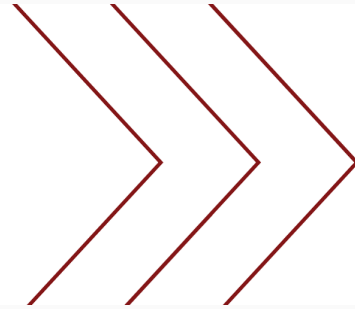




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**FACULTY NEWSLETTER**



**April 2023**

View of the Bizzell Memorial Library's clock tower.

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## **News and Announcements**

### **Alternative Textbook Grant Winners Announced**

Ten University of Oklahoma instructors have been awarded a University Libraries' Alternative Textbook Grant to replace costly textbooks with freely available alternatives. Awardees include Dr. C. Aujean Lee, Dr. Melinda Chen, Dr. Paulo Moreira, Dr. Ying Wang, Dr. J. David Baldwin, Dr. Jude Okolie, Dr. Katerina Tsetsura, Dr. Amber Beisly, Dr. Ekaterini (Katerina) Akarepi, and Dr. Lucia Colombari. [Read more.](#)

## Open Access Publication Support Fund

A new Open Access Book Subvention fund announced Spring 2023 will help support faculty author publications at OU. Dean of University Libraries Denise Stephens, Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences and David L. Boren Professor and Merrick Chair of Western American History David Wrobel, and Vice President for Research and Partnerships Tomás Díaz de la Rubia proudly announce the new fund supported equally by their respective units to encourage open access monographs by OU authors. [Read more.](#)

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## New Resources at the UL

### New Acquisitions

The Libraries is acquiring several new resources in support of ongoing research and teaching:

- Expanded content for the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, and six historically black newspapers
- ProQuest Women's Magazine Archive, Collections 1 & 2
- Frontier Life: Borderlands, Settlement, and Colonial Encounters
- *Neue Deutschland*, 1946-2022
- Making of Modern Law: Trials, 1600-1920 (co-sponsored with OU Law Library)
- Routledge STEM handbooks online

### JSTOR Expands

The Libraries has recently expanded its JSTOR subscription to include [all JSTOR collections](#). This provides OU users with six additional journal collections and four database collections, including *Sustainability* and *Security Studies*.

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## Profiles in Open

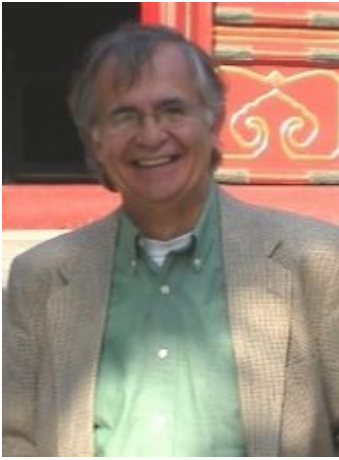
*University Libraries regularly features OU scholars publishing open access.*

### Dr. Ronald Schleifer

**George Lynn Cross Professor of English**

**Adjunct Professor in Medicine**

[Ronald Schleifer](#), Ph.D., is George Lynn Cross Professor of English and Adjunct Professor in the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma. His scholarship encompasses three areas of literary and cultural studies: he works in the "Culture of Modernism," early twentieth-century studies with books focused on literature, music, economics and, most recently (with Tiao Wang, a colleague from China, 2022) on "literary modernism" in late twentieth-century China and early twentieth-century Euro-America. He has also worked since 1999 with his colleague Jerry Vannatta, MD, former Dean of the OU College of Medicine, on the "Health Humanities," that is, on the ways that education in the humanities can help healthcare professionals more fully engage



with their patients. For his work in the Health Humanities, he received the inaugural Norman Campus-Wide Research and Creative Activities Award for Excellence in Research, Design, and Creative Expression in the Humanities and Fine Arts. And he also works in “Semiotics,” which is the systematic study of the ways in which meaningful linguistic signs, language, and comprehensive narratives are produced and structured.

[In Dr. Schleifer's profile](#), he discusses both personal and general benefits of open access publishing, particularly in regards to the health humanities.

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## Research Libraries Updates

*Each month, UL will provide the latest national and global news in academic research libraries and resources.*

### ALA Launches Policy Corps Cadre to Fight Censorship

A cadre of the [ALA Policy Corps](#) will boost efforts across library types and states to showcase how libraries and library workers provide essential information resources to their communities while increasing awareness about the importance of intellectual freedom and its centrality to American democracy and society. [Read more.](#)

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## Exhibits at the University Libraries

### Mother of Dragons: The Life and Discoveries of Mary Anning Bizzell Main Floor, Through August 2023



In celebration of the University Libraries' new acquisitions of Hugh S. Torrens' collection in the History of Science Special Research Collections, we honor the impact of Mary Anning's fossil discoveries in Lyme Regis in the early 1800s on the history of geology in this exhibit.

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## Upcoming Events and Workshops

*For a list of all upcoming UL events, visit [our events page](#).*

### Level-Up League

**Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Bizzell LL118**

Interested in learning elements of game and app design with other video game lovers, while building valuable software and app development skills? Join Level-up League, a weekly meetup of OU faculty, researchers, students of all backgrounds and majors,

and community members to design and develop a video game from scratch. Both multi-person teams and solo developers are welcome. Questions? [Contact Ashley Smith](#).



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