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TODAY: Faculty Tenure & Promotion Recognition Reception



Please join us this afternoon (Tuesday, November 5th) at 3 p.m. on Level A of the Carlson Library for the *Annual Faculty Tenure and Promotion Recognition Celebration*.

Today, we are honoring:

- Three new Full Professors
- Four new Associate Professors
- Three new Assistant Professors
- Sixteen newly tenured faculty members

Congratulations to all!

CU Libraries' Links:

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Save Time, Get Better Grades!



With November upon us, the pressure may be building for you to get moving with your research projects and term papers. The Libraries can help in a variety of ways.

Rather than getting a million hits on Google, many of which are irrelevant or of suspect quality, we offer access to millions of authoritative articles, books, datasets, and other resources that may be just what your professors would like to see.

Library Home

Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

Databases A-Z

Search the Libraries' extensive collection of electronic journals and e-books

Contact Us

Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

Intimidated? Don't know where to begin?

Our friendly reference librarians are available to help you get started. Stop by the libraries, visit our [Website](#), or call:

Carlson Library Reference Librarians 393-2490

Suhr Library Reference Librarian 814-393-1242

(or 814-676-6591 extension 1242)

Virtual Campus / Distance Education students may use the special toll-free number, 866-272-5612 (Press #5 for Library).

You may also contact us through our [Ask a Librarian](#) Webpage.

Online [tutorials](#) on how to find journal articles, conduct library research, and how to get the most out of library services and resources are also available through the "[Library Help](#)" page on the Libraries' home page.

Library Tip: Text A Librarian



Did you know that you can text a librarian and ask for research assistance?

In addition to in-person consultation, phone calls, chat, and email messages, you may contact our reference librarians by *texting*. Send your questions via SMS text to 814-343-9324.

Note: Standard messaging rates apply.

Remember that SMS stands for Short Message Service. If the question (or answer) requires in-depth discussion, you probably should contact the Reference Librarian using one of our other options.

Travel & Leisure Book Club Events

Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm

Join us for a casual conversation about:



Between Man and Beast: An Unlikely Explorer, the Evolution Debates, and the African Adventure that Took the Victorian World by Storm

by Monte Reel

The unbelievably riveting adventure of an unlikely young explorer who emerged from the jungles of Africa with evidence of a mysterious, still mythical beast—the gorilla—only to stumble straight into the center of the biggest debate of the day: Darwin's theory of evolution

The book club meets at:

**The Clarion Free Library
644 Main Street
Clarion, PA 16214
Lower Level**

Everyone is welcome.

Please let others who might be interested in reading travel and leisure books know about our book club.

Copies of the book(s) will be available to borrow from the Clarion Free Library. Feel free to email Marilyn Harhai (mharhai@clarion.edu) for more information or with questions.

The book club was started with a Clarion University Community Fellows Grant.

Please join us!

Cranial Candy: Did You Know?



Betteridge's Law of Headlines states that... "Any headline that ends with a question mark can be answered with *no*."

That makes sense! Why ask a question that doesn't need answering?

Some laws do **not** make sense. To see what we mean, visit dumblaws.com, the site dedicated to bringing you the largest collection of stupid laws available anywhere. Some of the strange laws that are still on the books will amaze you!

Computer Tip: Password Tips



Remembering all of life's passwords can be frustrating, especially if you follow the (good) advice of not using the same password for different websites and services!

Is there an "easy" way to recover a password? Nine times out of ten...the answer is no. Passwords are designed to be difficult to break, so that only the right person (or a person determined enough) can access it.

Most password-protected programs and sites require a six- or eight-character string, often including a capital letter, a lower case letter, a number, and/or a special character. It's enough to make a guy want to tear his hair out!

So let's take a second to look at passwords and how to make and remember them. Ideally, a password should be, as one website that I set up a membership on said, "a random string of eight to sixteen characters that will be easy for you to remember". I'm not entirely sure how ANY random string is supposed to be easy to remember. One way to make a password **look** random, though, is to place numbers, capital letters or symbols into the password. For instance, a completely lousy password that many non-computer people use as their password for just about anything and everything is "password". Trust me – this is the first thing that any hacker or hacking program tries. A **non**-lousy version of the same thing that would be just as easy to remember is "Pa\$\$w0rd". At a glance, this looks like a random string of letters and symbols, but the person who placed that as their password will know the key. You could also replace some of the letters with numbers, such as "Pa55w0rd".

Another trick, if you just want an alphabetical password, is what's called "character shift". This means that, instead of using the letter, you use the key directly to its right. You can't use left, because there are no characters on the keys directly to the left of the q, a and z buttons. By doing this you also wind up with some characters in your password if it contains p, l, or m. So, using this method, "password" becomes "{sddeptf" (one thing that I *will* tell you about my password method is that I always capitalize the first letter).

When it comes to adding numbers to your passwords, pick a date that is significant to you and use that. For instance, if your Mom's birthday (don't ever forget Mom's birthday!) is 7/29/67 someone named Daniel might use the first three letters of his name plus Mom's birthday: Dan072967.

One thing that you DON'T want to do, however, is use the same password for everything. If you do that, then once someone figures out one password, they know **all** of them. So you would have to figure out a system by which you could create unique passwords as needed from this formula.

Another thing that plagues people is remembering PIN numbers.



I have two credit and one debit card that I routinely use, and I had trouble keeping the three four-digit numbers straight. DO NOT use things like your birth year or the year that you were married for something like this.

One suggestion for PIN numbers that are easy to remember but hard to guess is to use a four-digit string from the front of your card as your PIN. Some people might use the first four digits, but this is the easiest to guess. I would recommend coming up with a starting number between one and sixteen that's easy for you to remember, then you have your password for all of your cards. For instance, if you were born in May, you might start all of your strings at the fifth digit. And you could make it even tougher for crooks to crack by only using even or odd digits in your PIN after that fifth digit. So, for instance, if yours were the card pictured above, and you were born in May, you could use 5678, 5797 or 6886.

Hope that this helps.

Something To Think About:



Ideas come from everything.

~ Alfred Hitchcock