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This winter and spring, K-State Libraries welcomed a new associate dean and three new department heads.

SHEILA YEH

Associate dean for collections, discovery and information technology services

Yeh comes to K-State from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she was assistant dean of library and information technology.

In her new role, she will provide strategic direction and support for staff members who acquire materials, as well as those who make research and teaching resources accessible in all formats. Yeh will have administrative oversight of three departments: metadata, preservation and acquisitions; content development; and information technology services.

"Dr. Yeh brings a level of technological expertise to K-State Libraries that will be invaluable as we navigate a rapidly changing academic landscape," Dean Lori Goetsch said.



JASON BENGTSON

Head of information technology services

Bengtson, who served for two years as assistant director for library IT services, will provide overall direction, supervision and departmental vision for the Libraries' internal IT unit. In addition, he will oversee the development of innovative applications.

Bengtson previously served as innovation architect for the Texas Medical Center Library and head of library computing and information systems at the University of Oklahoma's Robert M. Bird Library.



CLIFF HIGHT

Head of the Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections

University archivist since February 2011, Hight will oversee the collection's return from offsite storage to an improved space on Hale Library's fifth floor. He will play a key role in planning a refurbished special collections area that will allow for improved collection visibility and outreach efforts.

Hight, who continues to serve as university archivist, will also pursue and foster donor relationships.



JOELLE PITTS

Head of content development and acquisitions

Pitts will lead a strategic review of the Libraries' 3.2 million item collection and work to create both internal cost-savings and resource-sharing partnerships with other institutions. She will also co-lead the team charged with creating a plan for the collection's return from storage back into Hale Library.

Previously, as instructional design librarian, Pitts was a driving force behind New Literacies Alliance, a consortia of libraries that constructs online learning environments.