



### Planning Ahead for Spring Semester

The Library will be closed for winter break from December 23rd-January 8th. Plan ahead!

To ensure materials are available for students at the start of the spring semester, please follow these guidelines. Place requests for

- new books or other course-related materials ASAP. [Request form](#)
- CBB/MaineCat items by December 19th.
- digital delivery of articles/book chapters by December 21st.
- streaming course reserves by January 10th. [Request form](#)
- Bowdoin-held materials for course reserve by January 15th.



Faculty who are interested in integrating Special Collections & Archives into their spring courses should reach out to Special Collections Education and Engagement Librarian Marieke Van Der Steenhoven soon. There has been a significant uptick in interest in integrating SC&A materials into classes, which renders early planning essential for the most meaningful interactions for students. Visit the [Class Instruction](#) page on the SC&A website for details and ideas about what a visit to Special Collections might offer your students.

All of us at the Library send you warm wishes for an enjoyable break!

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### Coming in Summer 2023: A New Integrated Library Catalog

At the end of the spring semester, Bowdoin, Colby, and Bates will be retiring the library services platform that is used to manage all library operations, including CBBcat, and will transition to a cloud-based, next generation

library system (ILS), Alma/Primo. The new CBBcat, which we expect to launch in mid-June, will provide a more intuitive and responsive search and browse user experience, with integrated access to our print, electronic, and digital materials. Stay tuned for opportunities to preview and test drive the catalog during the spring semester.



## Special Collections & Archives Learning Lab

Following a [summer-long construction project](#), September saw the opening of the Learning Lab on the 3rd floor of H-L Library, adjacent to Special Collections & Archives. The Learning Lab provides a dedicated space for SC&A-related instruction and programs and has been a hub of activity throughout the semester, hosting a variety of classes, hands-on activities for students, and campus-wide events.



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## New Acquisitions

The library continues to expand its digital resource holdings across disciplines. Recent acquisitions include [Political](#)

[Extremism & Radicalism in the 20th Century Digital Archive](#), the [GeoScienceWorld](#) ebook collection, the [Encyclopedia of Ancient History](#),



the complete archives of [Newsweek](#), the [Nation](#), [Architectural Digest](#), the [New Republic](#), and [Life Magazine](#), and a primary source database focused on [North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries, and Oral Histories](#). Questions about these, or other library resources can be directed to one of our expert [Research Librarians](#).

Among Special Collections & Archives' recent acquisitions are two early editions of the work of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a seventeenth-century feminist scholar, dramatist, nun, and poet, *Fama y Obras* (1714) and *Obras poeticas* (1715). Both works were consulted extensively this semester by students in Margaret Boyle's course HISP 3231, "Sor Juana and Maria de Zayas: Early Modern Feminisms," and the former was featured in the November 16th Hispanic Feminisms Open House arranged by Special Collections and curated by students from HISP 3231 and Irina Popescu's Latin American Feminisms course.



HON. JONATHAN CILLEY.  
Hon. Jon Cilley

In addition, the library's archival holdings have been significantly enhanced by a recent gift, the collection of Jonathan Cilley, a graduate of Bowdoin's famous class of 1825. Cilley (1802-1838) was a skilled orator, lawyer, and United States Representative from Maine (1836-1838), who died from a gunshot wound following a [duel with fellow congressman William Graves of Kentucky](#). The collection includes hundreds of

letters between Cilley and his wife, Deborah, including the last letter he wrote (which failed to mention he would be dueling the next day). The Cilley Family Papers also includes material related to Jonathan Prince Cilley (Bowdoin Class of 1858), a Bvt. Brig. Gen. during the Civil War; Jonathan Prince Cilley, Jr. (Bowdoin Class of 1891); and Jonathan Cilley Tibbitts (Bowdoin Class of 1922). Additional information may be found in Special Collections & Archives' [Guide to the Cilley Family Papers, 1820-1923](#).

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## Bowdoin & the Book

**Bowdoin & The Book** seeks to elevate conversations about the "book," broadly defined to extend from oral traditions to manuscripts, printed books, and digital media, to serve as the conduit for an



exploration of the intersections of history, technology, culture, language, literature, and more through Special Collections & Archives' rare book collections. Under the auspices of the program this semester, students engaged with the book form in over 40 class sessions in the SC&A Learning Lab, faculty and staff traveled to the Boston Antiquarian Book Fair, and we welcomed book designer Ken Botnick for a lecture on haptic learning and sponsored a hands-on paper-marbling workshop for students.



To learn more and get involved, visit:

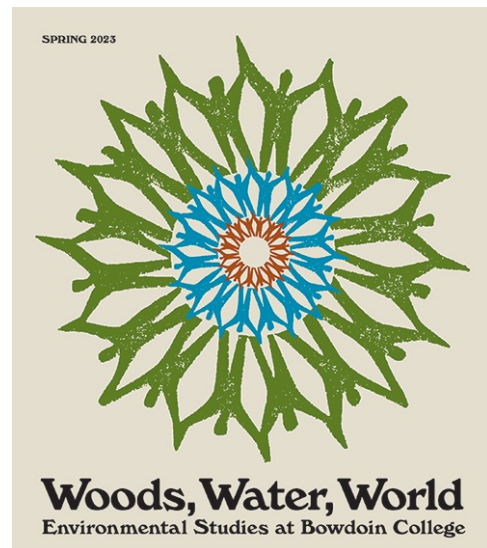
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### Mark Your Calendars for the New Year

#### **Woods, Water, World: Environmental Studies at Bowdoin College**

Spring 2023 (**opens January 23rd**)  
Second Floor Gallery, Hawthorne-  
Longfellow Library

This exhibit marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Environmental Studies Program and examines the fundamental role of the natural world at the College. Through archival documents, photographs, maps, and more, explore the enduring importance of the Bowdoin Pines, the pollution (and clean-up) of the Androscoggin River, and the generations of Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff dedicated to studying and defending the natural world, on campus, in Maine, and around the world. Exhibit curated by Lizzy Kaplan '23.



Join us for the first **Faculty New Book Launch** of the Spring Semester on **February 2nd at 4:30**

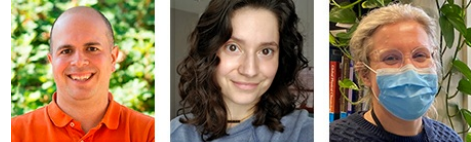


pm, in H-L Library's Nixon Lounge. Henry Laurence, Associate Professor of Government and Asian Studies, will discuss his new book, [\*The Politics of Public Broadcasting in Britain and Japan: The BBC and NHK Compared.\*](#)

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## Staff Comings and Goings

We bid farewell to two long-term staff who have decided to retire, and welcome several new staff who have recently joined the library's team. [Read more »](#)



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