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## Daardi Sizemore Mixon Named Interim Dean



This fall, Daardi Sizemore Mixon, C.A., was appointed the Interim Dean of Library Services. Previously she served as University Archivist at Minnesota State University, Mankato where she coordinated the University Archives, University Records Management, the Southern Minnesota Historical Center, and the Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies.

She has a Masters of Library and Information Science and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and in 2001 became a Certified Archivist. She joined the University in 1999. In May of this year she got married. Her new email address is [daardi.mixon@mnsu.edu](mailto:daardi.mixon@mnsu.edu)

## Congratulations Scholarship Winners!

For the past five years, Library Services has offered two scholarship opportunities to talented undergraduate students who have worked for the Library. This year, six students received \$1,000 Library Services Scholarships: Karla Balbuena Garcia, Tyra Blazek, Caitlin Galagan, Rachel Schroers, Jerusalem Tola, and Daniel Vang. In addition, two students were awarded Dorothy Van Norman Endowment Scholarships (\$2,500).



Jenna Thompson and Divin Bebela with Dorothy Van Norman

## The Library Welcomes New Employees

When you visit Memorial Library you may notice a few new faces. Please help us welcome four talented Library Services employees to the Maverick family.



### PAT LIENEMANN

Pat Lienemann is the new Electronic Access and Discovery Librarian at Memorial Library. He has a B.A. in English and a minor in biology from the University of Minnesota, Morris and a MLIS from the University of Iowa. Prior to joining the faculty, Pat was the Director of the Williamsburg (Iowa) Public Library. Outside of the library, Pat slowly chips away at an endless 'to do' list on his hobby farm.



### NELL MUSOLF

Our new Late Night Circulation Library Technician, Nell Musolf, graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a B.A. in psychology. Nell is a talented freelance writer of creative non-fiction and fiction. She appears as a regular columnist for the *Mankato Magazine*. Her column was awarded second place for Best Column by the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists in 2011 and 2018. Her work has appeared online on the Purple Clover website and in a variety of magazines and newspapers including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*.



### ADAM SMITH

Adam is the new Archives Technician and can be found on the 2nd Floor in the Lass Center. He graduated from Missouri S&T in 2010 with a B.A. in History and UW-Milwaukee in 2012 with an M.A. in Public History concentrating in Museum Studies. Prior to coming to Minnesota State Mankato, he worked at the Stearns History Museum and Carver County Historical Society as a Curator of Collections. His primary roles in these positions were collecting and preserving 2D and 3D artifacts along with researching and installing exhibits. Adam and his wife Nicole welcomed their son Owen into the world on May 4, Star Wars Day, which happens to be perfect for this fan.



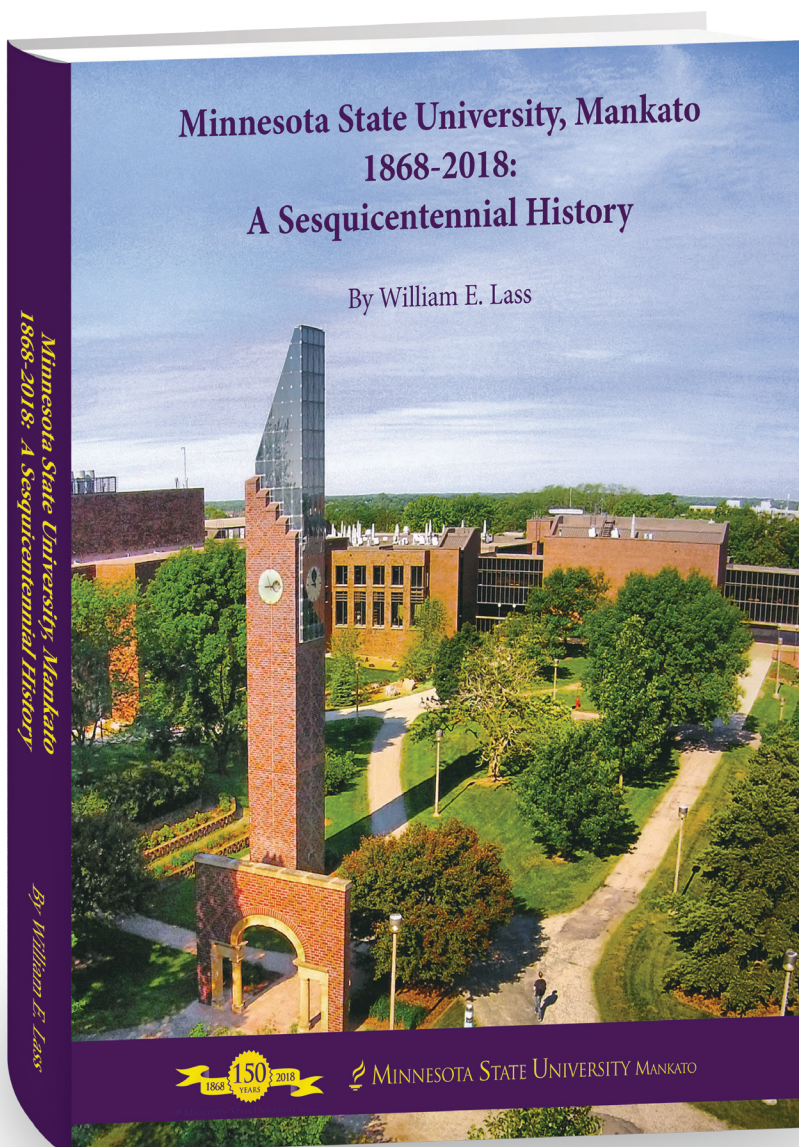
### DANIEL VANG

Daniel Vang recently joined the Systems Team in July 2018 as the new System Specialist. He is an undergraduate student at Minnesota State University, Mankato pursuing his bachelor's in computer information technology. Last year he interned at Memorial Library where he used HTML, Java, PHP and MySQL to setup Archon and ArchivesSpace. He also setup a backup webserver to test and migrate a MySQL database for Library Archives Department. Before his internship, he worked as a student assistant for Library Services. There he assisted with organization of the library's publications, conducted inventory, and helped to maintain, configure, and support computer labs.

## Library Liaisons

Did you know that every academic department at Minnesota State Mankato has liaison librarians? These librarians work with faculty to select library resources to meet the needs of departmental curricula and programs. In addition, liaison librarians work with professors to provide workshops about research and the library's collections. Liaison librarians are also available to support departments with accreditation visits and answer faculty questions about just about everything! You can find your liaison at: <https://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/librns.html>

## Sesquicentennial History Book Available For Purchase!



October 7, 2018, marked the anniversary of the founding of the Mankato State Normal School and the start of the next 150 years of history for Minnesota State University, Mankato. This highly readable and thoroughly illustrated book is extensively researched. It covers in detail the development of academic programs, the physical campus, university leadership and faculty, as well as student life. Read about the 1922 fire that destroyed the Teachers College building, the development of twin campuses in the 1950s, Vietnam War era campus protests, campus consolidation, the University of 2018, and so much more. Celebrate the 150th anniversary with *Minnesota State University, Mankato, 1868-2018: A Sesquicentennial History*.

**PRICE:**

\$39.99 + tax

To purchase, visit

<http://www.mnsu.edu/150/merchandise/book.html>

## Changes Are Coming!

The Library will migrate to a new library management system during the 2018-19 academic year. The new system will replace many of our public and behind-the-scenes service functions. One of the key new features will be an updated MaxScholar search—watch for this during Spring semester! The Library will be migrating to the new system in partnership with other Minnesota State libraries and the MnPALS consortia.

The Library will continue to offer a full range of services this year, but there may be some temporary interruptions to our online services, especially during late Fall semester and early Spring semester. Thank you for your patience as we undertake this ambitious project! If you have questions about our coming migration, please contact Bobby Bothmann, Metadata & Emerging Technologies Librarian, at [robert.bothmann@mnsu.edu](mailto:robert.bothmann@mnsu.edu).

## Library Instruction Supports Student Success

Students who receive library instruction as a part of their classes are more likely to remain enrolled over the course of four years.<sup>1</sup> Learn about resources to support student learning and request library workshops for your classes at [libguides.mnsu.edu/teaching](http://libguides.mnsu.edu/teaching). Contact Instructional Services Librarian, Jenny Turner ([jennifer.turner@mnsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.turner@mnsu.edu)) to discuss library options for a class or assignment.

<sup>1</sup> Soria, K. M., Fransen, J., & Nackerud, S. (2017). The impact of academic library resources on undergraduates' degree completion. *College and Research Libraries*, 78(6), 812-823. DOI: 10.5860/crl.78.6.812

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