Happy New Year!

As we embark upon a new year and a new semester, I would like to highlight some recent developments as well as remind you of important services and resources available to you and your students.

Dr. Shali Zhang, most recently of the University of Montana, will be starting here on February 19 as Dean of Libraries and Gail Barton, most recently of the University of Memphis, will be starting here on February 1 as Head of Document Delivery Services.

NOW is a good time to contact me in regard to scheduling in one or more information literacy/library instructions as described below for your classes. The Africana Spring Lecture Series features an interesting variety of presentations including one by History’s own Dr. Kelly Kennington on March 21.

Information Literacy/Library Instruction

Just a reminder that I am available to teach custom-tailored instruction sessions for your classes. These sessions will be designed to promote information literacy concepts and acquaint students with relevant library resources. Please contact me (dodgeti@auburn.edu or 844-1729) well in advance so that we have time to collaborate on lesson plans and that I may accommodate your first choice for days/times.

Collaborative Teaching Opportunities

A large portion of my responsibilities include teaching library instruction sessions. These often focus on the important task of locating library resources. In addition, I can partner with you to introduce more advanced information literacy concepts that students must understand in order to navigate the research process. Our focus could be on a specific assignment, or we could team up to offer students our collective expertise for semester-long projects. I offer face-to-face instruction sessions,
and have begun exploring online learning options. If you’re interested in a library instruction session, or in joining forces for a teaching partnership, please contact me.

**Africana Studies Lecture Series: Spring 2019**

I invite you to attend the Africana Studies series. All are held in the Caroline Marshall Draughon Auditorium, Ground Floor, Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

- **“African Immigrant Parenting in the U.S.A.: Children of Two Worlds.”** Dr. Adeola Fayemi. A.U. Dept. of International Programs. Thursday, January 31 at 12:00 p.m.
- **“Gospel and Negro Spirituals”** Ms. Earnestine Robinson. Artistic Director of the Plantation Heirs. Thursday, February 21 at 12:00 p.m.
- **“Suing for Freedom in Antebellum St. Louis.”** Dr. Kelly Kennington. A.U. Dept. of History. Thursday, March 21 at 12:00 p.m.
- **“Liberia: An American-African Legacy.”** Dr. Matt McDaniel, Columbus, Ga. Architectural Historian and Author of *Emigration to Liberia.* Thursday, April 11 at 12:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Viviane Koua, Director of Africana Affiliates, at vzk0006@auburn.edu.

**Alabama Justice: The Cases and Faces that Changed a Nation Library Exhibit**

Currently on display on the First Floor of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library, this exhibit features large panels with text and photographs plus attached I-pod touch screens that provide more detailed information on U.S. Supreme Court cases originating in Alabama with a focus on decisions by the three U.S. Supreme Court justices from Alabama: John McKinley, John Archibald Campbell, and Hugo Black.

This exhibit is being sponsored by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, Auburn University, the Alabama Department of Archives and History, and the Alabama Humanities Fund.

The creator and consultant is Dr. Steve Brown, Professor of Political Science, Auburn University. Dr. Brown will be featured as a Discover Auburn Lecture Series speaker on the exhibit on **Thursday, January 24 at 3 p.m.** in the Caroline Marshall Draughon Auditorium, located on the Ground Floor of the RBD Library.