



The Bowdoin College Library Newsletter

November 2019

## Library Annex Now Open

Following several years of planning, we are thrilled to announce the opening of the Library Annex. Just a short distance from campus, the Annex is equipped with state-of-the-art environmental controls set at 55 degrees and 30% relative humidity and high-density shelving, allowing for the safe, secure storage of some 200,000 volumes. The facility has enabled us to reunite collection materials in Brunswick that were stored offsite in various locations over the past 15 years, including in Connecticut and at Colby College. It will also support the library's growing collections and help address preservation needs for fragile formats, such as acidic newsprint and older AV materials.



Materials shelved at the Annex are easily retrieved using the request link in CBBcat, and are available to ILL patrons. Items are paged and delivered to campus daily, Monday-Friday, with a 24-hour turnaround time. For questions regarding materials' delivery, contact [Amy Heggie](#), Circulation & User Services Manager. Collections-related inquiries should be directed to [Joan Campbell](#), Collections Librarian.

## Expanded Access to Maine Libraries

The Bowdoin Library has joined a new state-wide borrowing initiative spearheaded by the [Maine State Library](#) and [Maine Infonet](#). Launched in September, the [Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#) allows anyone with a valid library card from any of the [75 participating libraries](#) in the state to visit and check out materials from any other participating library. The program essentially turns your home library card into a "statewide" card. Borrowed materials may be returned to any participating library and they will be shipped back to the home institution. Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff need only to present their Bowdoin ID at a participating library in order to



check out an item on-site. Additional information about the program can be found on the Maine State Library [website](#).

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## Walk-In Technology Assistance Now Available in Hawthorne-Longfellow Library

Information Technology's **Tech Hub**, located in the Academic Technology & Consulting suite on the first floor of H-L Library, is now open to provide students, faculty, and staff help with computer, software, and general technology questions. The service is available daily during the semester, **Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-10:00pm**, and **Friday-Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm**. The technology Loaning Center remains in Coles Tower along with staff who will continue to provide direct support at that location. Questions? Contact Information Technology at 725-3030.



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## Mark Your Calendars

### Exhibit Talk: Tension/Tenacity: Africana Studies at 50

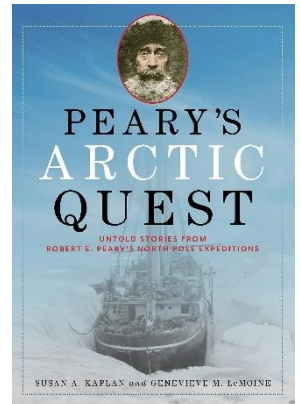
Friday, November 8th

2:15-3:15 p.m. and

Saturday, November 9th

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Hawthorne Longfellow Library, Second Floor Gallery



Join Special Collections Education and Outreach Librarian Marieke Van Der Steenhoven and curator Lucia Ryan '19 for a conversation about the library's fall 2019 exhibit [Tension/Tenacity: Africana Studies at 50](#), presented in conjunction with the campus AF/AM/50 Celebration. Culled from the College archives, the exhibit considers the Africana Studies program's strengths and struggles, while highlighting the people who have championed its existence. The AF/AM/50 weekend program can be found [here](#).

### Jeffrey Schnapp: "Books to Bits::Bits to Books – The Shifting Shape of Scholarship (Today)"

Presented under the auspices of the Harold and Iris Chandler Lectureship

Tuesday, November 12th

7:30 p.m.

Visual Arts Center, Beam Classroom



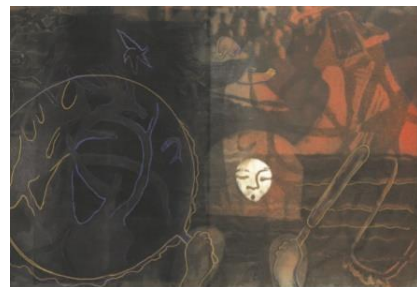
Jeffrey Schnapp will explore the shapes and forms that experimental scholarship is assuming in an array of arts and humanities disciplines, from media studies to digital humanities to cultural analytics, with particular attention to the interplay between research practices and institutional supports from the classroom to the library. Schnapp is the founder/faculty director of metaLAB (at) Harvard and faculty co-director of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. More information can be found [here](#).

## Book Launch Reception for Visual Arts Students' Collaborative Artists' Book

Wednesday, November 20th

3:00-3:45 p.m.

Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, Nixon Lounge



Join us for a book launch and reception for an artists' book created by printmaking students and visiting printmaker Claudia Fieo. The book is inspired by the students' encounter with Arctic Museum collections and showcases their hand-printed artwork.

Co-sponsored by Visual Arts, Bowdoin College Library's George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives, and the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum.

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## Staff Comings and Goings

The library's staff roster has changed over the past few months following the retirement of two long-term employees, Carol Durak, Conservation Technician, and Lucy Cunningham, Government Documents & Receiving Assistant, and with new roles for several current staff. [Read more »](#)



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