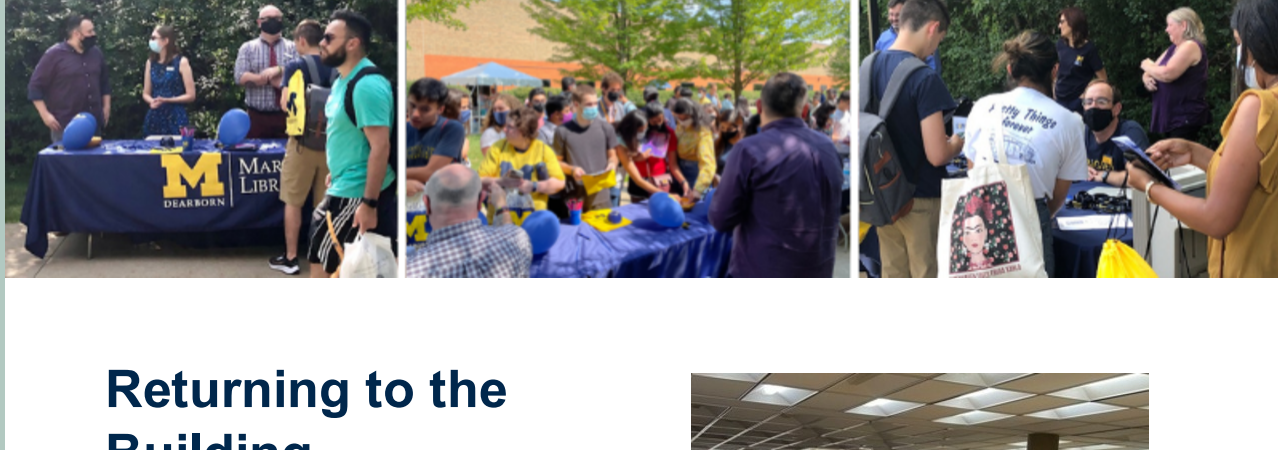


# Mardigian Library & Stamelos Gallery Center

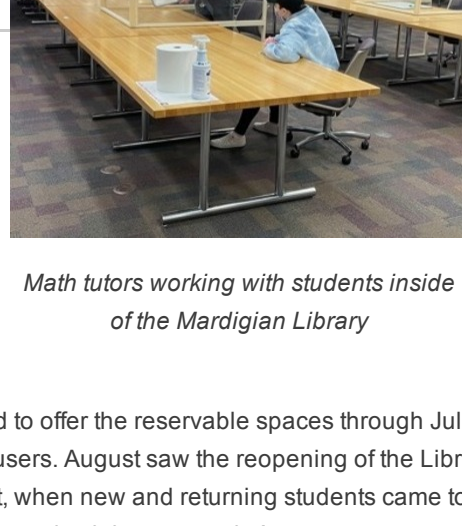
## Fall 2021 Newsletter



## Returning to the Building

**Heidi Keppen**

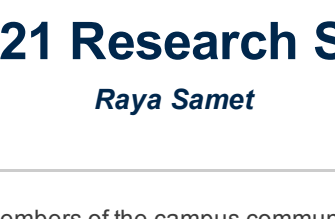
In March of 2021, the Library began slowly re-opening its doors to students, faculty and staff of UM-Dearborn. We kicked off by transforming the first floor to provide space for the Math Learning Center tutors and Supplemental Instruction leaders offered face-to-face sessions in the Active Learning Classroom.



*Math tutors working with students inside of the Mardigian Library*

The second floor opened in April with twelve reservable spaces for students to study. We continued to offer the reservable spaces through July, and in that time had 343 reservations by 87 different users. August saw the reopening of the Library Info Desk. The biggest change started on August 31st, when new and returning students came to the library and visited all four floors for the first time in nearly eighteen months!

As we move into the fall semester, access to the library remains limited to current students, faculty and staff at UM-Dearborn, however, all but a couple of our suspended services have started up again. It's been quite the journey, and we're excited to have our students back inside the library!



## SURE 2021 Research Showcase

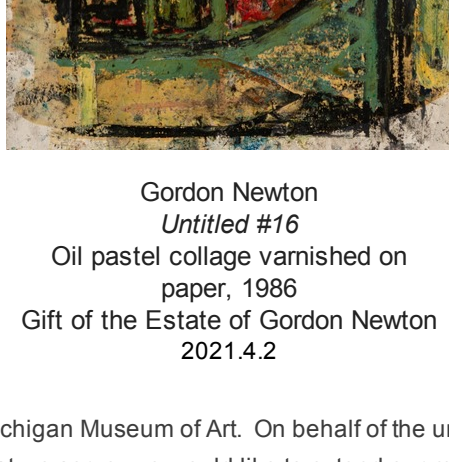
**Raya Samet**

On September 10th, nearly 100 members of the campus community gathered virtually to hear about undergraduate research performed by student researchers in collaboration with their faculty mentors as part of the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE).

The Showcase event, which featured live 5-minute presentations by 24 students, was a transformational moment for SURE, which moved under the umbrella of Experience+ this year. "SURE is a perfect fit for Experience+ because it brings together research, digital literacy and transferable skills such as communication and critical thinking into one package that students can put in their professional toolbox," said Experience+ Senior Associate Director Laurie Sutch.

Student researchers who participated in the program were overwhelmingly positive about their SURE experiences, and pointed to the opportunity to present their research at the Showcase as one of the highlights. "Having the opportunity to present the research was the most impactful for me," said Audrey Taylor, a Geological Science student who was paired with Professor Jacob Napieralski on a project mapping the link between blue and green spaces to social vulnerability in Phoenix, AZ. When asked about a program highlight, Mechanical Engineering student Jacob Gaudette echoed, "Learning out how to carry out research and present your findings." Gaudette's project with Assistant Professor Georges Ayoub was about assessing charge/discharge induced aging of Li-battery film.

A full listing of student and faculty participants, as well as a collection short promotional videos recorded by all 24 students about their research, are available on the SURE webpage, <https://umdearborn.edu/academics/research-partnerships/summer-undergraduate-research-experience-sure-program>.



Gordon Newton  
*Untitled #16*  
Oil pastel collage varnished on paper, 1986  
Gift of the Estate of Gordon Newton 2021.4.2

## New Art Acquisitions

**Laura Cotton**

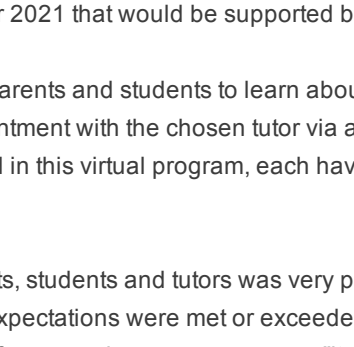
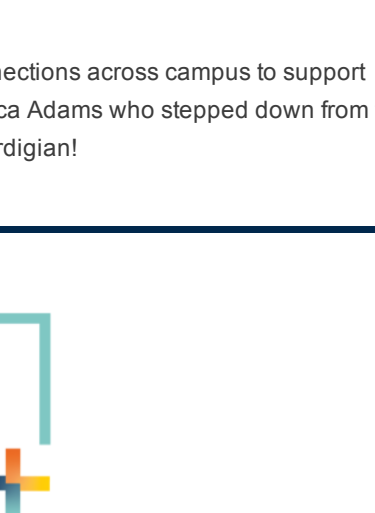
The Art Collections and Exhibitions Department is pleased to announce an exciting new acquisition for the University of Michigan- Dearborn permanent art collection! Three remarkable pieces by Detroit artist Gordon Newton have recently been donated by the artist's estate. The three works, *Winter, Dry Dock*, #2, 1985, oil pastel, varnish on paper, *Untitled*, #16, 1986, oil pastel, collage, varnish on paper, and *Untitled*, 1982, oil pastel and enamel on paper, are a wonderful addition to the university's Michigan art collection.

Newton's work has been displayed nationally and has been collected by numerous museums including the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cranbrook Museum of Art, and the University of Michigan Museum of Art. On behalf of the university's students, faculty, staff, and the communities that we serve, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to the Gordon Newton Estate for this generous donation.

## Welcome Josh Olsen

**Holly Sorscher**

We are pleased to welcome Josh Olsen who has joined the Mardigian Library as Head of User Services. Josh comes to us from Kettering University in Flint where he was the Head of Collections Access. He has over 7 years of experience in librarianship including work in public libraries, special collections, and electronic access, in addition to his work in academic libraries. Josh is looking forward to joining the Mardigian team and to developing connections across campus to support access to library resources and services. Josh replaces Monica Adams who stepped down from the position in April. We all wish Josh a warm welcome to the Mardigian!



## K-12 Summer Tutoring Program

**Britta Roan & Jen Macleod**

Seeing the impact that remote learning was having on K-12 students, the Provost and the Dean of the College of Education, Health & Human Services (CEHHS) initiated an idea to provide free tutoring to the children of UM-Dearborn faculty and staff in December 2020. They turned to Experience+ (EXP+) to create a virtual tutoring program for summer 2021 that would be supported by CARES Act funding.

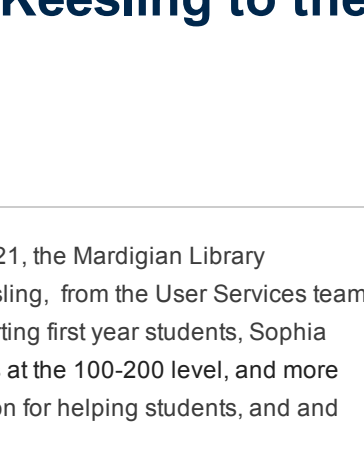
The team created a [website](#) for the parents and students to learn about the program and the tutors, including scheduling an initial appointment with the chosen tutor via an [intake form](#). In the end, 23 children from 21 different families participated in this virtual program, each having multiple sessions with their tutor across the 9 week time period.

The feedback overall from the parents, students and tutors was very positive; all survey respondents (14 of the 21 families) indicated that their expectations were met or exceeded. Most indicated that they would like their child to participate again in the future, and as one parent put, "it made me proud that my employer valued this program and my family."

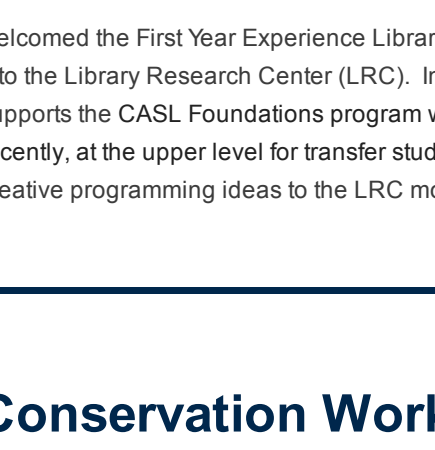
## Welcome Amy Seipke

**Chris Spilker**

The Mardigian is happy to welcome Amy Seipke to our team! Amy comes to us from the College for Creative Studies where she was the Color and Materials Librarian. Amy brings a wealth of professional experience and earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University, where she also earned a graduate certificate in Archival Administration, making her a Certified Archivist.



As part of the LRC team, Amy will use her experience and skills to support CECS and Mathematics. Amy is a very welcome addition to the Mardigian team, and we look forward to great work from her in the upcoming semester and beyond!



## Welcome Sophia McFadden-Keesling to the LRC

**Chris Spilker**

During the summer of 2021, the Mardigian Library welcomed the First Year Experience Librarian, Sophia McFadden-Keesling, from the User Services team into the Library Research Center (LRC). In addition to her work supporting first year students, Sophia supports the CASL Foundations program which offers up to 26 courses at the 100-200 level, and more recently, at the upper level for transfer students. Sophia brings a passion for helping students, and and creative programming ideas to the LRC model.

## Conservation Work on Four Outdoor Sculptures Completed

**Laura Cotton**



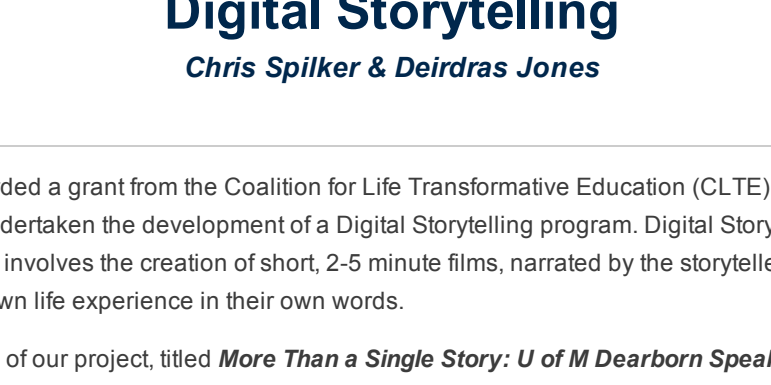
Linda Howard  
*Turnabout*  
Aluminum, 1979

On permanent loan from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design 2000.012

This summer, the Art Collections and Exhibitions Department was thrilled to have been able to hire a team of professional art conservators and installers to complete important work on four of the large, outdoor sculptures owned by the University of Michigan- Dearborn.

The striking red *Divine Intervention*, created by Gary Kulak in 1983 and later gifted by him to the university, was recently repainted by the artist and reinstalled. *Modern Heads*, Robert Sestok, 1999, Gift of Mr. James E. Duffy Jr., was straightened and reinstalled on a new base. *Turnabout*, Linda Howard, a gift of the University of Michigan School of Art and Architecture, and *Nexus*, Thomas McClure, 1958, were both cleaned and treated by professional conservators and given new concrete bases.

The department is currently raising funds to conserve more of the university's outdoor sculpture collection. If you would like to contribute to the effort, please visit [www.umdearborn.edu/stamelos](http://www.umdearborn.edu/stamelos).



## Digital Storytelling

**Chris Spilker & Deirdras Jones**

Upon being awarded a grant from the Coalition for Life Transformative Education (CLTE), the Experience Plus team has undertaken the development of a Digital Storytelling program. Digital Storytelling is a form of digital media that involves the creation of short, 2-5 minute films, narrated by the storyteller, that present aspects of their own life experience in their own words.

The ultimate goal of our project, titled *More Than a Single Story: U of M Dearborn Speaks*, is to use these student stories, developed through a process of writing, sharing, editing, and production, to challenge stereotypes about our campus community, the Dearborn community, the Metro-Detroit area, and regional campuses.

To prepare for this project, the head of the Library Research Center, Chris Spilker, took a ten week certification program from StoryCenter.org, a national organization that pioneered this form of storytelling. This certification prepared Chris to teach and facilitate Digital Storytelling for our student participants.

Our initial team of student storytellers consists of eight students who represent a diverse sample of the U of M Dearborn student population. They are a mix of graduate and undergraduate students. They are at varying points in their progress through the university, and they represent different cultural and ethnic communities, as well as very different life experiences. We look forward to working alongside this group as they become Digital Storytellers who will eventually take these skills and help other students here at U of M Dearborn and beyond.

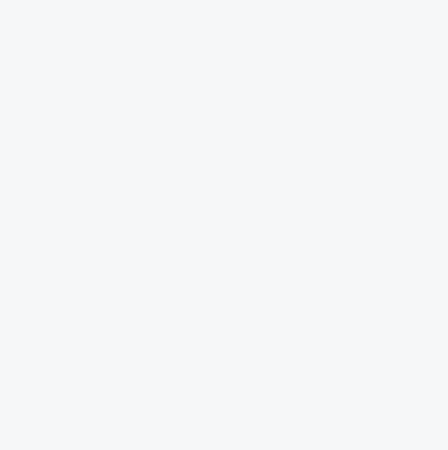
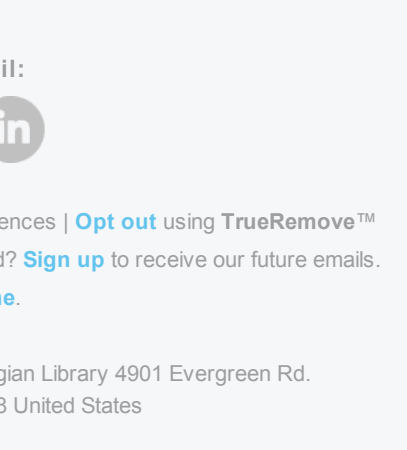
## Student Assistant Scholarship Recipients

**Anna Granch**

The Mardigian Library would like to honor and congratulate **Alicia Forsythe** and **Kyle Ralston**, the recipients of the 2020-2021 Mardigian Library Student Assistant Scholarship!

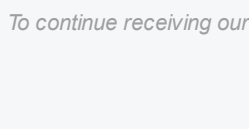
Alicia Forsythe is a recent UM-Dearborn alumna and is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Clinical Health Psychology. While Alicia was an undergraduate student, she was a member of the university's campus wide honors program and psychology honors program. Kyle Ralston is a recent UM-Dearborn alum who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services with a concentration in Public Health. Additionally, Kyle was one of six Fall 2020 graduates honored with the Chancellor's Medallion award for his outstanding leadership, service, and academic record.

The Mardigian Library wouldn't be able to thrive without the support of its dedicated, hardworking student assistants who serve as the front face of our library. If you would like to provide financial assistance for students like Ali and Kyle and donate to the Mardigian Library Student Assistant Scholarship, please visit the Library Giving Page at [myumi.ch/gj719](http://myumi.ch/gj719) or contact Susan Flannery at [sasbury@umich.edu](mailto:sasbury@umich.edu).



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