SSU Makerspace expanded hours
Open hours in the SSU Makerspace are expanding this spring semester to Mondays – Thursdays, 12:00pm – 8:00pm, and Fridays, 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Open to all SSU students, faculty, and staff. For questions, including tours or workshops for classes, contact Jonathan Smith at jonathan.smith@sonoma.edu.

HARVESTER: A Portrait of Immigrant Labor by Erik Castro
SSU Library Gallery, January 16 to March 16, 2018
Reception: Tuesday, February 20, 4 pm – 5:30 pm, Library Gallery

In HARVESTER, Erik photographed Sonoma County harvest workers the moment after they completed a harvest pick. Erik said, “I wanted to show the individuals who travel great distances to toil in California’s grape harvests. Like street photography, I wanted the photos to feel like fleeting moments.”

Erik Castro is a frequent contributor to The Press Democrat and the San Francisco Chronicle who has won multiple National Press Photographers Association Awards. His work has been exhibited in Seattle, Los Angeles, and the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art.

Please join us for a reception and artist’s talk Tuesday, February 20, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Library Gallery. Erik will discuss the artistic passion and humanistic aspects behind HARVESTER. The reception and exhibit are sponsored by the University Library with support from the Jean and Charles Schulz Endowment. Visit the Library website for more details.

Dinner Table Talk: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
This April, the Library continues the Dinner Table Talk series with a discussion of Rebecca Skloot’s The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. This remarkable story (which was recently made into a movie) offers an opportunity for interdisciplinary connections between science, ethics, history, race, and politics.

The Dinner Table Talk series is founded on the idea that the dinner table provides an ideal space for wide-ranging, thought-provoking conversation. We bring together faculty, staff, students, and community members around the table to talk about the most important issues we face regionally and globally. This spring’s event will be held Thursday, April 5 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Schulz 3001. Dinner is free, and the event is open to all.
Time to Write: Faculty Writing Time in the Library

Are you looking for a dedicated time and place to buckle down and write? Do you want the added motivation of your colleagues hard at work around you? Come to the library for monthly Faculty Writing Time. We’re setting aside a space (and providing free coffee!) for you to focus on your writing and research. Come to the Graduate Study Room on the 3rd Floor of the library from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 23
- Tuesday, March 27
- Tuesday, February 20
- Tuesday, April 24

Find the time, space, motivation (and caffeine) you need to get that writing project done this semester.

Pan y Café

The event series, Pan y Café, will return in Spring 2018 on the following Wednesdays from 10:30am – noon:

- February 14
- March 14
- April 18

Pan y Café is held in the Library Teaching Center (2nd floor) and offers an opportunity for all SSU students, faculty and staff to connect in an informal and welcoming environment, sharing conversation and coffee, hot chocolate and pan dulce (traditional Latin American sweet breads). This semester, each event will engage participants around a selected cultural theme. Stay tuned for more details!

New Tenure-Track Librarian: Mary Wegmann

Mary Wegmann joined the Library in October 2017 as the Collection Development Librarian, and is the liaison to the Art, Music, and Theatre Arts & Dance departments. Mary coordinates the management of the Library’s print and electronic collections and is working to better align the Library’s collections with SSU’s curriculum.

Mary comes to SSU from Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, CA where she was the Director of Library Services and served as the liaison for the Fine Art, Graphic Design, Music, Theater, and Art Therapy departments. She is an active member of the regional chapter of the Art Libraries Society of North America and the ACRL College Libraries Section Best Practices Committee.

New Resources on Environmental History from an Unexpected Source

SSU Library’s Special Collections department is noted for the depth of its materials on environmental history. The Lynn Woolsey Congressional Papers contain an exceptional amount of material on such activism in the North Bay. This collection chronicles the Honorable Lynn Woolsey’s time as Representative from California’s 6th congressional district, 1996-2006. Representative Woolsey was a strong advocate for North Bay environmental issues, from the Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuary north of the Farallon Islands, to open space protection and early discussions of climate change. She donated her papers to SSU Special Collections in 2013.

Make an appointment to view this or any of our Special Collections: http://library.sonoma.edu/specialcollections/contact