



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by Blair Stapleton

The Chronicles of COVID-19

Hello Fellow Academic Section Members!

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and my fellow Academic Section officers for 2020-21. I am Blair Stapleton, Assistant Dean of Public Services at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Serving as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect is Angela Dunnington, Head of Access Services at Southeastern Louisiana University and Shanna Clevenger, West Bank Librarian/System Administrator at Delgado Community College is serving as the sections Secretary this year. We all look forward to working with all of you and serving the section this year!

Full details for the 2021 Annual Conference are still pending. When information is available about the conference, we will share it on the LLA listserv. In previous conferences, the Academic Section has collaborated with the Subject Specialists Section and ACRL-LA to host lunches or breakfasts. With restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 outbreak, we will be discussing the possibility of still hosting a function that will allow section members to reconnect and network safely.

The Louisiana Virtual Academic Library Conference co-hosted for the last two years by the Louisiana Library Association and ACRL-LA will be taking a sabbatical in 2020. The purpose of the conference is to provide academic librarians, both in Louisiana and nationwide, an affordable way to present and attend an academic library conference even with little time and no travel budget. The planning committee met (virtually of course) this spring to assess the need to host Louisiana Virtual in a year in which that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused so many conferences of interest to academic librarians to change from in-person to online events. The committee agreed that with so many affordable online opportunities to present, network, and share best practices, there isn't a need to host the Louisiana Virtual conference in 2020. The planning committee will keep an eye on the situation and do another needs assessment in early 2021. Stay tuned!

Angela, Shanna, and I are looking forward to serving the Academic Section this year!

Stay safe!
Blair Stapleton

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*Blair Stapleton
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, Blair Stapleton, via email to blair.stapleton@louisiana.edu.

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 hplaisance@louisiana.edu.

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Louisiana State University submitted by *Sigrid Kelsey*

Kelly Blessinger and **Dave Comeaux** published, “User Experience with a New Public Interface for an Integrated Library System,” in *ital: Information Technology in Libraries*: <https://doi.org/10.6017/ital.v39i1.11607>

Dave Comeaux, **David Dunaway**, and **Andrea Hebert** received tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian.

Jennifer A. Cramer’s article, “‘First, Do No Harm’: Tread Carefully Where Oral History, Trauma, and Current Crises Intersect,” was published in *The Oral History Review*, 47:2, 203-213, 2020 DOI: 10.1080/00940798.2020.1793679

Tom Diamond edited a new book, *The Academic Librarian in the Digital Age: Essays on Changing Roles and Responsibilities*, published by McFarland, 2020.

Mitch Fontenot was named Co-Chair of the ALA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Membership Committee.

Jessica Joseph earned an MLIS from LSU in August 2020.

Rebecca Kelley’s and **Mitch Fontenot’s** article, “Serving our Student Veterans in Louisiana,” was published in the Spring 2020 issue of *Louisiana Libraries*.

Sigrid Kelsey was named to the editorial board of *Library Diversity and Residency Studies (LDRS)*.

Ebony McDonald’s article, “2020 Regina Medal Recipient Christopher Paul Curtis,” was published in the March 2020 *Catholic Library World*: bit.ly/2UfT5WS

Marty Miller presented, “Surveying Visual Literacy: An Online Study of Visual Literacy Skill Levels of General Education Arts Course Students,” at the International Visual Literacy Association Conference in September.

Sarah Simms was elected Secretary of ACRL-LA.

Marcus Spann was elected Vice President/ President-Elect of ACRL-LA.

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by *David Duggar*

Julia Esparza, Medical Library Association (MLA) Immediate Past President, was the Opening Session co-presenter with Lisa Traditi, MLA President, at the MLA vConference in July.

Julia Esparza, **Montié’ Dobbins**, **David Duggar**, **Sarah Jackson**, and **William Olmstadt**, with staff members **Kathleen Bloomington** and **Theresa Nail**, presented the poster “Bringing It into Focus: Finding an Organization’s Intellectual Capital Using a Research Approach” at the Medical Library Association vConference in July.

William Olmstadt, with Family Medicine residents Kabiul Haque and Marc Chaudoir, presented the poster “Family Medicine Clinic and Librarian Collaboration to Improve Patient Access to MyChart and Reduce Inappropriate Polypharmacy” at the Medical Library Association vConference in July.

Notification was received in September that the review of LSUHS SACS accreditation report filed in March 2020 approved **Julia Esparza’s** final report about the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), titled TRIP (Translating Research Into Practice). TRIP formed the model for third-year students to analyze journal articles, and included librarian leadership of small group discussions, as well as other elements of the MD curriculum. Clerkships still use the journal club model and materials Julie developed.

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Northwestern State University submitted by Anna Tapia MacDonald

Debbie Huntington, Mike Matthews and Anna Tapia MacDonald presented “Libraries in the Time of Disease: COVID-19 and Before” at the 12th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference: Losing Louisiana on September 19.

Anna Tapia MacDonald published the article “Library Experiences During COVID-19: From Crisis and Uncertainty to Moving Forward in the New Normal” in *CODEX*, Volume 5, Number 4. Anna also coordinated and created the promotional media at NSU for the traveling exhibit, *Determined to Rise: The Woman’s Suffrage Movement in Louisiana* developed by the Centennial Women’s Suffrage Project (CWSP) at Southeastern Louisiana University.

The **Watson Library Outreach Committee** collected supplies for the “Cowboy Collection,” a supply drive organized by students at Northwestern State University to help the McNeese State University community who lost their homes and possessions in Hurricane Laura.

Cammie G. Henry Research Center

On September 10, **Mary Linn Wernet**, Archivist, along with LSUS Archivist Dr. Laura McLemore and Consulting Archivist Faye Phillips, presided as chair and presented *Impossible Dream? Advocating for Archives in State and Local Policymaking* at a Louisiana Historical Association virtual conference session.

Sharon Wolff, Assistant Archivist, serves as the Vice President/President Elect of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscript Association (LAMA), and was responsible for planning the 2020 LAMA annual meeting. Due to COVID-19, the virtual conference was held on September 18. She recently became President of the organization. Sharon also presented at the annual Louisiana Studies Conference this year on September 19 where she gave a short talk about efforts to preserve scrapbooks in archives. She designed and presented digital exhibits of material from the Research Center on the Watson Library social media platforms. The first exhibit, “Picture Show,” ran from June to August and the current exhibit, “Outside In,” runs September through November.

Southern University submitted by Angela Proctor

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the 1960 Sit-Ins the **Archives, Manuscripts and Rare Books Department** at John B. Cade Library celebrates the Sit-Ins anniversary by releasing the entire digitized collection on the Baton Rouge Sit-Ins.

The Sit-In Movement, a nonviolent movement of the United States civil rights era, began in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960. The Sit-In, an act of civil disobedience, was a tactic that aroused sympathy for the demonstrators among moderates and uninvolved individuals. African Americans later joined by white activists, usually students, would go to segregated lunch counters (luncheonettes), sit in all available spaces, request service, and then refuse to leave when denied service because of their race.

As Sit-Ins spread across the upper and mid-south. The all-white Louisiana State Board of Education threatened “stern disciplinary action” against any student who participated in a Sit-In. The President of Southern University - a segregated, state-funded, Historically Black college in Baton Rouge - told students they would be expelled if they participated in a Sit-In. In the Spring of 1960, the climate at Southern University was one of tense anticipation. The Sit-In Movement had spread to a large number of black southern college campuses after the initial Sit-In on February 1, but the movement did not reach Southern University until March of 1960.

On March 28, seven SU students were arrested for Sitting-In at a Kress lunch counter. Charged with “Disturbing the Peace,” their bail was set at \$1,500 - an astronomically high bond for a misdemeanor charge. The next day, seven more students were arrested for sitting-in at the Greyhound bus terminal and two more at the Sitman’s Drug Store. The following day, led by SU student and CORE supporter Major Johns, 3500 students marched to the state capitol building to protest segregation, the arrests, and the outrageous bail amounts.

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As a result of the movement's passion and resilience, Woolworth's fully integrated their dining area on July 25th, 1960. Catalyzing a much larger nonviolent Sit-In Movement across the country, the protests played a definitive role in the fight for civil rights. In its wake, segregation of public places became illegal under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Access the Collection: <http://7008.sydneyplus.com/final/Portal/SouthernUniversity.aspx?lang=en-US>. Click on Archives – Scroll down to the three collections - Click on 1960 Sit-In Collection.

For questions regarding the 1960 Sit-In Movement collection or any other collections contact **Angela Proctor**, Head University Archivist, via email at archives@subr.edu or by phone at (225) 771-2624. **Barry Arceneaux**, Library Specialist 2, via email at barry_arceneaux@subr.edu or by phone at (225) 771-2699.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by *Susan Richard*

Peter Klubek joined the library in September as Instructor/Research Librarian. Peter was most recently at Baton Rouge Community College.

Heather Plaisance's article "Ideas for Creating a Virtual Training Program for New Library Employees" was published in *LOUIS Lagniappe*, Volume 7, Issue 1, September 28, 2020.

Zachary Stein, Sheryl Curry, Janelle Zetty, Michael Mitchell, and Scott Jordan published "Library Experiences of Technical Services and Special Collections During the COVID-19 Pandemic at Edith Garland Dupré Library, University of Louisiana at Lafayette" in *Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL*, Volume 5, Issue 4, 2020.

Cheyron Woods, et. al, published "Get With - Or at Least On - The Program: Presenting Archives to Allied Professionals" in *Archival Outlook*, September/October 2020.

Faculty of the Edith Garland Dupré Library were active participants at the LOUIS Users Conference in October. **Peter Klubek & Johannah White** (BRCC) presented "Turning on a Dime: Reworking an Information Literacy Workshop Series in the COVID Crisis." **Zachary Stein, Sheryl Curry, and Scott Jordan** presented "The Library Catalog Meets the IR: Integrating Institutional Repository Materials into EBSCO Discovery Service." **Janelle Zetty** presented "Rose is a Rose is a Rose: Creating Name Authorities for the Library of Congress."

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Alexandria, Louisiana
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Submissions accepted through November 15.
Submit your proposal online at
<https://forms.gle/1qaCieCmY4S1dSJ76>
For more information, contact the program chair,
Patricia Brown (brownpa@nsula.edu).
If you have already agreed to give your program from last year, please do not resubmit it.
Conference Chair Celise Reech-Harper has stated that, in the unfortunate circumstance that the 2021 LLA Conference not be held in-person, registrations will be refunded and an alternate virtual platform version with a corresponding registration will be offered to presenters and attendees in April 2021.
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