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Ida Jane Dacus Library, Winthrop University

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Dacus Library's 125th Anniversary in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is a government program created to make United States federal government publications available to the public at no cost. Dacus Library is one of nearly 1,114 Federal depository libraries across the U.S. and its territories.

Winthrop's library became a federal depository library in 1896, one year after the program began. We are a selective depository library which means that we choose a selection of publications produced by the federal government and its agencies. Our collection supports the Winthrop community and the 5th Congressional District.

At Dacus Library, documents in print and electronic formats are available in a wide range of topics including congressional reports, federal and state statistics, health information, educational reports, science and technology, nature and wildlife, the military, ethnographies and much more.

On November 18, we celebrated our 125th anniversary in the FDLP program by hosting a virtual cultural event with three presenters, including Bill

Sudduth, the regional Federal depository library coordinator and head of government information & maps at the University of South Carolina Libraries. Amanda McLeod, social sciences and government information librarian at Clemson University, gave a demonstration about how to find government information. Bill Schulte, associate professor of mass communication at Winthrop University, gave a presentation titled, "Government Documents: A Powerful Tool for Journalists and the Public."

Please visit the government documents department on the Upper Level of Dacus Library to see what else we have to offer. You can also ask for assistance with government information through our Book-a-Librarian and chat services.



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**This is the final issue of
The Dacus Digest newsletter.**

Dacus Library Access for Winthrop Alumni

The Winthrop Alumni Association and the Ida Jane Dacus Library are excited to offer Winthrop University alumni the opportunity to access the library and its resources.

How to Apply For User Access:

After completing the [application for Dacus Library access](#) you will be contacted by a staff member who will provide more information on how to receive your Winthrop identification card.



Building Access:

- Building access during all [open hours](#) with current Winthrop alumni card. Alumni may apply for a card by filling out the application on the Winthrop University Alumni Association Benefits page.
- Access to all open (non-reservable) study areas.

Available Resources:

- Desktop computers with guest log-in (access to library equipment may be subject to specified computers and time restrictions).
- On-site use of library materials; borrowing is available through the user's local public library inter-library loan service.

Available Services:

- Reference and information services (virtual and in person)

For more information, please e-mail [Shayna Foxworth](#), student and young alumni program coordinator, or call 803/323-2145.

Meet Our New Metadata & Discovery Librarian

On October 1, 2021, Assistant Professor Tracy Pizzi joined the Dacus Library faculty as the metadata & discovery librarian. Ms. Pizzi's areas of expertise and experience include cataloging, metadata assessment, collection development/acquisitions and procedure and policy development. Additionally, she has many different research interests including equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in libraries and inclusive terminology for catalog subject headings and controlled vocabulary.

Please join us in welcoming Tracy Pizzi to Winthrop!



Salazar Collection Highlighted During Hispanic Heritage Month

The Louise Pettus Archives hosted an exhibit and presentation during Hispanic Heritage Month to debut a recent acquisition of Latin American Artifacts, dating from the pre-Columbian era to the 20th century. The exhibition was titled “Preserved in Clay and Stone: Celebrating the History of Ancient Latin America.”

The 61-piece collection was given to Pettus Archives in the fall of 2019 by Tony Salazar. The artifacts, dating from between 100 to more than 500 years ago, were collected by Mr. Salazar’s father in the 1930s and 1940s in Central America.

Brent Woodfill, associate professor of anthropology at Winthrop, and Megan Leight, assistant professor of art history at West Virginia University, assisted in identifying and describing the pieces. On September 16, they gave a talk to students about some of the pieces on display.

The artifacts reflect numerous aspects of Latin American and indigenous culture, values and lifeways. The programming will add to the knowledge of Winthrop and local communities of indigenous cultures of the Americas.



West Virginia University Assistant Professor of Art History Megan Leight along with undergraduate student researchers Samuel Hensley and Riley “Red” Klug



Artifacts from the Salazar collection



Brent Woodfill, associate professor of anthropology at Winthrop University



Research Explorations

Research Explorations, a collaboration between Dacus Library and the College of Arts and Sciences, is a speaker series that showcases Winthrop faculty and student research projects. Fall semester included four virtual presentations, all of which qualified for cultural event credit for students.

On September 28, Bill Schulte, associate professor of mass communication, presented **“Social Constructionism as a Media Research Lens: Applying Theory to Research in News, Entertainment, and Culture.”** His presentation focused on applying a single theory (Social Construction) to various research methods and media platforms. Schulte looked at studies related to newsroom culture, blogging, comic texts and student reporting as they shape the world and change cultural contexts.

On October 28, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, assistant professor of history and African American studies, presented, **“Agitators and Heroines: Memory and African American Women’s History.”** Her talk explored the impact of memory on African American women’s history by using the 1969 Charleston Hospital workers strike as a lens. Hundreds of African American women forged a local civil rights-based labor movement that ultimately garnered national attention. The narrative surrounding this moment has evolved in the last fifty plus years from one that denigrated the women at the center to celebrating their contributions. This talk focused on this shift in public memory and how these ripples in Black women’s historical narratives threaten to render them one-dimensional or completely invisible.

On November 5, Chen Chen, assistant professor of English, and Jaden Bergholm, Winthrop alum,

presented, **“Communicating about COVID-19 from China and Transnationally: Citizen Technical and Professional Communicators.”** The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wuhan, China in early 2020 has led to a lot of grassroots efforts in communicating about various needs and concerns regarding the risks of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and various relief and response efforts. As a researcher and teacher of technical and professional communication, Chen has been examining different forms of citizen communications by the Chinese diaspora community both in China and transnationally, afforded by networked digital media but challenged by power imbalances along political, cultural and social lines. Their presentation discussed the rhetoric of such communications through qualitative case studies.

On November 30, Jo Koster, professor of English, presented, **“Reuniting the Family: The Hunt for Ege MS 6.”** In the late 1940s, the biblioclast Otto Ege chopped up a number of medieval manuscripts as part of his mission to spread examples of medieval texts to libraries and schools who could never afford to buy a complete manuscript. One of these manuscripts was a Bible copied in 13th century England; one of its pages has ended up in the Winthrop Archives. Another is in Koster’s personal collection—and she has found at least 15 additional pages in other collections, including several in South Carolina. Using the principles and techniques of the newly-emerging paleographic subfield of fragmentology, she is attempting to digitally reconstruct this Bible. In her presentation, she described the search for pages, the digital tools she is using to archive them and the newly-reconstructed Ege 6 as part of the global Fragmentarium project.

Career Readiness Resources at Dacus

These electronic resources about career readiness are available through Dacus Library's [Databases A-Z](#) list.



Ferguson's Career Guidance Center offers a wealth of resources for users to assess their career goals and interests, plan their education, learn workplace skills, find apprenticeships and internships, conduct a job search and much more.



LearningExpress Library is a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help students and adult learners succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations and an individualized analysis of your results.



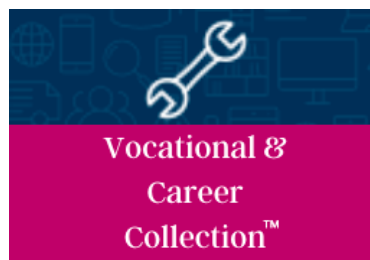
The O*NET database includes information on skills, abilities, knowledge, work activities and interests associated with occupations. This information can be used to facilitate career exploration, vocational counseling and a variety of human resources functions, such as developing job orders and position descriptions and aligning training with current workplace needs. O*NET is sponsored by the United States Department of Labor.



Small Business Reference Center offers a wide variety of information on small business and entrepreneurial subject areas, common business types, help and advice and information on how to create business plans that lead to successful funding.



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
The U.S. Department of Labor is the principal federal agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions and price changes in the economy. Its mission is to collect, analyze and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision making.



Vocational & Career Collection
Full-text coverage for trade and industry-related periodicals including Food Management, Educational Leadership, Computerworld, Science News and Advertising Age, and many more.