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K-State Libraries honored several employees at its annual recognition ceremony on March 31, 2015.



**BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD:** Michelle Turvey-Welch, metadata, preservation and digital initiatives department head

The Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty Award acknowledges outstanding librarianship and superior accomplishments among the K-State Libraries faculty. Turvey-Welch was recognized especially for her work on two major projects: coordinating the move of 330,000 items to the new annex and preparation of data for an upcoming system migration.



**DEAN'S AWARD:** Janice Barrons, interlibrary services coordinator

The Dean's Award recognizes a non-tenure-track professional's contributions in the previous two academic years. A nominator wrote, "If ever there was a person who embodied what it

means to be a part of the K-State family, it would be Janice Barrons. She fosters an environment that promotes creativity, and her leadership not only receives praise from students, staff and faculty ... but also from the academic community at large."



**SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Felisa Osburn, undergraduate and community services department, library assistant II

Felisa Osburn received the Support Staff of the Year Award for her dedication to advancing K-State Libraries, including her participation on the recruitment team. Osburn also volunteered to serve as interim supervisor for the Library Help student employees: She worked with them individually, came in on the weekends to hold their monthly meetings and was a dedicated advocate.

The Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty Award was established by the Friends of the K-State Libraries to honor Dean Emeritus Hobrock upon his retirement in 2004. The Friends also sponsor the Support Staff of the Year Award.



**THOMAS BELL: LIBRARIAN, CURATOR, ROCK HISTORIAN**

K-State librarians fill many roles on campus, from researcher to archivist, programmer to professor. When the director of the Beach Museum of Art recognized that versatility in Thomas Bell, associate professor and faculty and graduate services librarian, she presented him with the opportunity to co-curate an exhibition of postmodern art.

"Dinner and a Mid-night Snack: Gifts of Contemporary Art from Donald J. Mrozek and R. Scott Dorman," on view through July 12, 2015, was curated by Bell and Katie Kingery-Page, associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning.

Bell and Kingery-Page selected dozens of works from nearly 300 donated by Mrozek and Dorman. The exhibition reflects the collectors' shared love of music, literature, postmodern art and mid-20th century modernist architecture.

Rather than looking at the collection solely from the perspective of art history, Bell and Kingery-Page approached their museum roles from their own unique backgrounds in design and music. Bell especially looked to similarities between visual art and music, which "speak to those parts of ourselves we are unable to describe but are nonetheless real and vital."

Bell supports graduate student and faculty research for several fine arts departments and has in-depth expertise in contemporary music. He is currently working on a book, "100 Books Every Rock-n-Roll Fan Should Own," which will be published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2016.

## K-STATE LIBRARIES BY THE NUMBERS

