



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

From the Chair by Sonnet Ireland

Goodbye, stranger... it's been nice...

Yes, this is my last time writing for Notes & Tracings as Chair of the Academic Section! My, how the year has flown...

The LLA Conference in Baton Rouge was a success once again for the Academic Section, in spite of some nasty weather. We sponsored/co-sponsored 28 programs, not including the preconference or the Academic/ACRL-LA Unbusiness Luncheon.

The preconference, ACRL Framework Decoded: Now What?, was a lot of fun and served as a great opportunity for us to share our individual approaches to the different frames. We got a lot of compliments from ACRL President Ann Campion Riley on this grassroots initiative. Let's hope we can keep the momentum going. The Academic/ACRL-LA Unbusiness Luncheon was also quite a success. It's the first time we managed to have the luncheon pay for itself--no small feat. That being said, I sent out a survey for feedback. A very small minority mentioned that the price was a little too steep for what was served. For that, I apologize. The buffet was supposed to include more than it actually did. I'm not sure why so much was missing, but I deeply apologize and take full responsibility for not noticing soon enough to rectify it. Also, next year, we will work more closely with ACRL-LA to ensure that funding is available to lower the price. Hopefully, we'll keep it as a luncheon, as that seemed to please most of you - and offer you an opportunity to get an actual meal while networking with other librarians. A special thanks to LOUIS for their generous donation to this year's luncheon.

Now, what did you miss at the luncheon if you were unable to attend? Well, you can read the minutes. Don't worry they are short and to the point; I don't believe in having long meetings unless absolutely necessary. The big thing you need to know? We have new officers! Elected by acclamation, our new officers will take their stations on July 1, 2016:

- Chair – David Duggar, LSU Health-Shreveport
- Vice Chair – Michael Matthews, Northwestern
- Secretary – Hayley Johnson, Nicholls

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

What else did you possibly miss? Highlights of the conference include:

- A wonderful kick-off event in the Literary Bash! Yours truly was Miss Scarlet in the ballroom with the candlestick... literally.
- The Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Joseph Rallo, talking about the future of academic libraries and academia in general in Louisiana.
- Ann Campion Riley speaking about her interpretation of ACRL's Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. More importantly, her asking us what we thought.
- Andrew Sanderbeck from the People~Connect Institute presenting on bad customer service habits and creating a culture of leadership.

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*Sonnet Ireland
Chair*

Academic Section news

Academic Section Business Meeting submitted by Sarah Simms, Secretary

LLA Academic/ACRL-LA “Unbusiness” Luncheon
Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The LLA Academic Section / ACRL-LA “Unbusiness” Luncheon was held from 12:00 – 1:20 PM on March 9, 2016 at the 2016 LLA Conference in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Executive Center. Chair, and reigning “meme queen,” Sonnet Ireland called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. The luncheon, consisting of a delicious potato bar, had a total of 32 registrants.

Ms. Ireland announced that the Academic Section sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 28 sessions during the conference, not including the luncheon or preconference. The preconference “ACRL Framework Decoded: Now What?,” was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 and had 12 participants (6 presenters and 6 registrants). Ms. Ireland hopes that this will kick off future workshops around the state where libraries would host a seminar dedicated to one of the frames. A special thank you was given to all the presenters and room monitors who volunteered their time for the conference. Ms. Ireland also announced Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, the Louisiana Commissioner for Higher Education, and Ann Campion Riley, ACRL President. It was an honor to have them both speak at the conference.

Patricia Brown passed around a petition to gauge interest in starting a new interest group on “Print Culture & The Book.” Gail Kwak will be the coordinator for the social media interest group which is currently looking for ideas for next year’s programming. If interested in participating, or if you have any programming ideas, please contact Gail to participate.

Patricia Brown (LSUE) is the incoming 1st Vice President for LLA 2016-2017. Congratulations Patricia!

A vote by acclamation was made at the meeting for each open seat of the Academic Section with the following results:

Chair – David Duggar, LSU Health-Shreveport

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On a sadder note, Jeremiah Paschke-Wood will be leaving the state for a position with the University of Arizona. Jeremiah serves as the Academic Section representative on the *Louisiana Libraries* Editorial Board. Sonnet asks for members to contact her if they are interested in the Editorial Board position. In addition to losing Jeremiah, the Academic Section is losing Sonnet to public libraries! She will be moving on from UNO to start a new opportunity with the St. Tammany Parish library. Congratulations to both! You will be missed.

Conference Roundup

A Footnote to “Praxical: A Reconsideration of Ethics in Librarianship.”

Among the very many good programs at LLA this year was the session called “Praxical.” I heard later that someone didn’t attend because the title was too weird! There are no slides to post, so I offer here a synopsis of the presentation and discussion.

Despite the neologism of its title, the presentation asked three straightforward questions: What does ethical librarianship look like in 2016? What factors hinder its practice? How can these be minimized or eliminated? Afterward, interested participants stayed to discuss three points:

Collecting extremely controversial material.

Collecting badly conducted research.

The limits of the term “information.”

Many librarians tend to prefer “information provision” over “truth value”: not “truthiness,” but how any given source of information is itself ethically responsive to accuracy.

Anyone interested in pursuing the subject may contact me about serving on a panel for the 2017 LLA Conference.

— Patricia Brown

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Louisiana State University submitted by *Sigrid Kelsey*

Stephanie Braunstein and Abigail De Soto (Louisiana Tech) presented “Help Us Help You” at the LLA Annual Conference in March. On March 22, **Stephanie Braunstein** received the first Carolyn H. Hargrave Faculty Leadership Award, an LSU Libraries award created to recognize professional leadership.

Lauren Cathey and Gail Goldberg (Rapides Parish Library) presented “What about Those ‘Friends of the Library’?” at the LLA Annual Conference in March.

Dave Comeaux and Carrie Moran presented “The User Experience: Online and IRL” at the Designing for Digital conference in Austin, TX, in April.

Gina Costello and **Rachel Tillay** presented "Digital Libraries Research and the Future of the Louisiana Digital Library" at the LLA Annual Conference in March.

Andrea Hebert and **Marty Miller** presented “Rediscovering ‘America in the Depression Years’: A Tale of a Teacher’s Resource Kit and Its Visual, Historical, and Sociological Applications for Students Today” at the LLA Annual Conference in March. **Andrea Hebert** presented “Hunting and Gathering: Attempting to Assess Services to Distance Learning Students” at the 17th Distance Library Services Conference in Pittsburgh, PA in April. During the conference, **Andrea** received the 17th Distance Library Services Conference Award. The award is given to a first-time attendee with a contributed paper at the conference.

Sigrid Kelsey published "Open Access Drives Change in Libraries and Scholarly Associations," *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*. Spring 2016, 26-29.

Tara Laver presented “Activists in the Archives: Highlights from the Papers of Judith Hyams Douglas and Roberta Madden” at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in March.

Randa Lopez presented at *USAIN*, the United States Agriculture Information Network in April 26. The presentation was entitled “Nurturing a New Crop of Ag Librarians: Experiences from the First Professional Year.”

Megan Lounsberry was selected as one of the 2015-2016 recipients for the Staff Senate Fee Support Scholarship Award. The Staff Senate Fee Support Scholarship was created in 2006 to be awarded to eligible staff members who are in active pursuit of a degree from the main campus of LSU.

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Louisiana State University Eunice submitted by *Patricia Brown*



Photo credit: Patricia Brown

The fourth annual “Refreshments: Spring Poetry” event took place at LeDoux Library on April 20. Since rain was forecast, it was held indoors for the first time. A full hour of poetry by students and faculty, plus fresh fruit and cupcakes, was enjoyed by all.

Director **Gerald Patout** showcased *Les Cenelles*, an early edition of which is touring south Louisiana. LeDoux Library owns a later expanded edition, titled *Creole Voices: Poems in French by Free Men of Color*. This volume, edited by Edward Maceo Coleman, was published in 1945 as a Centennial Edition.

Louisiana Tech University submitted by *Kevin Cuccia*

Kevin Cuccia, Engineering Reference Librarian, was elected chair of Louisiana Tech's Instructional Policies Committee. **Peggy Woodard**, Assistant Professor and Head of Special Collections, Archives, and Manuscripts, retired on June 1, 2016.

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Louisiana State University, *continued from page 3*

Mark Martin presented “Intended and Unintended Consequences: Commercial Photography and its Applications to Urban Planning, A Baton Rouge Story,” at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in March.

Jo Ann Palermo presented “Who is Lucy B. Foote and How Has Her Work Helped the LSU Libraries?” at the LLA Annual Conference in March.

Trey Thibodeaux and **Shaleesa Bynum** presented “*When to Work?*: Scheduling Smarter, not Harder” at the LLA Annual Conference in March.

Michael Waugh, **Emily Frank**, and **Dave Comeaux** presented “e-Books as Course Materials: Demonstrating Value with ‘Free’ Textbooks” at the Electronic Resources & Libraries conference in Austin, TX, in April.

Nicholls State University *submitted by Van Viator*

During the LLA Annual Conference, **Van Viator** participated in a panel discussing his moonlighting experiences at a public library at the program entitled “Louisiana Moonlighting Librarians.” Van was also elected as LLA's Second Vice President.

John Bourgeois, **Sarah Simms**, and **Sarah Dauterive** presented at the LLA Annual Conference. They shared their various information literacy outreach efforts to first year students, including success stories, pitfalls to avoid, and general tips and tricks at the program entitled “Libraries and the First-Year Experience.”

University of Louisiana at Lafayette *submitted by Jean Kiesel*

Allison F. Gallaspy, Head of Cataloging, participated as a presenter at the LLA Preconference Program, “The ACRL Framework Decoded.” The program was organized by **Sonnet Ireland**, formerly of UNO and the presiding officer of the LLA Academic Section. Allison's presentation primarily focused on the Research as Inquiry frame and strategies for engaging student learners with the frame's threshold concepts. Allison is also the new Chair of LLA's New Members Round Table Interest Group.

From the Chair, *continued from page 1*

We also learned that we would be losing Jeremiah Paschke-Wood (ULL) to University of Arizona Libraries. He was the Academic Representative for *Louisiana Libraries*. Sarah Simms (Nicholls) has now taken his place. Thank you, Sarah!

In other news, we're also losing librarians to retirements. Lori Smith, SELU, is retiring at the end of this academic year. Lori Smith has been the government documents guru that all little gov docs librarians aspire to be... and she will be missed terribly.

Finally, the rumors are true, I have defected to public libraries. I am currently working as a reference librarian for the St. Tammany Public Library. Yes, I know...it hurts. But I still plan on being an active member in LLA, and even in the Academic Section. I know, you thought you were finally rid of me and my memes. No. such. luck.

I also wanted to share that I spent a lot of time talking with Ann Champion Riley about the importance of crossing boundaries and how the Framework can work for school and public libraries. Instruction is not just the domain of academics, and I hope that we'll see groups from all types of libraries working together in Louisiana to help librarians understand and utilize the Framework. Not only will we all benefit from helping each other, but we'll also really impress the ACRL President... and the world! Okay, at least the ACRL President.

But, with all that in mind, I have to say that I have deeply enjoyed being your Chair. I learned an awful lot about LLA and myself. So I recommend serving as an officer or on a committee if you can. It really is worth it.

If you have any questions or want to get more involved in the Academic Section (or another part of LLA), don't hesitate to email me. And remember... no matter what kind of library you work in, we're all in this together.

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About the Academic Section

Purpose:

The mission of the Academic Section is to provide a network for the exchange of ideas, to enhance leadership for college and university libraries, and to promote study and research relevant to academic libraries.

Officers:

Chair; Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Secretary.

Committees:

Awards
Conference Programs
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LLA Annual Conference:

Recent conference information can be found on the *2016 Conference webpage*

Awards:

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award
Grassroots Grant for Library Student to Attend Conference

Activities:

- Holds Annual Section Meeting at LLA Annual Conference
- Sponsors continuing education programs on topics of interest to academic libraries
- Sponsors a Meet-and-Greet with the Association of College & Research Libraries-Louisiana Chapter at the LLA Annual Conference