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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library opened its doors in the summer of 2003 in a unique collaboration between San José State University and the City of San José. The SJSU King Library's combined academic and public services make it the nation's largest joint library, providing resources and opportunities for a lifetime of learning.



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VR Connection at SJSU

## A Message from the Dean

We are having a glorious start to the new academic year here in the San José State University King Library. Along with welcoming over 36,000 students, including nearly 10,000 new students and orienting them to the library, we have wonderful exhibits and programs hosted by the Africana, Asian American, Chicano, and Native American (AAACNA) Studies Center, Special Collections and Archives, and Student Computing Services. AAACNA, in collaboration with the San José Multicultural Artists Guild, held the "13th Annual Art of Remembrance Altar Exhibit" through November 8. In our Special Collections and Archives, we have an inspiring exhibit of photographs, papers, and other ephemera titled, "Bay Area Pride: 50 Years of LGBTQ History, Politics, and Culture." Our Student Computing Services staff hosted an all-day networking opportunity "Virtual Reality Connection at SJSU" in which nearly 70 virtual reality and

augmented reality experts, researchers, and enthusiasts gathered in the library's incubator space in the lower level. Finally, we honored nearly 50 San José State University authors and artists at our Annual Author and Artists Awards. Perhaps the most exciting initiative yet, is the start of our Library Research Scholars Program. Student research fellows are devoting up to 10 hours per week to working on a research project funded through private donors and the Friends of the King Library. Read more about the program and our three fellows on page 8.

Many of the spaces, events, exhibits, programs, and services are made possible through the generous donations of library donors. Quite frankly, none of the above "happenings" would have been possible without your support. Our donor investment in the Dean's Excellence Fund allows us to establish innovative learning technologies

and services like the Sound Studio, KLEVR Lab (King Library Experiential Virtual Reality), and the Presentation Practice Room.

We are always trying to find out what our students and faculty need to be successful. Last spring, we surveyed the faculty and learned that they are interested in incorporating open education resources (OERs) into their classes. OERs are educational resources which can replace costly textbooks. Research shows that students who have access to high quality OERs get better grades and are more likely to graduate. Therefore, the library has been engaged in the California State University System's Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) Program. Through the library's AL\$ Program, SJSU students are saving an estimated \$400,000 per semester. However, the need is much greater as our students, in total, are spending approximately \$40M on

textbooks annually. With greater investment by our donors, we would like to be able to help all of our faculty adopt OERs in order to replace the high cost of textbooks. Not only is this impacting students, but faculty are also having difficulty accessing the research publications they need to advance their own research and teaching. There are a number of ways our donors can help, including gifts to the Dean's Excellence Fund.

As the Dean, I want to thank all of our donors for their continued support of the library. Your investment inspires excellence in everything that we do here at SJSU King Library.

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# Upcoming Events and Exhibits

## Special Collections Exhibits

### Treasures from the Vault: Medieval Manuscripts and Beyond

Aug. 15 – Dec. 9, 2019

Fifth Floor (elevator cases), SJSU King Library

Before the advent of the printing press in the Western world, everything was made by hand: ink, paper, parchment, writing implements, book bindings, and beyond. This exhibit explores books produced between the 14th and 16th centuries, covering medieval music, liturgical books, personal devotional books, writing implements, religious scholarship, and incunabula—the very first printed books in Western history.

### Bay Area Pride: 50 Years of LGBTQ History, Politics, and Culture

Aug. 19 – Dec. 20, 2019

Special Collections Exhibit Hall, Fifth Floor, SJSU King Library

The exhibit highlights Bay Area LGBTQ history, politics, and culture over the last 50 years. Featuring materials from SJSU Special Collections & Archives, this exhibit includes original photographs from the *Ted Sahl Archives: A Collection of Gay and Lesbian History*, as well as materials from the *Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center Papers*, *Mark Porsche Papers*, *High Tech Gays Records*, *The Ladder Periodical Collection*, and *Lesbian Feminist Publications*.



### Personal to Professional: Spotlight on SJSU Faculty

Sep. 12 – Dec. 9, 2019

Special Collections Reading Room, Fifth Floor, SJSU King Library

Curated by SJSU MLIS graduate student Fiona Du Brock, "Personal to Professional: Spotlight on SJSU Faculty" explores the diverse body of work, research, and contributions made by former SJSU faculty in a variety of disciplines, from art to mathematics. The exhibit features both published and unpublished works and includes both professional and personal materials, such as books, research notes, photographs, journals, correspondence, and ephemera.

Interested in helping sponsor a library event or exhibit? Contact Director of Development Anh Ly at [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-1104.

## Africana, Asian American, Chicano, and Native American Studies Center Exhibits

Each month the Africana, Asian American, Chicano, and Native American (AACNA) Studies Center features cultural and educational events and exhibits during significant ethnic celebrations throughout the year. Join us at the AACNA Studies Center as we celebrate:



### Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 13 – Dec. 6, 2019



### Kwanzaa

Dec. 16 – 31, 2019

### African American Heritage Month

Jan. 13 – Feb. 28, 2020

### Asian American Heritage Month

Apr. 6 – May 29, 2020

Event and exhibit dates are subject to change; please go to [library.sjsu.edu/events](http://library.sjsu.edu/events) for exact times and additional information.



## University Scholar Series

In sponsorship with the Office of the Provost, Spartan Bookstore, and Division of Research and Innovation, the SJSU King Library hosts a series of lectures given by several SJSU faculty members to share their research and knowledge on a particular topic. If you would like to attend one of the Spring 2020 Scholar Series, visit [library.sjsu.edu/uss](http://library.sjsu.edu/uss) for updates and information.



### The Beethovens on the Rhine: Exploring Beethoven's Love of Nature

Jan. 21 – Apr. 11, 2020

Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies, Fifth Floor, SJSU King Library

Learn about the Beethoven family in Bonn and the natural world of Beethoven's childhood home.

### Beethoven Day with the Cambrian Symphony

Mar. 28, 2020

First Floor, SJSU King Library

Come hear Beethoven's 5th Symphony on the first floor of the library! For updates visit: [sjsu.edu/beethoven](http://sjsu.edu/beethoven).

For more information about these and other public events or exhibits, visit the SJSU King Library website at: [library.sjsu.edu/events](http://library.sjsu.edu/events).

# SJSU Library Research Scholars Program

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the King Library, as well as numerous private gifts, the SJSU King Library launched the Research Scholars Program at the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester. Three undergraduate fellows were selected out of 107 applicants. Over the course of one academic year, each fellow will work with a librarian mentor to investigate a single research project.

“Research is a strategy for learning and communicating meaningful answers to complex questions. Working with a librarian who has either asked such questions or knows how to organize questions is invaluable,” said Alexander Werdmuller von Elgg, a 2019-2020 research fellow.

Werdmuller von Elgg is earning a BFA in the Pictorial Arts Program and plans to develop his art practice while in the research program. He has found the library to be a place he frequents—to organize his tasks and gain clarity of mind. “I love the library’s commitment to offering a clean and clear space to contemplate ideas—a space to reflect,” he said.

Research fellow Ricardo Pimentel, who is majoring in justice studies and minoring in psychology, is intrigued by veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. He is curious to learn more about the different kinds of psychiatric treatments for PTSD, specifically non-evidence-based treatments. “I want to also look at what Veterans Affairs is doing and why they’re not implementing non-evidence-based treatments,” Pimentel said.

Pimentel is being assisted on this research journey by his mentor, part-time librarian Suzie Bahmanyar. “What we do is we check in with each other,” Bahmanyar said. “Last week, we had a fairly in-depth meeting about his research and if there was any assistance he needed.”

Along with individual meetings with mentors, the program meets once a week as a group to give workshops to help the fellows refine their research skills. Mentors not only guide



Left to right: Lindsay Cutler, Alexander Werdmuller von Elgg, Ricardo Pimentel



fellows in their research topic, but also help clarify how to apply the workshop lessons to their research.

Psychology major Lindsay Cutler who will be researching the correlations among homelessness and gentrification said the weekly workshops have greatly assisted her with expanding her knowledge on how to research effectively.

“Every week there’s a different guest speaker with a different topic, and they’re all specialized topics on research,” Cutler said. “So that’s actually going to help me in my academic classes as well as my research.”

The program will continue in the Spring 2020 semester and at the end of the year, the fellows will develop an intellectual product to be applied in the annual SJSU Student Research competition hosted by the Division of Research and Innovation.

**Interested in supporting the next cohort of library research fellows? Contact Director of Development Anh Ly at [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-1104.**





## REGINA MURRAY LEGARD

April 6, 1951 - August 9, 2017

*She was as fair as the rose in May.  
-Geoffrey Chaucer*

## Regina M. Legard Fellowship

Regina Murray Legard (April 6, 1951 - August 9, 2017), an alumna of San José State University (BA in English, 1977 and MLS, 1979), is warmly remembered as a lifelong learner who cherished reading, teaching, and traveling overseas. She worked as a librarian at Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation Palo Alto Research Laboratory and as a teacher in North Monterey County School District and the Salinas Union High School District before retiring in 2011. Her work as a librarian and teacher was, in fact, a second and

third career after her service in the U.S. Air Force where she served in a variety of roles ending in the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Regina emigrated with her mother from Germany, an eventful trip where she memorably waved her hand and yelled, "Aufwiederschnaps!" from the ship's railing as they departed. She lived in Fremont, Concord, and San José, California before settling in Monterey county with her husband Larry where they raised four children.

Larry shares, "Regina loved telling jokes, the more risqué the better. If she heard a joke that she liked, she had an uncanny ability of committing it to memory so she could retell it."

The Regina M. Legard Fellowship honors her lifelong commitment to learning and her career as a teacher and librarian. The fellowship will support undergraduate students conducting research in the areas of STEM and Library Science as a part of the Library Research Scholars Program.

"I wanted to establish this fellowship to encourage and support SJSU students in gaining research skills as undergraduates," says Larry.

SJSU King Library deeply appreciates Larry's support to establish the fellowship and looks forward to highlighting research projects from future Regina M. Legard fellows.

# Tech Champions Shape Student Success

What do the library's sound studio, virtual reality (KLEVR) lab, large screen video wall, incubation space, and presentation practice room have in common? They were all established with funds provided by private gifts.

SJSU King Library launched its vision for a collaborative tech space on the fourth floor, also known as the Spartan Floor, with a generous gift from Dianne and Regis McKenna. The floor now includes the popular Sound Studio and KLEVR (King Library Experiential Virtual Reality) Lab used by students and faculty.

When the library receives a donation to invest in new technology, our students, faculty, and community members benefit in a number of ways. First, students have access to technology to complete assignments, solve problems, and even become entrepreneurs.

**"The sound studio has helped me make better music and with the creation of the MLK Music Producer Union, I can reflect, learn, and teach. When I teach other students, I get a new perspective about the way I create, innovate, and improve,"** said



Professor Han with student in KLEVR Lab

Diego Cruz, Software Engineering Student. Second, faculty are able to integrate new technologies into the curriculum, knowing that their students can use the library's technology to complete assignments.

**"I haven't been able to lead this course in years because we haven't been able to get our hands on brains but with emerging technology provided by the KLEVR Lab, I am able to offer the course and provide laboratory activities,"** said Valerie Carr, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology.

Third, the community benefits from the collaboration between the University Library and the San José Public Library.

The SJSU King Library staff and faculty are committed to social justice through accessibility. By providing access to cutting-edge technologies, we are leveling the playing field for all members of the communities we serve. We have big ideas of expanding that access. Two major spaces we hope to create include a Digital Scholars Commons on the first floor and an Innovation Underground in the lower level.



Student using VR headset in KLEVR Lab

Visitors to the Digital Scholars Commons will immerse themselves in the research, scholarship, and creative activity of the University and the city through large touch screen displays; symposia; and the data visualization, data analysis, and GIS laboratory. They will also have access to concierge services which will support the entire research lifecycle.

The Innovation Underground will provide ideation, prototyping, and incubation equipment, mentoring, and co-working spaces for student and community startups. Integrated into the space will be the only publicly accessible design and manufacturing Materials Library.



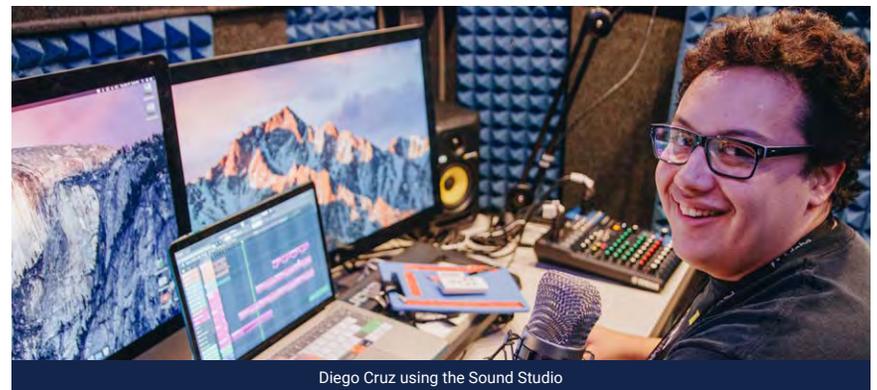
Professor Carr with student in KLEVR Lab

Also included in the Innovation Underground will be a robust makerspace designed by our College of Engineering. Finally, there will be ample co-working spaces for fledgling startups, with exposure to mentoring and funding opportunities that can move their companies from ideation, incubation, and acceleration.

We would like to thank the McKennas for being strong proponents of technology and their involvement in supporting a tech savvy Spartan Floor and their involvement in the SJSU King Library's Material Library and the Innovative Design Collaborative that created the incubator space on the lower level.



Student using zSpace software



Diego Cruz using the Sound Studio

Interested in supporting technology in the library? Contact Director of Development Anh Ly at [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-1104.

## Thank You for Your Continued Support



Christian and Bauchin Jochim

### Support SJSU King Library with a Legacy Gift

San José State Comparative Religious Studies Professor Christian Jochim taught for more than 30 years. He and his wife Bauchin decided to establish a charitable gift annuity with SJSU. This allows them to support the University while reaping tax benefits and receiving guaranteed quarterly payments. Their gift will later become an endowment for the College of Humanities and the Arts.

"I've always known that if I'm going to support any institution, it's going to be SJSU," Professor Jochim says.

San José State University is ready for big changes. Help us realize the university's potential as a nationally prominent urban public university with a gift in your will or a gift that pays your income to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and benefit current and future Spartans. Learn how you can make a legacy gift at [legacy.sjsu.edu](https://legacy.sjsu.edu).

## Make a Difference

### Special Collections and Archives Endowment

San José State University's Special Collections and Archives collects and preserves materials pertaining to SJSU and Silicon Valley's rich history that have impacted and influenced the region and the world. With the hire of Carli Lowe, our first university archivist, SJSU's Special Collections and Archives fulfills its mission to become a repository for the institutional memory of both the university and the region. Your support of the Special Collections and Archives Endowment will provide assistance for the ongoing care, maintenance, and preservation of our collections, as well as public programs, exhibits, and internship opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

### The Africana, Asian American, Chicano and Native American Studies Center Endowment

The AACNA Studies Center Endowment supports the Center's public programming, multi-cultural exhibits, and rich resources through its four collections. This 2019-2020 year marks a special fundraising year for the Center as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of many programs and events that would define Ethnic Studies at SJSU. The Center launched a crowdfunding campaign, "\$50K and Beyond," at the start of the new school year and successfully reached its \$15,000 goal in a month! Fundraising efforts will continue throughout the school year with the Center celebrating the 50th anniversary of diversity at SJSU through its upcoming exhibits and public programs, including Kwanzaa in December and Tabia (an African American Theater Ensemble) in February as part of Black History Month among others. Your support of the AACNA Studies Center Endowment will ensure ongoing learning and discovery for students, faculty, and the community through the Center's programs, exhibits, and collections.



### Thank You for Your Continued Support

We remain deeply grateful to our generous donors who have made lifelong learning the hallmark of SJSU King Library. If you would like to learn more about the programs above or are interested in making a gift to SJSU King Library, please contact Anh Ly, Director of Development, at 408-924-1104 or email [anh.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.ly@sjsu.edu).

Online donations can be made here: [tinyurl.com/give2KingLibrary](https://tinyurl.com/give2KingLibrary).



## 50 Years in the Making

By Kathryn Blackmer Reyes

Fifty years is an important milestone for the Africana, Asian American, Chicano, and Native American (AAACNA) Studies Center. Why fifty? Because it marks this year's anniversary of many of the university services that would define Ethnic Studies at San José State University. SJSU was the first California State University campus to create what would become the Educational Opportunity Program, had defining Chicano Commencements that resulted from a student walk-out in 1968, and established the first graduate program in Mexican American studies. The AAACNA Studies Center endeavors to follow in the footsteps of many of these programs' visionary thinkers who wanted to ensure that voices from underrepresented communities were heard.

The AAACNA Studies Center provides resources for teaching and research and hosts year-round multicultural exhibits and public programs celebrating the diversity of the region and beyond. Its establishment in 1982, via the Chicano Studies Research Center, was a significant achievement. Over the years, the AAACNA Studies Center worked hard to create

a unique place for the university and community to come together to share, celebrate, and honor different cultures and experiences.

Today, the work of the AAACNA Studies Center continues to grow with the commitment and engagement of the university and public communities. Our recent "\$50K and Beyond" campaign for the AAACNA Studies Center Endowment received overwhelming support from students, faculty, staff, and community members who all played a crucial part in helping the Center achieve its fundraising goal. Support from across campus and in the community underlines the impact of the AAACNA Studies Center. We look forward to another exciting year as we also mark this special 50th anniversary year with our community of supporters.

Interested in supporting the Center's mission to provide the campus community and beyond a deeper understanding of these collections? Contact Director of Development Anh Ly at [anh.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.ly@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-1104.

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13th Annual Art of Remembrance Altar Exhibit Reception



# SJSU's First University Archivist Carli Lowe

By Carli Lowe

It is an honor to be the first University Archivist at San José State University, and I enjoyed being able to meet the campus community at the welcome reception on September 12, 2019. I am grateful for our donors' support to this wonderful library over the years, and I am looking forward to working together to grow the University Archives.

The University's strategic plan, *Transformation 2030*, mentions having a road map to our future. The University Archives is an essential component of that map, because knowing where we have come from informs our direction forward. My direction forward is to establish a campus-wide Records Management Program to ensure a consistent system to guide how and when University records are created, accessed, stored, and discarded, thus allowing us to document, learn from, and share the histories being created on this campus every day.

I have already begun work towards this goal, reaching out to academic and administrative departments as well as student organizations, to understand how they create and use, or want to create and use, documentation of their daily endeavors. Amplifying marginalized voices will be a central goal of the University Archives as we ensure that the experiences and achievements of students and staff are as much a part of the conversation as the work of our administration and faculty.

My hope is that as the community works together to grow the University Archives, we will all be able to see ourselves reflected in the University story, thus inspiring more people to access these documents, whether they consider themselves to be serious scholars or simply curious.



Carli Lowe's welcoming reception

Help us support the ongoing growth and care of our University Archives by donating to the Special Collections and Archives Endowment. The endowment helps us to process and digitize collections, provide student internship opportunities, and support research needs. Contact Director of Development Anh Ly at [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu) or 408-924-1104.



# New Acquisitions and Events in Special Collections and Archives

By Craig Simpson

On October 17, 2019, SJSU Special Collections and Archives, in partnership with BAYMEC Community Foundation, hosted “Bay Area Pride: 50 Years of LGBTQ History, Politics, and Culture,” a panel discussion featuring Wiggys Sivertsen, Ken Yeager, and Maribel Martínez. Sivertsen is a retired professor and former Director of Counseling Services at San José State University, as well as co-founder of BAYMEC with Yeager, who was the first openly gay elected official in Santa Clara County. Martínez is Director of the Office of LGBTQ Affairs in Santa Clara County and was the founding director of the Associated Students César Chávez Community Action Center. Moderating the discussion was Dr. Robert Marx, Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Development at SJSU. The three panelists spoke movingly about their personal experiences and political involvement, the successes, obstacles, and tragedies encountered by the LGBTQ community, and where they see the future headed.

The panel discussion was in celebration of our new exhibition, also titled “Bay Area

Pride,” which includes five decades of photographs from the Ted Sahl Collection. Sahl was an award-winning photographer who became best-known for his empathetic coverage of the gay and lesbian community in the Bay Area. The exhibition also features materials from the *Billy DeFrank Papers*, *Mark Porsche Papers*, *High Tech Gays Records*, *The Ladder Periodical Collection*, and *Lesbian Feminist Publications*. “Bay Area Pride” will be on display through the end of December 2019.

Also in the exhibition are items from the Sisterspirit Records, a recent acquisition of several boxes of archival materials pertaining to Sisterspirit, a pioneering bookstore in the South Bay from 1984-2010 that specialized in feminist and LGBTQ literature. For most of its years, the bookstore operated out of the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center, and at its peak housed over 5,000 books and was run by 40 volunteers, among them Margie Struble, who donated the collection.

Another significant new collection is the William Hermanns Papers. Born in Koblenz,

Germany in 1895, Hermanns went on to serve in the German army in World War I and became one of the longest living survivors of the Battle of Verdun. He was captured by the French and spent over three years as a prisoner of war and, upon his release, became Secretary of the Prisoner of War Association. Soon after he met Albert Einstein, who would be the subject of some of Hermanns’ most significant works. He witnessed the rise of Hitler and fled Nazi

Germany in 1934, settling eventually in the United States. Hermanns was a Professor of German Language and Literature at San José State College from 1946-1965, and died in San José on April 6, 1990. Donated by Ken Norton, a Trustee of the William Hermanns Trust, the collection includes correspondence, photographs, and original writings that serve as a testament to his prolific scholarship and lifelong dedication as an antiwar activist.



Left to right: Robert Marx, Maribel Martínez, Ken Yeager, Wiggys Sivertsen



Left to right: Ken Yeager, Assemblymember Kansen Chu, Wiggys Sivertsen



Kathryn Blackmer Reyes and Craig Simpson



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# Affordable Learning \$olutions for Spartans

By Christa Bailey and Adriana Poo

Did you know that SJSU students are expected to pay more than \$2,000 for textbooks and supplies this academic year? In addition, students often do not consider textbook costs when budgeting for the year and some students must forgo purchasing required course materials due to high cost.

In a Spring 2019 survey of 341 students, 63.9% of students reported that they felt their learning was negatively impacted when they did not have access to the proper textbooks and materials.

SJSU King Library's Affordable Learning \$olutions (AL\$) is working to change and shape the textbook landscape to make college more affordable for our students. The AL\$ team composed of two librarian coordinators has been in existence since 2012 and the goal is to support faculty in finding no-cost and/or low-cost course

materials that are open access or covered in the library's collection and to motivate students to advocate for more affordable textbooks. Since then, the program has worked with more than 100 faculty on campus to help reduce textbook costs. AL\$ estimates they have helped a total of 22,000 students save an estimated total of \$2,073,823.

Additionally, each semester AL\$ collaborates with the Spartan Bookstore and the SJSU King Library's Data and Resource Management team to identify assigned textbooks. This joint effort matches textbook adoptions with holdings in the SJSU King Library's eBook collections to create a free eTextbooks list on the library's homepage. AL\$ estimates that students save as much as \$400,000 per semester through this service.



Left to right: Christa Bailey, Jenifer Vang, Adriana Poo



According to the current AL\$ coordinators, Christa Bailey and Adriana Poo, many AL\$ faculty participants feel the number one motivator for joining the program is that they are concerned about textbook costs for students. During this academic year, AL\$ has distributed 11 faculty professional development stipends in the amount of \$1,500 per faculty member who successfully converted their course materials to open educational resources. The program proactively educates faculty members on how to reduce textbook costs for their students.

AL\$ strongly believes in opportunities for peer-to-peer connections to promote student success. SJSU has one of the first AL\$ student ambassador roles in the CSU.

We use AL\$ funding to support this program along with events to inform students on how to save money on textbooks. Our student ambassador, Jenifer Vang leads the way in student advocacy.

The AL\$ team plans to continue supporting students and faculty in the fight for textbook affordability and to investigate how recent state legislation that supports such initiatives impacts PELL grant students on the road to academic success.

**If you are interested in supporting AL\$ and textbook affordability, please contact Anh Ly, Director of Development, at 408-924-1104 or [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu).**

## Student Assistants Strengthen SJSU King Library

SJSU King Library is the largest employer of student assistants on campus, employing approximately 90 students. We are grateful to have so many talented and driven student assistants who truly are integral to the facilitation of our library services. Additionally, the library serves as an excellent stepping stone to provide students an opportunity to grow professionally and learn valuable skills for the next steps in their career. Meet three of our student assistants and read how the library has prepared them for the future.

Cristine Nguyen, a mathematics major, works as a student assistant to the dean. **“Easy access to learning resources and education is so important, and working at the library gives me the chance to be able to see just how much dedication from staff and faculty goes into ensuring students have dependable resources available,”** Nguyen said. She is studying to become a math teacher, though eventually, she aims to move onto educational administration.

Weita Tung works in Media Services and will be graduating in December with a bachelor’s degree in industrial and systems engineering. **“Working here at the library feels very different than any other workplace, we all strive to improve our library and provide great service to students as well as the public,”** said Tung. He said he is grateful for the opportunity he has had to work, learn, and grow at SJSU King Library. **“I have learned many technical skills and communication skills that have helped me to become a better version of myself and have contributed to my success as a student,”** Tung said. His outstanding performance led to a promotion as the meeting room coordinator this Fall 2019 semester.

Mayli Diaz Infante Ulloa is a computer engineering student who also works at the Student Computing Services. She assists Technology Labs Coordinator Jon Oakes with running the service desk and providing students with the tech they need to succeed in class. Without her, Jon would not be able to organize events and programming like the VR Connection Conference, KLEVR in the Classroom, and the MLK Music Producer Union. However, she is also growing from her experience working in the library. **“The SJSU King Library has helped me develop my communication and team management skills. As a computer engineering student, skills such as these are important in order to be able to express new ideas, speak in front of a team, and take on the role of being a leader in order to complete a project. I continue to push myself everyday to make an impact on student life here in the library. After college, I hope to be able to bring these skills with me and use them to create more efficient solutions to various environmental issues through technology,”** Ulloa said.

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**If you are interested in supporting our student assistant program and allowing more students to gain valuable skills while contributing to the vitality of the library, please contact Anh Ly, Director of Development, at 408-924-1104 or [anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu](mailto:anh.p.ly@sjsu.edu).**

Cristine Nguyen



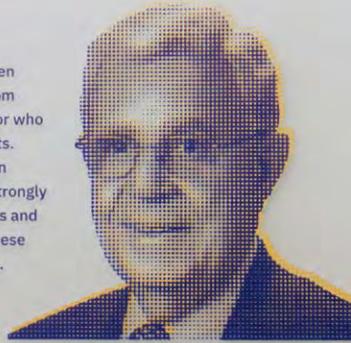
Weita Tung



Mayli Diaz Infante Ulloa



Upgrades to this classroom have been made possible by a generous gift from Lionel Goularte, a long-time educator who worked tirelessly to support students. A leader in the Portuguese-American community, Mr. Goularte believed strongly in education, establishing collections and scholarships for students in Portuguese Studies at San José State University.



Library Research Session in Room 213



## Enhanced Learning Experience in Classroom

Thanks to the generosity of Lionel Goularte, our most popular classroom in the building underwent much needed technological and maintenance improvements. The redesign updated and streamlined outdated and bulky furniture, improved presentation and visual capabilities, upgraded laptop and wireless connectivity equipment, and significantly increased the occupancy capacity.

In August 2019, we unveiled the updated classroom to faculty, which now features mobile furniture able to accommodate up to 64 occupants. Eighteen new desks/tables can conform to any teaching style and modality. A new projector and screen enables students to view the content being displayed from all angles without window glare. Two Samsung Flip screens provide a flexible and digital whiteboard/monitor experience and enhance active learning opportunities. Two compact laptop carts have replaced a wall-sized laptop cabinet to facilitate higher occupancy and usable space, and the network has been upgraded to

digital wireless. With these updated features, the classroom now functions seamlessly allowing faculty to offer instruction in an enhanced learning environment.

**“The classroom is so flexible now. I can do anything with an educational objective and the professors rave about the visibility with the screens. I have to agree, with the projector screen and the two Flips, I’m now able to guide the students through the learning objectives seamlessly. It’s been a real improvement in teaching,”** said Jane Dodge, a part-time librarian.

Upgrades to the room were made possible by a legacy gift from Lionel Goularte, a dear friend of SJSU King Library. As a long-time educator, one of many roles he held, Goularte valued and believed strongly in supporting students in their education. Goularte’s legacy gift honors his commitment to students by providing them a classroom to learn and thrive in their studies. Goularte’s legacy gift exemplifies the enormous and enduring impact such a gift has for current and future Spartans.

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