



*From the Chair* by Ellen Jenkins

“Turning Potential Into Progress”

I'm excited to report the theme for the 2018 LLA Annual Conference: Wisdom & Wonder at Louisiana Libraries. Minerva, the blue owl serves as our mascot for this conference. The name, Minerva, originates from the Roman goddess of wisdom (and poetry, medicine, strategic warfare, commerce, weaving, and the crafts). Her counterpart in Greek mythology is Athena, goddess of wisdom. Minerva is usually illustrated with an owl as her animal companion. Because of this, owls have come to often symbolize knowledge and wisdom. This theme fits so perfectly with what libraries represent as a place of wisdom and everything librarians can do to create a sense of wonder for their students and patrons. If Minerva would be a working girl in modern times, I'm sure she would be a librarian.

This year's conference is going to be fantastic. There are a lot of exciting events planned, so be prepared to see a lot of throwbacks come into play, traditions to continue, and expect the unexpected. The conference committee is busy collecting quality program proposals and planning many other excellent activities. The conference will be held in downtown Alexandria at the Riverfront Convention Center March 7-9, 2018. Librarians and other attending friends will be able to experience beautiful downtown Alexandria along the Red River where the convention center is located as well as a variety of restaurants, museums, and art venues. I want to share more detailed information, but I would much rather instill an anticipation for everyone to be surprised when the conference program is published. I predict a large turnout for the conference. Registration will become available after Thanksgiving, so keep your eyes on the LLA website for the announcement.

I am happy to announce the Academic section committees:

Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award:

Heather Plaisance, Chair - [hcpkaisance@louisiana.edu](mailto:hcpkaisance@louisiana.edu)

Melinda Matthews

Blair Stapleton

Van Viator

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award:

Sarah Dauterive, Chair - [sarah.dauterive@fletcher.edu](mailto:sarah.dauterive@fletcher.edu)

Melinda Matthews

Plus two member representatives from ACRL-LA Chapter

Nominating (for section officers):

Jennifer Hamilton, Chair - [jen@louisiana.edu](mailto:jen@louisiana.edu)

Ellen Jenkins

Sarah Simms will continue as the section editor for *Louisiana Libraries* journal and Susan Richard will continue as the editor for *Notes & Tracings*.

It is never too late to join a committee. If you would like to be on any of the committees above,

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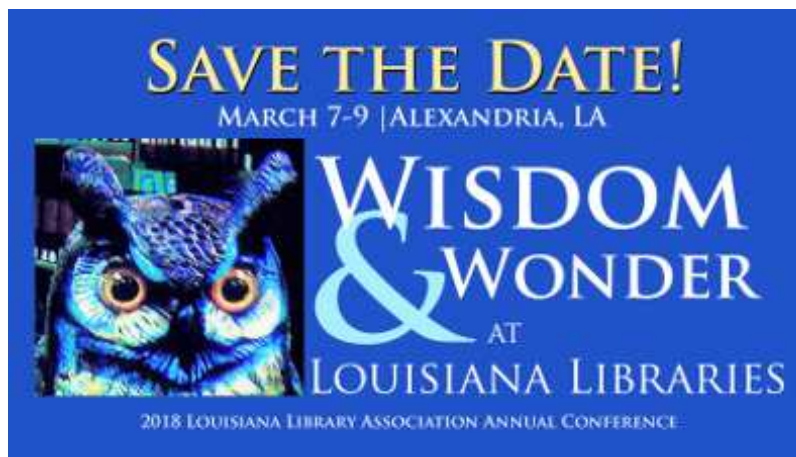
please email me. I am also looking for one more member to serve as the section representative for the LLA Teller Committee and another member as the section representative on the LLA Membership Committee. If you are interested in any of these positions, please email me at: [ellendawnjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:ellendawnjenkins@gmail.com).

I hope everyone is receiving emails from the academic listserv. If you have not been receiving emails from our section, please email [office@llaonline.org](mailto:office@llaonline.org) to alert the LLA office. The listserv is an important communication tool that we can use to share ideas and events. Anyone may use the general LLA listserv which emails all LLA members. You must be a member of a section to email that particular listserv, and so, members of the Academic section may send email to the section's listserv. I encourage you to send news and updates to the academic listserv email at [lla-academic@llaonline.org](mailto:lla-academic@llaonline.org).

One email from the listserv that I would like to highlight is working more with our LLA lobbyist. During the latest executive board meeting, the newly installed officers decided to form an ad-hoc committee designed to guide our lobbyist giving him particular goals and objectives to accomplish with the legislature in the coming year. Other organizations that our lobbyist may work with include BESE, Board of Regents, and the Lieutenant Governor's office. Our lobbyist represents LLA communicating our concerns to legislators and other regulatory boards. He also monitors and reports on any governmental issues, researches upcoming legislative proposals, and represents the association at any hearings and other meetings. The committee meets with the lobbyist three times a year in November, before the opening of the legislative session and after the close. However, if you ever have any concerns that need to be brought to the lobbyist's attention, please email those concerns to [ellendawnjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:ellendawnjenkins@gmail.com) or to the LLA President, Patricia Brown, [brownnpa@nsula.edu](mailto:brownnpa@nsula.edu). This is an efficient way to have your voice heard and be an advocate for Louisiana libraries.

In this newsletter, you will see many notices that call for various nominations for awards and officers. The importance of member participation is tremendous to the section's success. I am sincerely hoping that the Academic section sees more active members, more officer nominations, and more award nominations. The section has not presented the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award since 2014. This is the longest time of three years that the section has not seen an Outstanding Academic Librarian. I am really campaigning for members to submit nominations for this award to the committee, and hopefully the section will honor a truly deserving academic librarian that I know is out there.

Lastly, LLA needs more participation, not only in the academic section, but in the association as a whole. There is something to fulfill everyone's interests and expertise from organizing, outreach, publications, scholarship to so much more. There is a committee interest form on the LLA website available at: <https://llaonline.org/Documents/volform.pdf>. You can complete the form to express interest in volunteering and send to the LLA President, Patricia Brown, at [brownnpa@nsula.edu](mailto:brownnpa@nsula.edu). I hope to inspire everyone to be involved in some shape or form with LLA. Paraphrasing Aristotle, the Louisiana Library Association is only as successful as the sum of its membership. The association can only thrive on member contributions, participations, and volunteerism that can shape a community among librarians in Louisiana.



## Academic Section news

### *Nominations Needed for the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award*

The Academic section of LLA would like to publicly recognize an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana.

#### **PREREQUISITES:**

1. Must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a nonlibrarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.
2. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a "model library" on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other librarians to benefit from its creation.
3. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA [not just members of the Academic Section].

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

The winner is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data. Nominees should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

#### **NOMINATION PROCESS:**

1. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Award Committee in the form of a letter.
2. Letters of nomination should include:
  - a. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
  - b. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
  - c. A list of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
3. Nominations and accompanying documentation for candidates not chosen for the award in a given year will be kept in the committee files for two additional years; the person who made the original nomination must submit a new letter to renew and update the candidate's nomination for the award.

Send nomination packets to the committee chair, Sarah Dauterive, at [sarah.dauterive@fletcher.edu](mailto:sarah.dauterive@fletcher.edu) no later than **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

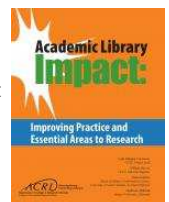
Nomination packets can also be mailed as an alternative delivery method to email. Please address packets to:

Sarah Dauterive  
Chair of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award  
c/o LLA Office  
8550 United Plaza Blvd.  
Ste. 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

### *ALA/ACRL Activities and Resources Update*

ALA is hosting the Midwinter Meeting, February 9-13, 2018, in Denver, Colorado. ACRL will be presenting a workshop on February 9<sup>th</sup> on the *ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education* titled: "Engaging with the *ACRL Framework*: A Catalyst for Exploring and Expanding Our Teaching Practices." Many academic librarians are aware of the new *Framework* and this workshop will provide guidance on implementing the *Framework* to your information literacy curriculum. You can read about the objectives and details of the workshop at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/frameworkworkshop>.

Don't forget about utilizing many of ACRL's resources on their website for professional development. ACRL recently published a very valuable resource called, *Academic Library Impact: Improving Practice and Essential Areas to Research*. This report comes from a study by OCLC on how libraries can increase student learning and success and effectively communicate their value to their respective higher education institution and other stakeholders. This report recommends strategies on incorporating library statistics, better ways to use your data, and increasing faculty and student engagement, especially for the rapid growing nontraditional students. Perhaps the most impressive aspect about this publication is the visual component that supplements the written report. Best of all, the full report is freely available for download on the ACRL website. Read the press release at: <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/09/acrl-releases-academic-library-impact-action-oriented-research-agenda-library>. The press release contains many links to the report and the visual component.



## Academic Section news

### *Announcement of the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award*

The Academic Section and Herbert G. Thorpe and Associates are seeking applications for the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award for a library science student to attend the LLA Annual Conference in recognition of outstanding graduate or undergraduate scholastic work.

#### **PREREQUISITES:**

1. Must be a full-time or part-time graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science and attending a Louisiana college or university.
2. Can be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in a library tech program (two year) at an accredited two-year or four-year college.
3. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of the conference.
4. Must be a current member of LLA.

#### **NOMINATION PROCESS:**

1. Nominations will be in the form of an essay of up to 250 words which discusses how the student will benefit from attending the LLA conference. A letter of recommendation from a current library instructor is also required.
2. Selection will be based on the nominee's essay. The essay should illustrate the nominee's sense of direction and purpose, and his/her commitment to the profession.

Committee members are:

- Heather Plaisance, Chair (UL Lafayette)
- Melinda Matthews (ULM)
- Blair Stapleton (UL Lafayette)
- Van Viator (Nicholls)

An amount of \$250 from Herbert G. Thorpe and Associates will be award to the student for expenses incurred attending the LLA conference. Members of LLA that are knowledgeable of eligible students should encourage he/she and their instructors to apply for the grant.

Send nomination packets to the committee chair, Heather Plaisance at, [hclairplaisance@louisiana.edu](mailto:hclairplaisance@louisiana.edu) no later than **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

Nomination packets can also be mailed as an alternative delivery method to email. Please address packets to:

Heather Plaisance,  
Chair of the Grassroots Award Committee  
c/o LLA Office  
8550 United Plaza Blvd.  
Ste. 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

### *Call for Officer Nominations*

LLA Academic Section is looking for officer nominations for:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Preside in the absence of the Chair and take over responsibilities in the event of the Chair's resignation.

Shall serve as the [section] Program Chair for the annual conference.

May be required to serve on the Conference Program Committee in an ex-officio capacity. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect may appoint additional members to the Section's Program Planning Committee when necessary.

Shall assume the role of Chair the following year.

Secretary

Shall record the minutes of the general membership meetings and maintain the history and bylaws of the Section.

May also serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee for incoming officers.

Terms of office are one year from July 1 - June 30. All officers must be members of the Section in good standing. No officer may hold more than one elected office in the Section at a time, and no officer may serve consecutive terms in the same office except in the case of an emergency.

Officer nominees are to submit a biography listing work experience, service in LLA, and any other experience and/or expertise that would be beneficial to the position by **Friday, December 1st, 2017**. Elections will be held in late Winter/ early Spring and the winners will be announced at the upcoming annual conference. All nominations, including self-nominations, are to be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair, Jennifer Hamilton at [jen@louisiana.edu](mailto:jen@louisiana.edu).



## Library news

### *Centenary College* submitted by *Christy J. Wrenn & Jeannette Curtis*

Approximately three weeks before the fall semester, **Magale Library** was granted capital improvement funds to make some desperately needed updates to its first floor environment. Library staff made several field trips to other recently renovated buildings: T. L. James Hall, Student Union Building, and Meadows Museum. With paint colors, carpeting and flooring in mind, the two week process began with a deadline of the first day of classes. The Library's transformation was completed by the deadline of August 28. Library and IT offices took two more days to complete.

In addition to the new flooring and paint, library staff rearranged some of the furniture, shelving, and computers to maximize study space. They also relocated the multimedia collaboration station that had previously been located on the second floor to the first floor to increase usage. The feedback from returning students, staff and faculty has been very positive. The Art Gallery, located in the library lobby, also received new carpet and paint. Magale Library has started the new semester with a totally new look.



*Before renovations*



*After renovations*



*Before renovations*



*After renovations*

### *Louisiana State University* submitted by *Sigrid Kelsey*

**Cristina Caminita**, Head of Research & Instruction Services, was recognized as this year's winner of Wiley's National Library Week Contest: Embedded Librarianship. She will receive a \$1500 travel grant to attend the Charleston Conference in November 2017.

**Cristina Caminita** and **Andrea Hebert**, Human Sciences, Education, and Distance Learning Librarian, published "The Weeding Planner: How a Research Library Weeded Approximately 2.76 Miles of Print Materials from the Shelves to Repurpose Library Space or Much Ado About the New Normal" in the September 2016 issue of *Against the Grain*.

**Cristina Caminita** published "Thirty years of preserving, discovering, and accessing U.S. agricultural information: Past progress and current challenges," with Michael Cook, Head of Collection Development and Digital Collections at Cornell's Albert R. Mann Library, and Amy Paster, Head of the Life Sciences Library at Penn State. The article is in the Winter 2017 issue of *Library Trends*.

**Alice Daugherty** and **Emily Frank**, Instructional Technologies & Engineering Librarian, co-authored a chapter in *Affordable Course Materials: Electronic Textbooks and Open Educational Resources*, edited by Chris Diaz and published by ALA Editions, 2017. The chapter is called "The Bottom Line: DDA, E-Textbooks, and Student Savings at Louisiana State University Libraries."

**Haley Johnson** was appointed Head of Government Documents & Microforms. Haley previously served as Head of Government Information at Nicholls State University from 2012-2017. She has a Master's of Library and Information Science from LSU, her MA in English from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a BA in English from Nicholls State University.

**Brittany O'Neill** was hired as a Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian in August. Brittany was previously at Hodges University in Naples, Florida, where she served as an assistant professor and librarian. Brittany earned a BA in English – Technical Communication from the University of Central Florida and her MLIS from Florida State University.

**Allen LeBlanc** was hired as the Coordinator for Research and Instruction Services in January. Allen completed a BA in English from Southeastern Louisiana University.

**Sarah Simms** was hired as the Undergraduate & Student Success librarian in March. Sarah was previously at Nicholls State University, where she served as the Head of the Serials Department and as a research and instruction librarian. She received her MSLS from the Palmer School at Long Island University and her BA in International Relations from Boston University. Sarah currently serves on the NOLA Information Literacy Collective Executive Board.

## Library news

### *Louisiana Tech University* submitted by *Kevin Cuccia*



*Kevin Cuccia*

**Kevin Cuccia**, College of Engineering and Science librarian, was named the 2017 Outstanding Advisor

by the Lambda Sigma Society at the national President's Leadership Conference recently in Murfreesboro, TN.

Kevin has been the faculty advisor for the Chi Chapter of Lambda Sigma at Louisiana Tech since 2009.

### *University of Louisiana at Lafayette* submitted by *Susan Richard*

**Emily Deal**, Head of Distance Learning Services, was promoted to Senior Instructor in July. Emily is the recipient of the Friends of Edith Garland Dupré Library/LEQSF Regents Professorship.



*Tiffany Ellis*

**Tiffany Ellis** is now Head of User Engagement and Instruction Librarian.

**Neil Guilbeau** is the new Reference Archivist in Special Collections. He was previously Coordinator of University Archives and Mississippiana at Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University in Starkville, and the former Assistant Archivist at Ellender Memorial Library at Nicholls State University. Neil became a certified archivist in 2014.



*Neil Guilbeau*



*Elaine Martin  
Ian Richardson*

**Elaine Martin** and **Ian Richardson** were promoted to Instructor positions as Research Librarians in Reference & Research Services. Elaine received her MLIS from LSU in December, and Ian received his MLIS from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, in August.

**Blair Stapleton**, Assistant Dean for Public Services, published "What, Why, and How?: Marketing Academic Libraries and Special Collections to Industries and Organizations Outside of the Campus Community" in the Summer 2017 issue of *Louisiana Libraries*.

**Cheyron Woods**, Archivist and Head of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, is the recipient of the Drs. Gloria S. and Robert W. Cline/BORSF Endowed Professorship for Edith Garland Dupré Library.

Faculty and staff of the Edith Garland Dupré Library enjoyed a busy and productive LOUIS Users Conference in October. **Emily Deal**, Head of Distance Learning Services, and **Jennifer Hamilton**, Head of Instructional Services, presented at the preconference on the topic of practical applications relevant to one-shot bibliographic instruction sessions and online library orientations. **Jennifer Hamilton**, **Heather Plaisance**, Head of Reference & Research Services, and **Blair Stapleton**, Assistant Dean of Public Services, presented a program "Bringing Life to Your Library Services with 360 Virtual Tours." **Andrea Flockton**, Head of Collection Development, and **Sheryl Curry**, Assistant Dean of Technical Services, presented "When it Rains, it Pours: Handling a Large Donation after the Flood of 2016." Janelle Zetty, Head of Cataloging, presented "Would You Kindly? : Considering Video Game Collections in Academic Libraries."

On Thursday, October 12, noted Ernest J. Gaines scholar Dr. Herman Beavers, Professor of English and Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke at the 5th Annual Gaines Lecture Series in Dupré Library.

The Gaines Center will host a book talk featuring author Ernest J. Gaines on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:00pm. Dr. Gaines will present his latest book, *The Tragedy of Brady Sims*. The event is free and open to the public. The event will take place in Oliver Hall Auditorium on the campus of UL Lafayette.

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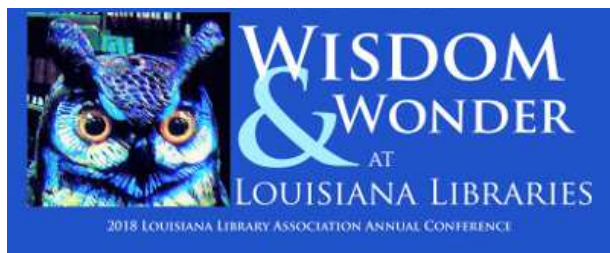
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for more information  
[www.llaonline.org/](http://www.llaonline.org/)

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – ACRL-LA

Association of College and Research Libraries – Louisiana Chapter



**The Louisiana Chapter of ACRL is recruiting for new membership!**

About ACRL-LA:

- Is dedicated to the advancement of academic librarianship in Louisiana for the betterment of students, scholars, professors, and librarians
- Publishes a biannual open source, peer-reviewed journal, *Codex*
- Provides professional development for academic librarians
- Provides leadership opportunities on committees and the executive board

\*You do not need to be a member of ALA or ACRL to join the state chapter!\*

Membership levels and annual dues include:

Full \$20  
Associate \$10  
Student \$10

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Marty Miller, Chapter President, at [martymiller@lsu.edu](mailto:martymiller@lsu.edu).

The 2017-2018 membership year is from September 1 - August 31.

**Join ACRL-LA today!**