

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK....

**Welcome back, everyone!**

Only a few months after the move, the Folklore Archives is already in good working order and ready to receive visitors! The Archives is brimming with life now that the folklore offices are located in the stadium, and we are happy to offer extended hours to students, faculty, researchers, and community members: Mondays and Fridays 9-5pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10-6pm, and Thursdays 10-5pm. We continue this year with ongoing projects such as accessioning student ethnographic projects, changing out old folders for ones that are archival-quality, digitizing the Utley Record Collection, conducting class presentations and tours (7 are already scheduled for AU13), and accessioning new collections, such as the Barnes Book Collection and the Center for Folklore Studies Collection. Our activities and importance were recognized by the College of Arts & Sciences this summer, as they generously gave us yet another room on the second floor of the stadium, 218D, which is just to the right of the elevator. The room will be used for office supplies, additional storage, and event preparation. With Puja Batra-Wells at the helm and Cristina Benedetti, Daeron Wilson, and Robert Humphrey assisting, this is going to be a productive and fun year! Stop by and say hello!

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# ARCHIVES Newsletter

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## EVENTS AT THE ARCHIVES

**CFS Oral History Sessions**

On Friday, August 30, The Center for Folklore Studies held its opening reception for the 2013-14 school year: a storytelling session with emeritus professors Patrick Mullen and Dan Barnes, led by Amy Shuman, which came to affectionately be known as "The Dan and Pat Show." In CFS's new space in the Ohio Stadium, over fifty guests gathered around cakes and champagne to relive memories of the Center's early days. Mullen and Barnes told stories of Francis Lee Utley, the respected OSU English professor whose interdisciplinary work led to the founding of the Center for Folklore Studies and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Mullen and Barnes also recounted how they each came to teach at OSU, the early years of the Center for Folklore Studies, and many adventures and exploits perpetrated in the name of folklore. Old friends and new were in attendance, who prompted and shared stories of their own.



*Appalachian Project Retreat held at the archives, summer 2013*



*Drs. Dan Barnes, Amy Shuman and Pat Mullen at the CFS oral history session.*

The video record of the event includes the voices of English and Folklore scholars Julian Markels, David Frantz, Morris Beja, Sabra Webber, Ruth Stavely, Kevin Eyster, Dorothy Noyes, and others. After the program, guests were offered a tour of the Folklore Archives, which recently acquired over 500 volumes from Dan Barnes' personal collection of folklore literature and scholarship.

**2013 Annual AFS Board Meeting**

The Archives had the distinct pleasure of hosting the board of the American Folklore Society for their three day 2013 annual meeting in Columbus.

**2013 Appalachian Project Retreat**

This summer, Appalachian Project members met to discuss grant and IRB guidelines, test new equipment, and determine site visit locations.

**Folklore Student Association Meetings and Events**

FSA continues to use the archives common space for their bi-weekly meetings. Last year they held a publishing workshop here with members of OSU folklore faculty, Drs. Noyes, Shuman and Cashman. This year, a series of methodology-related sessions are in the works.

**STAFF UPDATES**

We are thrilled to have Robert Humphrey and Daeron Wilson, both seniors in the department of English, join the archives as work study students this year as we bid farewell to three beloved members of our student team - Wesley Merkes, Rachel Paiscik and Kristy Albrinck began their adventures as proud OSU graduates in spring, 2013.

Wesley, who now lives in Berlin (Germany), was married over the summer and is planning on pursuing an M.A. in 2014.

Rachel began working full time for the Office of International Affairs as Office Assistant and is currently applying for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Jordan.

Kristy moved home to Cincinnati and is looking for work opportunities in the field of nutrition.

We wish them all the best!