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# The Owl

*"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the ducks begin to fall." — Bagel*

## New Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP) leaves Libraries with 42 jobs to fill; Tom Owen sole faculty member left to serve on search committees

*IN A RELATED STORY:* VSIP drops the mean age of UofL Libraries faculty and staff one entire generation!

## Cardinal Bird returns from Papal Conclave in Rome

*"I might have misunderstood the invitation," he said.*



## SyFy Channel's Ghost Hunters Visit Digital Collections

"We heard you had signs of ghosts in Louisville," says host Jason Hawes. "We think they meant the Ghost Signs project," explains Rachel Howard.

## Medical students flock to Kentucky Science Center for BODY WORLDS *Vital* exhibit. Kornhauser Library closes for the duration.

Says Nixon, "If it's good enough for the Speed Museum ..."  
*Related Story:* Nixon Recommends Adding Real Bodies to the Kornhauser Display Cases. "That'll bring 'em in!"



Development Officer Denise Nuehring offers \$5.00 pony rides as fund raiser. Millie (pictured) will come to work with Denise M-W-F, with proceeds going to her annual development quota.

*Says Nuehring, "Finding that loophole about the ban on pets at work was the hardest part!"*

## A Louisvillian in Paris

*Post-retirement, Bill Carner has been touring the sights of Paris and sending us a series of snapshots of his trip.*



## Academic Final Four: Which Plan Will Make It Happen Here?

21st Century  
1 University Initiative

Charting Our Course  
4 Capital Campaign

Libraries  
2 Strategic Plan

i2a Critical  
3 Thinking QEP

Champion

## DPS puts out APB on the TPB

Toilet Paper Bandit causes libraries' budget to go bottoms up! "We're wiped without these necessary supplies," says Regina Brown, Custodial Supervisor.



## New Harlem Shake app added to all library computers Mandatory dancing at 10:00, 2:00 and 4:00.

"This should keep the Get Healthy Now program off our backs," says Dean Fox.

## Successful Experiment:



*Photo  
Archives'  
darkroom  
roaches  
drive out  
bed bugs.*

## ASC Merger Stymied: Archivists Refuse to Relinquish Elevated Status.

Daniels declares, "We agree to merge the collections but we REFUSE to move to the Lower Level."

## RRS adds Virtual Robot for eBooks

*X-Men Sequel: Libraries and Librarians!* Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie star as married couple superheroes and librarians. (Or is that redundant!)



Bill Carner continues his Paris sightseeing at the Eiffel Tower. "It's not as shiny as the real one in Las Vegas," he observes.



## Rare Books adds ebooks to its collections

Delinda Buie declares that *Moby Dick* first edition can be tossed. "Now that it's digitized, we can use it as a doorstep for all I care," she shrugs.

## Go Green!

### Library Is Top Campus Recycler

Andy Clark looks to increase paper recycling counts by recycling all third and fourth floor printed collections.

## Incessant Student Demands for 24/7 Library Hours Granted

*Board of Trustees  
renames building  
Ekstrom  
Dormitory.*

## YUM Center converted to University parking

### Karen Little Trains Cats to Detect Bed Bugs

"Bed bug sniffing cats aren't like those dogs who work for food," Little warns. "These cats have a union and will only work when they are in the mood."



*Kitty Peter Parker taking a break from Bed Bug Detail.*

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# Library and Department News

## Ekstrom Library

### Office of the Dean

#### *New Hire*

Marcy Werner has accepted the position of Library Specialist with Archives & Special Collections effective April 15, 2013. Marcy will report to Elizabeth Reilly.

### Office of Library Technology

#### *File (U Drive) and Group Share Migration to [Virtual Center Server](#)*

Thanks to Craig, Calvin and Adam's hard work, the migration has been completed successfully (except for a few minor permission issues for some individuals).

#### *Open Conference Systems*

[Open Conference Systems](#) is open source conference management software developed, supported, and freely distributed by the [Public Knowledge Project](#) (PKP) under the GNU General Public License. PKP server has been migrated to Virtual Center. A new component of PKP server was released to support the Thomas R. Watson Conference, a biennial international conference hosted by the University of Louisville around a theme in rhetoric and composition (<http://conferences.library.louisville.edu>).

#### *Instructional Lab Scheduling System*

The scheduling system has been upgraded to a newer version. This upgrade resolved the off-campus access issue.

#### *Upcoming Server Upgrades*

Libs\_medial migration (scheduled for 3/8) has been postponed until further notice.

The ILLiad server software upgrade (scheduled for 3/15) was postponed to the end of March.

## Reference & Information Literacy

Fannie Cox and Latisha Reynolds both attended the [ALA 2013 Midwinter Meeting](#) in Seattle, Washington, January 26 – 29.

Mike Wilson's article "The Role of Library Liaison as Consultant" was published in *Kentucky Libraries*, Winter 2013, Vol. 77 Issue 1, p. 14-19.

Anna Marie Johnson's article "[Information Literacy Instruction for an Honors Program First-Year Orientation: Lessons Learned over 15 Years of a Sustainable Partnership](#)" was published in *Communications in Information Literacy*, Vol. 6, No. 2.

Rob Detmering wrote a summary of his and Claudene Sproles' *College and Research Libraries* article for the blog *Hiring Librarians*: "[Researcher's Corner: Entry-Level Reference Skills in Academic Libraries: Ad-ing Them Up.](#)"

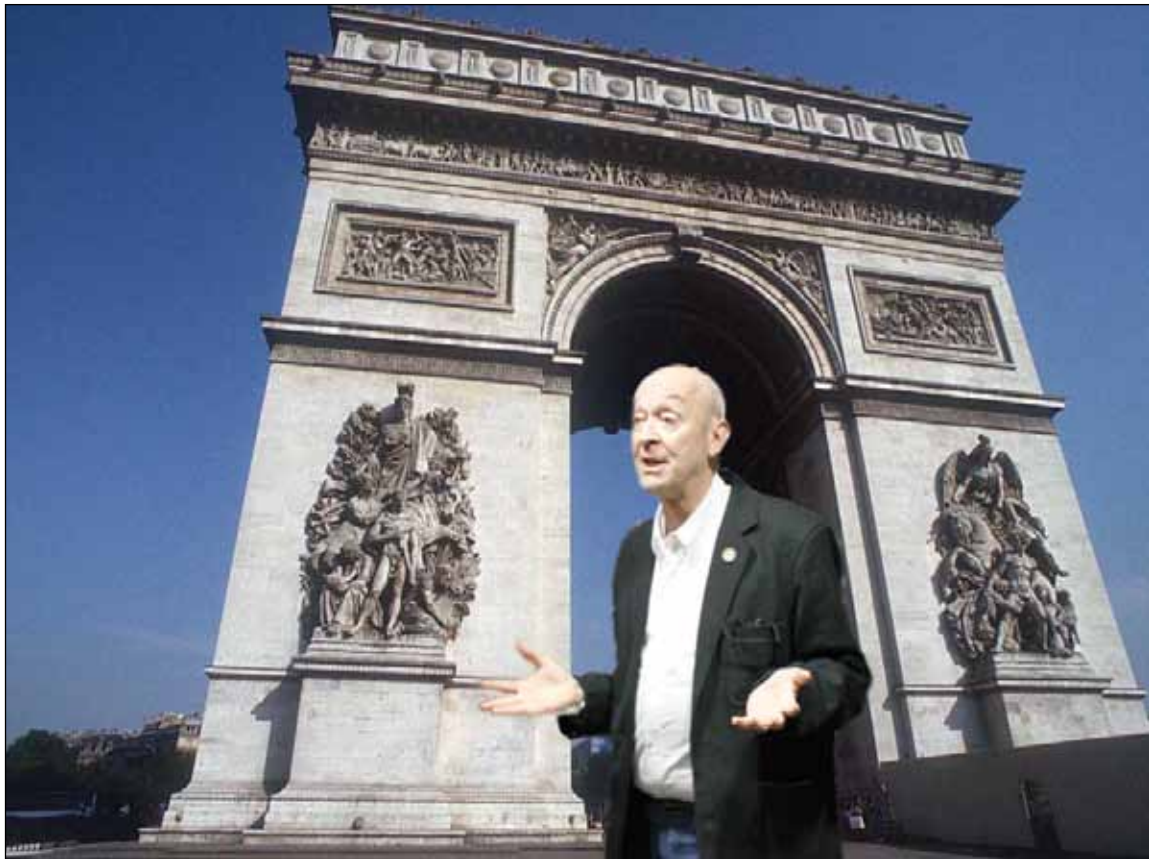
## Kornhauser Library

On Wednesday March 27, Felix Garza was part of a panel discussion on the legacy of Cesar Chavez and his leader-



ship of the United Farm Workers. The event took place in the Elaine Chao Auditorium, and it launched a three-day celebration in honor of César Chávez.

Kornhauser has welcomed several new student assistants this semester: Riley Cantrall, Jonathan Britt, Katherine O'Daniel, Leslie Faulkner and Kieshia Talley-Paige.



**THANK YOU!**

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... for contributing to this issue of The Owl



## EKSTROM LIBRARY ADVENTURES

by "Cap'n" Brittney Thompson and Evan Butler

Remember the days of old when things were a lot simpler in Ekstrom Library? Ah yes, those were the good days. Instead of conveniently placed signs and easy-to-read directions helping students get what they needed, we would make intricate YouTube videos for all of their scholarly needs. The visual tutorials known as *Ekstrom Library Adventures* hosted a cast like no other. Despite a heavy hiatus due to all of the writers transferring to clown college, every show has its break-out star. The lead role of these adventures was handed to the prestigious Josh Whitacre.

Josh's career all started before he was even born when a palm reader told Ms. Whitacre that she was with child, but not just any child, *the* child. Josh went on to do great things in his life after birth, but he would find that all of his accomplishments fell short of his ultimate destiny of becoming the next big star. We caught up with Josh's former co-star Matt Goldberg (fondly remembered as Robot Number 1 from the RRS video). He had this to say:

"You know how everyone says up-and-coming actors are going to be the next Tom Cruise or the next Will Smith? Well, the next up-and-coming actor will be the next Josh Whitacre!"



Josh was selected to be in the *Ekstrom Library Adventures* when no one else in any department wanted to be in them. Looks like everyone missed out! Josh just happened to walk into Baxter Avenue Theatres, ready for the opening night of *Silver Linings Playbook*, when he was spotted by a famous producer (who asked that his name be withheld) who declared, "Your jaw line is stronger than Bradley Cooper's! You should replace him in everything! Aren't you the guy from *Ekstrom Library Adventures*?"

We caught up with the *Ekstrom Library Adventures* producer, E-diz, to ask him questions about Josh's recent rise to fame. "The first time I saw Josh I knew he was born to be a star and I was the gateway to his first production. I love his acting more than I could ever love a human baby."

Josh will be working with a few upcoming films, including:

<i>'Murica</i>	<i>Iron Man 3</i>
<i>Silver Linings Playbook 2</i>	<i>The Hangover 3</i>
<i>Mighty Ducks 4</i>	<i>Dusky Midnight: The Twilight Prequel</i> (head writer)
<i>Space Jam 2015</i>	<i>Fifty Shades of Grey: The Movie</i> (producer)

All Josh Whitacre movies will be available at the Media Resources desk as soon as they hit the shelves. Josh might be swimming in loads of money from his new Hollywood career, but we'll always remember him as the lovable character "Josh" from *Ekstrom Library Adventures*.



## NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Maurini Strub

*UofL position and dept:* User Experience/Assessment Librarian, Dean's Office

*Hometown:* Diego Martin, Trinidad & Tobago

*Schools attended:* Oakland University and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

*Significant other/family members:* Husband, Andy

*Pets:* Catya, yes, she's a cat; and Max(imilian), a not-terribly-smart-but-incredibly-loyal dog

*Zodiac sign:* Pisces

*Hobbies/Activities:* Biking, biking, and biking. Oh, and walking.

*Favorite vacation spot:* Trinidad

*Favorite quote:*

***Lagom är bäst -***

***Enough is as good as a feast -***

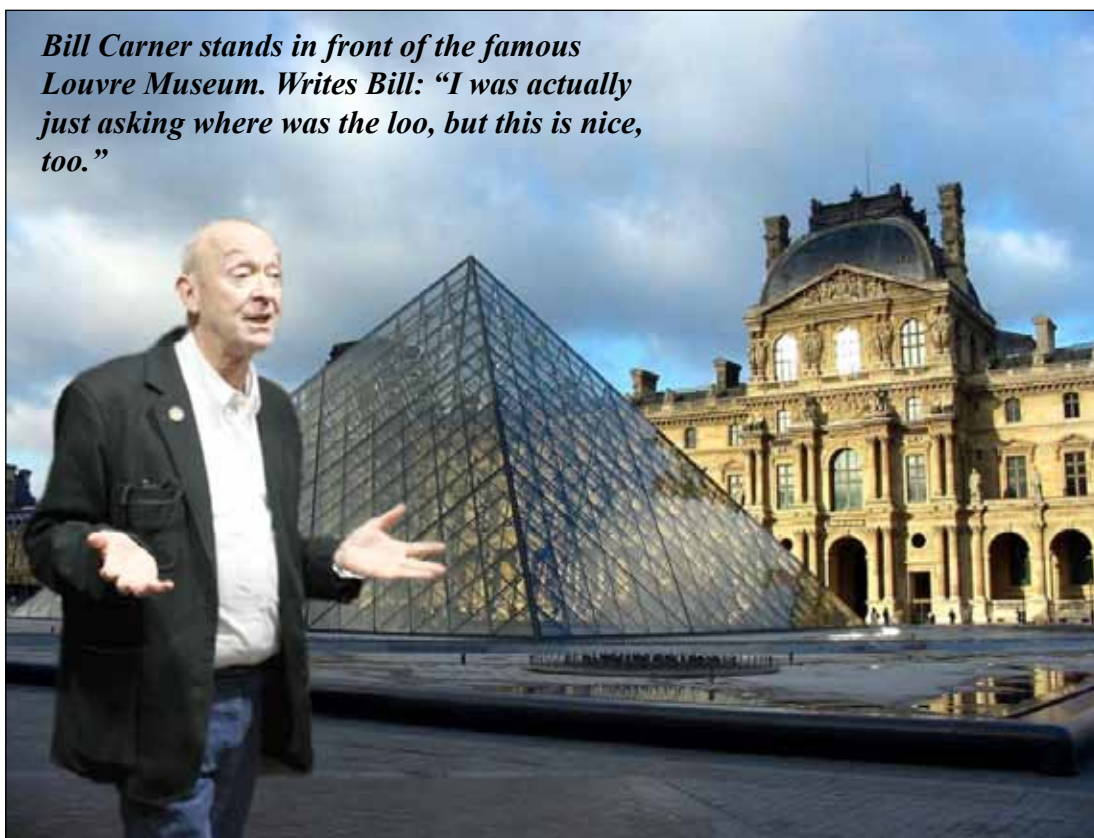
***För mycket och för litet skämmer allt.***

***Too much and too little spoils everything.***

*Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself:* As transplant from warm and sunny Trinidad, I've adapted to a colder climate. However, I love the sun, its warmth and the energy I get from it. I've been a swim instructor, lifeguard, and even an insurance cold caller (\*ducks from flying objects\*). I'm currently obsessed with bicycling and hope to bike my first century this summer.



***Bill Carner stands in front of the famous Louvre Museum. Writes Bill: "I was actually just asking where was the loo, but this is nice, too."***



# Library Exhibits

## **Ekstrom Library**

### **Kain Gallery, Rare Books**

#### ***Harlan and Anna Hubbard Collection***

This first exhibit of the newly-combined library – Archives and Special Collections – includes correspondence, journals, literary production and artwork of Harlan and Anna Hubbard from the University Archives and Records Center.

**February 21 – Spring Semester 2013**

## **Photographic Archives Gallery**

### ***FSA in Kentucky***

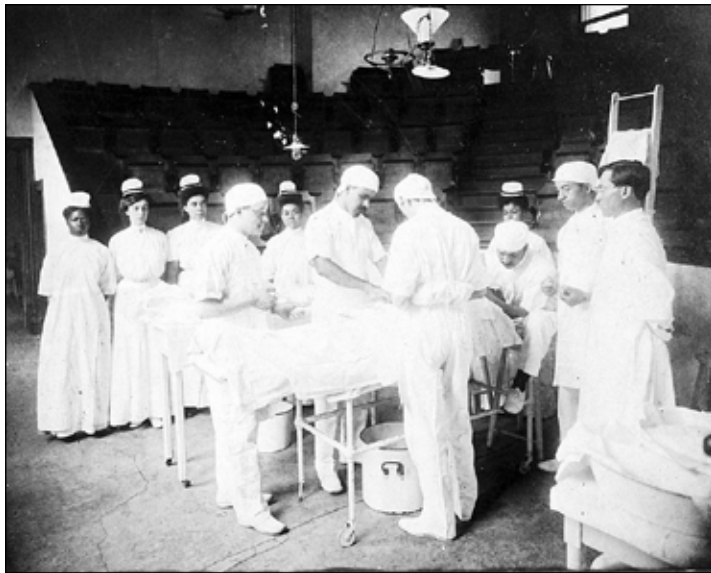
Documentary photographs of Kentucky taken in support of the Farm Security Administration during the 1930s and 1940s

**February 8 – Spring Semester 2013**

## **Second Floor, East Wing**

### ***UNBOUND***

Permanent exhibit produced by UofL photography professor Mary Carothers, and her Advanced Photography class and funded in part by CODRE (UofL Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality).



Above: Freemans Hospital, Howard University 1903. Courtesy of the National Library of Medicine

## **Music Library**

### **First Floor**

#### ***Works of Michel van der Aa***

Winner of the 2013 Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition

**Through April**



Above: Hubbard Collection. Sketch for cover design for *Payne Hollow, Life on the Fringe of Society*

## **Kornhauser Library**

### ***Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons***

This exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

**April – May 22, 2013**





