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Jacqueline M. Burek and Mills Kelly Named 2018-19 Fenwick Fellows

FAIRFAX, VA – August 27, 2018: Dean of Libraries and University Librarian John Zenelis is pleased to announce the annual Fenwick Fellow awards for 2018-19, based on the recommendations of the Fenwick Fellow Selection Committee. For the third year in a row, two fellowships are being awarded, with one award for a project proposal that aligns with the libraries' ever-increasing activities in the area of digital scholarship.



The Fenwick Fellows for academic year 2018-19 are Jacqueline M. Burek, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Mills Kelly, Professor of History, Department of History and Art History – both from Mason's College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professor Burek's research proposal, *Mending a Broken Chain: Continuous History and Literary Form in England and Wales, 1125-1450*, focuses on the relationship between historiographical narrative and literary form in late medieval Britain. Working with Middle English, Anglo-Norman French, Medieval Latin, and Middle Welsh historiography, she examines how authors conceptualize and write about the past. In her current work, she argues that medieval British historians develop the genre of 'continuous history' as a way of coming to terms with the conquest of England in 1066.

For his project, *Mapping the Built Environment of the Appalachian Trail*, Professor Kelly will utilize the resources of the Libraries' Digital Scholarship Center to complete a digital humanities research project on the built environment of the Appalachian Trail (AT). The project's goal is to create a digital map of all the versions of the AT (which has changed significantly over time) and offer a complete inventory of the built environment along AT routes (ranging from simple lean-to structures to elaborate hostels). In collaboration with his undergraduate students,



Professor Kelly also plans to develop an analog exhibition of this work to be staged in Fall 2019.

Zenelis commented, “It is exciting each year to see the variety of proposals from Mason faculty members and how they plan to make use of the Libraries’ many resources, from more traditional types of research to new explorations in digital humanities. We look forward to the final products created by our two newest fellows.”

Professors Burek and Kelly will present the results of their work in spring 2020 at the annual Fenwick Fellow Lecture hosted by the University Libraries.

ABOUT THE FENWICK FELLOWSHIP:

The Fenwick Fellowship is awarded annually to up to two Mason tenured, tenure-track, or multi-year appointment term faculty members to pursue a research project that uses and enhances the University Libraries’ resources while advancing knowledge in their fields. The winning proposals are recommended to the Dean of Libraries and University Librarian by a six-member selection committee including three instructional faculty members and three librarians, with one of the Associate University Librarians serving as administrative coordinator. The recipients are provided with a fully equipped and furnished research office in Fenwick Library and an award of \$5,000 to support the recipient’s research project. The terms for this year’s Fellows begin on August 27, 2018 and will end on August 9, 2019.

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