



# Library News

## Library Restructuring/Staff Changes

Written by Laura Kohl

**The Krupp Library**, like many organizations, has gone through some recent staff changes. With the departure of a staff member comes the opportunity to reevaluate how to best serve our community by taking a closer look at the work we do, how it is changing, and how we staff for that work. This past year has brought some stellar additions to the library team, as well as providing the opportunity for some of our staff to engage with the Bryant campus in new roles! Along with hiring Ali Beaudette as Research and Instruction Library Assistant and Lynn Perri as Borrower Services Library Assistant, we have staff with new responsibilities and titles.

Allison Papini has now become Assistant Director and Manager of Research and Instruction Services. In this role Allison will continue to oversee our team of Research and Instruction Librarians but will also make a larger contribution to the leadership of the library and more intentionally focus on where we are headed. Bill Doughty, former Manager of Borrower Services, is now Manager of Collection Management and Digital Services. In this role, Bill will lead the team that acquires and catalogs physical and electronic materials, digitizes archival assets, organizes the physical archives, publishes Bryant scholarly works, and experiments with our makerspace. Finally, Meagan Joseph, former Public Services Librarian, has accepted the role of Manager of Borrower Services. In this new position, Meagan will lead the Borrower Services staff to assist patrons with loaning materials from books to technology, as well as oversee the programming partnerships and exhibit spaces in the library.

We are so happy to have a team that is excited and continuously wants to improve the experiences of Bryant faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Please stop by to meet our new employees and to wish our colleagues well with their new responsibilities.

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# Meet Our New Employees

Written by Lynn Perri and Dymond Bush



## Welcome



## Ali Beaudette

**We are thrilled** to welcome Ali Beaudette (she/her/hers) to the library as our new Research & Instruction Library Assistant. Ali comes to us from right down the road at the Greenville Public Library where she worked as a Reference Assistant for one year. Most of her experience comes from Massachusetts, where she has worked at various public libraries for a combined twelve years. When asked what drew her to Bryant, she said: "I was looking to make a career transition from public to academic libraries and Bryant had such a great community and welcoming presence! Also...bulldogs have always been my favorite dog so it kind of felt like fate."

Ali has a BFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Interrelated Media and is especially interested in the intersection of arts and libraries regarding representation and access and how libraries can use art as a tool to better serve their community as a whole. Ali is now running the library's Instagram (follow us @bryantlib 😊) and in addition to running our Instagram, she also runs the social media for a contemporary art gallery based in New York. We are lucky to have someone as talented as Ali on our team. Head over to the Research desk to meet Ali, you'll be glad you did!

## Lynn Perri

**Lynn Perri (she/her/hers)** comes to Bryant as our new Borrower Services Library Assistant from Pennsylvania where she worked in Human Resources for 4 years. Before that, she went to the University of Rhode Island for her undergrad degree in English Literature. While at URI she worked in the library's makerspace where she learned to love VR and tech-centered education. We are so excited for her to bring her makerspace experience to Bryant. She has already gotten started on enhancing our virtual reality space, the Data Visualization Lab by hosting VR lab nights.

In her spare time, Lynn enjoys art, reading and writing. She is currently working on a children's book. Lynn works nights and is looking forward to meeting everyone here at Bryant, so stop by the Borrower Services desk and say hello!

# Personal Librarian Program for Honors Students

Written by Jodi Devine

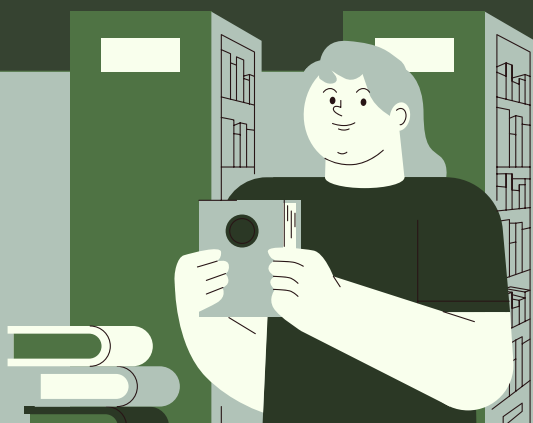
Students who are working on an Honors Thesis are assigned a “personal librarian” to help them with their research needs. Librarians provide assistance with research by helping students figure out how to locate and evaluate resources during any stage of the research process, whether it is for their literature review, proposal, or thesis. For example, librarians help Honors students select the best Bryant databases for their topic, assist in tracking down hard-to-find sources, and show them how to request items through Interlibrary Loan.

Depending on the student’s needs, librarians may meet with students one time or more. In some cases, students set up weekly meetings with their librarian to help stay on top of their research and to ensure they meet the deadline to submit their literature review and proposal. Students who are studying abroad are able to take advantage of this program by meeting with their librarian over Zoom.

The goal of the Personal Librarian Program is to help Honors students become confident and competent researchers.

*"In the nonstop tsunami of global information,  
librarians provide us with floaties and teach us  
to swim"*

*-Linton Weeks*



## Congrats to our Graduating Seniors!

Written by Marla Cipriano

The Krupp library staff would like to congratulate Bryant’s Class of 2022. It has been an awesome experience to watch you all these last 4 years. We would especially like to dedicate a special congratulations to our own student workers.

Congrats to the graduating students from our Borrower Services department: Valeria Lund, Michael Vassallo, Sarah Discepola, Komal Pandit, Alexandra Sulmasy and Nicole Politano!

Congrats to the graduating student from our Research and Instruction department: Monica Correia!

Thank you all for your dedication to the library work environment and for all the time spent working along with us. We will miss you all and wish you so much success in your future endeavors.





# VR is Booting up in the Library's DVL



Written by Laura Kohl

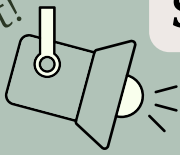
The **Data Visualization Lab** (DVL) in the Bello Center for Information and Technology is cool. We aren't just saying that because the library staff thinks it is cool... the students and the faculty think it is pretty cool too. The DVL was opened on April 1, 2019 with a grant of equipment from HP as part of the Educause-HP Campus of the Future initiative. During the summer and fall of 2019 we began to experiment with a variety of XR/VR (extended reality/virtual reality) software that could be used for academic purposes. Faculty and students investigated anatomy software, public speaking VR experiences, and Google Earth's VR experience to get us off the ground. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, we had no choice but to close-up shop. The VR headsets could not be used, and social distancing prevented us from gathering inside in the space. But as early as August 2021, we were able to bring the DVL back online and began to invite students and faculty into the space once again. With the help of sanitizing machines and masking policies, students were back in action visiting other countries to review socioeconomic impacts on infrastructure through Google earth in the Economics summer camp for high school students and GFOB classes in the fall. By spring of 2022 classes from Economics, Literary and Cultural Studies, and Finance were making use of the space.



Along with reintroducing XR/VR as a tool for academic uses, we also began to allow the space to be used for student play. In December of 2021 we offered an open house night in the DVL during finals, as a study break. Several students came and told their friends. When we offered this again, twice, in May of 2022, we had returning students, who told their friends, and their friends told their friends. We had a couple of successful evenings where students got to laugh and play and let their brains take a break from finals. Due to the success of these events and at the request of the students, we have been able to add some other fun apps to our VR stations and we are looking forward to the students getting an opportunity to enjoy them. We have also re-invested in software for academics that will allow our faculty and students to analyze data in 3-D and in VR. We are excited about what the future holds for this very cool technology and its use at Bryant. If you are interested in learning more or partnering with the library to make use of the space please reach out to Laura Kohl, Director of Library Services – lkohl@bryant.edu



Class  
spotlight!



# Student Displays in the Library

Written by Jodi Devine



**Students in Joan Zaretti's** LCS 491: Workshop in Creative and Critical Process class displayed their work in the library during the Spring 2022 semester. Each student selected a creative artist by choosing someone who works in an art form of interest, such as visual art, photography, dance, or music. The students researched their person using scholarly and non-scholarly sources and wrote a two-page description of the artist's creative process, technique, and background information, and made connections to topics discussed in class, such as inspiration, apprehension, solitary/community, and finding your voice.

From the information they gathered, students created a one-page, take-away sheet, which had information about the artist and their process on one side and an activity to learn more about the artist on the other side. Students also created a small, free-standing, visual piece in the style of the artist. Each student's display consisted of the information sheet, their artwork, and a book that was either about the artist, by the artist, or about the type of work they did.

Students selected creative individuals who covered a wide range of artistic forms. Students presented on photographers Nan Goldin, Mark Clennon, and Edward Burtynsky; fashion designers Vera Wang and Virgil Abloh; musicians Frank Sinatra, Jacob Collier, Alicia Keys, Elton John, Michael Akerfeldt, and Taylor Swift; authors Isaac Marion and Ray Bradbury, and a range of visual artists, including Ian Sklarsky, Jeff Koons, Auguste Rodin, Judy Chicago, Frida Kahlo, David Zinn, Keith Haring, and Guy Harvey.

The displays were very well done and captured the essence of each creative individual. Librarians who viewed the exhibit said it was "amazing" and "eye-catching"!

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