



ALS Collections: A Newsletter

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Hello everyone, and welcome to ALS Collections: A Newsletter of Collection Development, highlighting resources available to ECU and issues related to developing and managing Academic Library Services' collections. This seventh issue comes to you in the middle of the of the summer terms. Look for News in Brief and feature articles in each issue; this issue has three feature articles: NC Live eAudio Books, Joyner Library Acquires Stuart Wright Collection and Journal Backfile Collections Acquired.

Feel free to suggest future features, or to send comment to thomasw@ecu.edu. Thank you, Joseph Thomas

News in Brief:

- Our stacks are changing! We're in the middle of shifting books around on the 3rd floor and in the basement. Right now call numbers Q-Z are affected. They are being shifted backwards to make room for the Oversized and Flat Oversized items currently in the basement. If you have trouble finding something, please ask at the Circulation Desk.
- We're getting new furniture for our Collaborative Learning Center on the first floor. All existing furniture is being replaced by furniture more conducive to group work. Student seating will increase from 345 seats to over 500. Mark Sanders, the Head of Reference said about this process, "I'm excited that the library's upgrade in technologies and furniture configurations will increase our ability to foster collaboration & production among students. And of course, the Reference Department remains positioned to provide research and instructional support in person, via telephone, email, instant message or text message".
- Check out [DigitalNC](#). East Carolina University is a contributing member of this project which explores "the history and culture of North Carolina through original materials from cultural heritage repositories across the state."

Welcome to Our New Collection Development Librarian

David Durant has worked at Joyner library since June of 1999 as the Federal Documents Coordinator. In December of 2008 he was mobilized to the Army. He served from April of 2009 to January of 2010 in the Iraqi Theater of Operations as a Staff Sergeant. He was part of the S2 (Intelligence) Section of the headquarters of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina National Guard. David is glad to be back with us as our new Collection Development Librarian for Federal Documents and Social Sciences. Part of his duties includes being the liaison for several departments: anthropology, communication, military science/ROTC, political science, psychology, security studies and sociology.

Welcome also to our New Science Librarian

Jeanne Hoover starts July 1, 2010 as our new science librarian. Jeanne received her M.L.I.S. in 2008 from the University of Pittsburgh. She has been working as an Adult Services Reference Assistant for the Schlow Centre Region Library since December of 2009. She has experience working at the University of Pittsburgh's Bevier Engineering Library and Pennsylvania State's Physical and Mathematics Sciences Library. Her exact liaison areas are yet to be determined.

NC Live eAudio Books

Cindy Shirkey

ECU now has access to 750 downloadable audio books through NC Live and MyiLibrary Audio. To access this collection go to our [databases page](#) and click on the NC Live databases link in the middle of the page. From there, click on the link to MyiLibrary Audio.



The collection was purchased by the North Carolina statewide online library and NC Live with a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the State Library of North Carolina. All libraries in North Carolina have access to this collection. The collection has fiction and non-fiction works with a concentration of books in language learning, classic literature, history and biography. These books are compatible with iPods and other MP3 devices and are free to all residents. You do not need an MP3 player to listen to these books, however, as MyiLibrary provides a downloadable program you can use to listen to the books via your computer.



The collection works by using a bookshelf system. Users log in when they first get to the site and access their bookshelf. The users can put the books they want to download or listen to on their bookshelf and use them at their convenience.

Users can also put books on hold if someone else has checked out a book they are interested in. To create an account to facilitate using the bookshelf feature, please go to [MyiLibrary](#) and click on Get an Account.

Some users have experienced problems with setting up their accounts. For help please use [Ask A Librarian](#).

Joyner Library Acquires Stuart Wright Collection

Maury York

Joyner Library recently purchased the literary collection of Stuart T. Wright, a noted bibliographer and collector whose work focuses on southern poets and novelists. A native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest University, Wright currently lives in England. He is perhaps best known for his published bibliographies of such noted American writers as A. R. Ammons, James Dickey, Richard Eberhart, George Garrett, William Goyen, Randall Jarrell, Andrew Nelson Lytle, Walker Percy, and Reynolds Price.

The Wright Collection came to Joyner through the vision and persistence of Dean of Academic Library and Learning Resources Larry Boyer, who in 2007 traveled to England with Dr. Thomas Douglass (English) to examine the more than 3,000 printed works and 5,000 manuscripts in the collection. The library already had acquired a component of Wright's collection, the A. R. Ammons Papers, as a gift from East Carolina University alumnus M. Reid Overcash and his wife Susan, and Dr. Boyer left England determined to bring the remainder of the trove to East Carolina. The friendship he developed with Wright during the visit played a key role in making this goal a reality.

Appraiser Lynn Roundtree of Chapel Hill recently described the collection as "an extraordinary accumulation of rare first printings, association copies, authors' copies, dedication copies, authors' presentation copies, and literary papers of many of the finest American poets, novelists, and short story writers of the twentieth century." Included are signed first editions and other important works from the libraries of John Crowe Ransom, Robert Penn Warren, and Richard Eberhart. Among the manuscripts are holograph letters written by Peter Taylor to his wife during World War II, notebooks and a virtually complete collection of poems written by Randall Jarrell, and Robert Penn Warren's typescript of the screenplay (1949) for *All the King's Men*. Other writers represented by books or manuscripts include Cleanth Brooks, Robert Lowell, Katherine Anne Porter, Allen Tate, and Eudora Welty.

Preliminary inventories of the collection, which has been on loan to the library since September 2009, have been completed, and all materials are available for research in the fourth-floor reading room of the Special Collections Department. Additional cataloging and processing will take place in the future.

We hope that the collection will serve as a source for primary research and resultant publishing by faculty and students in the Literature and Creative Writing concentrations. In particular, the collection can support research and courses focused on Southern and regional literature, development of the American novel, twentieth-century American literature, the contemporary novel, children's literature, and women's literature. Of particular note is the inclusion of materials from four poet laureates in the collection, making it of great value to students in poetry classes and to creative writing students who will be able to see the creative process on display through the works and manuscripts of these poets.

Journal Backfile Collections Acquired

Patrick Carr and Cindy Shirkey

Thanks to one-time funds from Academic Affairs, Joyner Library has been able to acquire a number of journal backfile collections. This means we will have archival, electronic access to the historical content of the affected journals.

The library purchased backfiles from the Nature Publishing Group, including *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature*



Genetics, *Nature Medicine* and *Nature Neuroscience*.

Several JSTOR collections were purchased including



JSTOR Arts & Sciences Collection VIII, *JSTOR Ireland* and *JSTOR Collection: Business III*. For more information on the titles included in the JSTOR collections, please go to [JSTOR's webpage](#). The library has also acquired multiple journal collections from Wiley-Blackwell: *Geography and Development*; *Aquaculture and Fish Sciences*; *Psychology*; *History/Archaeology*; *Education*; *Business and Management*; *Earth and Environmental Sciences*; *Economics, Finance and Accounting*; *Mathematics*; *Biology*; *Biotechnology*, *Biochemistry and Biophysics*; *Genetics and Evolution*; *Neuroscience*; *Philosophy*;

Sociology, Social Policy, Social Welfare and Anthropology; Communications Technology, Electrical & Systems Engineering; and Literature, Cultural Studies and Art. To find out which titles we have access to now, please sort by New Backfile Collection [in this spreadsheet](#). Joyner Library also purchased full backfile access to Elsevier ScienceDirect Journals which gives us coverage of virtually all Elsevier journal content from inception to the current issue. This covers more than 2,500 titles. For more information on the titles contained therein, please go to [Elsevier's webpage](#). Joyner Library is also now providing access



to [all Taylor & Francis journals](#). Previously, ECU's access to these journals was limited to individually subscribed journals and generally extended back until 1997. This new acquisition expands the collection so that, for current subscriptions, access extends from inception to the current issue. For non-subscribed journals, access extends from inception to content published in 1996. Joyner library is now providing full backfile access to [Emerald journals](#), as well. Previously, ECU's access to Emerald journals extended back to the mid-1990s. The current acquisition expands this access so that ECU now has access to Emerald journals from their inception. The library also has full backfile access to [Sage journals](#). Previously, there were about twenty-four titles that were missing from ECU's Sage content. This gap has been filled so that ECU now has access to virtually all Sage journal content. Joyner library has also acquired [Cambridge Journal Digital Archives](#). Previously, ECU's online access to Cambridge University Press journals only extended back to content published since 1998.

Cambridge Journals Digital Archive

The new acquisition expands access to almost all Cambridge journal content from incipient to current issues.

Joyner Library also purchased the [US Congressional Serials Set, 1981-1994](#). Previously, ECU's access to the Serials Set stopped in 1980. Now access has been expanded to 1994.

Joyner Library is very happy to offer expanded access to so many journals in an effort to facilitate research. Faculty and students can connect to all of these journals via the [E-Journal Portal](#), and soon, via the library's catalog. Please send questions or comments to [Joseph Thomas](#) (737-2728).