



# What's New Spring 2015

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## ***Introducing Karen Schneider, Our New University Library Dean***

Join us in welcoming Karen G. Schneider as Dean of the University Library. Karen comes to us from Holy Names where she served as the University Librarian for over five years and established the library as the heart of the campus. A prolific writer, Karen has published more than 100 articles, two books, literary essays in venues such as *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, and maintains her popular blog, the Free Range Librarian. Karen is a highly sought-after speaker, presenting on topics such as change management, intellectual freedom, and most recently, optimism in leadership. Karen's office is on the third floor of the Library. She can be reached at [karen.schneider@sonoma.edu](mailto:karen.schneider@sonoma.edu) or 664-2397. Karen is thrilled to be here and looks forward to working with the faculty, staff, and students at SSU.

## ***New Librarians: Hilary Smith and Alyson Barrett-Ryan***

Two new part-time librarians, Hilary Smith and Alyson Barrett-Ryan, have joined our First-Year Instruction and Research Help teams. Hilary's experience includes teaching at the Santa Rosa Junior College. She also represents Cotati on the Sonoma County Library Commission. Alyson, a new transplant to the Bay Area, teaches information literacy courses at CSU East Bay. Previously she worked as an archivist at the Murie Center in Wyoming.

## ***One More New Person: Victoria Billings***

The newest addition to the Library staff is Victoria Billings, who joins the Marketing and Communications team. Vicki moved to Sonoma County in January from San Luis Obispo, where she worked as a copy editor at the *San Luis Obispo Tribune* and as a writer for the CSU Libraries Network website.

## ***Modini Ranch Journals Digital Collection***

The University Library's newest digital resource, the *Modini Ranch Journals Digital Collection*, features the personal journals of James Lawrence Modini, Jr. (1917-2011), who lived his life ranching in Sonoma County. Modini and his wife, Shirley, worked with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to preserve their ranch. The journals span 70 years, 1935 to 2005, and discuss weather, wildlife sightings, events, sketches, and musings. Contact Special Collections for more information or to view the actual journals. The Library's digital collections can be found at: [northbaydigital.sonoma.edu](http://northbaydigital.sonoma.edu)

## ***Schedule Group Study Rooms Online***

Online booking is now available for group study rooms, media rooms, and presentation rooms. Group study rooms can be reserved for two hours daily. Media and presentation rooms can be booked for four hours daily and require key check-out from the Info/Check-Out Desk. To schedule rooms go to: [sonoma.libcal.com](http://sonoma.libcal.com)

## ***Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of the Negro Baseball Leagues***

"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of the Negro Baseball Leagues," which explores the rich world of African American baseball history, is on view in the Library Art Gallery through March 15, 2015. Discover Greatness tells the story of pride and perseverance, famous and popular baseball players, and those who endured America's dark past of racial segregation to simply play their favorite game.

If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in a lecture series about the Negro Baseball Leagues, please contact [Karen.Brodsky@sonoma.edu](mailto:Karen.Brodsky@sonoma.edu) -- stayed tuned to the Library for info about upcoming events. Also, feel free to contact Karen to discuss ideas for assignments and class projects based on the exhibit.