Murphy Award Winner: Dr. Chia-Chen Yu

Murphy Library is pleased to announce that Dr. Chia-Chen Yu, Professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, has been named the 2012 Eugene W. Murphy Library Recognition Award recipient. On May 1, we will celebrate her significant contributions to Murphy Library. Dr. Yu joins other distinguished winners of this award established in 1986 when Murphy Library, in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Foundation, initiated the annual award in recognition of an individual or group's contributions to the library's mission and program.

Over many years, Dr. Yu has been a strong partner and advocate for Murphy Library on a number of fronts. She served many years on the Faculty Senate Library Committee, notably chairing the committee for three terms, first in 2001/02. As chair in 2006/07 and 2007/08, she had a central role in developing a proposal for library differential funding eventually approved by the student body. This led to significant Academic Initiatives funding to extend student access to e-resources and expand library hours beginning fall semester 2010. The result has been a major improvement in the library learning environment for students in all disciplines. During her years as chair, the Faculty Senate Library Committee developed resolutions passed by both faculty and student senates articulating the rationale for increased library funding for acquisitions. This campus support was a factor in UW System Board of Regents approval for UW libraries legislative funding as part of the 2009/11 biennial budget request.

Dr. Yu greatly values students receiving information literacy instruction to develop research proficiencies. As a teacher she consistently has worked with librarians to build this important library component into her upper level Exercise and Sport Science classes. As the 2001/02 Chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee, she was a proponent of integrating information literacy into the general education curriculum. The Faculty Senate Library committee during this year also worked closely with Murphy Library in exploring the possibility of a library coffee shop. This led to the introduction of the highly popular Murphy’s Mug several years later.

We invite you to join us on May 1 as we recognize Dr. Chia-Chen Yu as the 2012 Murphy Library Recognition Award winner and celebrate her significant contributions to Murphy Library Murphy Library Award Ceremony on Tuesday, May 1, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. the Murphy Library Resource Center, ARC/Special Collections (room 156).

Anita Evans, Library Director

New Librarians at Murphy Library

David Mindel

David Mindel, digital collections / university repository librarian, comes to us from the Library of Congress - World Digital Library in Washington, D.C., where he was a digital conversion specialist. David manages the library's growing digital repository, works directly with faculty, staff, administrators, and students to solicit, preserve, and serve university content, and guides the library in technology software and infrastructure used for digital collections. Stop by and introduce yourself to David in Room 253, or email him at dmindel@uwlax.edu.

Where are you from? Waunakee, WI, a suburb of Madison.

What is your favorite part of the job? My area of librarianship (digital content) really allows me to blend history and technology. Whether I'm holding an Abraham Lincoln letter, touching a 700 year old manuscript, meeting the Librarian of Congress, or operating the latest cutting-edge imaging and photographic equipment, it's librarianship that has provided me with those opportunities.

Teri Talpe

If Teri Talpe, academic engagement and curriculum librarian, looks familiar, it is because she has worked in Special Collections since 2009. In her new role, Teri develops research support and scholarly programming for specific campus student populations, engages with students, faculty and staff, and other academic support offices, and manages the library's curriculum resource center. Say “hi” to Teri in her office in the Curriculum Center, Room 277 or via email at ttalpe@uwlax.edu.

Where are you from? Originally from Whitewater, WI. Spent 20 years in France before returning to the USA, when I obtained my MLS.

What is your favorite part of the job? Connecting people to what they are looking for, meeting all kinds of people, trying to keep up with technology.

What do you do when not at work? Photography, experimental cooking, keep up with my kids in college, help my husband with his crepe business, bike around town and on the trails, have coffee & conversation with friends.
What do you do when not at work? Luckily for me, there is a lot of overlap between my job and what I do in my spare time, including my interests in digital photography and genealogy. Additionally, I enjoy hiking, watching a good independent film, and especially traveling (preferably out of a backpack and off the beaten path). In my last few adventures, I found myself used-book shopping in Zimbabwe, changing a flat tire in Jamaica, riding a camel in the Negev, receiving a sonogram in Ukraine, being nearly trampled by a mule in Peru, and hiking with a shaman in Botswana.

What have you read/viewed/listened to, etc. recently?
Read: Analysis of Sharpness Increase by Image Noise
Viewed: Portlandia
Listened: CBC Radio 3

What might surprise us about you? I own a metal detector. I've gone skydiving. I've played guitar for 15 years (and I'm looking for a band).

### Drake Quiet Study Room in Murphy Library

Students like to study in the comfort of their residence hall basements, which are cozy, homey, with comfortable couches, tables and chairs and often delicious smells wafting from the kitchen area. Students can’t beat the location either - with Murphy Library’s instant reference chat service, email reference service, online databases, and research guides, students have library services brought right to their favorite location!

When Drake students lost their residence hall in late January, right at the start of a new semester, the library contacted the Office of Residence Life with a plan to provide a quiet study space for Drake residents. Drake Hall Academic Coordinator, Lauren Mobley, sent a poll to her fellow Drake Hall residents, all dispersed in various residence halls on campus, who gave the answer, “Quiet space to study - Yes!”

Murphy Library Room 121 is now “Drake Quiet Study Space” and is open during regular open hours. When asked how things were going, Lauren had this to say: “Virtually every time I’ve used or checked in on the study space I’ve seen people using it, just to say that means that it has been a success! It was incredibly kind of the staff in Murphy Library to offer the space for Drake residents to use. We’ve already held a ‘Study and Snacks’ program there and the Executive Team is planning on duplicating the program during finals week.”

Events that usually take place in room 121, like the upcoming spring book sale, will be in room 270, upstairs in Murphy Library. We hope to see you there!

**Text Talks, Academic Engagement & Curriculum Librarian**

### O Say Can You See

An iconic artifact in the holdings of Special Collections was recently brought out of storage; an old, large United States flag. A cryptic note, handwritten in pencil, was with the flag. The note reads: “Dr. Palmer flag. He used during Civil War? 38 stars large size.”

The flag is indeed large: it measures 5’2” x 10’8”. It does indeed have 38 stars. It is not from the Civil War, though. A United States flag with 38 stars dates from 1877-1890 when there were 38 states in the Union.

The flag is made out of silk and is in surprisingly good condition considering its age and size. It was machine stitched but presumably done by hand as the red and white stripes and the 38 stars do not have the regular spacing of a factory-made product.

The flag was brought out of storage to be measured and physically rehoused. It is too big to be stored in the preferred manner for such objects: flat and in a map cabinet. The flag is so large it had to be laid out on the floor of Special Collections. (See photos)

Then, the flag was carefully placed between multiple layers of acid-free tissue paper, gently rolled onto a tube, and placed back in storage.

And who was this “Dr. Palmer” that the flag’s ownership is attributed to? A search of La Crosse city directories did not reveal any medical doctors by that name, but there was a dentist, Dr. Edgar Palmer. Dr. Palmer had an established practice in La Crosse as he is listed for almost 30 years in the city directories, from 1868 until 1896. Further, an article in the May 24, 1901, issue of the La Crosse Daily Republican and Leader newspaper reported that Dr. Palmer and his wife had moved to Los Angeles, California, where Dr. Palmer had become dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Palmer had a prominent office while in La Crosse at 402 Main St., on the corner of 4th and Main St., in the Gile Building. That building was later upholstery for use as a backdrop for the flag. And who was this “Dr. Palmer” that the flag’s ownership is attributed to? A search of La Crosse city directories did not reveal any medical doctors by that name, but there was a dentist, Dr. Edgar Palmer. Dr. Palmer had an established practice in La Crosse as he is listed for almost 30 years in the city directories, from 1868 until 1896. Further, an article in the May 24, 1901, issue of the La Crosse Daily Republican and Leader newspaper reported that Dr. Palmer and his wife had moved to Los Angeles, California, where Dr. Palmer had become dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Palmer had a prominent office while in La Crosse at 402 Main St., on the corner of 4th and Main St., in the Gile Building. That building was later
replaced by the Doerflinger Building. Dr. Palmer’s residence was at 234 S. 11th St. in La Crosse, a structure that no longer stands.

Questions about the flag, though, remain: Why did Dr. Palmer have this large flag? How did he come by it? Was it ever flown in La Crosse, perhaps over his business or home? Ah, those questions and more are the basis for future research. Good luck to those who tackle them!

Paul Beck, Special Collections Librarian

### 6th Annual STEMSS Program

On March 5, 2012, the Alice Hagar Curriculum Center in Murphy Library was once again filled with more than 100 local educators, students, and UW-L faculty and staff learning about award-winning books in science, technology, engineering, math, and social studies (STEMSS). The 6th Annual Teacher Resource Day, organized by Tim Gerber, professor of biology at UW-L, highlighted award-winning books and materials purchased from Science Books & Films’ “Best Lists,” the National Science Teachers Association’s “Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children,” NCSS “Notable Tradebooks,” and other sources.

Piloted in April 2007, Teacher Resource Day is an event produced through collaboration among a group of UW-L content faculty, teacher education faculty, and Murphy library staff. The event allows participants to peruse the latest quality, non-fiction STEM and Social Studies trade books, DVD’s, etc., to explore the UW-L STEMSS website, which provides supporting materials, and to network with other professionals and students interested in STEMSS education.

### Microform Cancellations

Murphy Library's collections of microfilm, microfiche, and other microforms often provide access to historical materials not available elsewhere. In addition, the library purchases quite a few periodicals in microfilm format, receiving recent years in microfilm instead of saving them as bound copies.

In today's environment of readily-available electronic access to current and recent periodicals, the need for microfilm versions of these titles is greatly diminished. Therefore the library is proposing to cancel a number of subscriptions to periodicals in microfilm.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to review the proposed cancellations in their disciplines at the [Recommended Microform Cancellations 2012](#) web page.

Please submit comments to Jen Holman, electronic resources/periodicals librarian (jholman@uwlax.edu or 5-8395) or John Jax, collection and resource development librarian (jjax@uwlax.edu or 5-8567).

### Thank you to book donors

Murphy Library wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of those who have donated books this past year. Each donation greatly improves our collections in many ways such as in the diversity of subject offerings and by allowing us to stretch our purchasing power.

**How do I donate items to Murphy Library?**

Donations can either be dropped off at the library or picked up at your office or home. Please call (608) 785-8509 to schedule a donation pick up or drop off. Donations can be picked up during normal business hours.

**What happens to materials after they are donated?**

Once donations are received at the library, they are counted and sorted. The sorted materials are reviewed; the staff decides what will be added to the library’s collection, what will be offered to other UW System campuses, and what will be sold in our semi-annual book sale. The materials given to the book sale are instrumental in helping the library raise funds for staff development and library acquisitions. Books that are added to the collection are either replacements for missing books or books needed to expand the Library’s collection.

Thank you for your interest in Murphy Library’s book donation program. To inquire about donating, please contact John Jax (785-8567) or Karen Lange (785-8305).

John Jax, Collection and Resource Development Librarian

### Notable Student-Funded Resources

- Joyce Arthur
- Mary Baldwin
- Mark Beckerjeck
- Sarah Bentley
- John Betton
- Mathew Cashion
- Michael Current
- Curtis Czerwinski
- Bill Doering
- Susan Ehereenman
- John Gardner
- Tim Gerber
- John Gray
- Ed Hill
- Andy Hoelzen
- Jen Holman
- Deb Hoskins
- John Jax
- Sandra Krajewski
- Kris & Paul Kuck
- John Magerus
- Betsy Morgan
- Adelli Potts
- Chris Prucha
- Michele Strange
- Teni Talpe
The Vogue Archive

In addition to fashion and design, The Vogue Archive provides an historical look at American culture, changes in social norms and customs, and popular literary trends. It includes features on popular cultural figures of the day from Marlene Dietrich and The Beatles to Nicole Kidman and Beyoncé, as well as prominent American women from Jackie Kennedy to Michelle Obama. It encompasses literary works by Kate Chopin, Evelyn Waugh, Vladimir Nabokov, and Carson McCullers, articles by Winston Churchill and Bertrand Russell, wartime photojournalism by Lee Miller, and much more.

The Vogue Archive contains the entire run of Vogue magazine (US edition), from the first issue in 1892 to the current month, reproduced in high-resolution color page images. Every page, advertisement, cover, and fold-out has been included, with rich indexing enabling you to find images by garment type, designer, and brand name.

Opposing Viewpoints

The renowned Greenhaven Press Series, Opposing Viewpoints, is now online with expanded content, resulting in a vast collection of current, credible pro/con resources.

Recent topics include a thorough exploration of the Occupy Wall Street movement, the drive to create green cities, illegal immigration, and current controversies related to rebuilding the World Trade Center site.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context includes more than 14,000 pro/con viewpoint essays, nearly 5,000 topic overviews, 300+ primary source documents, 300+ biographies of social activists and reformers, 775+ court-case overviews, 334 profiles of federal agencies and special interest groups, nearly 6,000 statistical tables, charts and graphs, 1,800+ images, and much more.

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La Crosse in Light and Shadow

Edited by Ed Hill and Douglas Connell

Available for $40.00 plus $3.00 shipping and handling.

Proceeds from the book go to the Murphy Library Endowment Fund.

For more information and purchase instructions, visit Murphy Library Special Collections.

August Moon by Michael Blaser

This magnificent oil painting, commissioned for Murphy Library, hangs in the library’s Special Collections area. Limited edition prints are available for sale.

More information is available through Murphy Library, (608)785-8511, and at the library's August Moon Website.

Support Murphy Library

Make a Difference! Support the Murphy Library Endowment Fund and Honor with Books Program.

Maintaining the level of excellence expected in our academic community creates challenges for today's university libraries.

In 1989, Murphy Library at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse established an endowment fund to support and enhance the special needs of the library.

Help make a difference in the 21st century! One way to make that difference is honoring someone with a book plate in a newly purchased book. For more information and donation instructions visit the Honor with Books Program website.

For general information on other options for giving to the Murphy Library Endowment Fund, please visit the library Endowment Fund website.

Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund in Oral History

The Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 1994 in honor of history professor and oral historian Howard Fredericks. The fund supports the university’s oral history program, which is an active and useful primary resource for the region.

Contributions are greatly appreciated and may be sent to:

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