ISU Libraries and the Office of Research honored the scholarly and creative work of ISU Faculty for 2015 at a reception on Nov. 9, 2016. Held in the Library’s Blackrock Commons area, the third annual event featured ISU faculty Dr. Grant Harville, Dr. Ben Crosby, and Bethany Shultz-Hurst, who each discussed their work. The Library created an exhibit comprised of one representative work for each of the 291 faculty who published, performed, etc. in 2015. A total of 1,417 works was noted in the exhibit and available for attendees to peruse.

Next year’s event has been set to occur on Nov. 2, 2017 also in the Blackrock Commons area.

Currently we are seeking donations to purchase the digital collection “American Indian Histories and Cultures” for ISU. Buying this collection will strengthen our university holdings in Native American studies and support the work of ISU students and faculty, particularly those in the departments of History, Anthropology, and English. For detailed information about the collection and how to contribute go to supportisu.org/campaign/library.

“American Indian Histories and Cultures” provides access to a rich variety of material such as manuscripts, artwork, American Indian newspapers, rare printed books, photographs, and maps from the Edward E. Ayer Collection at the Newberry Library (Chicago). The wide range of material included in the collection presents a unique insight into interactions between American Indians and Europeans from their earliest contact, continuing through the turbulence of the American Civil War, the on-going repercussions of government legislation, right up to the civil rights movement of the mid- to late-twentieth century.

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ISU Art Department Faculty Featured in Library Exhibit

For its first art show of the year, the Library hosted an exhibit of artwork by faculty and graduate students from the Art Department. Paintings, prints, sculptures, calligraphy, jewelry, artist books, ceramics, and mixed media works were on display from early January through the end of March.

The exhibit afforded an excellent opportunity to experience the variety of talent and creative mediums available through the ISU’s Art Department, a part of the College of Arts and Letters. Artists represented were Art Department Chair, Jeffrey Austkris, who helped organize the exhibit, Naomi S. Adams, Laura Adams, Amy Jo Popa, and Douglas Warnock.

Most of the student work was able to attend the reception February 9, including faculty and staff members from ISU as well as a number of community members. The current show features nature photography by Blake Adams artist, John W. Stilwell. For more information about art in the Library, please contact Kristi at austkris@isu.edu or (208) 282-4073.

Disaster Planning Workshop at Oboler Library

On Friday, October 21, the Western States & Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPALS) with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, sponsored the workshop, “Protecting Cultural Collections: Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery.”

Fourteen individuals representing four institutions attended, including faculty and staff from the ISU Library, curatorial staff from the Idaho Museum of Natural History, the Bannock County Historical Museum, Utah State University Special Collections, and faculty and students from the Museum Studies course taught this fall at ISU. “Protecting Cultural Collections” was presented in a sequence of two-archived webinars plus one-day-long, in-person workshop, resulting in the following outcomes: completion of a disaster plan and collection salvage plan; learning how to effectively train staff in the implementation of the plan; setting up and post-disaster action priorities for collections; understanding practical decision-making skills needed during a disaster; and experiencing salvage procedures for books, documents, photographs, and objects.

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