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Spring 2018
Chair Speaks

This has been an interesting semester for the Department of Library and Learning Technologies. I am happy to report that enrollment trends in the BSED and BSLS are good and on the upswing, and the enrollment in the MLS and MEd programs is actually quite robust.

This semester has been something of a harbinger of change. Our dear friend and colleague, Prof. Nancy Latanision, has announced her retirement and will be leaving us after a long and storied Library Science career of over 43 years. Happily, Nancy will be teaching through the summer one semester, so if you haven’t had a chance to wish her farewell, please do so.

While Nancy will never be succeeded, a new faculty member will be joining our program in the fall. That position has been advertised, and applications are being actively solicited and reviewed by the department’s search committee.

As you may have heard, changes to the Gen Ed curriculum are afoot. The BSED and BSLS grids will evolve somewhat significantly for incoming freshman. The new grid sheet will feature a common “across the University” Gen Ed slate of offerings that will give students more flexibility in customizing a Gen Ed sequence that suits their avocational and professional interests, while allowing for the easier transfer from one program to another during a student’s freshman and sophomore years.

April/May always seems to be a frenetic time of year for students and faculty. As we move closer to the end of the semester and into the glorious days of summer, I encourage you reflect on your hard work in the past year, but also, and perhaps more importantly, to make time for vacations, friends and family.

It has been a pleasure being your chair this semester and I look forward to working with you all again in the fall.

William Jefferson
Interim Department Chair
Department of Library & Learning Technologies
Prof. Willam Jefferson:
Nancy,

It is hard for me to believe we have been working together at Kutztown for over a decade! You have been a joy to work with and a real mentor to me for everything from the PSLA Model Curriculum to the PDE 430 to modeling classroom teaching strategies. More importantly, you have been a wonderful teammate and the heart of our School Library program. I will always remember your enthusiasm, positivity and commitment to our students. You have truly been central to our department and profession, and will be missed by all. Best wishes for a wonderful retirement free of meetings, site visits and late night grading!

Prof. Roseanne Perkins:
Nancy,

In my self-deprecating way, I joked on more than one occasion that you and I complemented each other’s strengths so well that, together, we were almost a whole person. You must know I was selling you short. Together, you and I have been almost a whole program at the undergraduate and graduate level here at KU. Your experience, your perspective, and your sense of humor have helped to keep our students, and me, on track and still having fun. I admire the way you can juggle student teaching observations, multiple course preps, and still show up for work with a bag that matches your shoes and your watch on days when I can barely manage a ponytail. I will miss you terribly, but I am so happy that you will be enjoying a well-deserved retirement!
Dr. Andrea Harmer:
Nancy Latanision has been the rock of the library science education major at Kutztown University for as long as I have known her, over 11 years. She counsels and prepares her student teacher librarians by sharing her own real-world experiences in the school library, offering solutions to common, and sometimes frighteningly complex, problems with ease. Not only does she share her vast knowledge of school librarianship with students, she also serves as their role model for librarian leadership at the state level through her many productive roles in the Pennsylvania State Librarian's Association. Her state-wide network of school librarians is truly impressive! She cares about everyone's achievements and does so with a genuine sense of joy and humor! Simply put, Nancy is irreplaceable! We will miss her tremendously in the department, but certainly wish her and her husband and family the best as she embarks on her newest journey of retirement. Congratulations on your well deserved days in the sun, Nancy!

Dr. John Ward:
It was a pleasure and an honor getting to know you this year Nancy. You are a true model of a faculty member who gives her all to your students and to Kutztown. Best wishes in retirement and I hope to see you at library and other events in the coming years.

Julie Setliff:
Queen Nancy,
You are amazing. Every day you walk in with that cool style, an infectious smile, a fun story and with a positivity that emanates throughout the department. You happily go above and beyond for all of those around you. I do not know what we will do without you here. You’ve had such an incredible career-so many accomplishments-so much hard work. But, it’s that big heart, the positive encouragement, and that beautiful soul I will miss the most.
Your sister in purple,
Princess Julie

Karen Wanamaker:
Nancy,
It has been a pleasure working with you. You have a natural and contagious enthusiasm for your field that has garnered the respect and admiration of students and peers throughout the entire state. Your legacy will live on in all those students you had as a librarian and as a professor. We were so fortunate to have you here at Kutztown! Best wishes for a fantastic next chapter!
Our undergraduate assistant for the Library & Learning Technologies Department for the 2017-2018 academic year is transferring schools at the conclusion of this year. We wanted to give her the spotlight to share a little bit about herself and her time here at KU. Thanks for all of your hard work this year Madison, you'll be sorely missed!

**Current Year:** Third Year Sophomore

**Current Program:** Computer Science- IT

**Where Are You Transferring?**
I’m transferring to York College of Pennsylvania into their software engineering major. I’m also considering a minor in biology or forensics.

**Future Plans?**
I’m hoping to work in biotechnology; however, my interests also lie in web development, databases, and artificial intelligence.

**What’s It Been Like Working For The L&LT Department?**
I’ve actually very much enjoyed working for the LibSci department this year. I’m not really sure what I was expecting; I applied for the job simply because I love libraries and wanted to work here as opposed to say working in the CS dept., but the people here are super nice and I actually learned a bit more about the library science field than I thought I would.

**What’s Your Favorite Memory From Your Time at KU?**
"The Wall of Rain". It's about 5-6 PM, I’m in my dorm and it’s getting rather dark, and I keep hearing distant thunder, and then out of nowhere I hear screaming. Naturally, I get up to look outside to see what the deal is about. There’s two guys running for the dining hall's front doors, being chased by a wall of rain. It was the funniest thing I have ever seen to date.

GOOD LUCK!
WE’LL MISS YOU!
December Graduation

Congratulations!
Emily Calaman
Beth Kefer
Jenelle Bruno
THE JACK R. LUSKAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jack R. Luskay Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of one of the original founders of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association. This annual award was designed for a practicing or prospective school librarian who is granted a monetary award to be used towards transportation, registration fee, membership dues, and hotel/meal expenses to attend the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Conference. This year's recipient was Alyssa Daney, a senior in the Library Science Program. Alyssa is a member of Alpha Beta Alpha, the undergraduate library science fraternity at Kutztown, as well as the university's Honors Program. She was presented with the award on May 4th at the PSLA Conference. From all of us at the Library & Learning Technologies Department, congratulations Alyssa!
Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Megan Griesemer

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Courtney Aaron

PSLA Distinguished Service Award
Prof. Nancy Latanision
The 2018 Spring Book Review took place on April 10th in the Alumni Auditorium. Presenters at the event included members of the KU community such as Karen Wanamaker, Cynthia Stunkard, Dr. Mary Ann O'Neil, and many others, who shared reviews of their favorite selections from the Fall Book Review. After the wonderful assortment of presentations, over 100 total books were taken home by the attendees. These books will be reviewed and published in the Fall Review Book, which will be revealed at the event on November 13th.

You can access the pdf of the 2018 Spring Book Review on the L&LT website!

Visit: https://www.kutztown.edu/libraryscience
On April 13th, the library science fraternity, ABA, came together to celebrate another great year here at KU! At this year's banquet, graduating members were recognized and a special farewell was given to Professor Nancy Latanision, who will be retiring at the end of this academic year.
Teen Library Day

with visiting author

Paul Acampora

Oct. 24, 2018
Schaeffer Auditorium

To make reservations contact jsetliff@kutztown.edu
SAVE THE DATE!

FALL BOOK REVIEW

November 13, 2018
7-9 PM, MSU 183
Questions? Contact:
libsci@kutztown.edu
YOUR ADDED ENTRIES

Do you have some news that you'd like to share with your old classmates? Send an e-mail to libsci@kutztown.edu with announcements, marriages, births, degrees, career advancements and more, to be featured in the next Added Entries!