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A NEWSLETTER FROM OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S *Kresge Library*

FALL 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1 - Poetry Slam

November 4 - Book Club

December 6 - Book Club

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Upcoming Library Events and Activities

Poetry Slam

Join us for a [poetry slam](#) on Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m. on the 4th floor of the library. Sponsored by Kresge Library, in collaboration with Auburn Hills Public Library, we invite students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding communities to join us in this performance-based literary art form. This event is an "open mike" format; beginners are encouraged to come! Food and refreshments will be served. There will be a \$100 gift card prize for the winner, and a \$50 gift card for the runner-up. For more information, contact Anne Switzer at switzer2@oakland.edu.

Lit to Film Book Club announces new lineup

The **OUAA Lit to Film Book Club** has begun its 2007-08 season with a viewing and discussion Tuesday, September 4, of "The Painted Veil" by W. Somerset Maugham and the film based on it. See the schedule of films and books for the rest of this year and find out how to become a member! [Full Story...](#)

Celebrating Authors at Oakland University

Authors at OU Redux: A Celebration of the Journal

In many fields of knowledge, the journal article is the lifeblood of the scholarship in the discipline. We at Kresge Library recognized that many faculty at Oakland University publish their research and scholarship via the journal article, and so, on March 22, 2007, we devoted our second **Authors at Oakland** event to "A Celebration of the Journal." [Full Story...](#)

Chinese Textiles

OU Alumnus Speaks on Chinese Textiles

The rich and luminous history of Chinese textiles was the subject of a presentation by OU alumnus Paul Haig and Marla Shelton, on the occasion of their publication of a book on the subject, "Threads of Gold: Chinese Textiles, Ming to Ch'ing." [Full Story...](#)

Supporting Kresge Library

Making a Difference at Kresge Library

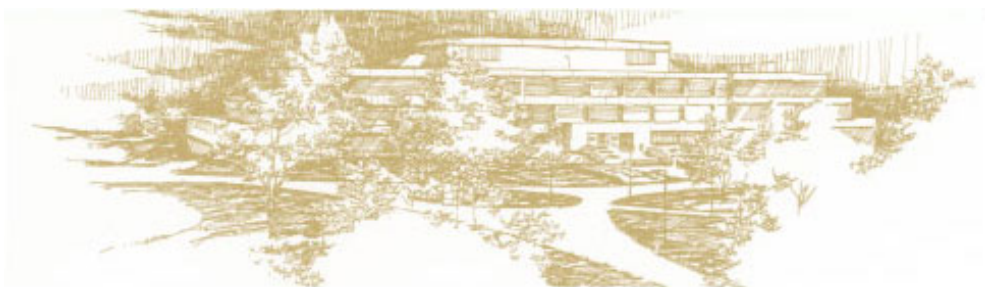
Each year, more alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Oakland University decide to make a difference by supporting Kresge Library. Just last year, almost 200 donors made commitments of more than \$60,000. This includes gifts of individual books, videos and sound recordings as well as entire collections, cash donations, pledges and planned gifts. [Full Story...](#)

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Authors at OU Redux: A Celebration of the Journal

In 2006, we inaugurated our annual **Authors at Oakland University** event devoted to the theme of **A Celebration of the Book**. However, in many fields of knowledge, the journal article is the lifeblood of scholarship. We at Kresge Library recognized the many authors of journal articles at Oakland University on March 22, 2007, by devoting our second **Authors at OU** event to **A Celebration of the Journal**.

The Senate Library Committee reviewed more than 80 articles submitted for consideration, and two entries were selected to represent all of the faculty being honored. The authors of these two articles were invited to discuss their published research with some 80 attendees, and engage in often spirited discussion with members of the audience.

In his article "Public Interest and Private Rights in Eminent Domain: Moving Beyond *Kelo v. New London*," from *Business Law Review*, Donald Mayer, professor of management and marketing at the School of Business Administration, discussed the current, unsettled state of litigation over eminent domain especially in the aftermath of the recent *Kelo* decision by the U. S. Supreme Court. He related the issue to the Poletown case in Michigan and the difficulties of balancing private rights and the public good.



Cheryl Riley-Doucet, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, discussed her study on "Beliefs About the Controllability of Pain: Congruence Between Older Adults with Cancer and Their Family Caregivers," from the *Journal of Family Nursing*. Her research was conducted with patients at local hospitals and the family members who care for them. Frequently, older adults underreport pain because they believe it cannot be treated; sometimes their family members share this belief. The best treatment outcomes occur when both the patient and the family caregiver understand that pain can be effectively treated.



For both speakers, there were questions as well as commentary from the audience, clearly indicating that the authors had addressed timely topics of importance. In the reception before and after the presentations, the many other worthy articles submitted for consideration were perused and a good time was had by all.

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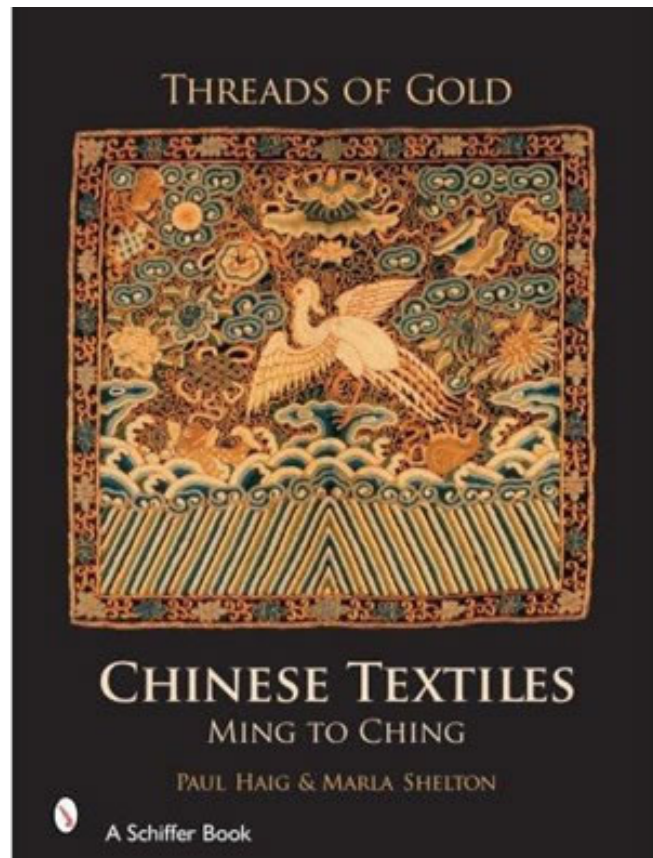
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On January 31, 2007, we at Kresge Library were proud to host a presentation by OU alumnus Paul Haig (CAS '73) and Marla Shelton. Haig and his assistant Ms. Shelton shared the fruits of his long pursuit and extensive collections of exquisite works in Chinese textiles. Their presentation was based partially on the extraordinarily beautiful book they have recently co-authored, "Threads of Gold: Chinese Textiles, Ming to Ch'ing" (Atglen, PA : Schiffer Pub., 2006).

Some of the items discussed and on display include tapestries, clothing, royal vestments, and various other items displaying astounding skill and artistry.

Haig also shared some of the ins and outs of being a collector, discussing how he evaluates the quality and determines the historical authenticity of the pieces he encounters. This rare opportunity to view samples from his extensive collection was enjoyed by some 80 attendees.

Those present marveled at the artistry on display in numerous pieces of the weaver's craft and appreciated more fully the level of skill and mastery necessary to achieve such outstanding works. A reception and book-signing followed the presentation and discussion. The event was sponsored by Kresge Library, the College of Arts and Sciences, OU Alumni Association, and The Honors College.



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Did you know?

- Contributions to the general **Library Gift Fund** support digital and print collections.
- The **Charter Challenge Endowment** funds the preservation of the university archives. These archives are a historical repository of records representing Oakland University's first 50 years... and beyond.
- With a gift of just \$50 or more you can **"Adopt a Book"** to honor or recognize a student, faculty member, family member or friend.
- Gifts can be designated to support a certain collection or space in the library.
- Through the All University Fund Drive, President Russi will match with 50 cents on the dollar each dollar given by current and retired faculty and staff. **The AUFD kicks off October 23.**

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