Joe Lucia Celebrates Five Years As Dean of Libraries

This summer marks Joe Lucia’s five year anniversary as Dean of Libraries. While this issue of Speaking Volumes will highlight many of the Libraries’ current projects, activities, and accomplishments, we also use this opportunity to check in with Dean Lucia as he reflects on the past five years and the way forward.

Lucia notes that part of what drew him to Temple was “the very rare opportunity to be involved with the conceptualization, design, and realization of a great new library building.” And now, the completion of the newly named Charles Library is on the horizon (read more about this wonderful news below). While this project represents a milestone, Lucia has kept busy shepherding many other important initiatives and strategic priorities.

Over the past five years, Lucia has strived to “build a library organization that is flexible, innovative, and creative in responding to developments in the field and our institution.” Part of that work has been accomplished through expanding our technology team and bringing in talent whose expertise lies in what has traditionally been considered outside the library field. Other strategic hires have further strengthened the Libraries’ communications and outreach team, collaborative efforts with Temple University Press, our Learning and Research Services department, and the Libraries’ institutional publications.

Temple Receives Historic Gifts for Innovative New Library Building

As we prepare for the grand opening of our new library next year, we are thrilled to announce that the Libraries recently received two incredible gifts—the largest commitments in our history—to support the new building.

In March, entrepreneur and university trustee Steve Charles, KLN ’80, made a $10 million commitment to the new library, which will be named Charles Library in recognition of his extraordinary pledge. Charles’s philanthropic work is wide-ranging, and we are grateful he was inspired by and moved to support this groundbreaking building project.

Charles noted that part of what draws him to the new library is its capacity to serve as an interdisciplinary, central space for all members of the Temple community. He also told The Temple News: “I would hope some years from now, when students are reflected on page 3
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you the latest news from the Libraries in this issue of Speaking Volumes. One of our most remarkable developments is the tremendous naming gift we received for the new library, which will open as Charles Library next year. We are grateful that Steve Charles, KLN ’80, saw the potential and vision of our new building, and has both pledged support and given his name to this incredible structure.

You will also read about another historic philanthropic commitment to the new library to name the Albert M. Greenfield Special Collections Research Center Reading Room. It is heartening to see the building momentum around the new library project, especially as we move closer to its opening.

In other news, this summer marks an important occasion for me—my five year anniversary as Dean of Libraries. I sat down with the editor of Speaking Volumes to reflect on my time here, and I hope you will enjoy looking both back and ahead with me at our continually evolving library enterprise.

This issue also touches on two recent exhibitions at Paley Library, including a traveling exhibit of Michelle Obama portraits, an oral history project at the Blockson Collection, and our role in promoting textbook affordability statewide. In addition, we take this opportunity to introduce you to the work of our Library Technology Development team.

Please enjoy reading about these and many other new and ongoing activities and initiatives. I appreciate your interest in our work, and send you best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

Stay well,

Joe Lucia
Dean of University Libraries
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and academic engagement and support efforts.

In 2015, Lucia presided over the opening celebration for the Digital Scholarship Center (DSC), a space designed to model new ways of engaging the humanities and social sciences with technology and the digital environment. This truly collaborative process involves partnering with faculty and students around the university, and the DSC represents a template for the kind of technologically sophisticated spaces that will populate the new library.

Lucia also notes that, as a library organization, we have “contributed our brain power to important challenges” during his tenure. From the Knight Foundation grant to explore preserving civic data to our role in serving as primary catalyst and partner in PA Digital to hosting the first-ever Publishers Reporting to Libraries (P2L) Summit, we are a center for intellectual leadership for issues that matter in the library and higher education world.

“We have also continued to amplify strengths that were already here,” Lucia said, including expanding our public programming as well as our partnerships around campus and in the community. For example, we collaborated with faculty to increase the impact and scope of the Textbook Affordability Project, which has resulted in measurable savings for our students.

In looking ahead, Lucia’s main priorities include continuing to fully realize the vision of a transdisciplinary organization, bringing in more 21st century technical talent, and broadening the educational impact of the library as we prepare to transfer these initiatives, and more, into Charles Library. He describes his position as full of creative challenges and looks forward to employing the vision and energy to meet them head on in the coming years.

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now students might say, ‘We dreamed that up in the Charles.’”

Dean Joe Lucia notes that Charles's gift represents the “promise that the new library is a critical element for Temple’s future and will allow us to better meet our students’ needs.”

“Amidst Temple’s rising national profile, this building will truly match the academic aspirations of the university,” he adds.

The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation also made a historic pledge to the Libraries: $1 million to establish the Albert M. Greenfield Civic History Endowment Fund. This fund will support and name the Albert M. Greenfield Special Collections Research Center Reading Room on the new building’s first floor.

Mr. Greenfield was a local civic, business, and philanthropic leader, and our Special Collections Research Center holds records documenting his many contributions to Philadelphia. This gift will enable us to engage and introduce generations of students, community members, and researchers to Mr. Greenfield and the city’s stories in our stunning new building.

Endowment income from these gifts will help ensure that the new library fulfills our vision and operates at its full potential for current and future generations of students, scholars, and visitors. To learn how you can support this once-in-a-generation project, please visit library.temple.edu/newlibrary/giving.
This year, we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the birth of Temple University’s founder, Russell Herman Conwell. In Temple University: 125 Years of Service to Philadelphia, the Nation, and the World, author Jim Hilty describes Conwell as “a complex man, a mingling of myth and reality,” a characterization we explore through some of the papers, photographs, and artifacts (once known as the Conwellana collection) housed in the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) and currently on exhibit in Paley Library.

Born February 15, 1843 in Worthington, Massachusetts, Conwell reinvented himself periodically, challenging future biographers and historians to confirm episodes in his life. Conwell used those experiences and his speaking skills to pursue his dreams and inspire generations of Temple students, both through his personal narrative and through the stories he gathered in his travels, such as the iconic “Acres of Diamonds,” a speech he calculated he delivered 6,152 times.

Materials in the SCRC have recently aided instruction for two classes on campus featuring the man and the myth. In 2016, Rebecca Alpert, professor of religion and senior associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Liberal Arts, gave a guest lecture on “Temple Religion” to a Living Learning Community cohort. Her primary focus was how Russell Conwell’s legacy is deployed as the University’s foundational myth and expressed through iconography on campus (the garden/grave, the Johnny Ring statue, the Baptist Temple, and the Conwell desk and exhibit at Paley Library). Rebecca spoke to the students and took them on a tour around campus to visit the sites and some of the artifacts in Paley.

In spring 2018, Professor of History Seth Bruggeman taught a new class which examined the history of memory and remembering, particularly in the United States from the American Revolution to the present. The students undertook a broad survey of the various ways that Americans have gone about remembering their past(s) while exploring why and how those memories are made real by monuments, museums, and other commemorative architecture. Starting with the Johnny Ring story and his statue, the class also visited the SCRC to see some of the objects and papers that support and refute Conwell’s story.

History 2153 Memory and Commemoration students view Conwell materials at the SCRC, January 25, 2018, photo courtesy Seth Bruggeman
Paley Library Hosts Traveling Exhibition of Michelle Obama Photographs and White House Photographer

Earlier this year, Paley Library was home to an exhibition of photographs documenting Michelle Obama’s life as First Lady. Ten photos, by former White House photographer Amanda Lucidon, were on display at the library, offering a rare glimpse into Mrs. Obama’s public and private life at the White House.

One of our most admired First Ladies, Michelle Obama championed girls’ education and children’s health, among other causes. Portraits on view included Mrs. Obama with students in the White House Kitchen Garden, with her children Sasha and Malia visiting the Great Wall of China, and speaking with students at R.S. Caulfield High School in Unification Town, Liberia.


Temple was the only Philadelphia-area institution to host the traveling exhibit, and at the end of January, Lucidon kicked off our spring Beyond the Page public programming as she spoke to a packed room about her work at the White House and on the book. A Philadelphia native, Lucidon said that “being here reminds me of all the things I love about Philadelphia...I typically have a presentation I do on the road, but since I’m home, I’m just going to tell stories. Because this is personal.”

Lucidon spoke about her career as a freelance photographer, including getting the unexpected—and very welcome—call to apply for a position at the White House. She also told stories associated with particular images, such as the first photograph she took of Mrs. Obama that she felt really captured her personality.

While visiting Temple, Lucidon also toured the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection, to which she was inspired to donate the exhibit photographs. The Blockson Collection houses materials that document African and African American history and culture, and we are so pleased about this wonderful addition.

If you are interested in watching a recording of Lucidon’s talk, please visit library.temple.edu/watchpastprograms. To learn about upcoming programs in the Beyond the Page public programming series, visit library.temple.edu/beyondthepage.
As part of the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection’s mission to collect, preserve, and disseminate information about African American history and culture in Philadelphia, Blockson Collection staff have embarked on the “We Remember and We Recall: North Philadelphia Oral History Project.” According to Dr. Diane Turner, curator of the Blockson Collection, “it is important that an accurate record of life in North Philadelphia is documented and preserved.”

The “We Remember and We Recall” oral history project, made possible by a grant from the Alston-Beech Foundation, gives voice to current and former residents of North Philadelphia. Through their first-person accounts, they document the rich history and culture of North Philadelphia where people like Jessie Redmon Fauset, Cecil B. Moore, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, John Coltrane, Marian Williams, Lee Morgan, Dr. Ethel Allen, William H. Gray III, and Pearl Bailey resided.

The oral histories will ensure that students, researchers, scholars, and the community have access to knowledge about North Philadelphia that reflects its vibrant past, culture, and community—a counter-narrative to the crime and poverty that is often highlighted.

To date, Dr. Turner has conducted interviews with former and current North Philadelphia residents Karen Warrington, Andrew Aaron, Reverend Joseph Williams, Ruth E. Willis, and others. In the fall of 2018, the project will expand to include a public program on North Philadelphia as well as community outreach.

Ultimately, the interviews will be transcribed and digitized. The Blockson Collection plans to secure funding to launch a website on North Philadelphia, as well as partner with community organizations Scribe Video, Church of the Advocate, and the Yorktown neighborhood to further this project.

Ambler Library and the Philadelphia Flower Show

Every year, students from Temple’s Ambler campus design an exhibit for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Ambler Library staff assist the professors and students who in turn educate Flower Show visitors about the university and sustainability, ecology, and environmental issues. This year, the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture at Ambler created “Within Reach: Unlocking the Legacy of our Hidden River.” The exhibit explored the Schuylkill River, which held locks to facilitate raising and lowering boats and carried resources to the many mills located along the river. To visualize this water phenomenon, the exhibit featured a working water wheel and a simulated lock, and also earned the department three awards: the PHS Silver Medal–Educational, the Chicago Horticultural Society Flower Show Medal, and the Special Achievement Award–Garden Club Federation of PA–Education, under 1,000 sq. ft.
Thinking Ahead with the Library Technology Development Team
with Emily Toner and Cynthia Schwarz

As Dean Joe Lucia noted earlier in this issue, we have been building an agile software development team in order to respond to the emerging opportunities in the academic library field and in preparation for the new Charles Library.

Led by Chad Nelson and Cynthia Schwarz, the Library Technology Development (LTD) department is comprised of application developers, who build and customize new software and tools for the Libraries, along with a project manager, web designer, and web developer.

One of their largest projects currently involves developing a new open-source platform for the Library Search, which will eventually encompass discovery across our library systems, including the Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) in the new library. Many of the Libraries’ books will move into the ASRS, and the team is focused on amplifying the user experience and replicating the browsing experience and serendipitous discoveries found in open stacks.

The LTD team has been building a customized platform for the Library Search on the open source framework Blacklight, which is a collaborative effort supported and used by forward-thinking libraries and institutions across the country. The enhanced version of the Library Search is scheduled to replace the existing interface this summer. This new search interface is currently in beta and will incrementally be adding new features and incorporating more records.

Work is also underway to redesign the broader library website. We plan to adopt a more data-driven website, building an innovative infrastructure that will allow us to more effectively link different types of content, such as library services, resources, spaces, and people. This will build upon the ongoing work for the Library Search and will be rolled out next year, in anticipation of the move to Charles Library.

Temple University Press Publication Garners National Attention

In the winter issue of Speaking Volumes, we reported on Temple University Press’s new publication, Healing Our Divided Society: Investing in America Fifty Years after the Kerner Report. Edited by former Senator Fred Harris, the last living member of the original Kerner Commission, and Alan Curtis, this collection analyzes where we are as a nation in the 50 years since the Kerner Commission concluded that America was heading toward “two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal.”

Since its publication in February, Healing Our Divided Society has received prominent national attention, including features on CNN, PBS Newshour, NPR and in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, TIME, and many other media outlets. This immediate and wide-ranging response speaks to the title’s relevance and national appeal as a book that both provides historical context and captures the tone of the current political moment.

To purchase this book or browse additional Temple University Press titles, visit temple.edu/tempress.
Libraries Partner with Human Resources to Lead Community Job Readiness Workshop

Every month, Temple’s Department of Human Resources hosts a job readiness workshop for members of the broad and diverse communities that Temple serves. As an urban university, Temple is committed to providing services and resources for the community, including our immediate neighbors.

While the Libraries have often provided meeting space for these workshops, this fall we took a more active role and partnered with HR in running the workshop. This allowed us to share information about how library services can aid in the job search process.

Facilitated by Mike Robinson, director of community outreach and hiring for HR, and Emily Schiller, bibliographic assistant II in Access and Media Services at Paley Library, the workshop focused on resumes, cover letters, professional etiquette, and networking. In addition, Schiller discussed the Libraries’ Guest Computer Program, which she noted is a fundamental part of our university’s mission to support and offer services to the community.

“We want to help people get jobs by offering daily hours on the computer, access to printing, access to a scanner, and the assistance of a Tech worker who can help them through the process of applying online, finding important contact information, and reviewing their resumes and cover letters,” Schiller said.

The Libraries are dedicated to providing resources for all of our patrons, and look forward to continuing this valuable community-oriented partnership.

On April 17th, we were pleased to honor the best in undergraduate research at the 2017–2018 Livingstone Undergraduate Research Awards ceremony and reception. The awards are named for generous donor John H. Livingstone, SBM ’49, who has supported undergraduate research for the past fourteen years.

Stay tuned for our winter issue of Speaking Volumes, where we will celebrate fifteen years of supporting and honoring the excellent research in which our talented undergraduates engage.
The Libraries have long been leaders at Temple in addressing rising textbook costs and promoting textbook affordability. Through our Textbook Affordability Project, we have supported 67 faculty members since 2011 in adopting low or no-cost course materials, saving students over $750,000.

Steven Bell, associate university librarian, notes that he recognized “the opportunity to leverage our experience with open textbooks in order to develop a statewide initiative to promote textbook affordability.”

Bell teamed up with Cathy Wilt, executive director of the Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc. (PALCI), and other partners to submit a grant proposal. Last summer, the team was awarded $50,000 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to establish Affordable Learning Pennsylvania.

The project, facilitated by PALCI, is modeled on successful statewide textbook affordability initiatives in states such as Louisiana, Virginia, and Georgia. Now underway, the program uses grant funds to build awareness, expertise, and collaboration around affordable learning. Bell and Wilt sit on the project steering committee, along with other PALCI representatives and librarians from other PALCI-affiliated higher education institutions.

They have created a detailed project plan and schedule for Affordable Learning Pennsylvania, which includes workshops and training programs for faculty and librarians as well as a membership in the Open Textbook Network (OTN). These and future activities will give colleges and universities the necessary tools and knowledge to advance affordable learning statewide.

Supporting Student Success and Faculty Research

Every day, Temple’s subject librarians provide vital services and research assistance to Temple students and faculty, visiting scholars, and community members. Here, read about three librarians whose unique projects and services advance learning and research at the university.

Supporting Student Success and Learning Across the Curriculum

Two of our librarians serve as standing members on course committees. Business Librarian Adam Shambaugh sits on the Writing Intensive Course Committee, while Caitlin Shanley, instruction team leader and librarian for American Studies, Asian Studies, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, sits on the General Education (GenEd) Course Committee.

These committees oversee curricula for courses designated as either “writing intensive” or part of the GenEd program. As committee members, Shambaugh and Shanley provide expert feedback on syllabi, particularly in the realm of informational literacy and research. Since all undergraduates are required to take these classes, our librarians’ input is valuable and wide-ranging.

And Shambaugh notes that “reviewing syllabi helps librarians know the wide range of curricula offered throughout the university,” which is useful when consulting with students.

Supporting the Research Activities of Faculty, Clinicians, and Graduate Students

Biomedical & Research Services Librarian Stephanie Roth has been instrumental in creating the systematic review service for the Ginsburg Health Sciences Library. Systematic reviews are methodologies primarily used in the healthcare field to collect, collate, and evaluate a large body of existing literature to answer a focused and narrow research question. The review employs rigorous steps to prevent bias and ensures the methods are reproducible.

Roth works on systematic reviews primarily with faculty, graduate students, and researchers at Temple University Hospital, using her expertise to search multiple databases for a comprehensive scan of the available research.

This is vital in the healthcare field, helping busy clinicians save time making clinical decisions and lending validity to their practices. Systematic reviews are now also expanding to areas outside of medicine such as education, science, social science, computer science, engineering, nutrition, and beyond.

Adam Shambaugh (left) and Stephanie Roth (right), photos courtesy Dustin Fenstermacher
Graphic Medicine is an emerging medical humanities discipline that uses graphic novels and comics in medical education and patient care. In order to provide students, faculty, and researchers with the latest materials, the Ginsburg Health Sciences Library recently started collecting graphic medicine titles for its medical humanities collection.

In addition, Innovation Librarian Patrick Lyons is using his skills as an accomplished artist to teach workshops on graphic medicine fundamentals and art techniques in the library’s new Innovation Space.

The Ginsburg Library is pleased to offer resources and education in this new discipline, which has the power to help patients, caregivers, and health professionals understand and process serious conditions, such as dementia, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and more.

Graphic Medicine workshop, April 2018, photos courtesy Stephanie Roth
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Our friends impact all that we do here at the Libraries—from our collections to our services to our special initiatives. Below, please find just a sample of the important work our donors support. You too can impact the Libraries through making a gift today via the enclosed envelope or at giving.temple.edu/givetolibraries. For more information, call 215-204-9305.

- **The McLean Contributionship** made a gift to the Library Endowment Fund in order to name the McLean Contributionship Special Collections Research Center Multipurpose/Instruction Room and support the Special Collections Research Center Compact Shelving Area in our state-of-the-art new library building.
- **Steve Charles** made an extraordinary commitment to name our new library Charles Library. Read more on p. 1.
- **The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation** made a gift to establish the Albert M. Greenfield Civic History Endowment Fund and name the Albert M. Greenfield Special Collections Research Center Reading Room. Read more on p. 3.
- **Barbara Allen** donated a generous collection of books, periodical issues, and pamphlets to the Libraries’ general collections, in memory of her late husband, David Allen.
- Library Board of Visitors member **Loretta Duckworth and her husband W. Joseph Duckworth** made a gift to the Library Endowment Fund through the Duckworth Family Fund. This gift will support and name a space in the new library.
- **David and Judy Mink** donated business records documenting their family’s many restaurant enterprises, including Kelly’s on Mole Street, Kelly’s Oyster House, Sansom Street Oyster House, and Samuel Adams Brew House, to the Special Collections Research Center.
- Library Board of Visitors member **Mr. John Hurst Livingstone** continued to support undergraduate research at the Libraries with his gift to the Livingstone Undergraduate Research Awards Endowment. Library Board of Visitors members **Leonard Metlman and Sandra Lee Cadwalader, Esq.** also continued their support of this important initiative through gifts to the endowment fund.
- **Mr. Albert C. Vara** provided gifts to the Charles L. Blockson Afro-African Collection Endowment, continuing his support of this valuable collection. **Charles Everett Dutton, Ph.D., Judge Frederica Massiah-Jackson, and Barbara Easley-Cox** also made gifts to this endowment fund.
- Library Board of Visitors member **Mark B. Vogel** made a gift to the Library Annual Fund, which helps support ongoing library activities, programs, operations, and facilities. **Patrick and Jane Luddy; Morris I. Rossman, D.O.; the Julian A. and Lois G. Brodsky Foundation; Marvin and Janice Fritz; Arnold I. Kalman, Esq.; Ms. Anna Rose Doring; Mrs. Betty R. Marlino; Elizabeth H. Gemmill, Esq. and Douglas B. Richardson; and anonymous donors** also provided gifts toward the Annual Fund.
- **The Public Interest Law Center** made a gift of legal and court document archives to the Special Collections Research Center.
- **Nancy P. Morgenstern, Esq. and Richard Morgenstern** donated music scores, books, and libretti to the Libraries’ general collections.
- **Marcia and Ronald Rubin** provided a gift to the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Collection Endowment, which helps ensure the preservation and continued accessibility of this collection documenting regional Jewish history and culture.
- The late **Mrs. Deen Kogan** made a gift to the Special Collections Annual Fund, which helps provide for the annual preservation, digitization, access, acquisition, and programming needs of the Special Collections Research Center. **Ms. Margey N. Sil** also made a gift to this fund.
- **Luis T. González Del Valle** donated Spanish and Spanish-American drama and theater books, journals, and related reference works to the Special Collections Research Center.
- **Ms. Harriette Newman Hirsch** continued to support the Paul and Harriette Newman Hirsch Children’s Literature Fund, which helps us build and maintain our children’s literature collection.
- **Marcia S. Littell, Ed.D.** made a gift to support archiving the Franklin Littell Collection, which documents Franklin Littell’s life and work as a noted professor, minister, pacifist, activist, historian, and so much more.
- Former Dean of Libraries **Larry Alford** made a joint gift to the Special Collections Annual Fund and the Library Annual Fund, to support a broad spectrum of library activities and collections.
- Retired History faculty member and Jane Addams scholar **Dr. Allen F. Davis** donated his papers, which include archival material from the 1950s to the present, to the Special Collections Research Center.

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**One Book, One Philadelphia at Temple University Libraries**

Since 2003, the Free Library of Philadelphia has promoted **One Book, One Philadelphia**, an annual event that encourages literacy, library usage, and citywide conversation by encouraging the entire greater Philadelphia area to join together by reading and discussing a single book. This spring, Temple University Libraries hosted one of the nearly 100 local events featuring 2018’s selection: **Another Brooklyn** by Jacqueline Woodson. Woodson’s novel was a 2016 National Book Award finalist, and the Libraries’ program brought in guests from within Temple as well as the greater Philadelphia community.
This year’s spring 2018 Beyond the Page public programming series featured programs exploring the role of communities in our lives, in addition to the performances, readings, lectures, and panels that are hallmarks of the series.