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Archives & Special Collections

From the Vault

June 2020 Newsletter



Flectere si nequeo superos, Acheronta movebo

Translated from Latin, this phrase means "if I cannot move Heaven, I will raise Hell." Indeed it's a mantra appropriate for this moment in which we find ourselves inside a flashpoint of clarity on racial injustice in America. To this year's graduates, this June you embark into a world that is charged by the same sentiment: class of 2020, go forth and raise Hell for Black Americans, for equity, for racial justice—Archives & Special Collections is standing behind you, rooting for you. For our part in getting justice for Black Lives, we are striving to do the work through activities like diversifying our collections and using critical theory to frame our primary source education pedagogy.

Archives & Special Collections would like to furthermore extend our congratulations and best wishes to our colleagues as we wrap up a seemingly absurd school year that started in-person and ended online. We raise one to our SCU coworkers near and far: cheers to you and best wishes for a restful

summer. But before our faculty colleagues sign-off for the summer, consider submitting your Archives & Special Collections [instruction request](#) for Fall 2020 so we can get your class visit on the books.

For our friends and patrons, we are still under shelter-in-place orders per the Santa Clara County Health Department so Library staff are working from home. We hope to return to work on-site at some point during the summer, even if on a limited basis. Nonetheless, we are still servicing research requests and other inquiries, so feel free to reach out to us at SpecialCollections@scu.edu.

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From the Blog

All Posts on Arthur's Attic



The Great Depression & Football: SCU WWII Pt. 1

How does WWII offer lessons applicable to the Covid-19 era at SCU? In the first of a 3-part series, we take a look at the factors that led up to WWII, and how football got SCU through the Great Depression.

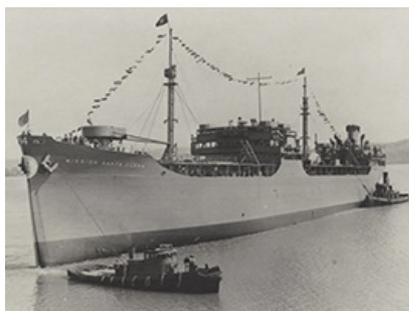
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Accelerated Curriculum: SCU WWII Pt. 2

As SCU administrators make decisions about the format of fall quarter, the [#SCUarchives](#) blog takes a close look at the accelerated curriculum introduced during WWII, which helped students finish their studies before being drafted.

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Overcoming Financial Crisis: SCU WWII Pt. 3

SCU experienced a severe financial



Faculty: Schedule Your Fall Class Visit to A&SC

Either in-person or online, Archives &

crisis during WWII, surviving through a variety of crafty moves aimed at raising money from a variety of sources. If nothing else, we hope the final installation of the [#SCUarchives](#) blog series on WWII gives promise for our current future.

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Archival News

- Archives & Special Collections department member Summer Shetenhelm put together a [Racial Justice Resource Guide](#) combining materials available through SCU Library subscriptions and from the open web, like podcasts and digital humanities projects.
- The Society of American Archivists posted an official statement condemning violence against Black Americans on June 2, 2020 entitled [SAA Council Statement on Black Lives and Archives](#).
- On June 23, 2020, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library is hosting the virtual event, "[Abolitionist Teaching and the Future of Our Schools](#)," a discussion between Brian Jones and Bettina Love.

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