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From the Chair by Heather Plaisance

Hello Academic Section members!

What an exciting time to be a member of the Louisiana Library Association! The transition from P&N to Amigos is now complete. Amigos has done a great job in their role as the new management firm for the association and I am encouraged that they can help us guide LLA to a brighter future. To contact the LLA Office, be sure to update their email address in your contacts to lla@amigos.org.

The 2019 Louisiana Virtual Academic Conference will be held on November 7. Louisiana Virtual is an annual conference collaboratively hosted by the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL and the Academic Section of the LLA. The goal of the conference is to provide an online opportunity for academic librarians to share research, ideas, and best practices. Registration is free for all ACRL-LA and LLA members. For non-members, registration is only \$25. To register, visit bit.ly/lavirtualregistration.

The conference agenda includes a total of twenty-one presentations and lightning talks organized into four tracks: Public Services, Instruction, Leadership and Scholarly Activity. To view the complete schedule of conference sessions, visit the Louisiana Virtual 2019 website, <https://sites.google.com/view/lavirtual/2019>.

Plans are well underway for the LLA Annual Conference that will be held on March 25 to 27 at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette. On Thursday, March 26, the Academic Section is co-sponsoring a breakfast with the LLA Subject Specialists and ACRL-LA. Librarians Hayley Johnson and Sarah Simms will present their talk “Social Justice and the Librarians: Utilizing Research to Uncover Marginalized Histories.” Section business meetings will follow the speakers.

New for this year’s annual conference is the introduction of a conference app. The app will have the session schedules, an interactive venue map, and other exciting features. This is shaping up to be one of the best LLA conferences ever. Make plans to attend and come pass a good time in the heart of Acadiana!

In other LLA news, the Bylaws Task Force has been charged with updating the LLA Manual. The Treasurer Position Task Force will work to create a detailed position description for the prospective LLA Treasurer. Both groups will provide updates in advance of the annual business meeting where the issues will be voted on by the membership.

This is a new day for our section and our association. We are all in a great position to mold it for the future. Be active. Volunteer to serve on a committee or run for an office.

I am honored to serve as your Chair this year and am here to help in any way I can. Email me at academicsectionLLA@gmail.com with your questions or concerns.

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Chair

Academic Section news

Nominations Needed for the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

ACRL-LA and the Academic section of LLA would like to recognize an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana. Librarians with academic or faculty appointments at Louisiana universities, colleges, and professional schools of higher education are eligible for consideration. Recently retired librarians may also be considered.

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 ACRL-LA and/or 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.
4. Applicants should be members of ACRL-LA or LLA.

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 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, Melinda F. Matthews, at matthews@ulm.edu, no later than Friday, January 17, 2020.

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

Melinda F. Matthews
Interlibrary Loan
University Library
University of Louisiana at Monroe
4100 Northeast Drive
Monroe LA 71209-0720

Call for Nominations - Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The Louisiana Library Association's Academic Section and Herbert G. Thorpe and Associates are seeking applications for the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award that recognizes outstanding graduate or undergraduate library science students. The award consists of \$250 for expenses incurred attending the LLA annual conference. Members of LLA that are knowledgeable of eligible students should encourage he/she and their instructors to apply.

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.

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 annual conference. A letter of recommendation from a current library instructor is also required.

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.

Send nomination packets to the committee chair, Heather Plaisance via email to hclairance@louisiana.edu no later than Friday, January 17.

Library news

Centenary College submitted by *Christy J. Wrenn*

Ashley E. Rulo is the new Assistant Director of Library Services for John F. Magale Memorial Library. Ashley is new to the academic library field and has her MLIS from Texas Woman's University and a MFA from Converse College. She has worked in libraries since 2011.

Louisiana State University submitted by *Sigrid Kelsey*

Cristina Caminita was awarded the 2019 LSU Libraries' Carolyn H. Hargrave Senior Leadership Award.

Barry Cowan was awarded the 2019 LSU Libraries' Library Staff Award. Barry's "Tiger Trivia" in *LSU Alumni Magazine*, celebrated its 10th anniversary. Fall 2019 https://issuu.com/lsualumni/docs/lsuaa_magazine_fall2019/46

John Guillory joined LSU Libraries as a Digitization Technician.

Amanda Hawk presented on a seminar panel titled "Do Your Metrics Measure Up?: Assessment and Implementing the New Standards for Public Services Statistics" at the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section conference (ACRL) in Baltimore on June 21.

Steven Jodeir was hired as Computer Analyst 2.

Hayley Johnson and **Sarah Simm's** article "Hidden in Plain Sight" was published in *64 Parishes (Magazine of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities)*. Issue 4, Summer 2019. <https://64parishes.org/hidden-in-plain-sight>.

Sigrid Kelsey was named to the ALA Publishing Committee's 2020 Carnegie Whitney Grant selection committee.

Marty Miller's article "Curriculum, Departmental, and Faculty Mapping in the Visual Arts Department" was published in *Art Documentation*, Volume 38, p 159-173 Issue 1 (March 2019). Marty was awarded the John Brubaker Award for her article "Sacred vs. Profane in The Great War: A Neutrals' Indictment," published in the September 2018 issue of *Catholic Library World*.

Darcée Olson was hired as Copyright and Scholarly Communications Policy Director.

Leah Powell was hired as the Digital Collections Librarian.

Mike Russo's article "The Moon Belongs to Everyone: ResearchGate and the Subscription Databases Compared." was published in *Louisiana Libraries*. Winter 2019 (v. 81, no. 3)

Sarah Simms received the 2019 LSU Libraries' Early Career Librarian Award.

Winnie Schwaid-Lindner was hired as Digital Preservation Librarian.

Stanley Wilder presented "Demographic Shifts in Research Libraries – What Does It All Mean?" at OCLC RLP Research Retreat in Dublin, Ohio on April 23, 2019.

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Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

Sheryll Anderson, Library Specialist 3, received her Master of Library and Information Science from LSU in May. She has since moved from academic to public librarianship, and is now the Branch Manager for the West Shreveport Branch of Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport.

Sarah P. Jackson joined the Library in May as the new Education Librarian. She was a December 2018 graduate of LSU School of Library & Information Science, and worked in various roles for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center prior to her appointment to the faculty in the Library.

Hannah Sprawls joined the Library in June as the Library Associate in Technical Services. She recently finished the Master of Liberal Arts degree from LSUS and previously worked at Noel Memorial Library at LSUS.

The Library was able to license electronic versions of nine textbooks through a grant from LOUIS funded by the Board of Regents to help reduce higher education student expenses for books. The Library previously received funding to license fourteen other textbooks used on campus. If one student had to purchase all 23 titles in print at retail price, the total would be \$1,772 before sales tax.

During the month of August the Library hosted the traveling exhibit “Pick Your Poison: Intoxicating Pleasure & Medical Prescriptions,” produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of History. The exhibit explores the factors that have shaped the changing definitions of some of our most potent drugs. Six banners cover the historical uses and abuses of alcohol, tobacco, cocaine, marijuana, and opium. Library faculty and staff created a resource guide and displays highlighting library resources in toxicology and related subjects: <http://guides.lsubsc.edu/pickyourpoison>.

Through a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine – South Central Region the library faculty exhibited at Geek'd Con at the Shreveport Convention Center from August 16-18. Materials distributed included consumer information about genetics and precision medicine, an activity book on genetics created by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine - Greater Midwest Region, and boxes of crayons. Drawings were also held for printed copies of the *Amazing Captain Fit* which were mailed to recipients after the event.

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Northwestern State University submitted by *Anna Tapia McDonald*

Anna Tapia MacDonald was hired in July as the new Head of the Serials/Media Department. Anna was previously the Library Associate/Head of the NSU Leesville Library.

The Library and the English Department, along with Argus, co-hosted two "read-out" events on campus. **Debbie Huntington** and **Anna Tapia MacDonald** created a banned book display and selfie station with banned book hashtags along with **Sharon Wolff** and other volunteers reading banned book excerpts. **Mike Matthews** participated in a "read-out" session and **Patricia Brown** assisted with the initial planning and table display flyers.

Anna Tapia MacDonald and **Debbie Huntington** assisted with the 2019 APHN (Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches) Children's Fall Tour of Natchitoches where four to five hundred third graders learned about the history and heritage of historic Natchitoches through demonstrations and reenactments.

Debbie Huntington, Head of Collection Development & Cataloging, presented at the Central Louisiana Technical Community College along with **Anna Tapia MacDonald** on The Living Library to numerous classes. Collaboration is in the initial planning stages between CLTCC Nursing instructors and the two librarians to do future Living Library events. On September 11, Debbie and Anna held the inaugural Living Library event honoring Veterans and Active Military Members and Dependents and their service. Two sessions were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon with four panelists at each session.



Cammie G. Henry Research Center

Head Archivist **Mary Linn Wernet** selected several pieces of photography from the BA Cohen Collection that was exhibited during the July 27, Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival. Mary Linn and Assistant Archivist **Sharon Wolff** hosted the traveling exhibit during the festival. Both attended the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Annual meeting in Austin, Texas held July 31-August 6. Mary Linn participated in two day-long SAA accredited and certified pre-conference workshops, Cultural Diversity Competency: Recommended Approach to Training & Implementation for Archivists and Advocating for Archives in State and Local Policymaking. In September, Mary Linn delivered a presentation entitled "The Melrose Scrapbooks" at the Louisiana Association of Museums Conference in Natchitoches. During the 11th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference held on the NSU campus in September, Mary Linn created a traveling exhibit entitled "The Making of *Gumbo Ya Ya: A Collection of Louisiana Folk Tales*." The exhibit featured book covers and copies of manuscripts from the Cammie G. Henry Research Center's Lyle Saxon's book collection and the Federal Writers' Project Collection. In September, Sharon Wolff presented a session entitled "A Guide to Historical Research" during the National History Day at the Louisiana Teacher Workshop held at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest History Museum in Natchitoches. Sharon installed an exhibit case featuring material from Steel Magnolias inside the downtown Natchitoches Office of Tourism with assistance from student volunteer Elliot Davis in anticipation of the 30th anniversary of the film's release in November.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by *Susan Richard*

Sheryl Curry, Assistant Dean for Technical Services, along with Angela Dunnington (SELU) and Christy Wrenn (Centenary), presented "Building Relationships with Campus IT" at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 15.

Jennifer Hamilton, **Tiffany Ellis** and Reese Benoit presented "Using Google Docs for Note Taking and Continuous Assessment in One-Shot Instruction" at the NOLA Information Literacy Collective in August.

Cheyron Woods, Head and Archivist of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, was invited to present as part of the UL Lafayette's Constitution Day panel discussion on "Who is an American" on September 16.

Janelle Zetty, Head of Cataloging, hosted a Cataloging Round Table at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 16. She facilitated an open discussion regarding Enterprise configuration, Workflows, and BlueCloud Analytics. Zee Zee Zamin and Mike Waugh from LOUIS also attended and contributed to the discussion. Janelle is also co-chair of the ALA Student and Student Chapter Outreach committee. She created a newsletter, along with her co-chair, to distribute to student chapters.

Edith Garland Dupré Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries is an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. Americans and the Holocaust will be on display at Dupré Library, along with a series of related special events, from July 7, 2020 to August 18, 2020. To learn more about the exhibition, visit <http://ushmm.org/americans-ala>. **Tiffany Ellis**, Head of User Engagement and Instruction Librarian, and **Zachary Stein**, Head of Special Collections, wrote the winning proposal.

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