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### Exploring Our World: 'LifeTiles' from Central Africa

What stays with you as you browse the latest *JWU Library Art Space* exhibit is the vitality of the people and the brilliance of the landscapes captured by the camera lens of photographer **Rick Daniels**. Daniels--the admissions event coordinator for JWU since 1995--now also takes every opportunity he can to be in Central Africa where he serves on the Board of Directors for the [Akilah Institute for Women](#). Now celebrating its 5th year, *Akilah* has campuses in Rwanda and in Burundi, two countries nestled together between Uganda, Tanzania and the Republic of Congo.



More than 50 photographs of *Akilah* and the surrounding region have been mounted onto ceramic tiles and will be display in the *Downcity* library throughout the winter term. Also included will be examples of African weavings, baskets and ceremonial masks from Daniels' private collection. An **opening reception** for the exhibit will take place **Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** All are welcome. ♦

### Library Helps Tell The Wildcat Story



Thanks to the efforts of **Jillian Maynard**, graduate student in library studies at URI, 305 separate issues of the *Campus Herald* going back to 1988 are now available online in the [Scholars Archive@JWU](#). Under the guidance of JWU reference management librarian, **Erika Gearing**, Ms. Fulda did an internship at JWU Library this past fall, creating digital scans and metadata for the university's online institutional repository.

The repository has been in development since 2009, serving to unify and offer convenient discovery of important publications and other digitized or 'born digital' content by or about the people of Johnson & Wales University.

In addition to the browsable and searchable digital images of the *Campus Herald*, the repository includes scholarly writings by JWU faculty and students, a variety of departmental publications, plus images from hundreds of historic restaurant menus.

Sharing the Wildcat story within as well as beyond the borders of the JWU community is an important part of the vision for the Scholars Archive. Its content is soon to be discoverable through a regional digital platform that will serve as a 'feeder' site for the **Digital Public Library of America**. Watch for further details.

Discover the *Campus Herald* online by pointing your browser to [http://scholarsarchive.jwu.edu/newspaper\\_pvd](http://scholarsarchive.jwu.edu/newspaper_pvd)



## Learn to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse...

More than 20 videos have been created by JWU librarians and are available anytime in **YouTube**. The videos are designed to help students survive school, which some might say is comparable to a zombie apocalypse.

Subscribe to the [JWU Providence Library YouTube Channel](#) to see all the offerings.

The videos are anywhere from 2-7 minutes, depending on the topic (2:19 to learn how to survive a zombie apocalypse). They are designed to provide an informative yet entertaining overview of topics related to using JWU Library and information resources associated with JWU academic programs.

The current selection of videos covers such topics as:

- **Doing career research for ENG1020**
- **Finding trade journals**
- **Developing a project topic**
- **Finding articles on culinary arts topics**
- **Exploring *The Economist* magazine**
- **Creating *SRDS* demographics reports**

Taking the lead on the development of the films is reference librarian and adjunct faculty for the English department, **Sarah Naomi Campbell**. She--along with digital resources librarian, **David Meincke**--recently conducted a workshop for the *Rhode Island Library Association*, providing instruction and inspiration to other professionals. "We have to help students learn through the medium they prefer, and these days that medium is film," says Campbell. Her background as an independent filmmaker is serving her and the JWU community well. ♦

## Admissions Shares Space with Student Study Groups

Any student using JWU Library during the last few weeks of a term knows the popularity of the JWU Library group study rooms.

In fall, at the request of the dean of libraries, Admissions directors **Bill Priante** and **Amy Podbelski** allowed students to use the Admissions reception area after the Admissions offices were closed for the day. Students continued to reserve the rooms by stopping at the Downcity reference desk, or by using the library's *Ask Us* instant messaging and text messaging service.

"It worked out great," said **Randy Darling**, evening circulation supervisor, who--along with library night attendant **Tom Anter**--helped facilitate the initiative. In addition to monitoring the space while it was in use by students, Darling and Anter made sure that at the end of each night the Admissions reception area



November 2014 - One of the many study groups in the library getting ready for finals

University executives continually evaluate the deployment of campus spaces, and are aware of the frequent use JWU students now make of the libraries. Plans are underway to better meet demand, which peaks around exam time.

Meanwhile, Library staff appreciated the help they received from their Yena Center neighbors in Admissions. Students were grateful too. ♦

