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## Librarians as Researchers and Academics

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Librarians as  

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Researchers and Academics

What do I mean by this?

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# True Interdisciplinarity

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Library / Scholarly Community



# Relationship

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Discrete Silos vs.  
Parts of a whole?



My case:

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Parts of a larger whole



With very fluid boundaries

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# Ramifications

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An idea (not TRUTH)

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# American Library Association

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# Libraries Transform?

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# Proposal for a starting place

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Librarians Transform!

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Change starting with us...

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One of many ways

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# Scholarly Communication and Research Librarian

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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Prescott, AZ

**EMBRY-RIDDLE**  
Aeronautical University



# BS Secondary Education

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UIUC 1989/1990 (Emphasis: History, Political Science)

 **ILLINOIS** College of Education

# MS in LIS

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UIUC 1996

**I ILLINOIS**  
School of Information Sciences



# IT - Graceland College/University

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2000/2001



# MA Philosophy



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

2006



Also

# Musician/Singer

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(Saxophone, Barbershop Lead, Conga)



# Hear/Feel Dissonance

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Thinking differently

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Noticing/Feeling  
disconnects

My perspective

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Being differently

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From Plato

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# Appearance vs. Reality

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(Important as I reach my conclusion)

# Librarian vs. Academic

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# Librarian's View of the World

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551.5  
Meteorology;  
Climate



598.2  
Birds: Aves

551.43  
Mountains;  
Valleys; Orology



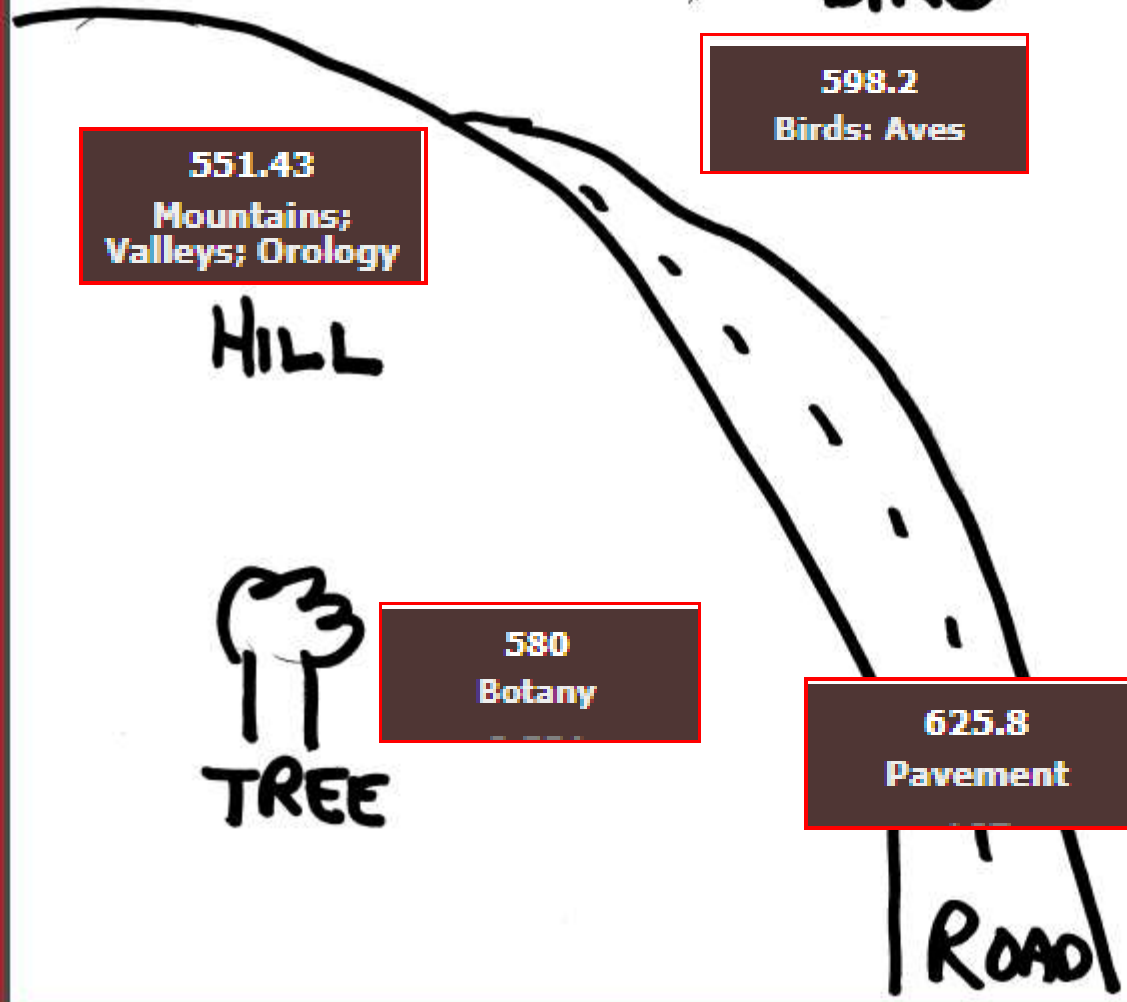
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Vacation houses,  
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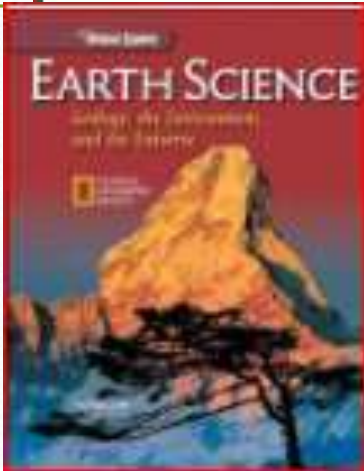


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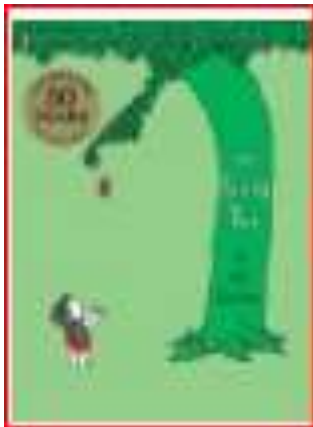


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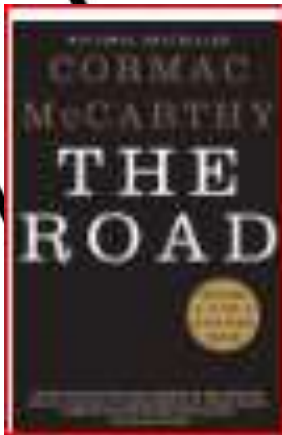


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TREE

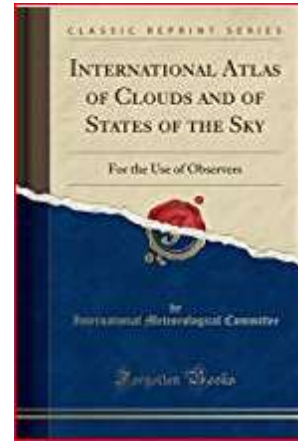


BIRD



ROAD

CLOUD



HOUSE





*An Academic's  
View of the World*

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BIRD



CLOUD

HILL

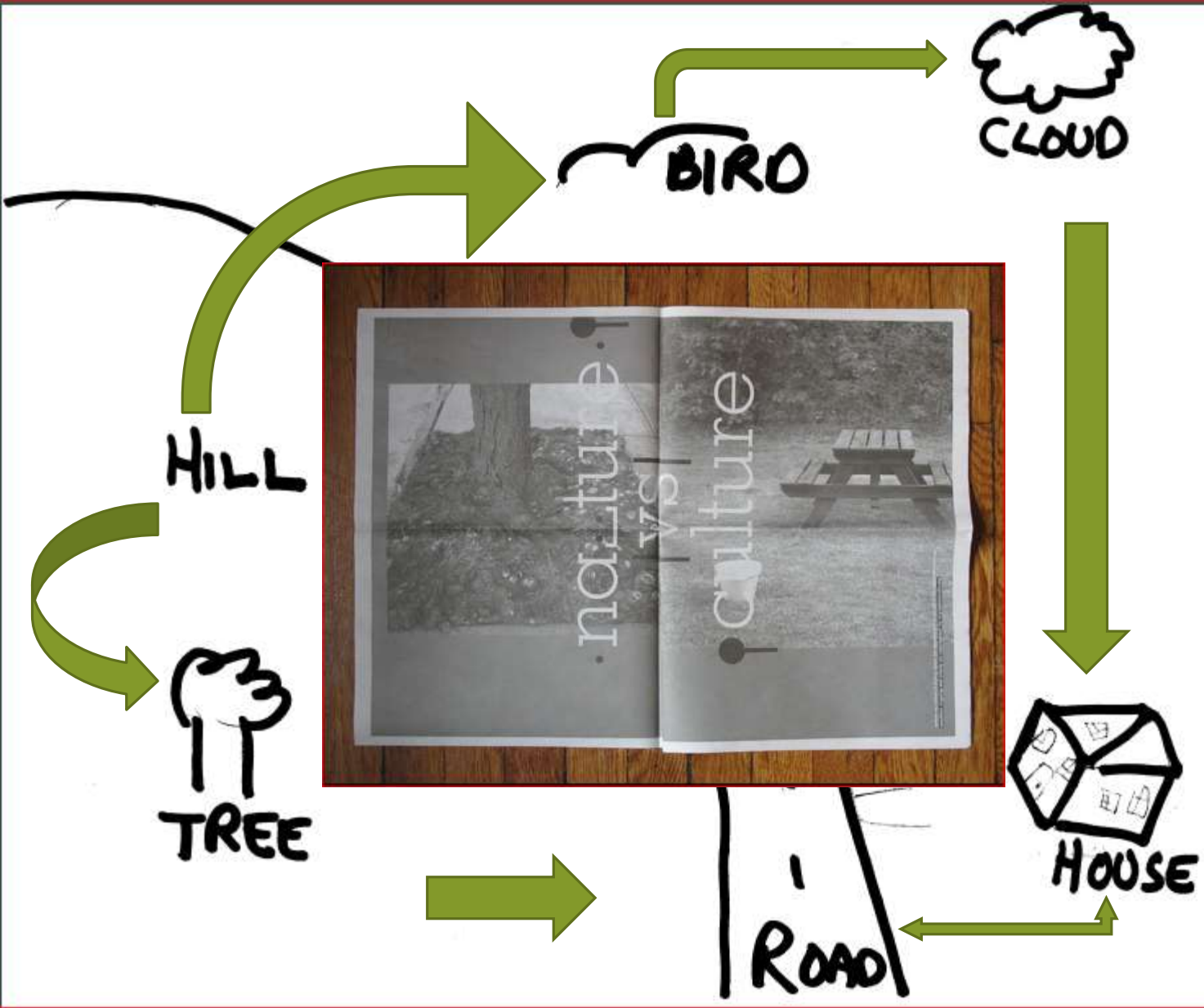


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HOUSE

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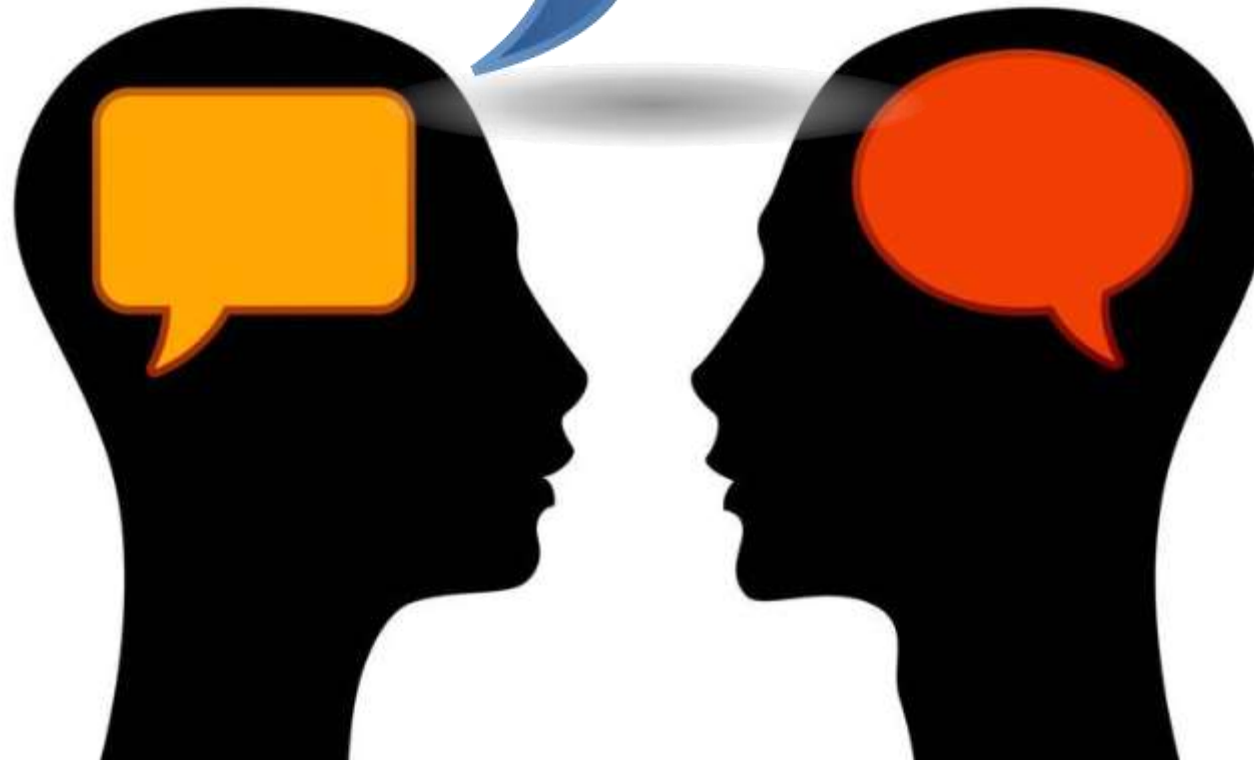
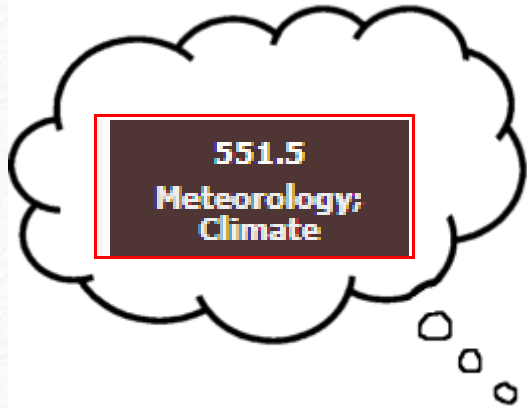
# Classification vs. Relationship

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Result

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Feels much different

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Article

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# Friends vs. Classmates

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# MRI

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LA Times Article / Nature Communications

# Brain scans reveal that friends really are on the same wavelength

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Karen Kaplan

Los Angeles Times – Science Section - Jan. 30, 2018



# Similar neural responses predict friendship

Nature Communications (2018) 9:332, pp. 1-14

# Friends vs. Classmates

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More similarities →

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Trust & Comfort

# Co-workers vs. Partners

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# Epiphany

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(Explained my experience, well)

# Departmental Liaisons - Dilemma

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Faculty only trust  
librarians so far.

Why?



MRI

One starting place to start  

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getting past this?



The image shows a title slide for a 'Faculty Learning Community'. The text is centered on a white rectangular background with a thin green border. The words 'Faculty Learning' are on the top line, and 'Community' is on the bottom line, separated by a thin green horizontal line. Two thick black horizontal bars extend from the left and right edges of the white box. The entire slide is set against a light brown wood-grain background.

Faculty Learning  
Community

Center for Teaching and  
Learning Excellence



Doing research together

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# Personal Examples

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(CTLE)



2016-2017

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# Scholarship of Learning: An Outcomes Oriented Approach

Bowen, B.D., Ehrensperger, D. A., Groh, D., Holt, T.B., Luedtke, J.R., Pavlina, J.M., Perry, J.C.,  
Rehbach, R.R., Roth, S., & Thomas, S.K.

TAKING LEARNING TO NEW HEIGHTS

## Goals

1. Promote and expand research authorship and presentation opportunities.
2. Build on cross campus collaboration.
3. Increase presentation opportunities for undergraduate students.
4. Utilize scholarly accomplishment to aid in the classroom for the benefit of all students.

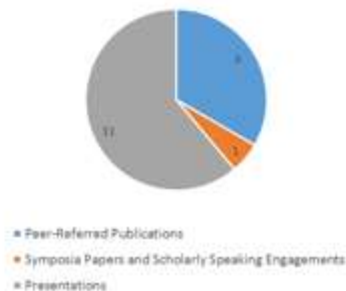


## Mission

To foster a culture of cross campus collaboration that includes faculty, staff, and student participation. The building of an atmosphere of knowledge sharing, by utilizing the social learning theory, to help all members learn in a societal context (learning from each other). By constructing an active learning community, critical thinking is not only developed, but it is also amplified. Following the steps; 1. Collaboration on projects, 2. Choosing relevant, meaningful and challenging tasks, and 3. Managing a Socratic dialogue that helps promote deeper learning, curriculum and teaching methods are expanded upon.



## 2016 Scholarly Activities



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2017-2018





# UAS Instrumentation Platform for STEM Education

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## 1. Innovative Teaching Strategies

Seeing the world from above can stimulate curiosity and give students a reason to engage in many facets of STEM (Science, Technology, Aeronautics, Engineering & Math) learning.

Our goal is to inspire learners to conduct remote-sensing investigations, collecting and analyzing data by using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) as platforms to carry scientific sensors, payloads, and/or capture imagery. We want to collect, interpret, and develop applications for UAS remotely sensed data and to prepare our students for an interdisciplinary future.

Our Faculty Learning Community (FLC) shares student-focused activities using UAS to pursue STEM projects and investigations! We discuss the pedagogical approach and implications for student learning and aim to engage the students in active learning, undergraduate research, working in teams, and working with real data.



Fig. 1. Educate Students about Unmanned Aerial Systems and Unmanned Air Traffic Management and Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast. Describe initial ideas to generate discussions and understand the relationships above.

## 2. Meteorological data from quadcopter

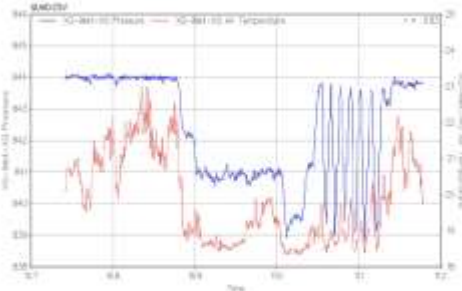


Fig. 2. WX353 Thermodynamics of the Atmosphere: Data from Wednesday Nov 15, 2017 flight.

## 3. Analysis and Discussions in WX classes

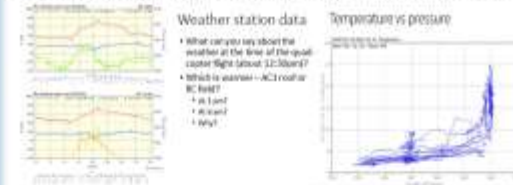


Fig. 3. WX353 Thermodynamics of the Atmosphere: Weather station data and UAS data: Temperature vs pressure data from Wednesday Nov 15, 2017.

### Discussion questions WX353

- From the weather station data, what can you say about the layer 1800?
- In the first quadcopter plot, why are pressure and temperature positively correlated?
- What is the cause of the spread of temperature in the second plot?



Fig. 4. The WX270 Weather Information Systems class during the UAS demonstrations as seen from the quadcopter.



Fig. 5. March 07, 2018 UAS flight during WX270 Weather Information Systems class. Dr. Curtis James discussing the UAS with the students.

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from datetime import datetime
import sys
import time
import math

# Constants
G = 9.80665 # Gravity (m/s^2)
R = 287.05 # Gas constant (J/(kg*K))
rho0 = 1.225 # Air density at sea level (kg/m^3)
P0 = 101325 # Sea level pressure (Pa)

# Initial conditions
alt = 100 # Altitude (m)
temp = 15 # Temperature (C)
press = P0 * math.exp(-G * alt / R * temp) # Pressure (Pa)

# Loop
while alt > 0:
    print("Altitude: %d m, Temp: %d C, Press: %d Pa" % (alt, temp, press))
    alt -= 10 # Descent rate (m/s)
    temp += 0.1 # Temperature change (C)
    press = P0 * math.exp(-G * alt / R * temp) # Pressure (Pa)
    time.sleep(1)

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Fig. 6. An excerpt of Python code written by Daniel Ryu, a WX390 Physics of the Atmosphere student for Raspberry Pi micro-computer to read, display and save data from the meteorological sensors attached during UAS flight.



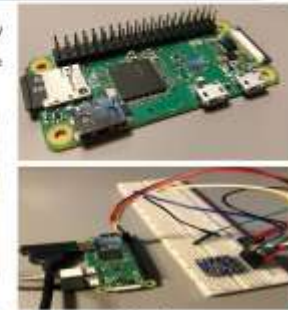
Fig. 7. Daniel Ryu, writing Python code for his WX390 Physics of the Atmosphere research project to communicate with meteorology sensors onboard the UAS.

## 4. AS 480 Capstone Aeronautics Projects

Spring 2018 projects concentrate on policy design, applications, ethics, and systems management:

1. Future Applications of Drone Laws
2. Exploring the Safety of sUAS Operations in the Industrial Inspection Field
3. Drone Technology in the Medical Field
4. Unmanned Commercial Airlines
5. United States UAS Law and Continental Industry Growth: Comparing United States Drone Industry to Other English Speaking Countries
6. Integration of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles into the National Airspace
7. Border Patrol, Drones and Drugs: America's Air Space in Turmoil

Fig. 8. The Raspberry Pi assembly alone (above) and connected to meteorology sensors (below) to be incorporated in the UAS like the quadcopter to the left.



## 5. Suggestions for Future Work

Engage the students from WX270 Weather Information Systems class in the following projects and enhancements:

- Work on a more compact configuration for mounting the Raspberry Pi and sensors on a quadcopter with the sensor board exposed to the air.
- Research additional sensors that we want to purchase: more pressure sensors, temperature sensors with higher accuracy, relative humidity, flexibility sensors to make a 2-D wind sensor, GPS, more Raspberry Pi kits.
- Research a way to power Raspberry Pi using the aircraft battery (5v transformer).
- Improve the Python code, making it more self-sufficient and user-friendly.

Engage the students from other classes and AS 480 Capstone Aeronautics Projects in data analysis, visualizations, discussions and interpretations of data after various UAS flights.

The proposed future work will engage the students in active learning, undergraduate research, working in teams, working with real data and visualizations.



*ALA Member Digest for*  

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*Monday December 31, 2018*

# Role of librarians in faculty learning community

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Abid Hussain, Pakistan Observer

December 30, 2018

(<https://tinyurl.com/y84n4jmh>)



Transform institutions  
of higher education into  
learning organizations

A good start

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But still discrete entities

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- “As a community builder, the librarian should also participate in the FLC activities in order to encourage them to various library services to explore opportunities for collaborative teaching and research projects.” - Hussain



# Librarians vs. Faculty

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Going further while  
remaining librarians



# Possible next steps

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- Additional CTLE (and other) research activities
- Making a habit of reading professional literature...*meteorological* literature, for example.
- Take classes and/or attend conferences (like ASLI)
- Get another degree

Avoid *selling* library  
services to faculty



Supports us / them  
mentality

Appearance that we  
librarians have faculty  
best interests in mind



But what do we  
emphasize?

# ACRL Framework

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# Scaffolding

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What we do

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Not discipline specific

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*Being* faculty/researchers as  
well as librarians



Use librarian-ese, but

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But value what faculty value

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Reality → Integrity

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(Don't fake it! There is no faking it!)

MRI will not lie

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Or let you 'bridge a gap'

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Approach faculty as  
faculty/researcher



Do what faculty do as  
faculty do it

# Would Require Resources (Part or Full)

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- Administrative buy-in
- Time
- Money
- Desire of librarian



Probably wouldn't be  
easy

But remember

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Change starts with us...

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One path toward  
participating in the  
scholarly conversation.



Questions?

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The end?

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