

# Dean's Corner

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## January Recaps

*Appalachian leads writing projects at Chinese universities*



At several Chinese universities, instruction in writing English has taken on a distinctly American character, and Appalachian State University deserves much of the credit.

As part of a recent project of Appalachian's American Cultural Center at Northeastern University (NEU) in Shenyang, China, three Appalachian professors developed instructional videos and other online materials for a website on academic writing in English, the mastery of which is critical for the many Chinese aiming to study or work abroad and/or publish scholarship for an international audience.

The Appalachian professors who created the academic writing materials were Dr. Xiaorong Shao, an associate professor in Appalachian's Belk Library and Information Commons; Allan Scherlen, a professor in Belk Library and Information Commons; and Dr. Matthew Robinson, a professor in Appalachian's Department of Government and Justice Studies.

Shao, a native of China, also co-directs the center along with Dr. Wen Zhao of NEU. Shao and Scherlen submitted the grant proposal that resulted in the \$50,000 the U.S. Department of State provided for the writing project

Shao said. "Students at Chinese universities, especially graduate students, will be in great need of this content as they prepare for entering their profession and writing for publication."

The Appalachian content went over well with the Chinese teachers who taught the graduate courses on writing English, Shao said.

We are proud of the three years of funding Dr. Shao and Mr. Scherlen have received.

## Maker Space Grand Opening



**FOOD!  
PRIZES!  
ACTIVITIES!**

January 31  
February 1  
February 2 } 1-4pm

Enter to win a FREE  
3Doodler  
3D printing pen!



The library hosted a three day event full of food, prizes and fun January 31-February 2. The public was invited to come learn more about the space, use some of the equipment, and see the fascinating things the Library has to offer.



The Belk Library Makerspace is a space where students, faculty and staff can use equipment to create anything they can

dream up. The makerspace is free to use, and will be open for various times throughout the semester.

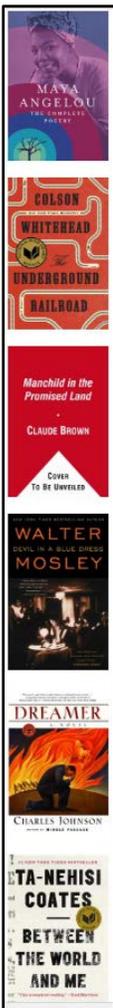


Now that the new space is open, we are holding a contest to both name the space and create a logo. The chosen design will be used for all makerspace marketing and the selected

designer will win a FREE personal 3D printer!

## February Recaps

### African American Read-In



Belk Library is excited to have hosted an African American Read-In honoring Black History Month.

The event was held **on Wednesday, February 15, 2017** from 11:30-1:30 in the Belk Library atrium.

Several faculty, staff and students stopped by during that time to listen and to read works by African American authors. So that everyone can take part, readings will be 5 minutes or less and could include poems, passages from a novel, article, speech, etc. Feel free to bring a favorite or choose from the books we have on display on the 1st floor of the library.

If you would like to learn more about African American authors and be inspired to read something new, please go to <http://guides.library.appstate.edu/diversity/aari>



## Tech 4 Teach

AppState **TECH4TEACH FAIR**

Friday February 17, 2017  
Parkway Ballroom, Plemmons Student Union



**GROW**  
**LEARN**  
**SHARE**



[tech4teach.appstate.edu/fair](http://tech4teach.appstate.edu/fair)

The Tech4Teach Fair is an annual opportunity for instructors & students to:

- **SHARE** how they use technology to enhance engagement & learning
- **LEARN** how others on campus effectively utilize technology to enhance engagement & learning
- **GROW** via connecting & developing purposeful learning relationships with students & instructors on campus

There are 5 major components of the T4T Fair:

- **Electronic poster sessions** - 5 min interactive presentations via large screen monitors or iMacs
- **Tabletop discussions** - current topics questions or challenges based on attendee interests. Each table will work toward offering ideas, options & solutions to be shared with all attendees
- **T4Ttalks** - high energy, thought provoking 5-10 min presentations related to technology for teaching
- **Displays, demonstrations & activities** - offered by a variety of campus technology services & sponsors which include special activities emerging from campus needs, courses and the talents of the App State community
- **NETWORKING!** – The opportunity to make meaningful connections with peers for subsequent sharing, learning and collaborating

Thanks to Nigel Davies and the organizing committee Tech 4 Teach was a success with 155 people attending and 8 sponsors.

## Special Collections

### *Snow Display from Special Collections*



Special Collections' new winter exhibit, "Snow Scenes of Winters Past," gives this year's snow-starved region a visual feast of past snows in the history of Appalachian State University. A physical exhibit is now on display on the 4th floor of Belk Library and Information Commons on the Appalachian State campus. A digital component, which maps a selection of the images on display to their locations on campus, is available through this link.

Students sledding on cafeteria trays, 1984

The exhibit draws on images from the University Archives' photo collections and The Rhododendron yearbooks and

presents a multitude of snow scenes on campus from the 1920s to the 2000s.

The exhibit explores three themes: "Snow Activities," which

include all of the many amusements that snow provides—sledding, skating, skiing, snowball fights, and even snow juggling; "Winter Beauty: Natural and Man-Made," which showcases scenic beauty of snow on campus as well as several images of creative snow sculptures that students have fashioned over the years; and "Coping with Snow," which reveals that snow does have some downsides,



as in digging cars out of snow, University Physical Plant workers preparing the campus for foot traffic, and



steeling oneself to brave winter snow and wind to

get across campus. The exhibit was curated by Greta Browning and Graham Shelton, graduate student in history at Appalachian State University. The digital exhibit was created by Dan Devine. The exhibit on the 4th floor will be available through the end of March. By then, maybe we'll be ready for spring!

## Belk Library Celebrates Mardi Gras



On Tuesday, February 28, the library really got into the spirit of Mardi Gras! Mardi Gras "refers to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for 'Fat Tuesday', reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season" ([Wikipedia](#)).



Library personnel decorated book trucks, dressed up, created masks and held two parades to pass out beads and candy to our unsuspecting students.



## Upcoming Events – March

### 2017 Global Film Series

The Library will co-sponsor a global film series with the Office of International Education and Development, Multicultural Student Development, and INTAPP.

**The Film Series** is a cooperative campus effort to provide a blend of cinema from around the world, in various languages, and representing a wide variety of cinematic genres. Based on input from students groups, faculty, and staff, we select current releases both educational and entertaining. In addition, the Global Film Series provides a platform for student groups and faculty to share their international experience, knowledge, and extracurricular opportunities through a variety of associated activities.

On March 20 at 6:30 pm, we will premiere ***The Handmaiden*** at I.G. Greer Theater (Free Admission) *Due to violence and sexuality, this film is for the 17+ audience*



From PARK Chan-wook, the celebrated director of *Oldboy*, *Lady Vengeance* and *Stoker*, comes a ravishing new crime drama. Park presents a gripping and sensual tale of two women - a young Japanese Lady living on a secluded estate, and Korean woman who is hired to serve as her

new handmaiden, but is secretly plotting with a con man to defraud her of a large inheritance.

*"Chan-wook Park's The Handmaiden is deliciously perverse, delightfully twisty, and unapologetically erotic."* - James Berardinelli, ReelViews

## Student Employee Scholarship Recipient Profile

### Introducing Jamie Metreaud

Craig Popelars and Tanya King Scholarship



*"When I first heard about the scholarship, Lynn Patterson sent me the email and I asked my supervisor for a recommendation. I was completely blown away when I won! I found out during one of our student employee parties and that just made the event all that much better for me. I love working in the*

*library with a great group of wonderful staff throughout the entire building. Everyone is supportive, helpful and they help me focus on my studies which is very nice."*

*"The scholarship has been an incredible asset to me because it allows me to have more time for studying and focusing on my course work in Computer Information Systems. Because of the scholarship I've been able to keep my grades up which will help me get into graduate school. I loved meeting my donors! Craig Popelars is energetic and I can tell he genuinely cares about making a difference in our lives. I think he sees the students as he saw himself when he was a student at Appalachian. Craig and his wife Tanya want to give back and that's a wonderful example for us all. It shows me the importance of being able to contribute to the Appalachian family when I am in the position to do so. I am grateful to the Craig and Tanya who helped me out along the way."*

## Upcoming Events – April

**Yom HaShoah Reading** – April 24, 2017

**British History Symposium** – April 27, dinner at 5:30pm, lecture 7pm

**Library Advisory Board Meeting** – April 28, 8:30am refreshments, 9am meeting

**Broyhill Room Naming** – April 28, 2:00pm