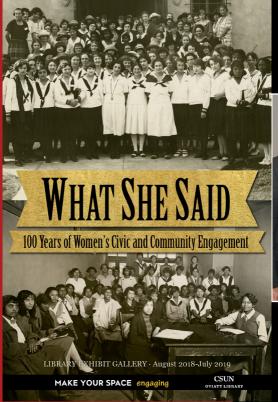
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# People are Talking about "What She Said"

September 20, 2018 saw the lively opening of the Oviatt Library Special Collections & Archives exhibit, What She Said: 100 Years of Women's Civic and Community Engagement. The exhibition, which documents the rise of women's engagement in civic, social and business life beginning in the late 19th century, was celebrated by almost 150 attendees including two Los Angeles City Councilwomen. Nury Martinez, representing the 6th district, is a CSUN graduate and the first Latina elected to the Los Angeles City Council representing the San Fernando Valley. The second speaker was Monica Rodriguez, representing the 7th district.



L-R: Library Dean Mark Stover, Councilwoman Monica Rodriquez, CSUN President Dr. Dianne F. Harrison

and Councilwoman Nury Martinez and child care. "As we approach the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, it was important to present the story of how voting rights were achieved," says Ellen Jarosz,

Head of Special Collections & Archives and one of the curators of the exhibit. Both the Women Together and the Issue Spotlights segments feature papers of women's clubs and associations active in Greater Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. The curators drew heavily on materials from the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), League of Women Voters. The Links Inc., and included materials from many other groups such as Comisión Femenil and Mothers of Fast Los

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Visitors adjourned to the Library Exhibit Gallery after the speaker program. The exhibition is curated in three parts: Votes for Women. Women Together and Issue Spotlights, which highlight women's active influence in significant political reforms such as the



environment.



CSUN Oviatt Library Dean Dr. Mark Stover

## From the Dean

One of the most rewarding aspects of library work is to provide diverse educational and cultural programming and resources that recognize individual accomplishments and document transformative social movements.

In anticipation of the centennial of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution, the Oviatt Library Special Collections & Archives has mounted an exhibition titled **What She Said: 100 Years of Women's Civic and Community Engagement**. Along with this major exhibition, the Oviatt Library also provides students and faculty with a variety of print and electronic resources that focus on research in women and gender studies.

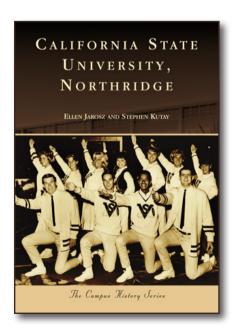
As the steward of the Bonita Campbell Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Endowment, the Oviatt Library encourages women to enter the STEM fields and thrive in their careers through scholarships, paid internships, research fellowships, mentoring activities, and special lectures featuring prominent and successful female scientists and engineers. Through her generosity, Dr. Campbell (the first female tenured engineering faculty member at CSUN) is impacting women – and society at large -- for generations to come. The WISE Endowment is representative of the commitment that the Oviatt Library has made to inspiring women to greater heights, documenting their achievements, and providing access to their stories for those who seek to follow in their footsteps. The motto of the WISE Endowment easily fits into the strategic plan of the Oviatt Library: "Inspire the future, nurture the present, and celebrate the past." •

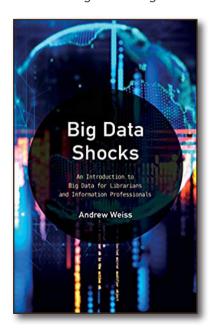
# **Librarian Spotlight**

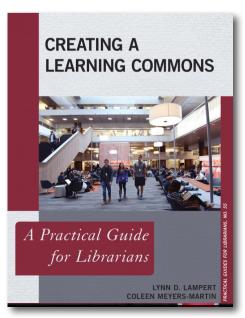
Ellen Jarosz, head of Special Collections and Archives and Stephen Kutay, Digital Services Librarian collaborated on the release of *California State University, Northridge*, a pictorial history of the university published by Arcadia Publishing, Campus History Series.

Andrew Weiss, Digital Services Librarian released his second book, *Big Data Shocks: An Introduction to Big Data for Librarians and Information Professionals.* 

In January 2019, the Oviatt Library's Lynn Lampert and Coleen Martin coauthored *Creating a Learning Commons*: A Practical Guide for Librarians.
Published by Rowman & Littlefield,
the book covers a wide spectrum of
important issues facing those who
are interested in establishing a library
learning commons, including building
considerations, marketing issues, and
programmatic concerns. •







# Thanks and Recognition: Milt and Debbie Valera

The Oviatt Library extends heartfelt gratitude to Milt and Debbie Valera. As active volunteers and donors in the CSUN community, the couple established the Milt and Debbie Valera First Amendment Rights Endowment providing the Oviatt Library funding for materials and media for the truthful communication to University students and

faculty of the meaning and significance of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and how the amendment allows Americans the opportunity to enjoy their right to the freedom of speech.

The Valeras are well-known. respected supporters in the CSUN community.

They serve on the CSUN President's Associates Executive Council, the Heritage Society, and were 2018 Gold Sponsors of the CSUN

Distinguished Alumni Awards. Milt is a 1968 graduate of CSUN (San Fernando Valley State College), where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism. Debbie received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in English and Journalism from Syracuse University in 1972. Milt is a member of the CSUN Foundation, the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics Advisory Board, was president of the Journalism

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Alumni Association, and was the founding chair of the President's Associates and the Mike Curb College of Arts. Media, and Communication Dean's Circle Advisory Board. He has also served on the Alumni Association Board and the Valley Performing Arts (now The Soraya) Steering Committee. As one of CSUN's most loyal and supportive

> volunteer leaders. Milt received the University's prestigious Dorothea "Granny" Heitz Award for **Outstanding Volunteer** Leadership in 2011. Debbie, who has served on several boards, has been involved on numerous committees at CSUN, including the **Outstanding Graduating** Senior Selection Committee.



acquired through the Milt and Debbie Valera First Amendment Rights Endowment are available for educational events coordinated by the Oviatt Library, for University faculty to incorporate in course curriculum, and for student use.

We at the Oviatt Library are tremendously thankful to receive this distinctive endowment to support educational resources on the fundamental right to freedom of speech through this generous contribution from Milt and Debbie Valera. •



Milt Valera, CSUN President Dr. Dianne F. Harrison and Debbie Valera

# **Transforming the Library**

oday's academic libraries are evolving into spaces where knowledge is not just discovered, but also created. Library spaces are

commonly being transformed to accommodate a more techoriented, collaborative culture. Some have argued that libraries are ideal locations for makerspaces because librarians already embrace many of the values makerspaces promote, including the American



Library Association's Core Values of Librarianship: access, democracy, diversity, education, and lifelong learning. The twenty-first century library, with its focus on staff expertise and knowledge creation, is poised not only to support education in the classroom, but to help make and shape it.

The Oviatt Library's strategic mission is to keep pace with new and rapid technology advances, the evolution of higher education, and changes in society. The Oviatt Library is determined to support an appreciation of diversity and creativity and provide innovative physical and virtual spaces. To accomplish this new goal and to encourage innovation on campus, the Library is working to build a Makerspace.

The Oviatt Library's Makerspace will be open to students from all majors and will encourage collaboration among students of diverse backgrounds. The Oviatt's Creative Media Studio has already begun to foster the spirit of discovery and design. As a small-scale makerspace, the Creative Media Studio illustrates the future success of a larger scale

#### What is a Makerspace?

"A creative space where students can gather to create, invent, and learn" and "a ollaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high-tech to no-tech tools.

Source: Makerspace.com

Makerspace for CSUN students. Our expanded Makerspace will be centered on learning in action and democratization of activities across all demographics for students in

any major. This goes hand in hand with information literacy standards, which emphasize critical thinking, synthesizing information, technological fluency, and knowledge creation as an iterative process.

The vision for the Oviatt Library's new makerspace within the next year includes:

- 3D printers
- Desktop CNC milling machines
- Laser cutters
- Vinyl cutters
- Sewing machines · General shop equipment
- iMac and HP computers with a variety of software applications

We are excited about the Makerspace development in the Oviatt Library, as we champion exploration, innovation, and the building of an open, inclusive and creative environment for the CSUN community. Thank you for your support. •

#### As a History graduate student at CSUN, the Oviatt

Library has been an indispensable resource for myself and my studies. Between the amount of space available to study, research, and write, and the excellent librarians, faculty and staff that are extremely helpful in finding resources from the excellent and well curated selection of library.csun.edu/give materials, the Oviatt Library has



Library Student Employee **Ashley Frazier** 

been a defining feature of my education at CSUN.

# **Recent Moves and Renovations**



One Department, One Location **BETTER TOGETHER** 2nd Floor, East Wing library.csun.edu/About/SecondFloor



New Name, More Equipment **BETTER SERVICE** 1st Floor, Learning Commons

library.csun.edu/learning-commons



**New Location SAME HOURS** Garden Level

library.csun.edu/About/GardenLevel

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Photograph, Two former Angel City Chapter Presidents presenting scholarship check for "Dollars for Scholars," circa 1967-1968 (Links, Inc., Angel City Chapter Collection)

continued from page 1 Angeles (MELA). "Women's groups are important to the story because they brought individual women together and empowered them to work as a team to tackle issues facing their communities, like childcare, healthcare, and other issues in everyday life," says Mallory Furnier, an Archivist in Special Collections & Archives, and a member of the curation team for this exhibit. "The YWCA in particular was a very inclusive local organization, providing support and community to women of all backgrounds, cultures, and classes. The organization provided housing for single women coming to Los Angeles for work, as part of combating the previously negative public perception of unmarried women living solo in an urban environment."

The stories begun in Votes for Women and Women Together gain contemporary perspective in Issue Spotlights. "The story of suffrage and women's associations provide a foundation for the essential topics we wanted to examine in the third part of the exhibition," explains Holli Teltoe, Special Collections & Archives Coordinator, another member of the curation team. "What we consider to be key issues -- like reproductive rights -- started with health issues like workplace safety, healthcare for the poor. We are hoping that displays on topics like the ERA show how historical successes of and challenges to women's movements are still relevant to contemporary political concerns."

Come visit What She Said: 100 Years of Women's Civic and Community Engagement now through July 1, 2019. Use our audio tour, featuring voices of CSUN students and Oviatt Library personnel, to navigate the gallery. https:// library.csun.edu/gallerytour/what-she-said/