Dr. Jacqueline Eng of the Department of Anthropology at Western will give a talk on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. in the Edwin and Mary Meader Room, 3rd floor, Waldo Library, with a reception to follow. Dr. Eng is a biological anthropologist with research interests in the health of ancient human populations. Her talk for the Friends will focus on her research of high-altitude populations in Nepal, including their varied mortuary traditions. Her work in Nepal was recently highlighted by the National Geographic Society in an October 2012 article entitled "Sky Caves of Nepal," and a February 2012 National Geographic Special entitled "Cave People of the Himalaya." That video can be viewed here: http://www.pbs.org/program/cave-people-himalaya/

Taking a bioarchaeological perspective, she has conducted osteological research on hunter-gatherer populations in California, Viking Age and Conversion Age inhabitants of Iceland, post-medieval peasants from Transylvania, and numerous societies from China's northern frontier that date from the Neolithic to the Mongolian Dynasty. Her major regional focus is in health and disease found among these frontier nomads and settled farmers during major shifts in health and disease and socioeconomic landscape as the ancient Chinese empire and pastoral cultures developed and interacted with each other.

"It’s the inherent mystery, I like revealing the story of how these people lived, what they encountered, what they survived and adapted to.”
— Dr. Jacqueline Eng
A Huge Success for Libraries’ Third Research Night

Halloween themed Research Night was well attended by undergrad. and graduate students alike with 29 volunteers adding to its success.

The third “Night of the Research Paper” event at Waldo Library was held on October 29, 2013. Students received personal services including guidance in research and project development and writing. Students also became aware that the Library and Writing Center offer specialized services to help them develop new skills and improve their work. 117 questions were answered in four hours, an average of 29 questions per hour. Most students who attended were undergraduates, but graduate students also came, particularly with questions about literature reviews for projects. Feedback on the paper evaluation forms was overwhelmingly positive.

Students seem to find the personal interaction and attention helpful in getting started on the right path with their research projects.

Appreciation goes to these supporters: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Lee Honors College, College of Fine Arts, College of Education and Human Development, Kalamazoo 10 Theatres, Friends of the University Libraries, University Library Administration and the Writing Center. With their donations, Waldo Library was able to increase the number of promotional fliers and posters. Also, fall refreshments of cider, doughnut holes, popcorn, apples, coffee and candy were served. The next event is planned for Fall 2014.

Upcoming Event

From Start to Finish:
A Painter’s Approach to The Book

Mary Heebner lecture is a University wide event with a reception to follow in the lobby. Mary Heebner’s work as a painter and book artist has often been inspired by her travels, including trips to Iceland, Chilean Patagonia, and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. In this lecture Heebner will show a survey of her creative work and talk about its sources.

Annual Meeting

This Spring

The Friends Annual Meeting will be held the end of April at the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center. Date is being finalized. Mark your calendar mid-April to check the website for more information: http://www.wmich.edu/library/about/friends and look for a postcard.

NOTICE

The friends have recently discovered a mix-up that has resulted in some members missing out on information about our activities. We sincerely apologize.

It is our hope that you enjoy this and mailings to come. If there is a change send it to lib-friends@wmich.edu or Friends of University Libraries, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5353. We appreciate your continued support.