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## ***Friends Annual Meeting 25 October 2018***

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2018 Annual Meeting on Thursday 25 October 2018 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the library, upstairs, in room 244 (near the bridge to Rekhi Hall). All members and the public are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.



Along with a short business meeting, the Friends will welcome speaker Dr. Syd M Johnson from the Michigan Tech Department of Humanities. Prof. Johnson's presentation will focus on her research interests in the

intersection of law, political philosophy, and ethics, and how human rights and animal rights are entangled. Prof. Johnson is Associate Professor of Philosophy & Bioethics at Michigan Tech, coordinator of Michigan Tech's Bioethics minor, and an affiliated Associate Professor of the Department of Kinesiology & Integrative Physiology. Her most recent book is the co-authored text *Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers' Brief* (Routledge, 2018 (<http://www.routledge.com/9781138618664>)).

Please join us!

## ***Meet the Interim Library Director***

My name is Josh Olson, and I'm honored to be serving you as the Interim Director of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. Following a thorough but inconclusive national search for the Library Director, Interim Director Jill Hodges concluded her term and entered retirement. To avoid a lapse in leadership, I was asked to fulfill the Interim Director role.



My other role here is the University's Chief Information Officer. I'm responsible for the Information Technology (IT) department, which provides support and services to the Michigan Tech campus community.

A little about me: I'm originally from Iron Mountain. I've been at Michigan Tech since 2005 in various technical and leadership capacities. I have an MBA from Michigan Tech and a BS in Computer Information Systems from Northern Michigan University.

I am committed to leading the library through the transition while the search for a new director continues. A generous gift from John and Ruanne Opie is making it possible to replace carpeting and furniture in the Opie and East reading rooms over the winter break. We've also seen the following changes:

- Lifted the food restriction policy—Food and drink are now allowed throughout the library, with exception of the Archives reading room.
- Upgraded the Voyager integrated library system to the Alma/Primo software system.
- Discontinued keys for accessing study rooms and implemented an online reservation system.

My goal is to help facilitate continuous improvement throughout the organization, with a focus on organizational and cultural improvement and increased employee engagement. I am open to your questions and concerns and would love to talk to you. You can reach me at [jolson@mtu.edu](mailto:jolson@mtu.edu).

## ***Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Archives Intern 2018***

*by Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist*

For seven weeks this summer the Michigan Tech Archives once again hosted a graduate intern. The summer internship has been generously funded by the Friends of the Michigan Tech library since 2015.

This summer we welcomed Angie Piccolo, a 2018 graduate of Western Washington University's History - Archives and Records Management track. Angie tackled a tremendous amount of work considering she was only with the department for a few short weeks. Stepping in to help on the reference desk during our busy summer season, Angie quickly became



*Angie tidying up some collections on her last day in the archives.*

well-versed in all things archives reference, offering prompt and courteous service to dozens of long and short-term researchers. In addition, she tackled many important collections projects, including an inventory of several hundred university athletic publications, programs and yearbooks as well as accessioning many new donations. She was

a great asset to our public services and behind-the-scenes work.

In addition to all the practical training the FMTL Archives Internship offers, Angie was also appreciative of the opportunity to explore the Copper Country. She had many adventures, including visits to the Keweenaw National Historical Park, the Finnish American Heritage Center, Quincy Mine, Eagle Harbor, and a farewell dinner at the Harbor Haus in Copper Harbor. Overall, the summer internship program continues to be an enriching experience, for interns and library staff alike!

## ***WWICC Makes a Big Impact***

*by Steven Walton, WWICC Committee and FMTL Webmaster*

Throughout the fall term there will be speakers, films, performances, and exhibits on campus and in the community that relate to the centennial of the end of World War I. The “World War I and the Copper Country” (WWICC for short) project was conceived to help commemorate the end of WWI and explore the impact the “Great War” had on our area and university.

The program kicked off with a talk by Prof. Brett Gary (NYU) in the library on the curtailment of civil liberties during WWI in conjunction with Constitution Day (see the following article in this newsletter), and then kicked into full swing with a series of things: a full-scale reproduction section of a WWI front line firing trench at the corner of US-41 and MacInnes Drive that includes an audioscape of readings from soldier’s memoirs and poetry; a two-day symposium, “Armistice & Aftermath”, that featured two keynote speakers, Dr. James Morrow, Jr. (UGA) on “The African-American Experience in WWI” and Dr. Lynn Dumenil (Occidental College) on



*The WWI trench recreated on Michigan Tech's campus invites visitors to explore and immerse themselves in the history.*

“Women and the Great War”; a concert by the Superior Symphony of the music of James Reese Europe, noted Harlem bandleader and composer who served with the African-American 369th Infantry; and Charlie Chaplin’s silent film, *Shoulder Arms* (1923) accompanied by a live (digital) Wurlitzer organ accompaniment played by organist Jay Warren of Chicago.

The symposium itself featured a day-long program of two dozen papers on WWI and its domestic impacts and features with speakers from the Copper Country, across the country, and as far away as Israel. A full digital *Proceedings* will be published on the library’s Digital Commons in November.

There will also be a WWI Relief Bazaar the last Sunday of October in Dee Stadium and a trench closing-in commemoration on Nov. 11, at 11am, the time, 100 years ago, when WWI ended.

See <http://wwlcc.mtu.edu/> for more information on the whole semester of events, including the ongoing film series (Thursday nights), symposium program, links to the Proceedings, and two live Trench Cams!

## ***WWICC Opening Reception and Constitution Day Speaker***

*by Katie Edson, Collections Librarian and FMTL*

With the generous support from the FMTL, the library hosted Dr. Brett Gary, Associate Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication at NYU, as speaker for Constitution Day. Every year federally-funded schools provide programming to honor Constitution and Citizenship Day and this year the library took the opportunity on September 13<sup>th</sup> to collaborate with the organizers of WWICC to host both a talk as well as to celebrate the opening of the WWICC festivities.

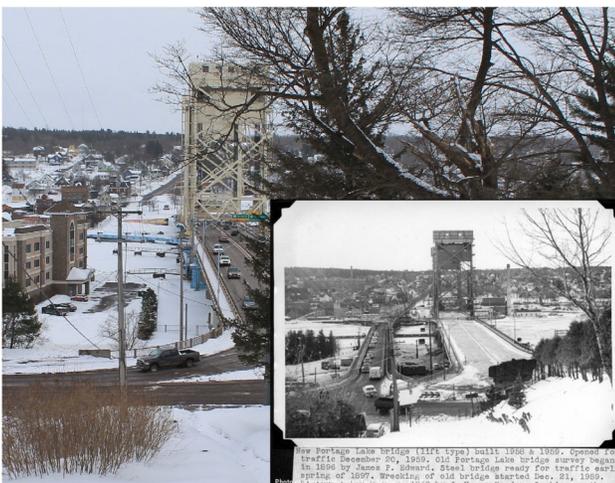
Sue Collins, Associate Professor of Communication, Culture, and Media here at Michigan Tech and lead organizer for WWICC, opened the evening with a few brief words welcoming everyone to the opening of WWICC and to the library's Constitution Day event. Dr. Gary then delivered a captivating talk to a full East Reading Room. His talk, entitled, "World War 1 Speech Catastrophes and the Postwar Struggle for Free Political and Sexual Speech" explored the history of the wartime crackdown on political dissent and sexual impurity, and the development of the parallel civil liberties traditions that emerged in the war's aftermath.

## *Travel Grant Update 2018*

*by Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist*

The Michigan Tech Archives is grateful to continue a strong partnership with the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library to sponsor the annual travel grant program. Two researchers, Dr. Matthew Liesch and Wesley Thompson, were delighted to have the opportunity to advance their research in the Copper Country.

Dr. Liesch concluded a multi-part research plan, which started in 2017 and culminated in June 2018. In addition to countless hours poring over photographs and historic documents pertaining to his "rephotography" project, Liesch shared his expertise in a travel grant presentation that took place on June 25, 2018. His talk, "Circling Lake Superior: Rephotography to Document Changing Landscapes of the Lake Superior Circle Tour," guided the audience on a photographic journey to explore changing landscapes from throughout the Copper Country and the Lake Superior Circle Tour. The presentation featured historic landscape photography from the Archives, and supplemented those with other scenes along the route. For



*A historic image and a 2018 image of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge from the same location, looking south from the East Hancock steps. The bridge is an iconic part of the scenic Lake Superior Circle tour's Keweenaw loop. (Photos courtesy of the Michigan Tech Archives and Matt Liesch)*

comparative purposes, Liesch rephotographed ordinary landscapes around Lake Superior during 2018.

Wesley Thompson was another new grant recipient this year and his research visit is slated for late October. Please see the FMTL website or contact the archives for details on Thompson's presentation, which will be taking place on Wednesday, October 24 at 4 p.m. in the library; please contact the Archives at copper@mtu.edu or (906) 487-2505.

## *Library Friends Donor Hall of Fame (2018 Edition)*

The books for the Friends book sale come from generous donors, and we are grateful for their contributions. We seek to thank them by name, although many are anonymous. For the many, **many** donors of years past, thank you too for your generosity and for your support of the library. Among our 2018 donors are:

Susan Bagley & Gil Lewis	Susan and Pat Martin
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Thanks for all you give and all you do!

## *Friends Book Sale Earns More Than \$3,300 for Library*

*by Kelly Luck, Treasurer, FMTL*

The Annual Friends of the Michigan Tech Library used book sale, held 6–7 April 2018, raised more than \$3,300 for the library, which uses the funds to support the popular reading collections, as well as purchasing equipment and special furnishings. Book sale funds also provide travel grants to researchers who use the University Archives and Copper Country Historical collections, and help to support a competitive summer intern position. As always, the Michigan Tech community supported the sale, by attending and volunteering. We send our thanks to the many volunteers who help organize, set up and take down the sale, especially: the Michigan Tech Facilities grounds crew who moved the books from the library to the Memorial Union the morning of the sale, the library front desk personnel for their help receiving books throughout the year, and the following student groups: the Society of Intellectual Sisters, the Student Chapter of American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Government, and the fraternities and sororities of Tau Beta Phi, Phi Delta Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Tau. The Friends accept gently used books and materials for the annual sale throughout the year. Check our website for a list of items that we accept and ways to donate.

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