Welcome to the Spring 2013 Issue!

Hostos Library Wins Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Award from NEH to Promote Understanding of Muslim Culture

Hostos Community College Library is proud to announce it has received a Muslim Journeys Bookshelf grant award from the National Institute for the Humanities.

On January 9, 2013, the grant awarded the Library 25 books on Muslim culture and three DVDS: "Koran By Heart," "Prince Among Slaves" and "Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World." In addition to the printed materials, the Library will have a one-year subscription to the Oxford Islamic Studies Online.

The bookshelf is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) “Bridging Cultures” initiative, which disseminates books, films, and other resources about the history and culture of Muslims in the United States and the world. Hostos is one of four CUNY colleges that received the grant and is one of 842 institutions eligible to receive an additional $4,500 grant from NEH. Last fall, Prof. Jennifer Tang, Acquisitions and Outreach Librarian, prepared and wrote a grant application to the NEH that explained why Hostos Library would be an ideal place to use these materials to educate its students and public about

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Hostos Library is proud to announce it has recently established two BookScan stations. After a three-month trial period, the book scanners were purchased and became available for all library patrons at the start of the Spring 2013 semester. The stations are “self-service” book scanning kiosks, which are located in the Reserves (3rd fl.) and ILC (2nd fl.) areas of the Library. Purchased to contribute to a greener campus, the scanners are free and far easier than using the typical photocopier. Here are some of the benefits of using the BookScan:

- Environmentally friendly – no paper, less waste
- Free to use – No Cost!
- Scanned documents can be saved to Email, USB Drive, GoogleDocs, and iPhones* (*QR Code App required)
- Scans documents to MSWord, PDF, and Searchable PDF
- Scans in color, gray scale, and black & white
- Scanned pages are visible – less mistakes

With the Library serving as the only location for students to make photocopies, the BookScans provide an alternative to the long exhaustive lines at the copy machines. Please come and try each one out! Library staff are available to assist you.

—Prof. Rhonda Johnson, Head of Access Services
Librarian Picks—Great Summer Reads at Hostos Library!

**In the Kingdom of Men**, by Kim Barnes

A new novel from a 2009 PEN Center USA Literary Award in Fiction winner.

“With courage and zest, *In the Kingdom of Men* takes an intimate look at...the rarified and harshly beautiful world of eastern Saudi Arabia.” —San Francisco Chronicle

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**The Gods of Gotham** by Lyndsay Faye

“Penetrating psychological study, flawless social history, beautifully crafted thriller...*The Gods of Gotham* is all these things, and a crackling great yarn to boot. Old New York has never been so blazingly alive. Lyndsay Faye is a writer to watch—and keep watching.”

—Louis Bayard, author of *The School of Night*

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**Fire and Forget: Short Stories from the Long War**. Matt Gallagher (Editor)

"Searing stories from the war zones of Afghanistan, Iraq, and the USA by warrior writers. *Fire and Forget* is about not forgetting. It is a necessary collection, necessary to write, necessary to read.” - E.L. Doctorow

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**Three Testaments : Torah, Gospel, and Quran**. Brian Arthur Brown (Editor)

From disagreement over an Islamic Center in New York to clashes between Christians and Muslims in Egypt, tension between the three Abrahamic faiths often runs high. Yet for all their differences, these three traditions-Judaism, Islam, and Christiani-

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**Life after Death: The Shocking True Story of an Innocent Man on Death Row**, by Damien Echols

The definitive memoir by Echols of the West Memphis Three, who was falsely convicted of committing three murders, and an unforgettable account of his 18 years on death row.

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**Live by Night**, by Dennis Lehane

The story might sound a bit familiar: A cop’s son falls in with bad guys and becomes one. But in Lehane’s hands, the Prohibition-era tale of Joe Coughlin’s rise to criminal power is both fresh and nuanced, packed with guns, booze, and babes as it roars from Boston to Tampa to Cuba. As Coughlin crosses deeper into the dark side—among those who “live by night and dance fast”—he provokes the question that sustains this propulsive narrative: Can a man be a good mobster and a good person at the same time? Incredibly, Lehane has us rooting for Coughlin even as he slowly becomes the kind of monster mobster he once reviled and rebelled against. —Neal Thompson

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—Prof. Miriam Laskin, Liaison for Dept. of English and Women & Gender Studies
On Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 3:30 p.m., the Library welcomed Hostos faculty to its annual Library Open House. The event was organized and implemented by the Senate Library Committee, a group consisting of Prof. Jennifer Tang (chair), Chief Librarian Madeline Ford, Profs. Heidi E. Bollinger, Sandra Castellanos, Joyce Dais, Olen Dias, Flor Henderson, Carolyn Johnson, Petal Leu Wai See, and Mohammed Sohel.

The theme of the 2013 Faculty Open House was “Explore the Seven Continents of the World—Be a Global Traveler!” Guests were given a “passport” and invited to “tour the world” by attend presentations from library faculty. In keeping with the theme, the presenters wore badges shaped like one of the continents. Attendees were also given a quiz question related to the presentations.

As they checked off each session, faculty received a “stamp” on their “passport” that made them eligible to win one of three great mystery prizes. Faculty from the Mathematics, Business, English, Allied Health, Natural Sciences and other departments attended. Profs. Lisa Tappeiner, José Diaz, Catherine Lyons, William Casari, Matthew Flaherty and Rhonda Johnson informed faculty about the latest online and print resources.

Faculty were also treated to demonstrations of new products and services such as the book scanning stations and a tour of the new study rooms. Librarians met with their respective liaisons and provided them with handouts containing useful resources. In addition, new faculty were given information about services such as CLICS (CUNY Libraries Inter-Campus Services), Information Literacy workshops, and Archives resources. In addition, Miranda McDermott from the New York Public Library discussed NYPL resources.

At the end of the event, faculty were asked to answer a short survey, which was also used as a raffle entry. Three winners were announced: Prof. Julie Trachman won a “Banned Books” coffee mug while Prof. Eunice Flemister won a travel-themed iPad case and accompanying luggage tag. Prof. Philip Wander won a set of chalkboard magnetic squares. All entrants received Hostos 45th anniversary goodie bags, as well.

“This event acquaints new and veteran faculty with the library’s latest resources and how they can be used to support student research as well as assist them in their research, teaching and publication goals,” said Chief Librarian Madeline Ford. “It provides an opportunity for librarians and faculty to collaborate and create effective research assignments.”

Faculty thanked the Library for holding this informative and useful event.

—Prof. Jennifer Tang
Q: WHERE CAN I FIND JOURNALS TO GET MY WORK PUBLISHED IN?
A: CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY’S FACULTY RESEARCH GUIDE!

Looking to publish articles in your field? Start by coming to Hostos Library and taking advantage of all the resources the Library has to offer! Not only do we have many professional journals online and available in print, but Hostos Librarians are here to assist you when you need to locate resources in your area.

Visit our guide at http://guides.hostos.cuny.edu/faculty-research.

Here you will find:
- How to find journals for research and publication
- Choosing a journal for publication: points to consider
- A directory of Journals in the scholarship of teaching & learning
- Finding information beyond Hostos
- Information about RefWorks and its features

—Prof. Lisa Tappeiner

NEW FEATURE: “REQUEST ITEM VIA INTERLIBRARY LOAN” OPTION FOR HOSTOS LIBRARY DATABASES

The Interlibrary Loan Service (ILLIAD, once reserved for faculty) is used to request articles, books, and media not held in any CUNY Library. Thanks to a pilot program in conjunction with the CUNY Graduate School, interlibrary loans can now be submitted by students, faculty, staff, and administration. First, pre-register: http://hostos.cuny.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/logon.html. (Scroll to bottom and click “First Time User”). Also, a new functionality has been added to expand this service: items can now be requested through the databases and WorldCat!

In the past, if you searched for articles using our databases or WorldCat, the button sometimes appeared when an article was not available in PDF or HTML full-text format. Now, those articles can be requested through interlibrary loan! When you see the button, click it and choose “Request item via Interlibrary Loan.” If you have pre-registered, just enter your user ID and password. If not, use the link above to register and your request will be sent! For more info, call (718) 518-4214.

—Prof. Rhonda Johnson, Head of Access Services
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With the support of Chief Librarian Madeline Ford and assistance from Grants Officer Lourdes Torres, Prof. Tang’s efforts proved successful and Hostos won.

“Hostos’ role is to not only to educate our students, but also provide information for the entire community,” Prof. Tang said, citing Hostos’ stated mission “to educate students from diverse ethnic, racial, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and to foster a multicultural environment on our campus and in the surrounding community.”

She added that the collection addresses “our growing population of Muslim students here and also living in the Bronx.”

As NEH states, “The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf is intended to address both the need and desire of the American public for trustworthy and accessible resources about Muslim beliefs and practices and the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations.”

Chief Madeline Ford applauded Prof. Tang’s efforts and agreed that, as the Hostos library is a center of teaching and learning on campus, “We are in a strong position to bring individuals of different ethnicities together and introduce them to other cultures.”

The library received the collection in late January. Books from the collection are currently displayed on the exhibit table just around the corner from the Library’s classroom, A214.

Posters about the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf have been posted throughout the Library. In Fall 2013 and beyond, the Library will be hosting a series of events designed to promote the use of the collection among faculty and students.

—Prof. Jennifer Tang

New Database: Oxford Islamic Studies Online

As part of the NEH grant, Hostos Library now has a one-year subscription to the database, Oxford Islamic Studies Online.

This database brings together the best current scholarship in the field for students, scholars, government officials, community groups, and librarians to foster a more accurate and informed understanding of the Islamic world. Oxford Islamic Studies Online features reference content and commentary by renowned scholars in areas such as global Islamic history, concepts, people, practices, politics, and culture.

ART and WRITING WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The Library is pleased to announce this year’s awardees for excellence in writing and art submitted to the June 2013 publication of ¡Escriba!/¡Write!

Each of the following contributors will be presented with a $150 award at the Honors Convocation on May 28th. You can see their work and the entire journal by going to Escriba’s webpage: http://oit.hostos.cuny.edu/escriba/

Writers
George Alvarenga
Arkady Grunin
Joseph Kosseh

Artists:
Guadalupe Galinda
Stephanie Pimentel
Ebenezer Arthur
On March 14, 2013, Prof. Jennifer Tang hosted a discussion and screening, “Barbie and Body Image: A Multicultural Perspective” that took place in the Library classroom, A214. The event was part of the 2013 Hostos Women’s History Month festivities.

Prof. Tang discussed her childhood and the psychological impact of growing up with Barbies that didn’t look like her. “In the 1970s, there were only blonde Barbies; I felt alienated,” she said. From there she introduced students and faculty to the history of multicultural Barbies. According to Prof. Tang, it began in 1967, when Mattel began producing its first “black” Barbie doll.

“The first doll, named Francie, sold poorly because the doll had straight hair and other Caucasian features,” reported Prof. Tang.

She explained that the second generation of dolls, in the early 80s, finally gave little girls the chance to own African-American and Hispanic Barbies. However, to date, “there has not been an Asian-American Barbie, despite the fact that all these dolls are made almost exclusively in Asian countries,” she observed.

The second half of her presentation focused on body image. In discussing the feminist argument against Barbie, Prof. Tang discussed the scholarly literature that indicated Barbie contributed to eating disorders among women. To illustrate this link, she screened clips from *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story* (1988) - a controversial film that had been pulled from general distribution due to legal issues. The film depicted the rise and fall of Karen Carpenter, a successful singer from the 1970s who succumbed to anorexia nervosa. Stressing the link between Barbie and body image, the filmmakers cast Barbie dolls as the actors rather than real people.

More than 100 people attended the event. “This discussion highlighted a topic that isn’t talked about much—the history of multicultural Barbies and how this doll has affected people of color,” Prof. Tang remarked. “Barbie reflects the changing mores and values of the American public; she’s more than a doll that parents buy to entertain their children.”

—Prof. Jennifer Tang

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CUNY’s eBook collections, and the challenges of informing students and faculty about ebooks.

Since 2010, E-books have become a major part of CUNY libraries’ collections; this was the year that Hostos began its subscription to Ebrary, a vendor that provided access to over 85,000 academic e-books. In Fall 2011, most of Ebrary’s titles became downloadable to smartphones and e-readers. Along with 24/7 availability and convenience, e-books also present a range of challenges, from making sure the e-book is easily accessible from the library’s catalogue, to setting up mobile devices necessary for downloading, and dealing with the issue of digital rights management (DRM).

“E-books have not only changed the way many read, but they have also made inroads into academic publishing—particularly in upper division undergraduate and graduate collections,” observed Prof. Tappeiner.

Prof. Lyons stressed the importance of showing faculty and students “all the great searching tools unique to the medium. Our users need to be informed about the most effective ways to use e-books.”

They also discussed the selection criteria that the Hostos Library employs to develop collections that meet the specific needs of students. “One collection that we are particularly excited about is the STAT! ref (Allied Health) e-book collection,” added Prof. Tappeiner. “This is a great resource we have for all our nursing and allied health students.”

—Profs. Kate Lyons and Lisa Tappeiner
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Prof. Jennifer Tang

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