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# Friendly Correspondence

Friends of the Otterbein University Courtright Memorial Library

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## Slate of Officers:

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Secretary  
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The FOL Newsletter  
is a bi-annual  
publication with  
issues in the Fall and  
Spring

## Textbook Affordability Endowment, Two Years On

In the spring of 2016, the Friends of the Library announced the beginning of their newest initiative, the creation of a Textbook Affordability Endowment. The endowment would provide the Courtright Memorial Library (CML) funds each year to purchase high-cost, high-demand textbooks, to help alleviate the burden of textbook costs on the students. Initial seed money, provided by the late Jane Horn ('50), helped start this project on its way. Now, almost two years later, the Friends are proud to report the immense progress on the creation of the endowment.

Thanks to some incredible donors, including Robert Woodruff ('67), Jane Horn ('50), Nancy J. Smith ('72), and Lois Szudy ('99) (in memory of Tom Szudy and Peg Harmon), as well as the work of the Friends during their annual Otterbein Singers fundraiser, their biannual pop-up shops, and contributions from other Friends, the Textbook Affordability Endowment currently stands at about \$14,000. This means there is \$11,000 to raise over the next three years to meet the goal of raising \$25,000 within five years, in order for it to be vested and begin paying out.

The Friends are also excited to officially announce that the Class of 1972 has chosen the Textbook Affordability Endowment as one of their Golden Reunion Legacy Gifts to Otterbein University. The Class of 1972 will be fundraising on behalf of the Endowment, helping fund it that much faster. As of this writing, they have raised \$14,000 already and still have several years worth of fundraising to go.

Thank you to all who have donated to help this project move forward. If you would like to contribute, you can send a check, made out to Otterbein University, to the Courtright Memorial

Library, Attn: Treasurer, 1 S Grove St, Westerville OH 43081. Put "Textbook Affordability Endowment" in the memo line!



# Colson Whitehead and the Underground Railroad

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Winner of the National Book Award. Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. New York Times Bestseller.

There's been quite a bit of praise for this year's Common Book, *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. A fictional work, *The Underground Railroad* makes the metaphor literal: there are engineers and conductors operating a secret network of tracks and tunnels underneath Southern soil. The story focuses on Cora, a young enslaved woman who makes her escape to freedom.

Mr. Whitehead will be visiting Otterbein on October 23rd. There will be a convocation at 3pm in Cowan Hall, followed by a book signing and reception at Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall. Unfortunately, due to Mr. Whitehead's schedule, the Friends will not be hosting an event with the Common Book author in the evening this year.

Though the Friends will not have an event with Mr. Whitehead, we will be having an evening program courtesy of Pamela Allen from the Hanby House and Stephen Grinch, University Archivist. Otterbein University and Westerville have

a deep connection to the Underground Railroad through William and Benjamin Hanby (a trustee and alumni of Otterbein, respectively), as well as through Lewis Davis, the founding father of Otterbein. While Colson Whitehead's book is fiction, we encourage you to join us to learn about our very real history with the Underground Railroad. The program will begin at 7pm on October 24th at the Courtright Memorial Library. We hope to see you there!



## About the Author

Colson Whitehead graduated from Harvard College and then began working for the Village Voice, writing reviews for music, books, and television. He has received a MacArthur Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship, among other honors. In addition to *The Underground Railroad*, he has written seven other books. He lives in New York City.

**Tuesday, Oct 23, 2018 @ 3pm -**  
Common Book Convocation with Colson Whitehead

**Wednesday, Oct 24, 2018 @ 7pm -**  
Otterbein and the Underground Railroad with Pam Allen and Stephen Grinch

# A BLISSful Summer

It began with an exploration of archives in the UK, searching for new information about Virginia Woolf. Then Philip Otterbein came to life. Finally, the world of gardening was explored. These were the topics of this summer's BLISS.

BLISS, which stands for Brownbag Lunch Informational Summer

Session, began in 2012 as a way to provide interesting and educational programs throughout the summer to the Friends, as well as to Otterbein faculty and staff. There have been a variety of sessions over the years, covering a wide range of topics.

This summer, Dr. Beth Daugherty started the series with a discussion of her research on Virginia Woolf. She covered the different archives she visited in the UK, and the fascinating things she discovered along the way. Stephen Grinch, Otterbein Archivist, was the second session speaker. This year he talked about the University's namesake, Philip Otterbein, who never actually set foot in Ohio. The series closed with a panel discussion on different styles of gardening. Stacey Rusterholz of Otterbein talked about the Otterbein community garden; Dr. Mark Miller from the Franklin Park Conservatory covered container gardening; and Molly Watson of Watson Acres explained flower farming.

The sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by those that attended. We look forward to seeing you next summer!



Dr. Beth Daugherty talks about discovering new information about Virginia Woolf in archives in England.



Left: Molly Watson of Watson Acres discusses flower farming. Right: The audience enjoying BLISS.





# The Friends at Homecoming!

The Friends will have a table at this year's Homecoming, where they will be collecting new memberships and handing out Common Books from years previous. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet people, so be sure to stop by our table during the Grove Festival!

Additionally, the Library will have two tables during the Grove Festival. This year, Sarah Whybrew, Digital Initiatives Librarian, and Stephen Grinch, University Archivist, will be asking for help identifying people in our archival images, primarily those from the Theatre Department. This project will benefit both the Archives department and the Digital Commons, an open-access institutional repository. Are you an alum? Make sure you swing over to the Library's table to help provide names for the people in our photographs!



## Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor to Visit Otterbein

The Friends and the Courtright Memorial Library will be helping sponsor a visit from Dr. Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor. Dr. Taylor is coming on an invitation from Otterbein's Race and Ethnic Studies department, and will be speaking at Otterbein on **September 20th, 4pm-6pm.**

Dr. Taylor is the author of *From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation*, which examines the history and politics of Black America and the development of the social movement Black Lives Matter in response to police violence. She won the Lannan Foundation's Cultural Freedom Award for an Especially Notable Book.

She has also written *How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective*, winner of the Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Non-Fiction.



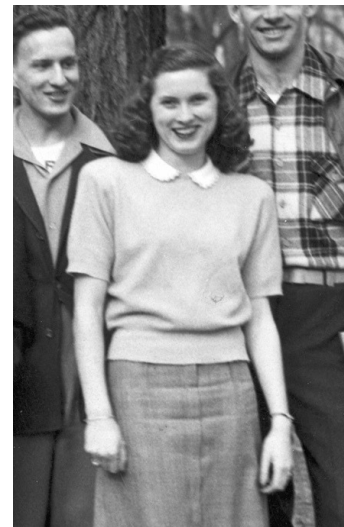
Dr. Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor. Photo from Princeton



## In Memoriam: Jane Horn

We are very sad to announce the passing of Jane Morrison Horn, class of 1950, who passed away on August 20th. Jane was a charter member of the Friends of the Library, joining in 1996. She served on the Friends Council from 2006-2016. Jane was a long-time member of the Otterbein community as a whole as well. She met her husband, Albert (Bert), at Otterbein. She was a member of Otterbein's Lifelong Learning Community, the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club, and the Otterbein "O" Club. In 2003, Jane was honored with the Service to Otterbein Award. Jane was a committed philanthropist. She and her husband

created an endowed award for Otterbein music students, established The Bert & Jane Horn Endowed Student Research Fund in the Sciences, and Jane later created the Taylor E. M. Horn '16 Endowment for Health & Sport Sciences, named after her grandson, a graduate from Otterbein. And of course, Jane provided the seed money to begin the Friends' work towards creating a Textbook Affordability Endowment.



Jane was a truly amazing woman, and she will be sorely missed by the Friends.

## Welcome New Library Staff!

If you've been to the Courtright Memorial Library recently, you may have seen some new faces around! Nicole Sutton (left) is the new Library Assistant, while Kristin Cole (right) is the new Assessment and Special Projects Librarian. There are also two new GAs at the Library: Nikki McCullough and Adelaide Larbi. If you see them, be sure to say hello!



# Join the Friends of the Library

Friends with library borrowing privileges enjoy many benefits. Listed below are a complete list of benefits afforded to members.

## **BORROWING PRIVILEGES AT THE COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**(CML)** - You may receive a CML card, providing you the ability to check out library materials

## **ACCESS TO MATERIALS BORROWED THROUGH OUR CONSORTIUMS,**

**OPAL AND OHIOLINK** - This gives you the ability to request materials from academic libraries throughout the state of Ohio.

## **ACCESS TO INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE**

- You will be able to request materials that are not held by the Courtright Memorial Library or any of our consortium member libraries.

## **SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER, *FRIENDLY***

**CORRESPONDENCE** - The newsletter will keep you up-to-date on events and news pertaining to the Friends and the CML.

**SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS-SPONSORED EVENTS** - Be the first to know about author talks, musical events, and other special occasions sponsored by the Friends.

**VOTING RIGHTS AT THE ANNUAL FRIENDS BUSINESS MEETING AND THE ABILITY TO SERVE ON THE FRIENDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - You will have a say in what the Friends of the Library do to help promote and support Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library, students, and the Otterbein community.

... More Benefits To Come

## FOL Officer Elections in November

Elections for the new Friends Council will be held in November. The current Friends Council is proposing the following slate: Nancy J Smith, President; Mary Pat Knight, Vice President; Rebecca O'Neil, Secretary; Barbara McKenzie, At-Large; German Vargas, At-Large. An email will be sent out with the ballot in November; if you need a paper copy mailed to you, let Kirsten know ([peninger@otterbein.edu](mailto:peninger@otterbein.edu)).

If you would be interested in joining the Friends Council, please email Kirsten ([peninger@otterbein.edu](mailto:peninger@otterbein.edu)).



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One benefit to being a Friend is access to limited borrowing privileges at the library.

**Are you interested in receiving borrowing privileges?**

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If yes, please provide your drivers license number above (required)  
By signing (below) I agree that I will abide by the loan policies of the Courtright Memorial Library as stated here, <http://www.otterbein.edu/Library/about.aspx#policies>. I understand that the Courtright Memorial Library reserves the right to take collection actions if my account is over 60 days past-due.

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ **Otterbein Student/Lifelong Learning Community (\$5)\***

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