year of Transition**

Our staff experienced changes as we transitioned two staff positions. Additionally, our longtime editor, Gary Myers, went to be with the Lord following a courageous battle with cancer.

**Providing Onsite Support**

ACU Press provided onsite support at these events:

- Elderlink sponsored by ACU’s Siburt Institute in Houston and Indianapolis
- National Conference on Youth Ministry in Daytona Beach, Florida
- Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Writers Retreat, Cedar Springs, Washington
- Summer Celebration, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee
- Stone Campbell Journal Conference, Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Diversity Conference, Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, Nyack College, New York
- American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Malibu, California
- Chief Academic Officers Conference, Council of Christian Colleges and Universities in San Diego, California
The Adams Center

Jennifer Shewmaker | Director of the Adams Center

The Adams Center for Teaching and Learning was created in 1992 to focus on excellence in classroom teaching, and whose objectives “shall be limited only by the creativity and imagination of those who administer the center.” The Adams Center works to support faculty through regular programming to inspire, model, and equip faculty to design creative learning environments.

The Adams Center designs sessions for faculty to support excellent teaching, encourage scholarship, and connect to mission. We host multiple lunch sessions each week, Faculty Fusion -- a mini-conference to kick off each school year -- a summer faculty institute, New Faculty Orientation, the Master Teacher certification program, as well as numerous learning communities and reading groups throughout the school year.

The Adams Center exists as a space where faculty can come to connect with other faculty, find support for their teaching and research, think in innovative ways, and be encouraged in their pursuit of excellence at ACU.
Meet our Library Staff

New to the Library
Chai Green joined us in October as our Digital Design Specialist and Molly Scherer joined us in September as our Communications and Development Officer.

Celebrating Milestones
The following library employees were honored for their dedication and service to ACU.
Karen Hendrick, 30 years; Mark McCallon, 25 years; John B. Weaver, 5 years; Nathan Driskell, 5 years; Jana Davis, Extra Mile Service Award

Farewell to Library Staff Members
Jasmine Hoover moved to Canada, where she will assume the role of Science and Technology Librarian and Jana Davis retired after 28 years at ACU Library.

Library Luncheon Celebrates Student Employees
In appreciation of the hard work and time that the student employees devote to the library, a buffet lunch was prepared in their honor. Here’s a list of those who served this year:

Arleth Alvarez, Andrea Archer, Jeanette Avila, Bianca Barrientos, Kaila Bellinghausen, Andrew Boone, Kayla Bryant, Dylan Bushey, Matt Connel, Cassi Cox, Tyler Davis, Sarah Dannemiller, Sarah Dillinger, Christine Dottle, Jose Garcia, Diego Gonzalez, Tendaishe Gwini, Jackson Hager, Darren Hagood, Gloria Hagood, Adam Hankins, Grace Husbenet, Brittney Johnson, Makayla Jones, Courtney Lefan, Melissa LeFan, Kassandra Kim, Grace-Kelly Muvunyi, John Ryne, Parrish Puckett, Rachel Runnels, Marilyn Salazar, Hatus Santana, Alyssa Terrill, Ben Todd, Ryan Smith, Jeanniece Silas, Julia Teel, Jocelyn Villanueva, Andrew Vun, Savannah Weeks, Nichalee White, Cialee Wood

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Hansen Reading Commons Coming Summer 2018

ACU Library will renovate the Learning Commons into a community space for book browsing and reading and will be full of new and recommended books and periodicals, new shelving, comfortable seating and tables and good lighting will encourage discovery and exploration of new reading. A presentation space will support special literary events, including poetry readings, book signings and celebrations of faculty publications.

This project is funded by a generous gift from Ray Hansen (’53) in memory of his beloved wife, Nancy (Waters ’53) and will be named Nancy and Ray Hansen Reading Commons.

The Reading Commons will also feature an exhibition case funded by an anonymous donor in honor of Max Lucado’s donation to ACU of his personal and professional papers. The case will display rare books and archives from ACU Special Collections, including a permanent display of artifacts and documents from the Max Lucado Collection at ACU.

Pictured from left to right: Lance Reider (’98), Foundation Officer; Dr. John Weaver, Dean of Library Services and Educational Technology; Ray Hansen; and Jim Orr, J.D. (’86), Vice President for Advancement.

Artist’s rendering of the Nancy and Ray Hansen Reading Commons

1. John Weaver and his daughter Josephine say hello to Ray Hansen.
2. Max and Denalyn Lucado visit Special Collections.
3. FACUL Spring Banquet: James and Carolyn Thompson and Brent and Melinda Isbell
Selected Works by Library Faculty and Staff

Presentations


Weaver, J. B. (2016). "Baptism as Sacrament and/or Command.” Paper presentation at ACU Summit Conference. Abilene, TX.

Publications


Awards and Honors

Dr. Marisa Beard received a certificate of completion for the HERs Women in Higher Leadership.

Mac Ice completed a Masters Degree in Library Science and accepted an appointment to the library faculty as Special Collections Librarian at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Mark McCallon was honored by Texas Library Association as Member of the Month.

Dr. Nil Santana was accepted to the Adobe Education Leader Program.

Donald Simpson received a Masters in Learning Technologies and was also awarded Apple Teacher through Apple’s online certification process.

Dr. John Weaver was appointed Deacon at Wylie Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas.

Dr. John Weaver was awarded the 2016 Cullen Research Grant, Abilene Christian University.
By the Numbers

ACU Press
- 11,000 Users accessed the website
- 440 New reviews
- 26 New Titles
- 11 National promotions

$515,000 Book sales
$22,000 Direct website sales

Adams Center
- 1,523 Visits
- 280 Faculty served
- 78 Sessions

Innovation Foundry
- 11 Friday sessions
Projects: Zika Virus, Internet of Things, Sing Song Memories

Learning Studio
- 12,107 Reservations
- 3,048 Check-outs
- 69 Media software & training sessions

Library Collections
- 832,236 Total items held
- 23,582 ACU new items added
- 15,265 Audiovisual collection (CDs, DVDs, etc.)
- 10,701 Archival collections (in linear feet)
- 52,261 E-Journal subscriptions
- 174 Current print journal subscriptions

Library Services
- 14,926 Print checkouts and In-Library use
- 13,905 E-Book usage - entire book
- 22,274 E-Book usage - chapters or sections
- 324,819 E-Resource articles & document downloads
- 5,797 Reference transactions
- 788,228 Total number of library visits
- 17,613 Laptop checkouts
- 1,434 Interlibrary loan borrowed
- 4,026 Interlibrary loan lending to other libraries
- 2,684 Students receiving library instruction
- 152 Classes receiving instruction from librarians
- 379,495 Library home page views
- 91,690 Library subject guides views

Maker Lab
- 7,060 Visits
- 1,562 Tool reservations
- 2,287 Visitor visits
- 714 Registered users

Special Collections
- 455 Collections
- 4,455 Linear feet - personal papers & manuscripts
- 6,246 Linear feet - university records
- 56,832 CRS/Campbell cataloged items
- 1,520 Stone-Campbell items added
- 23,467 Stone-Campbell downloads
- 18,630 West Texas Digital Archives uses
- 3 Public exhibitions on display
- 3 Permanent displays