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NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AT SOUTHERN MISS

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EARNS GRANT FOR PRESERVATION WORK



The important work of providing access to historical material in Special Collections is getting a boost through grant support from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. The NHPRC's mission is promotion of the preservation and use of the country's documentary heritage essential to understanding the nation's democracy, history, and culture.

The grant - \$135,828 from NHPRC, with \$70,178 in-kind matching funds from the University to increase access to collections - will support processing, digitization, and development of finding aids for existing collections significant to the history and culture of Mississippi. Select material will be digitized and featured in online presentations.

*Story by David Tisdale, University Communications*

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## BENCH PLACED ON GULF PARK CAMPUS IN HONOR OF RETIRED ASSOCIATE DEAN, EDWARD MCCORMACK



The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation honored Edward McCormack, retired Gulf Coast Library associate dean, with a special gift for his 29 years of service to the University.

The gift, a bench located under an oak tree near the library, was presented to McCormack at his retirement reception on June 29, 2022 by Dr. Jacob Breland, associate vice provost of Academic Affairs; Dr. Shannon Campbell, senior associate vice provost for Coastal Operations; and Dr. John Eye, dean of University Libraries.

## BRANNOCK PRESENTS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

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In 2021, Jennifer Brannock, Special Collection's curator of rare books and Mississippiana, was elected to serve as the representative for Reference and User Services History Section to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Local History and Genealogy Section. In July, Brannock presented a poster at the International Federation of Library Associations conference in Dublin, Ireland, about the Digital Research Topics, a project she spearheaded with Elizabeth La Beaud, the Libraries' digital lab manager. The poster presentation was also a collaboration between Brannock and La Beaud.

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## GUNTER LIBRARY COLLECTING TEDDY BEARS

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Gunter Library is hosting a collection box for new and gently used teddy bears for the 13th annual "Bears on Patrol" project sponsored by the North Bay Civitan Club. The deadline for donations is September 9. The teddy bears will be presented to the Mississippi Highway Patrol Troop K on Saturday, September 10. Mississippi Highway Patrol Troopers give teddy bears to children in stressful situations as a comfort support item. This is the fifth year Gunter Library has partnered with the Civitans by hosting a collection box.

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