



The Owl

"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the dusk begins to fall." — Hegel

Sustainability at the Library

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Most environmentalists have heard of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) slogan: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Here at the University of Louisville (UofL), we put that slogan into practice and in 2017 diverted 77.8% of waste from landfills. Recently a training was held at Ekstrom Library on sustainability initiatives and recycling at UofL. For those who were not able to attend, below are a quick recap of the training, and additional suggestions of how you can incorporate more sustainability-focused practices into your everyday life!



Reduce

One way you can easily reduce your environmental impact is by minimizing the amount of food you waste and throw away. Minimizing food waste reduces methane emissions from landfills, conserves the energy and resources used to produce the unused food, and saves you money. Planning meals, prepping perishable foods, storing fresh foods, and using up old ingredients and leftovers can help you reduce the amount of food your household wastes. The EPA provides a helpful guide with tips you can incorporate into your everyday life: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home>

Another way to reduce your environmental impact is by composting your food scraps and yard waste. Turning your food and yard waste into compost keeps those materials out of landfills, and compost acts as a soil amendment which can improve the performance of your garden. Every Sunday from 12pm to 2pm, you can drop off your organic waste and volunteer to work at the UofL composting site. The UofL composting site is located at the north end of UofL's Grounds Lot on the 200 block of E. Bloom Street. For more information on composting at the University of Louisville, please visit: <https://louisville.edu/sustainability/operations/composting>

Reuse

It takes a lot of energy and raw materials to create a new product. By default, the best way to reduce your waste is not to create it in the first place. Buying used items, maintaining and repairing items you already own, purchasing items you will use repeatedly (reusable coffee cups, to-go containers, and utensils) rather than single-use items, and donating the items you no longer need are all ways of minimizing your environmental impact.



Photo of my reusable mug! One easy way to make a positive impact is to purchase reusable items rather than single use products.

Founded in August 2013, the UofL Free Store accepts clothing, shoes, electronics, small appliances, household items, bath and beauty supplies, books, school and art supplies, non-perishable food, and more. UofL students, faculty, and staff can take needed items free of charge. For more information about the UofL Free Store please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UIFreeStore>

Recycle

The University of Louisville could not make recycling easier than it already is! At UofL, we use single stream recycling bins. That means you can recycle your plastic, cardboard, paper, metal, and glass all in the same bin. No sorting necessary! For more information on what can be recycled here at UofL, please visit: <https://louisville.edu/sustainability/operations/recycling>

The items in the image can all be recycled at UofL. Small amounts of contamination will be sorted out. It is recommended that if you think it might be recyclable, put it in a single stream recycling bin!

Materials sorting of single stream recycling is handled by WestRock Recycling. Tours of their facility are available upon request. To learn more about the company and their commitment to sustainability, please visit: <https://www.westrock.com/en/products/recycling>

The University of Louisville also provides an Electronic Waste Recycling program handled by UofL Surplus (<https://louisville.edu/surplus/aboutdepartment>). Computers, printers, hard drives, CDs, televisions, and more can be picked up and recycled by filling out a request form on the Surplus website. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety manages Battery Recycling (<https://louisville.edu/physicalplant/files/battery-recycling>) and Lighting Waste Recycling (<https://louisville.edu/physicalplant/files/lighting-recycling>). University departments can request a used lamp pick-up and used battery pick-up by submitting an online form.

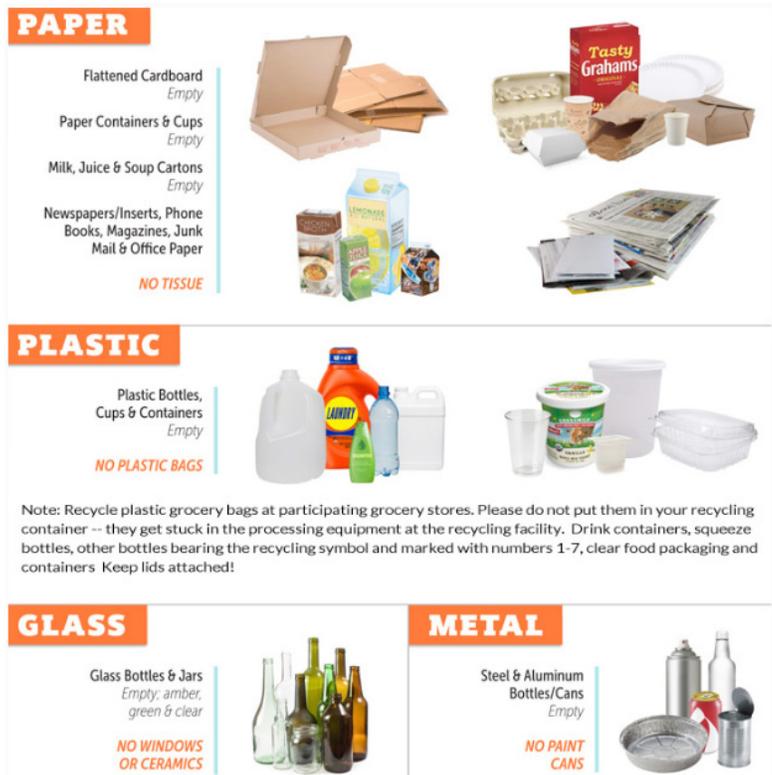


Image taken from: <https://louisville.edu/sustainability/operations/recycling>

Steps Forward

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the thought that you are not doing enough to live your life in a more sustainable way. It is also easy to think, why bother, because your choices will not have an impact on the global scale. Your first steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle can be making one small change that has a positive impact or attending a fun event hosted by the following organizations:

Louisville Sustainability Council: <http://louisvillesustainabilitycouncil.org/>

University of Louisville Sustainability Council: <https://louisville.edu/sustainability/sustainability-council>

“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.”
— Rumi

Library and Department News

ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Tornado April 3, 1974: Then and Now

Photographic Archives is hosting a new exhibition, "Tornado April 3, 1974: Then and Now, Photographs by Fred DiGiovanni," in the lower level of Ekstrom Library. DiGiovanni was an art and photography teacher living in the Highlands neighborhood when mayhem struck. He documented the devastation along Bardstown Road and Eastern Parkway. Forty years later, DiGiovanni revisited and photographed the same locations. The result is a full-circle documentary art project.



Visitors discuss the exhibit with DiGiovanni (at left). Photo by Carolyn Dowd.

Summer Hours

From May 6 – August 16, ASC will begin summer hours of 10am – 5pm.

EKSTROM LIBRARY

Office of the Dean

Renovation Preparation

Due to the [third floor renovation project](#), Libraries personnel have been hard at work, removing 250,000 items from the third floor shelves, placing them in boxes, reshelving, and so on. Much of the work is complete! Dean Fox thanks the following diligent workers who helped move this project forward: [Staff/Faculty] Alice Abbott-Moore, Andy Huff, Angie Kennedy, Ashley Triplett, Bethany Poston, Bruce Keisling, Chris Poche, Colleen Eubank, Jason Friedman, John Burton, Matt Goldberg, Nick Sweat, Rayanne Turner, Tami Sexton, Tyler Goldberg, Tyler Upton, Weiling Liu, and [Student Assistants] Kody Yount, Brianna Nalley, John Mattingly, Shelly Ann Castillo, Emma Johansen, Bayne Lutz, Bryce Sullivan, Ben Anderson, Gabriel Sturgeon, Skylar Pierce, Morgan Mercer-Long, Caleb Souders, Shereka Harris, Queena Lin, Kurtis Stegman, Richard Parszkier, and Izzy Sanchez.



Congratulations, Librarians!

Tyler Goldberg and Melissa Laning were recently honored at the annual UofL Faculty Service Award Dinner, for hitting milestones in their employment with the University of Louisville. Tyler has worked with UofL for 40 years as of April 17, and Melissa has served for 35 years. UofL faculty and staff are honored at five-year intervals for their service. Last week's event included opening remarks from both President Neeli Bendapudi and Provost Beth Boehm. Kudos!



Melissa Laning and Tyler Goldberg are in the front row, fifth and sixth from left. Photo by Tom Fougousse

Cardinal Cornhole Classic

On Friday April 12, faculty and staff of the University Libraries tested their athletic prowess and throwing accuracy at the inaugural Cardinal Cornhole Classic. Fannie Cox and Unique paired up with a team of two young male students, likely living on Frat Row with their own personal cornhole boards in their front yard. After a quick explanation of the rules, the two tried their best to stave off the accuracy of their competitors' aim. Alas, they lost 21 to 0. Sarah F. and Rebecca were hopeful, as their competitors were parents of students, giving Sarah and Rebecca the advantage of youth. Sadly, their competitors had the advantage of age... and more experience with cornhole. They lost 21 to 8. Next up, was an epic battle of allies: Marcus and Troy against



(left to right) Troy Plumer, Sarah Drerup, Amber Willenborg, Sarah Frankel, Rebecca Pattillo, Fannie Cox, Marcus Walker

Sarah D. and Amber. The competition was intense; the bean bags flew with great precision! After a nail-biting fifteen minutes, Amber and Sarah D. were proclaimed the winners and moved on to the second round! With their library colleagues behind them, literally and figuratively, Amber and Sarah D. gathered their physical and mental strength for the second round, despite the mounting pressure to “bring it home” for RAI. The two women threw the bags with confidence, quickly pulling ahead with 5 points! Sadly, that was the only 5 points they would gain... they were out-thrown and out-scored by their competitors. And with that, the University Libraries dreams of cornhole greatness were dashed, but our spirit lives on!

Anniversaries

MARCH 2019		APRIL 2019		MAY 2019	
Carolyn Dowd	4 years	Gwendline Chenault	17 years	Sahab Bolhari	2 years
Matt Goldberg	8 years	Carrie Daniels	16 years	Liren Liu	11 years
Erin Gow	3 years	Rob Detmering	10 years	Tom Owen	44 years
Rachle Hodge	26 years	Mark Dickson	30 years	Elizabeth Reilly	8 years
Anthony Iles	12 years	Sue Finley	8 years	Tyler Upton	4 years
Jerome Neukirch	23 years	Christy Gambrell	1 year	Steve Whiteside	23 years
Bethany Poston	9 years	Tyler Goldberg	40 years	Matt Wyatt	2 years
Latisha Reynolds	19 years	Rich Jones	9 years		
Barbara Whitener	45 years	Randy Kuehn	12 years		
		Weiling Liu	21 years		
		Mike Osoffsky	41 years		
		Richard Price	1 year		

Office of Libraries Technology

Shibboleth Login Interface

OCLC finished the testing on WMS (KLG instance), and it was turned on May 1. The authentication to EZproxy was switched to Shibboleth at the same time as WMS.

Server Hardware Upgrade

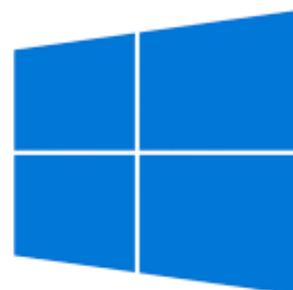
The virtual machine center has been upgraded. The project included replacing one of the three hosts (server hardware), upgrading the operating system, and adding more memory and more backup storage. Thank you to Adam and Sahab for their diligent work on getting this project done.

W102 and W103

The instructor stations in W102 and W103 have been upgraded. Many thanks to Sheila and Sahab for their hard work and coordination with the vendor.

Staff PC and Windows 10 Upgrade

The upgrade is moving along. Thank you to Sheila, Troy, Sahab, and Adam, for carrying out this project. As of April 30, except a few individuals, the PC and Windows 10 upgrade in the Art Library, Ekstrom’s AUS, and the Dean’s Office have been completed. Music Library and Ekstrom Tech Services are partially done.



Research Assistance and Instruction (RAI)

Library Guide provides access to all Grawemeyer winners' works

RAI presents a new guide to the works of all Grawemeyer Award winners since the award's inception. Katie Harper, a student intern with RAI, created the LibGuide to provide quick links to these works for students, researchers and anyone interested in finding out more about winners of this international award presented by the University of Louisville. Read more:

<https://uofllibraries.wordpress.com/2019/04/01/library-guide-provides-access-to-all-grawemeyer-winners-works/>

LAW LIBRARY

Service to UofL Recognized

On April 16 at the University Club, David Ensign (30 years) and Robin Harris (35 years) were recognized at the annual Faculty Service Awards dinner for their service to the University (see page 4). They enjoyed sharing this happy event with University Libraries colleagues Tyler Goldberg and Melissa Laning! (In the photo, Robin is next to Tyler and David is behind Melissa.) Laura Rothstein, the law school's Director of Research and Faculty Excellence, noted that both David and Robin "exemplify the Brandeis value of service and civility and outstanding work. They have not only given exemplary service to the law school, but they have each provided great service to the University as a whole. David has served in Faculty Senate leadership as President for several years and as Acting Dean at the law school from 2005-2007. Robin has served on numerous diversity committees." We want to thank both David and Robin for their service and congratulate them for these milestones.

Documentarians Visit the Library

On March 21, documentary filmmakers interviewed Kurt Metzmeier (right) for *Invented Before You Were Born*, a new documentary focused on the legacy of slavery in Kentucky. Find out more about the film and Kurt's involvement in the project at: <https://library.louisville.edu/law/blog/home/Documentary-filming-at-Law-Library>.



Photo by Erin Gow

MUSIC LIBRARY

Grawemeyer Winner Joel Bons Visits

While he was on campus in early April, Dutch composer Joel Bons toured the Music Library and added his name to the library's famous signature book. Bons won the 2019 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition for "Nomaden," a piece that incorporates solo cello and a variety of eclectic instruments from diverse cultures. The Library's signature book contains many, many famous folks who have spoken at UofL, performed at Comstock Concert Hall or appeared in Louisville.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Don Dean

Preferred nickname: It depends on who you ask – some are nicer than others.

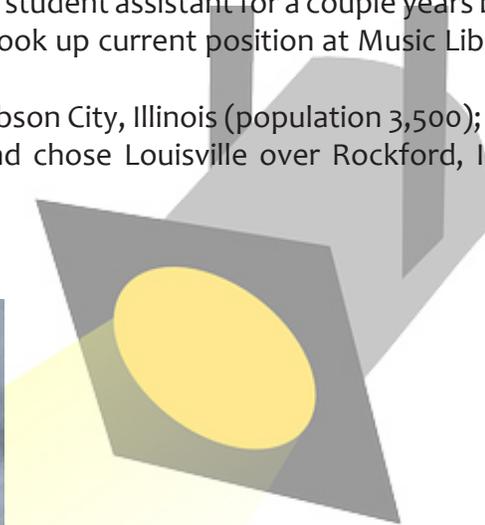
UofL position and department: Music Library Listening Services Supervisor

Year you started in the UofL Libraries: 1993 as staff (was a student assistant for a couple years before becoming staff in Ekstrom Stacks, Circulation and ILL). Took up current position at Music Library in March of 1998.

Hometown: Born in Normal, Illinois; spent childhood in Gibson City, Illinois (population 3,500); family moved to Louisville when dad accepted job transfer and chose Louisville over Rockford, Illinois. Thanks, dad!

Schools Attended: Earned BS in Sociology from UofL

Pets: Olive is my 4-and-a-half-year-old beagle.



Hobbies / Activities: I host a radio show on WXOX 97.1 FM / ARTxFM.com online entitled Freak and Swing and Rock & Roll Friday evenings from 6 to 8. Check me out. It's commercial free and I have a face for radio!

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself: I'm something of a movie buff, though my tastes can be peculiar. I'm looking forward to gardening again this year since I had to take off this past growing season as MSD contractors dug up my yard. I'm a devotee of UofL (Go Cards!) and Chicago professional sports teams with the exception of the White Sox (Go Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Blackhawks!)

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DigiNews

Digital Collections Update

By Rachel Howard, Digital Initiatives Librarian

For more than six years, the *Louisville Leader* transcription project has sought – and received – the assistance of the community to make the stories in this historic, local African American community newspaper searchable and discoverable. To date, nearly 39,000 transcriptions have been recorded by the Scripto software (a plugin to the open-source Omeka software), which enables volunteers, located anywhere with an internet connection, to view an image of a newspaper article and type it in a box below (see <http://transcribe.library.louisville.edu/>). Yes, the newspaper, which ran from 1917-1950, was typeset, but its poor condition and unusual fonts and layout did not register well with Optical Character Recognition software, so retyping and pasting the text into the software used to search and display the digital images allow users to search the text.

Unfortunately, the server running the Omeka/Scripto software needs to be retired this year, so we are striving to complete the approximately 7,000 remaining transcriptions by November 1, 2019. In addition to the volunteer transcribers, and OLT/Web Services' contributions to the software's development and server's maintenance, this project has included a succession of student employees selecting, digitally clipping, and uploading the articles to be transcribed, as well as the behind-the-scenes work by Digital Initiatives staff to upload the transcriptions into CONTENTdm for searching.

Have you ever tried to search the text? It can be cumbersome, a fact which we hope the imminent migration out of CONTENTdm will alleviate, but a combination of using the "Full Text" field within "Advanced Search" (the link for which appears next to the red Search button at the top of the [Louisville Leader collection page](#)) and choosing the "Text Search" tab (above each page image once you've selected an issue from the search results) should help you navigate to the name, place, or event you seek. You may need to try different variants of words, such as a last name only (since initials and abbreviated first names often prevailed in newspapers of that era) or an obsolete place name (such as "Abyssinia," as Ethiopia was then called).

We know of History, Anthropology, and Pan-African Studies faculty and students, as well as news media and local authors, who have used the transcribed text in their research on topics as varied as [local reactions](#) to Jackie Robinson's minor league World Series game at Parkway Field; [protests](#) of offensive depictions of Africans in the film "Ingagi"; African American businesses; and musicians. In addition, those who have worked as transcribers, including Archives & Special Collections students and staff, have commented on how it has expanded their knowledge of local history, and have in turn promoted its use to patrons. Much of what remains to be transcribed features the type of news more prevalent in social media feeds than in newspapers – club meetings, church events, travel reports, and health updates. Individually, it may seem mundane, but collectively, it paints a portrait of a vibrant community, and some of the named individuals achieved lasting prominence, including Rufus E. Clement; Charles H. Parrish, Sr. and Jr.; James Bond of the Inter-racial Commission (grandfather of Julian Bond); and Henry Bain (Pendennis Club waiter who invented the sauce bearing his name). Some larger stories covered by the *Leader* in the 1920s and awaiting transcription include the formation of, and backlash to, an independent "Lincoln Party" as a break from African American voters' allegiance to the Republican Party, and the slow process of an Anti-Lynching bill through Congress.

As the transcription project draws to a close, we hope that *Owl* readers will be interested in devoting some time – every little bit helps! – to transcribing these articles, and to spreading the word about the project and the resource.



I would like to thank my Kornhauser family for pitching in and surprising me with a graduation party after I successfully defended my Master's thesis! Totally unexpected and greatly appreciated! – Mary K Marlatt

I would like to thank Fannie Cox for organizing the Libraries teams for the Cardinal Cornhole Classic and Dean Fox for covering our registration. It was a lot of fun! – Sarah Frankel

I would like to thank Sheila Birkla, Sahab Bolhari, Bob Fox, Bruce Keisling, Weiling Liu, Karen Nalley, and Troy Plumer for the technology upgrades in Ekstrom W102-W103. The new system is user friendly and will make a big difference for the instructors who teach in the labs. – Rob Detmering

A huge thank you to Matt Goldberg and his incredible team of folks from multiple departments that moved an amazing number of books from the third floor to prepare for the renovation. There are too many folks to list by name, but it was an amazing display of effort and spirit. Thanks also to Tyler Goldberg and Claudene Sproles for moving lots of items recently -- but over the last few years too. And finally, Rayanne Turner's extraordinary planning abilities for the final shift have never had a finer display than now. You're all the best. Thank you!

Thanks to Sheila Birkla for pushing, pulling, and dragging many of us into the world of Windows 10. It didn't hurt nearly as much as you said it would. J – Bruce Keisling

Thank you to Rick and Clel at the loading dock for their help in unloading and transporting collections to the 4th floor. – Heather Fox

I'd like to say a big thank you to Alice Abbott-Moore, Chris Poche, Koty (from Tech Services), and my Stacks team for their help on the 3rd floor shift. Thanks to their hard work we moved about 95,000 items in 3.5 weeks, coming in 1 week ahead of schedule! I'd also like to thank AUS staff members and Tech Services who helped clear the 3rd floor in preparation for the shift. – Rayanne Turner

Thank you to Pam Yeager for her many years of excellent public service in Archives & Special Collections! – Amy Purcell

Thank you from Anna Marie Johnson —

After 23 years, there are a lot of people to thank and this list won't adequately do it, but it's a start to the folks with whom I've worked most closely....

RAI—thank you for your patience with me, for your willingness to tell me when something wasn't a good idea (no to my “lights around our second floor door” idea? Yeah, that was the right call), your ability to be silly and also amazingly professional, your dedication to the students, faculty, and staff of UofL. It was an extraordinary privilege to lead this department and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support and hard work. Thank you for inspiring me to be the best leader I could be. There are a few specific thanks to longer-serving members....

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Fannie Cox—for helping the department move to electronic statistics and helping me see the value in community engagement and for your stories at lunch (ask Fannie about her years as a bus driver or about playing the violin)

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Barb Whitener—for suggesting the department needed to get on chat and for being the epitome of tenacity when answering a reference question—your customer service is off-the-charts!

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Claudene Sproles—for the idea that became my most highly cited paper, for being my go-to person for a bargain, and for being the kind of friend whom one can call for help at 3am (literally).

And then some random thanks in no particular order....(yes, how anti-librarian of me!)

Terri Holtze---for helping disentangle a thousand web-related problems and for your single-minded dedication to making the Libraries website the best it can be. Congrats on outlasting me!

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The Owl Board—for pretending to laugh at my attempts at April Fool's headlines

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Diane Nichols—who believed in my ability and gave me opportunity to demonstrate it

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Mildred Franks—who was an amazing librarian, mentor and role model

Glenda Neely—who taught me to love Louisville (remind me to tell you about my tattoo the next time I see you!)



Photo by Fannie Cox

David Horvath—from whom I learned that “everything is going to work out” even when you are driving a Dodge Neon on a mountain in Colorado and it starts to snow...a lot

James Manasco—for your confidence in my ability to do science librarianship! I couldn't have taught Chemical Engineering resources without you

Hannelore Rader—for giving me the experience of planning a national conference and handing me the Reference Services Review bibliography—I hope I did it justice



Racing fans on Derby Day at Churchill Downs, May 14, 1927.

<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm/ref/collection/cs/id/2190>



Library Exhibits

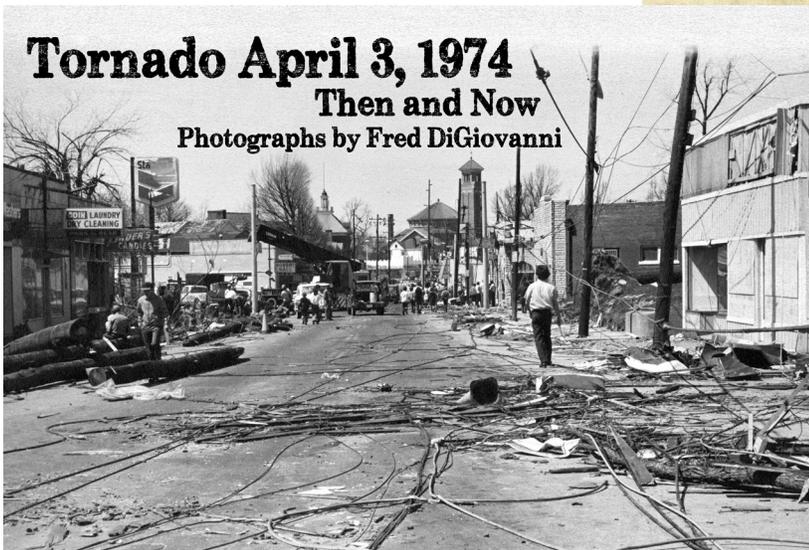
Archives & Special Collections

Kain Gallery, Rare Books
Futures of Handwriting

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Harriet Martineau letter, 1840s.



Tornado April 3, 1974
Then and Now
Photographs by Fred DiGiovanni



Bardstown Road at Alta Avenue
Top: in 1974
Bottom: in 2016

Photographic Archives
Gallery

and

Lobby Cases
Lower Level East
The April 1974 Tornado
From other ASC collections

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