

# @ Gordon Library

September 2008

## Welcome New Staff!

**Dr. Tracey Leger-Hornby** joined the Gordon Library staff as Assistant Vice President for Library Services on May 5, 2008. Before her arrival at WPI, she held many leadership positions at Brandeis University, most recently Assistant Vice-President, Business Process Redesign and Deputy CIO, Library and Technology Services.



Before her career at Brandeis, Tracey served as Library Director at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire where she established many customer focused initiatives. She also held managerial positions in the library at Simmons College, including the Associate Director for Instructional Computing and the User Services Assistant Director for Library Systems.

Tracey received a B.A. in Psychology and Education from Simmons College, a Master of Library Service (M.L.S) from Dalhousie University, and a Ph.D. in education from Boston College. She also served as a Fellow at the Frye Institute, sponsored by the Council on Library and Information Resources. Her research interests include women's attitudes toward computing, organizational culture in merged library and technology organizations, and the impact of women's colleges in higher education. Contact Tracey at [tlh@wpi.edu](mailto:tlh@wpi.edu)



**Erin DeSilva**, Instructional Technology Specialist, joined the staff of the Academic Technology Center in July. In this newly created position Erin will be spending part of her time in the library, where she will assist students in the Movie Lab & Tech Suites and help support students who need to use technology in their classes and for their projects.

Before her arrival at WPI, Erin worked as Educational Resource Specialist/Director of Professional Development at WGTE Public Media in Toledo, OH, where she managed the ongoing development and implementation of their teacher professional development program. She has also been the Manager of Workshops at the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Toledo, OH, as well as an Education Associate at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Erin received a B.S. in Biology from Simmons College, and she is a frequent presenter on using educational technology in the teaching process. Contact Erin at [edesilva@wpi.edu](mailto:edesilva@wpi.edu)

## Two New Art Exhibits

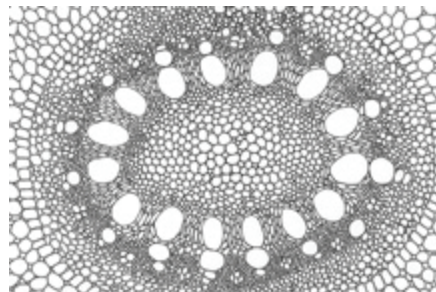
### A Life's Journey - Photographic Works by Diran Apelian

The Gordon Library is hosting the first formal gallery exhibit of photography by **Diran Apelian**, WPI's Howmet Professor of Mechanical Engineering. The exhibit, titled "A Life's Journey," features 36 color images of sites from all over the world that are observations of life, nature, form and beauty. As an engineer, Apelian's motivations for displaying his works are his desire to change the image of engineering in America and to show that engineers are engaged in culture, societal issues, and in the arts. The exhibit runs from Thursday, August 28, 2008 to Sunday, October 12, 2008 in the Class of 1941 Gallery, 3rd floor of the Gordon Library. A reception is scheduled in the gallery on Friday, Sept 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



### OCD - New Works by Erica Curran Mason (Class of 1996)

"OCD," is an exhibit of 10 ink-on-paper drawings by 1996 alumna **Erica Curran Mason** of Lincoln, Mass. The pieces in "OCD" are drawings consisting of patterns derived from slides of plant cellular structures. Some of the drawings are



representative of the actual slides, while others are an amalgam of patterns found within various slide images. Mason's process is time consuming and repetitive and meditative.

Erica Curran Mason double majored in Biotechnology and Social Science and Policy Studies at WPI. She has participated in over a dozen juried exhibitions and has won several awards for her artwork, including the "Works on Paper" award from the Northeast Prize Show at the Cambridge Art Association in Cambridge, MA. For more information on Mason and her artwork, see [www.ericamasonink.com](http://www.ericamasonink.com). The exhibit, which includes new works, is up from Thursday, August 28, 2008 to Sunday, October 12, 2008 in the Gladwin Gallery, 2nd floor of the Gordon Library. A reception is scheduled in the gallery on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 4-6 p.m.

For more information on both exhibits, e-mail the Gordon Library Archives & Special Collections at [archives@wpi.edu](mailto:archives@wpi.edu)

## More Staffing News

**Tressa Santillo** joined the library staff as the Access Services Assistant on September 2 & **Ginny Julian** was recently promoted to Access Services Associate. Look for more information about Ginny and Tressa in our B term newsletter!

## Games, Goodies, and More!

The Gordon Library staff concluded a highly successful New Student Orientation Week with our Games, Goodies, and More event for First Year Students. Nearly 300 people came to the library on Wednesday night, Aug. 27, to eat delicious home cooked goodies, meet new people, and play a variety of board and video games.



Highlights of the evening included many rounds of “Speed Meeting,” where fellow First Years got to ask each other questions to help them get to know one another better; board games galore (including some very competitive Jenga contests); and several “classic” and current video gaming systems set up around the library.

The gaming proved to be a big hit with systems ranging from the early 1980’s Atari 2600 to the Wii. Students also got to play on gaming consoles from the more recent past, such as the Nintendo and the original PlayStation. Although the older games were popular (remember Ms. Pac Man?), the lines were longest for Dance, Dance, Revolution and Guitar Hero.

A great time was had by all and the library staff is considering hosting a similar event next year.

## Did You Know?

The library is open more than 100 hours each week! Check out our [schedule](#).

## New Databases and E-Resources....

[Engineering Village](#), which includes abstracts from the Compendex and INSPEC databases, now contains the Engineering Index electronic back file! Previously limited to searching back to 1970, researchers can now search millions of bibliographic citations and abstracts from thousands of engineering journals and conference proceedings from 1884 to today.



Users now have access to two new E-encyclopedias to help them with their research. The [Encyclopedia of Environment and Society](#) contains 1200 entries on a range of environmental topics. The [Encyclopedia of Global Health](#) includes country specific information, as well as topics as diverse as diseases, men’s and women’s health, and health sciences in general.



(Off campus users need to be connected via the [Proxy Server](#) if they want to access the resources directly from the newsletter.)

## New Books in the Library....

The Gordon Library receives new books almost every day. Some of our recent acquisitions include:

[American Dreamer: Bucky Fuller and the Sacred Geometry of Nature](#) by Scott Eastham

[Constant Touch: A Global History of the Mobile Phone](#) by Jon Agar

[A Culture of Improvement: Technology and the Western Millennium](#) by Robert Friedel

[The Knight and the Blast Furnace: A History of the Metallurgy of Armour in the Middle Ages & the Early Modern Period](#) by Alan Williams

[Motorized Obsessions: Life, Liberty, and the Small-Bore Engine](#) by Paul R. Josephson

## Upcoming Classes

Interested in attending an upcoming library workshop? Check out [wpi.edu/Regi/Lib](http://wpi.edu/Regi/Lib) to see the wide variety of classes that will help you become a more efficient researcher.



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