There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

— Henry David Thoreau
Changing course is par for the course for modern libraries, and unplanned stops are now expected. But rather than diversions, these stops become waymarkers. Milestones. Rambling or rumbling, our path is seldom straight, but never narrow.
In 2013, Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) added significant new collections for social change, particularly in the areas of disability rights and the era of the 1960s and 1970s. During a year in which we looked back on the university’s sesquicentennial, we looked forward to the future, too, nudging our digital repository, Credo, onward toward its 21st-century fulfillment.
In 1968, WBCN went on the air as Boston’s first and most influential alternative radio station. With its innovative mix of music, cultural chaos, radical politics, news, and community programming, the station became the soundtrack for a generation fighting for social change, earning the nickname “The American Revolution.”

While producing a documentary about music, politics, and social change, Bill Lichtenstein recognized the importance of archiving the sounds, photographs, and other materials that told the story of WBCN and its community. The American Revolution Documentary Collection is the product of Lichtenstein’s energy and the promise for future historians.
The photojournalist Jeff Albertson lived his life in social change. From his days as a student at Boston University in the late 1960s, he recorded the scene around him, from covering concerts and protests to making photo essays on child poverty. The Boston Globe, the Boston Phoenix, and the Real Paper were Albertson’s home turf, but his photography has found its way into publications ranging from People to Rolling Stone.

Thousands of Albertson’s images came to SCUA with the assistance of our friend Bill Lichtenstein and have become a key part of The American Revolution Documentary Collection.
Disability rights continued as a major focus for SCUA with the arrival of the records of the International Center for the Disabled (ICD). Founded in 1917 to address the needs of returning veterans of the First World War, the ICD was the first comprehensive rehabilitation center in the United States and it has been a leader in vocational rehabilitative services ever since.

Generous support from the ICD has enabled processing of the collection.

A painter, sculptor, playwright, and poet, Paul Kahn was an activist in the independent living movement and a pioneer in advocating for personal care assistance.
Founder of the Mental Patients Liberation Front, Judi Chamberlin was a leader in the psychiatric survivors’ movement. Her papers are an invaluable resource for study of grassroots activism and the growth of political consciousness in the disability rights movement.

Lifelong activists, Robert and Martha Perske met while working at the Kansas Neurological Institute, where Bob served as chaplain for 11 years. Together, the Perskes fought to end institutionalization of persons with intellectual disabilities. Through 16 books and countless shorter works, Bob became recognized as a leading expert on the topic, and he assumed a leading role in advocating for intellectually disabled persons in the criminal justice system. Martha, his partner in every way, served as his editor and, most importantly, as the acclaimed illustrator of his books.
W.H. “Bill” Holland was leader in the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR), an organization founded in 1928 to study relations between Pacific nations. After the IPR folded under pressure from McCarthy-era allegations of Communist ties, Holland enjoyed a distinguished career on faculty at the University of British Columbia.
The papers of Mel and Judy Chalfen follow four generations of a Jewish family in Boston, from their arrival as immigrants at the turn of the 20th century through Mel’s service in the Second World War and Judy’s activism in founding Action for Children’s Television in 1968.
Stanley Rosenberg is one of the most influential politicians in the Commonwealth, having represented Hampshire and Franklin Counties in the state Senate since 1991. As the current majority leader, he is poised to become the next President of the Senate, the first from western Massachusetts since Maurice A. Donahue.

A 1977 graduate of UMass Amherst, Rosenberg is known as an ardent supporter of public higher education, an advocate for marriage equality, and a strong voice for environmental protection and alternative energy. His papers join those of other political leaders in documenting the evolving political and social climate in the Commonwealth.
Several small but significant collections in social change arrived in 2013, including Blake Slonecker’s oral histories with former members of the Montague Farm Commune; materials relating to the Roxbury Action Project; sketches of W.E.B. Du Bois by the English artist Lawrence Bradshaw; and a series of oral histories and research materials relating to the African American dancer and educator Pearl Primus.

A Harvard-trained chemist from the University of Kansas, Albert Burgstahler was researching environmental pollutants in the mid-1960s when he became engaged in the anti-fluoridation movement. One of the leading scientific opponents of fluoridation, he played a prominent role not only as a researcher, but as a longtime editor of the journal Fluoride.
In 1948, Hungarian athlete Olga Gyarmati Aczel won gold in the first-ever Olympic broad jump competition for women. Now in SCUA, her medal and Olympic scrapbooks join the papers of her husband, novelist and UMass professor Tamas Aczel.

Our inability to predict the future was never more evident than in 2013, when we received several fascinating but highly unusual collections.
We played trump in the history of contract bridge this year, adding a fine collection of books on the game from **Bill and Fran Lenville** along with records of the New England Bridge Conference.

A stunning series of letters from **Aldin Grout**, a native of Pelham and the first American missionary to the Zulu in the 1830s, was hand-delivered from Alabama by a descendant, Norine Lee, and her friend Susanna Leberman.
New in regional history:

From killing crows to building roads, the town records of Westhampton reveal nearly 250 years of life in a small rural Massachusetts town.

The United Congregational Church in Holyoke collection documents the spiritual life of four churches in the Valley from 1799 to the present.

The journalist and writer, Allen Young, donated records of the Millers River Publishing Co., which he founded in 1983 to publish books on the Quabbin metropolitan region.
Originating in West Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1789, the Morgan horse was once the centerpiece of the equine program at UMass Amherst. SCUA is proud to be associated again with the great New England horse, hosting the registry records of the American Morgan Horse Association.
Weaving compelling social and ethical issues into works of fiction, New Hampshire-based novelist Jodi Picoult has won a devoted readership.

To a passionate researcher like Picoult, no issue is simple: whether exploring fractured families, eugenics, interpersonal violence, or the value of life, she considers provocative questions from different—often surprising—angles.
The Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers is a leading source of information for independent, grassroots, and activist media-makers. Since 1978, they have published The Independent, which SCUA has digitized and made available online.
It is not enough to be industrious. So are the ants. The question is: What are we industrious about?

— Henry David Thoreau
Within the papers of Borah Bergman—free jazz pianist, composer, virtuoso, and eccentric—are hundreds of hours of home and professional audio recordings, many of which have never before been heard.
New collections arrived from all across the University community in 2013: among them were forty years of records from Afro-American Studies, a large collection of audio recordings from the Black Mass Communications Project, and the papers of one of Afro-Am’s most illustrious faculty members, William L. Strickland.
Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the MFA program, SCUA created an archive for the many poets and writers who have come through UMass. Elsewhere in the archives, records of the Cannabis Reform Coalition were joined by a stunning collection of photographs taken by Music Department faculty member and founder of the UMass orchestra, Ronald Steele.

Noteworthy newcomers to the University Archives included the papers of Dwight Allen, the innovative educator who shaped the School of Education during its most turbulent and exciting era, and additions to three collections: former UMass President Jean Paul Mather, Chancellor Randolph W. Bromery, and Joseph B. Lindsey, class of 1883.
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— W.E.B. Du Bois
The function of the university is not simply to teach breadwinning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools, or to be a centre of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of the fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization.

— W.E.B. Du Bois

Public programs, colloquia, scholarly support, and exhibitions are a significant part of what we do in SCUA and part of our contribution to the secret of civilization.

19th Annual Du Bois Lecture

Du Bois Fellows

SCUA welcomed three exceptional young scholars in 2013 to be our third annual W.E.B. Du Bois Fellows:

Horace D. Ballard (Brown), who explored the ways in which music, fashion, and the visual arts of fin-de-siècle Europe influenced Du Bois’s thought

Emahunn Raheem Ali Campbell (UMass), who examined the production of the subject “the black criminal” in American literature and culture

Daniel Chard (UMass), who investigated the history of 1960s-1970s radical groups and the origins of the first U.S. police institutions dedicated to domestic “counter-terrorism”

ETHIR Fellows in Digital Humanities

SCUA awarded two fellowships in our Experiential Training in Historical Information Resources (ETHIR) program to work on digital humanities projects during the summer of 2013: Spencer Kuchle (Afro-Am) and Jaime Pagana (English).

Undergraduate Awards

To promote scholarship and encourage research using primary sources, SCUA and the Friends of the UMass Amherst Libraries awarded the 2013 Friends of the Library Undergraduate Research Award (FLURA) to:

Ken Lefebvre ’13, for “A wise conservator: the life and times of Henry Hill Goodell”

Daniel Stein ’13 for “David versus the state: refusal to
serve in the Israeli Defense Forces during the Lebanon War and the first Intifada: 1982-1993”

The 2013 Silverman Book Collecting Award went to Sonia McCallum ’13 for “Vampires Don’t Sparkle: Vampires Outside the Romance Genre.”

9th Annual Social Change Colloquium

Visual artist Mark Tribe (Brown University) joined our friend Tom Fels for “Peace and War: The Legacy of Sixties Activism Today.”

McCormack Executive-in-Residence

With our partners in the McCormack Department of Sport Management, SCUA hosted Brian Burke, an influential executive in the hockey industry, and Bob Kain, a pioneer in tennis and ice skating, former CEO with IMG, and current senior advisor to Creative Artists Agency (CAA).
In proportion as he simplifies his life, the laws of the universe will appear less complex, and solitude will not be solitude, nor poverty poverty, nor weakness weakness.

— Henry David Thoreau
Among the highlights of the year was the visit of Pedro Pires, former President of Cape Verde and winner of the 2011 Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership. In April, our friends Amilcar Shabazz and Sid Ferreira (pictured flanking Pires) joined SCUA representatives in visiting Pires in Praia.
Partnerships

In partnership with the UMass Arts Extension Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, Americans for the Arts, and the National Association of State Arts Agencies, SCUA launched the National Arts Policy Archive and Library (NAPAAL) in 2013.

In addition to housing archives from each of our partners, we are building an open-access digital library of publications on arts management and the impact of arts on the lives of Americans.

Sesquicentennial Oral History Project

With generous support from the UMass Chancellor’s office, SCUA has begun a project to collect 150 interviews reflecting a cross-section of the campus community, from high-level administrators and faculty to staff and recent graduates — even some library employees.
Credo

Just a wee sprout of a site three years ago, our digital repository has grown like a weed. Redesigned to introduce faceting, better searching, and behind-the-scenes updates, Credo has grown nearly 40% in the past year alone.
Showcasing Horace Mann Bond

As grants go, this one was ambitious: prepare 125 boxes of rich historical material for online delivery in less than a calendar year. With funding from the National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC) and the support of the Bond family, SCUA met the challenge, digitizing the papers of Horace Mann Bond in just two semesters.

A major figure in higher education for African Americans, Bond left an important body of records touching on topics ranging from African American education in the segregated South to American relations with Africa in the time of independence. Bond’s collection is now freely available to all worldwide through Credo, sitting virtually side by side with the papers of W.E.B. Du Bois.

Diana Mara Henry: photographer online

During her career as a photographer, Diana Mara Henry covered an extraordinary range of social change and cultural life. Known widely for her iconic images of the women’s movement, she was an equally perceptive observer of politics and protests, fashion shows and film sets, and her work documents many of the major trends and movements of a generation. With the generous support of Women for UMass Amherst, more than 1,100 of her photographs are now available in Credo, with many more to follow.
WFCR radio

A grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting allowed SCUA to digitize nearly 100 hours of programming from the public radio station WFCR. Dating from the 1960s through the 1980s, the trove features talks by Julian Bond, William F. Buckley, Shirley Chisholm, Germaine Greer, Hubert H. Humphrey, Kate Millett, and Howard Zinn; poetry readings by W.H. Auden, E.E. Cummings, Robert Frost, James Merrill, and Richard Wilbur; concerts by Pete Seeger, Odetta, and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.
It will never rain roses: when we want to have more roses, we must plant more trees.

—George Eliot
Writing UMass history. Charged as we are with preserving and sharing our university’s history, SCUA played an active role in the sesquicentennial celebrations in 2013, particularly in supporting research for WGBY’s documentary, *The Radical Idea: UMass Amherst and America’s Education Revolution*. Several SCUAAns even appeared on screen.

On campus, SCUA curated a series of exhibits examining campus life from the founding years to the present day, and we were involved, too, in the project to erect monuments to the agricultural roots of the college.
Reaching out. As the demand for metadata skills rises in modern libraries, librarians everywhere feel they are running just to stay in place. In one of our Red Queen moments, SCUA collaborated with our Library peers on the University Photographs Project (UPP), in which we brought our experience with metadata together with the skills of our peers to describe 3,000 historical images of campus. Since its conclusion, the project has enjoyed a second life as a case study published through the Association of Research Libraries.

In keeping with our land grant mission, SCUA partnered all across New England in 2013, teaming up with colleagues from the Swift River Valley Historical Society, the Westhampton Historical Society, the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage, the Small Worlds Project, ACRL New England, the LiAM (Linked Archival Metadata) project, the Samuel Johnson “Connecting the Dots” digital project, and the International Council on Archives expert group on archival description. Six staff members also taught at Simmons College or UMass Amherst, and our staff presented at an array of acronymical conferences, including ALA, RBMS, MLA, and the Commemorative W.E.B. Du Bois Conference in Atlanta.

Finally, working with our colleagues in Library Development and Communication, SCUA established the Special Collections Archival Training Fund to raise funds to introduce undergraduate students to the rudiments of archival work. Perhaps coincidentally, four of our recent student workers entered archives-related graduate programs in the past year alone, with others entering graduate programs in history, creative writing, and other fields. We hire well.
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