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Staff News

Phuong Dinh accepted one of two Programmer/Analyst positions in the Digital Library Program, funded by the recent Variations on Video grant from IMLS. Phuong recently worked for VP Bank Securities as an IT Specialist and MyPay Jsc as Head of the IT Department, both in Hanoi, Vietnam. He has also worked as a Java Developer for both Google Inc. and eBusiness Solutions Inc. in California. In addition to his work experience, Phuong is a co-founder of QFC, a company that focuses on making web applications that fulfill the needs of Vietnamese people by building ideas for entrepreneurs who are interested in opening web startups. He received his bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from Illinois Wesleyan University, where he also worked as a teaching assistant.

Rebecca Shindel has accepted the position of Paper Conservation Technician effective January 23, 2012. Rebecca most recently worked as the Collections Technician/Preparator for the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, she has held several internships in the United Kingdom at places such as Oxford University's Library Services Conservation and Collections Care, the Archives of the Duke of Northumberland, and The National

Trust. Her bachelor degree is in History of Art from University College in London and her master's degree in Conservation of Fine Arts, Works on Paper is from Northumbria University.

Submitted by: Jennifer Chaffin, Director of Human Resources, IUB

Library News and Events

CIC Shared Print Storage

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Shared Print Storage initiative is progressing on schedule. Indiana University has already secured over 70,000 journal volumes published by Elsevier, Wiley and Springer; the shared collection at IU is expected to exceed 100,000 volumes by the end of 2012 and 250,000 by July of 2016. A thorough accounting of the CIC Shared Print Repository will be reported in a special issue of Collection Management later this year.

To read more about the progress of the initiative check out the article entitled "CIC Shared Print Repository is Underway" at <http://info.cic.net/eNews/CLI/Article.aspx?List=e2b6f931-966b-48a1-a375-36f2c6a5860d&ID=66>.

Submitted by: Jen Geary, Human Resources and Staff Development Coordinator, IUB

Indiana Legislature Proceedings from 19th Century Now Available Online

Nineteenth-century proceedings of the Indiana General Assembly are now available on line, thanks to a joint project between the IU Maurer School of Law Library and the IU Digital Library Program.

For four decades, Brevier Legislative Reports reported on all debates and other business before the General Assembly, from the Civil War to the adoption of three important constitutional amendments. "Legislative bodies are a microcosm of the society they represent, and a reflection of the time period in which they operate," said Michael

Maben, associate librarian with the IU Maurer School of Law Library. "The availability of the legislature's proceedings in a digital, searchable format will be a wonderful research tool for anyone interested in the state's history."

The Brevier Legislative Reports consist of twenty-two bibliographic volumes in nineteen physical volumes, amounting to nearly 8,000 pages of text. The set covers all sessions of the General Assembly from 1858 to 1887, with the exception of the latter part of the 1875 Regular Session, the 1875 Special Session, and the 1877 Regular and Special Sessions. The prosecution of the Civil War dominates discussion during the early years, but additional significant issues of the times were debated, including women's suffrage, railroads, election of U.S. senators, temperance and prohibition, education, and civil rights. The Reports also contain the mundane of the legislative process, including on January 12, 1881 "that the Doorkeeper appoint Mr. L.L. Dilly, a one-armed soldier, as one of his assistants."

"The Brevier project is a magnificent contribution to the body of knowledge about nineteenth century legal history," said Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. "The decades following the Civil War were a period of sweeping legal change. The Brevier Legislative Reports will provide scholars and legal practitioners with a more fulsome and reliable view of the social and political story in one of the nation's largest industrializing states. The Maurer School's librarians and the Digital Library Program have rescued from virtual oblivion a rich legal treasure of national proportions."

The Brevier Legislative Reports digitization project was a joint collaboration between the Indiana University Maurer School of Law Library and the Indiana University Digital Library Program. A Library Services and Technology grant under the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Indiana State Library was awarded in May 2008, making the digitization project possible. In addition, the project received a grant-in-aid from the Indiana University – Bloomington vice-provost for research.

Access to the Reports is available on the Internet free of charge at <http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/collections/law/brevier/>.

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