

Northeastern State University
John Vaughn Library

Special Collections

Annual Report
June 2012 – May 2013

Special Collections

2012-2013

Special Collections is responsible for collection, organizing, and preserving materials in specialized subject areas: the history and culture of the American Indians with emphasis upon the Cherokee Tribe, Northeastern State University and the state of Oklahoma. These materials include rare and out-of-print, first editions, tribal publications, American Indian newspapers and periodicals, manuscripts and other printed documents, and artifacts. Special Collections is also responsible for providing research, reference, and bibliographic service in these specialized areas as well as library instructions to classes and individuals. This responsibility extended to supporting the curriculum needs of the university as well as to the broader research community.

Special Collections, a branch of the John Vaughn Library, was established to assure the safekeeping, preservation, and availability for study and research of particular items in unique subject areas, particularly those relating to the history and culture of the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaws, Creeks, Seminoles), and the Plains Tribes of Oklahoma. Special Collections is designed to support the curriculum needs of NSU as it relate to American Indians and Oklahoma history. Special Collections provides research material primarily to scholars, university students and faculty members. Other user rather general public and the academic community of other institution for this area.

This collection houses a unique assortment of original documents relating to the Indian Territorial Period and the nation of the Cherokees. These letters, reports, business accounts, and public record form the nucleus for the larger collection which includes primary and secondary works in print and microfilm pertaining to the history of what is now the state of Oklahoma and it's an early American Indian background. Practicalities dictate that the greater concentration of effort and funds be directed toward the collections of research materials on Indians of Oklahoma but not to completely exclude American Indian tribes of the United States due to common tie with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

The materials in Special Collections are non-circulating. The reason for this non-circulation is to assure researchers that a copy of items located in Special Collections will always be available for use in that area. A special and unique research collection should be protected and available when needed.

Delores Sumner

Special Collections Librarian

Contributions to the Institution of Profession

When the Northeastern State University (NSU) American Indian students want to learn more about their tribal history or keep abreast of their tribal news, where do they go? As the Special Collections librarian has the culturally appropriate knowledge of their background, the American Indian student population is served not only by written resources but through personal interaction. When NSU students are researching a topic for their semester term paper, where do they go? The answer to all questions is Special Collections.

As Oklahoma and American Indian history intertwines, Special Collections has the strongest collection relating to the historical period of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Plains Indians of Oklahoma. Special Collections, department of John Vaughan Library, collects, organizes, and preserves materials on American Indian history and culture with emphasis on the Cherokee tribal origin and Tahlequah's prominent place in the 19th century Indian Territorial era. The collection of the era includes military forts, outlaws, civil war period and many historical pre-statehood resources. Special Collections is unique in its composition and mission. Special Collections supports the curriculum needs of NSU. The usage of the resources is greatly supported by the academic disciplines. The classes utilizing Special Collection's bibliographic instruction and research techniques are listed in the Scholarship of Teaching. Academic services are also provided to off campus student from Cherokee Nations' Talking Leaves, Sequoyah High School and the neighboring public schools. Each year, regional public schools utilize Specials Collections as they prepare for the annual Regional History Day contest, an affiliate of National History day and hosted by NSU. Many other research services provided by Special Collections come through e-mail, by letter and telephone.

Northeastern State University and other academic institutions faculty utilize the unique and vast **1860-1935 Indian Pioneer Papers** microfilm collection. Dr. John Milbauer retired Professor of Geography, after completing his research on Oklahoma courthouses is presently researching for his next publication. Assisted Dr. Gary Davis, teacher of "Native Studies", at Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma in researching the American Indian history video collection for tribal traditional verification for his 2012-2013 Fall and spring upcoming semester classes.

Even so, the academic year, 2012-2013 has proven Special Collections successfully fulfilled its commitment in offering quality research to the NSU faculty and students, the Indian Studies program, the general history classes and the general public. In closing, Special Collections is in partnership with education to prepare all students to attain their highest potential by offering quality research materials and assistance.

Faculty Activity Report

June 2012 – May 2013

Faculty Name, Rank: Delores T. Sumner, Assistant Professor of Library Services

1. The Scholarship of Teaching

Special Collections bibliographic instruction and research skill presentation:

Provided an hour long research instructions on how to find, identify and select primary sources for NSU Professor of History Dr. Ben Kracht class of twenty-three students.

Dr. Ben Kracht Sociology Professor **Anth 2223 Introduction to Native American Studies**

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Dr. Bill Corbett History Professor **Hist 5583 American Experience.**

Dr. Kracht's second **Introduction to Native American Studies** class of additional twenty-four students was also provided an hour long research instructions.

Four students from the following history classes, American Experience and History of American Indian Studies, spent the week researching the following subjects for their semester term paper.

Two focused on pre-removal history of the Five Civilized Tribes, one chose Pretty-Shield, medicine women of the Crow Tribe and the fourth chose to search into the Cherokee Women Suffrage.

Student from Dr. Kimberly Lee's language class *English 4473 Native American Literature II* spent time reading and recording the history of Sequoyah High School, a federally operated institution for American Indian students located south of Tahlequah.

2. The Scholarship of Discovery

Technical Service Department NSU Library hosted a luncheon, held in the President's dining room, to celebrate the Special Collections' Project. The project was completed after a year and half of cataloging, 30 years of SPC's, vertical files which contained the historical subject of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Plains Indians of Oklahoma during the Indian Territorial Period.

Supplementing Special Collections' history files: The Five Civilized Tribes, Oklahoma Plains Indians Tribes, Oklahoma and Indian Territorial History.

Assisted students with individual instructions and research for their term paper on how to find identify and select primary sources.

Completed my 27th year as the District Eight Contest Judge of historical exhibits for the Northeastern State University's Regional History Day

Consultant and Planning Committee Member of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Oklahoma Tribal Heritage Program

Consultant and member of the Comanche Tribal Museum, Lawton, Oklahoma

Consultant to the Department of Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, Cady Shaw, project manager, Donetta Johnson, Special Events Coordinator

Doctoral Candidates

Arley Ward – University of Tulsa

Chris Butler – University of Wisconsin

Frankie Stiles – St. Mary's University, San Antonio Texas

Requestors

Delcyne Grant – Park Hill, Oklahoma
Skyla Ballard – Oakland Park, Florida

Researchers

Amy Proctor – Northeastern State University Instructor
Professor Clint Crowe – Tulsa Community College
Dr. John Milbauer – Retired NSU Professor of Geography
Lori Frank – Tahlequah
Carolyn Ross Johnston – Professor of History and American Studies, Eckerd College from St. Petersburg, Florida
Betty Booth Donohue – Wagoner, Oklahoma
Dr. Brad Agnew – NSU history professor, microfilm project research, Cherokee Advocate
Dr. Terri Baker and Dr. Connie Henshaw – NSU faculty, utilized Special Collections researching the subject “Civilization of the American Indian”, “Means of Acculturation: Indian Schools” for their upcoming book.

Out of State Researchers

Madison, University of Wisconsin
San Antonio, St. Mary’s University of Texas
Oakland Park, Florida
Louisville, Kentucky
Tupelo, University of Mississippi
Dillsboro, North Carolina

Visitors

Branwen Lloyd and four students from Wales wanted to visit an American Indian. After a brief tribal enlightenment, I gave them a lesson on how to “Gourd Dance” for the upcoming April Symposium on American Indian pow-wow.

3. The Scholarship of Integration

Mentor member of the Cherokee National Historical Society, Tahlequah
Member, twenty-seven years, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Eta Chapter Educational Organization
Member of the National and Oklahoma Chapter of American Indian Science & Engineering
Member of the NSU AISES Chapter sponsored by the Center for Tribal Studies
Consultant and member of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums
As Northeastern State University’s Alumni Association Life Member, I attended, by invitation from the President of Northeastern State University, the noon luncheon held in the University Center.
Appointed by Northeastern State University’s President, Dr. Steve Turner, to serve as a member of the American Indian Heritage Committee

4. The Scholarship of Application

Attended Fall Opening Session presentation by Northeastern State University President Steve Turner

Attended Library's Leadership Team Meetings each month as Director of SPC

Invited to attend the Northeastern State University's Grant Recognition Banquet given to recognize faculty and staff who have pursuit extramural funding for the University

Attended, by invitation, the President's Circle Reception

Attended the Centurion luncheon to celebrate the induction of ten 2012 new members

Attended, in full academic regalia, Center for Tribal Studies' Eleventh Annual American Indian Graduation Convocation Ceremony

Attended the 27th Annual Galaxy of Stars Series, sponsored by Northeastern State University Sequoyah Institute, entitled: **tf3 Time for Three**

Assisted and coordinated NSU's 41st Annual Symposium on the American Indian

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
JOURNAL
JUNE 2012 - MAY 2013**

JUNE 2012

In attendance, May the 3rd, as Northeastern State University officially broke ground for their multipurpose event center. NSU President Steve Turner stated: “today marks a renaissance for RiverHawk athletics as they join the MIAA conference, creating a state-of-the-art venue for collegiate athletics.

Cordially invited, on May 4th, to participate in the processional academic attire for 12th Annual American Indian May Graduation Convocation as faculty member and fellow American Indian.

2012-2013 requested Committee Assignments: American Indian Heritage Committee and Allied Arts Committee

- 4 Northeastern State University 2012 Summer Semester - Summer class schedule - No classes on Fridays.
- 4-7 As member of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums planning council, I participated in the week long International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 11 Out-of-State phone research request from Debra Hall on Eastern/Western Band of Law Codes which is currently being revised.
- Request from Delcyne Grant on the hotel Lichlyger in Park Hill, Oklahoma. Ms Grant’s grandfather owned and ran the hotel, supposedly burned in 1912.
- 13 Doctoral candidate Chris Butler from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin is continuing his yearly research, after a short home break in May, on his topic **Masonic Fraternities and Lodges during the Cherokee Nation Indian Territorial period.**

Received an on-line request from an Oklahoma State University student, Luke Williams who is working on his master’s thesis. Williams was asking specially if Special Collections had any microfilm copied from the National Archives concerning certain New Deal programs, such as WPA Field Records for Oklahoma and the Civilian Conservation Corps 1933-42 work progress reports.

19 Oakland Park, Florida, Skyla Ballard, requested genealogy information on Chief Wild Horse, Comanche War Chief, who also went by the name of Coby. He is buried at the Ft. Sill Post cemetery in Lawton, Oklahoma.

27 Amy Proctor, Northeastern State University Criminal Justice, Homeland Security, and Legal Studies Instructor researching the subject of traditional tribal method of handling drug and alcohol situations among their tribal members..

Farewell reception for Paula Setton, John Vaughan Library Interim Executive Director of Libraries, Northeastern State Library which includes Broken Arrow and Muskogee Libraries. The libraries joined me in wishing her well in her new position as Dean of LRCs for Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ms Linda West, Assistant Professor/Director NSU Technical Services Library, will assume the role of interim executive director of NSU libraries on July the 6th.

28 Completed an extensive search for Lori Frank, Instructor Amy Proctor's researcher, on identifying the engraved picture on the Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, volume one.

St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, Frankie Stiles, researching his dissertation subject, *"Transition of the Cherokee Nation from Independent Nationhood to being domestic dependent wards of the United States"*.

JULY 2012

9 Center For Tribal Studies donated 2012 Symposium on the American Indian materials, books, and copies of speakers presentation.

10 Lori Frank, researcher for NSU Instructor for Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Legal studies Amy Proctor, spent all morning, continuing their research on the subject of traditional tribal method of handling drug and alcohol situations among their tribal members.

11 Curtis L. Rohr, of Claremore, Oklahoma, spent most of the day researching in the Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas State Gazette, Arkansas State Gazette and Democrat and Arkansas Intelligencer microfilm collection. Neil Morton, retired NSU faculty and dean, spent quality time helping his friend, Mr. Rohr pursue his subject.

- 12 Today is the day of thirty years employment by Northeastern State University library as Special Collections Librarian.

Professor Clint Crowe, spent all day researching the vast collections in Special Collections for his upcoming book. Professor Crowe is a faculty member of Tulsa Community College since the year 2009.

The Cherokee legends “Two Wolves” or “The Wolf Within” could not be found in the Cherokee collection. The e-mail request came from Robert Wilson

- 13 Billy Burkart requested information on the subject of Keetoowah Post Office, Park Hill.

- 16 Jennifer McCann, Director and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Clovis, met with me for an informative meeting on the development of the Indigenous Scholar Development Center to be located on the second floor near Special Collections.

The day has come, after over a year and half of researching in Special Collections, Chris Butler has finished his dissertation research. After our goodbyes, he promised me a copy of his dissertation when completed.

- 19 Historical Interpreter Amanda Prichett and David Fowler from Park Hill Murrell Home brought their conference patrons to visit and absorb the vast American Indian collection focusing on the Five Civilized Tribes collection.

Received an e-mail from Savannah Darr, Staff Archaeologist/Historian from Louisville, Kentucky on the following subject plus maps. ***Cherokee and Cherokee Freedmen archaeological sites at Camp Gruber in Braggs, Oklahoma.***

- 23 Library Leadership Meeting met for their annual budget discussion.

Dr. John Milbauer, retired NSU Professor of Geography, has spent additional time each day, during the month of June, further researching in the microfilm collection ***Indian-Pioneer Papers*** for his upcoming book.

Lori Frank, researcher, has spent the month of June each morning further researching the topic: ***traditional method of handling drug and alcohol situation among their tribal members.***

- 26 End of Northeastern State University summer session.

AUGUST 2012

- 9 Frank Brannon from Dillsboro, North Carolina, an instructor with the Oconaluftee Institute for Cultural Arts in Cherokee, North Carolina, donated a book he hand printed on the historical Cherokee Phoenix newspaper as part of his degree in book arts & printmaking.

A student, Leslie Gaddis, studying the Cherokee language donated her textbook to Special Collections entitled *See-Say-Write: Method of Teaching the Cherokee language*.

Library Leadership Meeting, 9:30am

- 10 NSU President Turner faculty & staff “starting of each semester” annual meeting, Center for Performing Arts, 9am

- 15 NSU 2012 Fall Semester

- 28 Carolyn Ross Johnston, Professor of History and American Studies, Eckerd College from St. Petersburg, Florida e-mailed requesting materials on the newspapers, *Wreath of the Roses and Cherokee Rosebuds*, short writings by the Cherokee Female Seminary students in the years 1854 and 1855. She is the author of *Cherokee Women in Crisis* and has researched previously in Special Collections.

- 29 Jim Pate, Ph.D., Dean University of Mississippi, Tupelo, MS, enclosed and donated a copy of Cullen Joe Holland’s dissertation, *The Cherokee Indian Newspapers, 1828-1906: The Tribal Voice of a People in Transition* to Special Collections

Betty Booth Donohue from Wagoner, Oklahoma, an independent scholar and a member of the Cherokee Nation, had researched in Special Collections’ American Indian materials for the past couple years, came to show me her recent published book by the University Press of Florida entitled: *Bradford’s Indian Book: Being the True Roote & Rise of American Letters as Revealed by the Native Text Embedded in of Plimoth Plantation*.

Arley Ward, student from Tulsa University, researched in Special Collections from 9am to 3pm for his upcoming dissertation.

- 30 Evelyn Workman, member of the Cherokee Nation, wanted to not only view the video entitled *PowWow Highway* but also to discuss various tribal situations and issues.

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 3 Dr. Billy Joe Davis, NSU Professor of History, donated ten autographed original books to Special Collections for preservation and research.
- 4 Student Jerry Thompson from NSU Professor of History Dr. Bill Corbett's class researched in the Spiro Mounds collection. The Southeastern Ceremonial Complex represents a major component of the Mississippian peoples religion. Spiro Mounds is located in Leflore County. The site is comprised of eleven mounds. The culture began around 700AD.
- 6 Library Leadership Team Meeting, 9:30am.
Linda West, Vickie Sheffler, Donna Graham, Delores Sumner
Agenda: JVL Digital Library / Special Collections Grant Project/ NSU Commencement Programs beginning May 17, 1922
- 7 Student Harjo, from Dr. Corbett's class, researched American Indian children in Oklahoma's Indian Boarding Schools which was established for their training and education.
- 10 Provided an hour long research instructions on how to find, identify and select primary sources for NSU Professor of History Dr. Ben Kracht class of twenty-three students.
- 11 Mikhelle Ross-Mulkey, NSU Scholar Development Coordinator, requested a list of names of prominent and notable NSU American Indian graduates.

Assisted Eugenio Rodriquez in researching his American Indian family genealogy.

Krista Boston, student of Dr. Corbett, spent quality time researching her topic, *the life of Robert M. Jones*. Born in 1808, Mr. Jones, a Choctaw leader, planter and entrepreneur, operated large plantations during the Indian Territorial period. The Choctaw and Creek tribes elected Mr. Jones president of the "United Nations of Indian Territory".
- 12 Dr. Kracht's second *Introduction to Native American Studies* class of additional twenty-four students were also provided an hour long research instructions.

Met with Jennifer McCann, NSU director of Indigenous Scholar Development Center, and her grant evaluator, a Navajo from New Mexico, and Linda West, Library Interim Dean to discuss Special Collections' part in the Indigenous Scholar program.
- 17 - Four students from the following history classes, American Experience and History of American Indian Studies, spent the week researching the following subjects for their semester term paper. Two focused on pre-removal history of the Five Civilized Tribes, one chose Pretty-Shield, medicine women of the Crow Tribe and the fourth chose to search into the Cherokee Women Suffrage.

19 Rob Anderson, Tahlequah Daily Press staff writer, requested information on the history of Cherokee County community Teresita for his continuous articles on the founding history of communities in Cherokee County.

24 Library Leadership Meeting, 9:30am

From NSU Dr. Corbett's history class, a student spent quality time researching the lives of two Cherokee female Indian school social workers employed in the year 1853 and an educator in 1930.

25 Enhanced Dr. Kracht's student thru an extensive study on the Cherokee Treaty of 1866 and Proclamation and Amendments to the Cherokee Constitution adopted November 26, 1866.

NSU student Thomas Hall, from NSU Dr. Corbett's history class, researched his topic on prohibition and the influence of alcohol on the Cherokee Tribe.

OCTOBER 2012

1 Mr. Harjo, from NSU Dr. Corbett's class, researched his second subject on the life of Alice Brown Davis, Seminole Tribal chief during the years 1922-1933. His most notable research was in the *Harlow's Weekly* publication housed in Special Collections.

Krista Boston, Dr. Corbett's student, continued her term paper subject research on the life of Robert M. Jones, Choctaw leader and plantation owner during the Indian Territorial era.

2 Pulled relevant genealogy materials for NSU Professor Dr. Brian Jackson, College of Business in his search for ancestral descendants.

Suzanne Farmer, NSU historian for Social Science, researched and studied the microfilm *London Newsletters*.

Terry Richard, student from Dr. Corbett's history class, spent time searching and deciding on a topic for his term paper.

3 Fran Barker of Braggs History Project asked for help in locating a map with Rainbow Mountain on it. She has a photo of a 1912 tent revival and one note accompanying saying the revival is held on Greenleaf Mountain in Gore, another note said the tent was erected on Rainbow Mountain, located 4 miles E of Ft. Gibson. Special Collections does not have a map with Rainbow Mountain nor Greenleaf Mountain sited. Email: qefabark@gmail.com

4 Attended, in full academic regalia, the Investiture of Dr. Steve Turner as the 19th President of Northeastern State University.

Jeff Radford Jr., student of Dr. Phyllis Fife, Director of Center for Tribal Studies, researched his topic *Keetoowah Stomp Dance*.

6 As Northeastern State University's Alumni Association Life Member, I attended, by invitation from the President of Northeastern State University, the noon luncheon held in the University Center.

8 Library Leadership Meeting, 9:30am

Dr. Mike Chanslor's student, Cheryl Hullinger spent quality time on her *Native American Storytelling* search for her oral class presentation.

9 Brittany Copeland, Dr. Phyllis Fife student, diligently researched her term paper subject *Old Park Hill* from the hours 1pm to 4pm.

10 We, the members of the Mentoring Committee of the Tenure Review, met to discuss what we, Vickie Sheffler, Gary Cheatham and I, Delores Sumner, will be writing up concerning Linda West, Technical Service Director/ Assistant Professor of Library Services and Harriett Hobbs, Assistant Professor, tenured three year tenure review.

11 Jeff Radford Jr., student of Dr. Phyllis Fife, Director of Center for Tribal Studies, researched his topic *Keetoowah Stomp Dance*.

Frances Donelson, Librarian Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma requested in her e-mail "how to catalog individual issues of journals". NSU Technical Services cataloger Jackie Shumaker does not catalog individual periodicals for Special Collections.

Appointed by Northeastern State University President, Dr. Steve Turner to serve as a member of the American Indian Heritage Committee.

12 Dr. Jennifer McCann, director, Mikhelle Ross-Mulkey, Scholar Development Coordinator and members of the Indigenous Scholar Development Center came to get acquainted as Special Collections is now a member of the Center which is located now on the second floor of John Vaughan Library.

According to the Title 111 grant which is funding the Indigenous Scholar Development Center, Special Collections is required each month, day by day, to record the number of hours the American Indian students spent researching or just communicating and visiting with the American Indian Librarian, Mrs. Sumner in Special Collections.

- 15 NSU Dr. Corbett's student, Zac Kingfisher spent all morning researching and reading on his term paper subject, *Life of Cherokee Stand Watie*.

From the University of Tulsa, graduate student, Arley Ward spent the day continuing his research on the life of John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, 1828-1866.

NSU history professor, Dr. Ben Kracht 's student, Traci Reynolds took time to read six book reviews as she researched her term paper subject.

Kathleen McCoy, Northeastern State University Library Tutorial Support worker, donated her history course book entitled *Cherokee Nation*, compiled by former Cherokee Nation Chief Chadwick Smith, to Special Collections.

- 16 Krista Boston, administrative assistant, Indigenous Scholar Development Center, continued her research on the life of Choctaw leader Robert M. Jones, during the Indian Territory era..

Student from Dr. Kimberly Lee's language class *English 4473 Native American Literature II* spent time reading and recording the history of Sequoyah High School, a federally operated institution for American Indian students located south of Tahlequah.

- 18-19 Northeastern State University Fall Break

- 22 Dr. Corbett's student, Zac Kingfisher spend another day continuing his reading on the life of Cherokee Stand Watie.

Two students, one from Dr. Sue Semrow class and the other from Dr. Corbett's, spent quality time reading and continued to add to their term paper bibliography.

Assisted a student from Dr. Kimberly Lee's class by providing a bibliography list to help in her linguistic topic search.

- 23/25 From Muskogee's Bacone College, Professor Dr. Gary Davis checked out the video *The Ropin' Fool* to enlighten his American Indian students class on the life of Oklahoma's Will Rogers. The video display his extraordinary skills with a lariat and dexterity as a trick roper.

- 24 Leslie Dowler, Native American Art researcher, explored Special Collections art materials focusing on the by-monthly collection entitled *Southwest Art*

Members of the Mentoring Committee, Post Review Tenure met with Linda West and Harriett Hobbs to sign the document stating they met all the requirements for retention as outlined in the Faculty Handbook concerning Tenure Review.

Attended the 27th Annual Galaxy of Stars Series, sponsored by the Northeastern State University Sequoyah Institute, entitled: *tf3 Time for Three*.

- 25 Received an invitation from the Cherokee Heritage Center to attend the unveiling and renaming of the Cherokee Nation ancient village.
- 25 Bart Taylor, seeking his Masters in American Studies needed assistance with his research on the subject of cultural considerations for the Cherokees during the Civil War in Indian Territory.
- 26 Norma Gruber called requesting help in finding the burial location, in Cherokee County during the year 1916, of her grandmother. After an extensive search in the Tahlequah newspapers, the information was not found due to the fact that obituaries were not recorded in the the early newspapers, only listed as “so and so passed away”.
- 29 Tyler Pounds, Dr. Corbett’s student, continued his research topic *Enabling Act*.
Dr. Fife’s student continued her Five Civilized Tribes “*storytelling*” research.
- 30 Under the sponsorship of Dr. Cambiano, Qing Chen, visiting scholar from China researched into the American Indian collection, focusing on the Cherokee Tribal history.
Helen Orcutt, from Dr. Kracht’s class, spent the afternoon researching the history of American Indians, focusing on the Cherokee and Creeks tribes before removal to Indian Territory.

NOVEMBER 2012

- 1 Nurse from Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital seeking help on “how to establish a financial aid program” for her medical teaching class.
Two students researched their subject, the legends of the Cherokees, for their term paper.
- 8 Dr. Bill Corbett, professor of history, donated to Special Collections nine books on the history of American Indians.
Megan Kelley, NSU history student, researched the life of RedBird Smith, the Keetoowah Nighthawks leader, for her term paper.
- 11 Dr. Kracht’s history class student, Taylor Moore continued his research on the historical Navajo Nation of Arizona.
- 12 Library Leadership Team Meeting, 9:30am

- 15 As member of the American Indian Heritage Committee attended the meeting for the planning updates of the upcoming 2013 Northeastern State University Annual Symposium on the American Indian. Dr. Phyllis Fife, director of the Center for Tribal Studies, chairs the committee.
- 19 Jennifer McCann, Director, Indigenous Scholar Development Center, and I went over the proper grant citation to record Special Collections' assistance in student research relating to American Indians.
- 21-23 Northeastern State University Thanksgiving Holiday.
- 29 The second meeting of the American Indian Heritage Committee continued planning dates for the Symposium and updated the April 2013 PowWow. There was an additional discussion on the budget and fundraising which was later tabled for the next meeting.

December 2012

- 7 Attended Center for Tribal Studies open house.
Attended Northeastern State University musical program "Asleep At The Wheel".
- 14 End of Fall Semester
- 17-31 Semester Break

January 2013

- 7 President Steve Turner 2013 spring semester welcome speech.
- 8 Susie Rogers, Wagoner, Oklahoma, requested a photo of Tahlequah courthouse for her employee, the District Attorney of Wagoner.
Jason Mayo from the University of Ohio and a dissertation candidate needed assistance in researching his topic "A DEFINITION OF THE DOMESTIC SPACE OF THE INDIGENOUS HOME".
- 9 Northeastern State University Spring Semester 2013 started.
- 10 Indigenous Scholar Development Center Meeting to finalize "Wilma Mankiller Celebration".

11 As Special Collections Librarian and in my role as grant member of the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI), assisted in student research related to American Indians.

Assisted Mikhelle Ross-Mulkey, Scholar Development Coordinator, with a power point presentation in honor of Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee Chief.

24 Special Collections joined the Indigenous Scholar Development Center in honoring deceased Cherokee Chief, Wilma Mankiller with a celebration program held in the NSU center.

25 Participated in the library Access Service Student Orientation with a presentation on the history and services of Special Collections.

February 2013

1 Indigenous Advisory Meeting, Library.

Technical Service Meeting in Special Collections (SPC Project Celebration)

4 Researcher Phil Johnson, Associate Dean for Information Services from Barry Univ. Law Library, MN gave a presentation for the open position of Library Dean of NSU.

Graduate student research, Mindy Coon researched on the topic *Seminary Hall*.

5 Elizabeth Toombs, second year OU student, researching towards her M.A. in *Native American Literature*.

6 Researcher spent quality time researching in the tribal history of Sac/Fox/Iowa.

7 Interim executive director of NSU/BA libraries, Linda West, gave a presentation towards the permanent position for Library Dean.

11 Candidate Steven Edsron, Director of Memphis Theological Seminary, gave a presentation for the open position for Library Dean of NSU.

15 Professor Clint Crow, Tulsa Community College, spent quality time researching in Special Collections.

18 Library Leadership Meeting

20 NSU Campus closed at noon due to inclement weather.

March 2013

- 1 Two lawyers, Curtis Brichl, Cherokee Nation and Charles Tate, Chickasaw Nation, each researched the political life and achievement of Muskogee's Congressman Ed Edmonson, one during the AM and the other in the afternoon.
- 4 Library representatives on the Search Committee for the NSU Library Dean position has selected Steven R. Edscron as the Executive Director of Libraries at NSU
- 5 Dr. Terri Baker, retired NSU Professor of English, researched for her upcoming publication on the subject of Indian Education in Oklahoma.
- 6 In remembrance of NSU President Dr. Don Betz creation of Founders Day.

NSU celebrated the induction of ten new members into the NSU Centurions. The NSU Centurions induction was established as an annual tradition on Founders Day, March 6 2009, with the selection of the inaugural class.

Dr. Cherie Hughes from Tulsa Community College, requested photos of the Catholic Indian Schools and missions in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Period from the 1880's-1920's.
- 7 Four students for Tahlequah High School researched the history of Cherokee Nation

NSU student spent quality time reading about his tribe, the Seminoles of Oklahoma.
- 8 Technical Service Department NSU Library hosted a luncheon, held in the President's dining room, to celebrate the Special Collections' Project. The project was completed after a year and half of cataloging, 30 years of SPC's, vertical files which contained the historical subject of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Plains Indians of Oklahoma during the Indian Territorial Period.
- 9 Recognized as outstanding philanthropic supporter of Northeastern State University, NSU Foundation invited me to the Fourth Annual Presidents Circle Reception.
- 12 Library Leadership Team meeting 9 am.
- 14 Attended Indian Heritage Committee Meeting at Bacone House to discuss the upcoming April 8-13 symposium and silent auction fundraiser.
- 18-22 NSU Spring Break
- 25-26 Assisted Dr. Phyllis Fife, Director and Alisa Douglas, Administrative Assistant, Center for Tribal Studies, with the fundraiser Silent Auction and Indian Taco Luncheon for the 41st Annual Symposium on American Indian, April 8-13 2013.

- 29 As season ticket holder of NSU's Galaxy of Stars 2012-2013, Sequoyah Institute, attended the "Step Afrika", a professional company of the 'stepping' tradition founded in 1994 to promote and understanding and appreciation of stepping motion.

April

- 01 Pat McDaniel, Tulsa called wanting research into her genealogy record.

Dr. Amy Sanford and Sedelta Oosahwe researched in the "Girl Scout Murder" vertical files and books, updating their information as a Northeastern guest speaker will be covering the subject.

- 02 The NSU National History Day, District 8 was held in the University Center. I have served as Contest Judge for the high school students historical exhibits for the past 27 years.

- 04 American Indian Heritage Committee Meeting. As member of the symposium committee, I attended the final committee meeting before the NSU's Annual Symposium on the American Indian which will be held on April 10, 2013.

A student from Wales, Branwen Lloyd came to visit me. A great honor for me as an American Indian to have visitors from countries overseas. Branwen and I exchanged traditional culture.

- 08 Library Leadership Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Ray Potter called inquiring about books on the Birds of Oklahoma, written by a Dr. Thomas Carter in 1940-50's was available

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- 13 As faculty member, I assisted with the weeklong sessions of NSU's 41st Annual Symposium on the American Indian, under the sponsorship of the Center For Tribal Studies, Dr. Fife as coordinator. My main responsibility was to coordinate the two-night pow-wow

- 11 Attended former Cherokee Nation Chief Chad Smith's book "Leadership Lessons From The Cherokee Nation" presentation.

- 22 Library Leadership Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 30 Attended the Brown Bag session, coordinated by NSU President Steve Turner.

May

- 10 End of Northeastern State University, 2013 Spring Semester

OUT-OF-STATE REFERENCE REQUESTS 2012-2013

Jun	Debra Hall	Florida
13	Chris Butler	University of Wisconsin, Madison
19	Skyla Ballard	Oakland Park, Florida
28	Frankie Stiles	St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX
July		
19	Savannah Darr	Louisville, Kentucky
Aug		
9	Frank Brannon	Dillsboro, North Carolina
28	Carolyn Ross Johnston	St. Petersburg, FL
29	Jim Pate	Univ. of Mississippi, Tupelo, MS
30	Qing Chen	visiting scholar from China
Jan		
8	Jason Mayo	dissertation candidate from Ohio
Feb		
4	Phil Johnson	Barry University Law Library, MN
11	Steven Edsron	Memphis Theological Seminary, TN
Apr		
4	Branwend Lloyd	Wales
8	Ray Potter	Arkansas

CLASSES 2012-2013

September

- 10 Professor of History Dr. Ben Kracht's *Anth 2223 Introduction to Native American Studies* class of twenty-three students were given a presentation to become acquainted with resources available in Special Collections, not only on American Indian cultural and traditional history but to become acquainted with the vast majority of American Indian authors and writers.
- 11 Professor of History Dr. Bill Corbett's class *History of the American Indian, history 3723* researched their term paper topic each day.
- 12 Dr. Ben Kracht's *Anth 2223 Introduction to Native American Studies* class of additional twenty-four students were also given a presentation on resources available in Special Collections on American Indian authors, writers, and the history of American Indians.
- 16 Dr. Kimberly Lee's language class *English 4473 Native American Literature II*.

January

- 15 *American Indian Today* class researched the history of the Five Civilized Tribes. Class instructor, Dr. Ben Kracht, professor, history department.

OKLAHOMA REFERENCE REQUESTS 2012-2013

Jun

11	Delcyne Grant	Park Hill
13	Luke Williams	OSU, Stillwater

July

11	Curtis L. Rohr	Claremore
13	Billy Burkart	Park Hill

Aug

29	Betty Booth Donohue Arley Ward	Wagoner University of Tulsa
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Oct

1	Fran Barker	Braggs, Cherokee County
11	Frances Donelson	Librarian, Bacone College, Muskogee
15	Arley Ward	University of Tulsa
23/25	Dr. Gary Davis	Professor, Bacone College, Muskogee

Jan

8	Susie Rogers	Wagoner, Oklahoma, office of District Attorney
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Feb

5	Elizabeth Toombs	University of Oklahoma
15	Professor Clint Crow	University of Tulsa

Mar

1	Charles Tate	Chickasaw Nation Lawyer
6	Dr. Cherie Hughes	Tulsa Community College

Apr

1	Pat McDaniel	Tulsa
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TAHLEQUAH REFERENCE REQUESTS 2012-2013

Jun 27/28	Amy Proctor - Lori Frank Suzanne Drywater Jessica Woods	NSU Dept. of Criminal Justice
July 30	Evelyn Workman	Cherokee Nation
Aug 9	Leslie Gaddis	Artist/ researcher
Sep 19	Rob Anderson	Tahlequah Daily Press staff writer
Oct 2	Dr. Brian Jackson Suzanne Farmer	NSU Professors in the College of Business NSU historian for Social Science
25	Leslie Dower	Artist/ researcher
26	Norma Gruber	Tahlequah researcher
Nov 1	Nurse	Cherokee Nation Hastings Hospital, Tahlequah
15	Patron	Bartlesville, Oklahoma – requested a special book on
Jan 15	Patron	Bartlesville, Oklahoma – requested a special book on the Sac, and Iowa Indians of Oklahoma
Feb 4	Mindy Coon	Graduate Researcher
Mar 1	Curtis Brichl	Cherokee Nation Lawyer
Apr 1	Dr. Amy Sanford Sedelta Oosahwe	NSU Professor Graduate Researcher

MEETINGS 2012-2013

Jun
4-7 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Tulsa
27 Farewell reception for Paula Setton, John Vaughan Library Interim Executive
Director of Library, NSU

July
16 Jennifer McCann and Rebecca Clovis, Indigenous Scholar Development
23 Library Leadership Meeting

Aug
9 Library Leadership Meeting
10 NSU President Turner Annual Meeting

Sep
6 Library Leadership Meeting
12 Indigenous Scholar Development meeting, Jennifer McCann, NSU director
24 Library Leadership Meeting

Oct
6 Northeastern State University Alumni Association Life Member luncheons
8 Library Leadership Meeting
10 Library Mentoring Committee of the Three Year Tenure Review 2012
24 Library Mentoring Committee review meeting

Nov
12 Library Leadership Team Meeting, 9:30am
15 American Indian Heritage Committee Meeting, 9am
29 American Indian Heritage Committee Meeting, 2:30pm

Jan
10 Indigenous Scholar Development Center Meeting
11 Library Leadership Meeting
31 American Indian Heritage Committee meeting, Center for Tribal Studies

Feb
1 Indigenous Advisory Meeting Library
18 Library Leadership Meeting

Mar

12

Library Leadership Meeting

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Center for Tribal Studies Heritage Meeting

Apr

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American Indian Heritage Committee Meeting, Center For Tribal Studies

8&22

Library Leadership Meeting