



# Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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## *From the desk of the Academic Section Chair*

*by Angela Dunnington*

Here we are again! After a busy fall semester with COVID protocols and the Omicron variant, I hope this message finds you, your families, and loved ones safe, healthy and well. I appreciate your role in the Academic Section as everyone continues to work during these uncertain and turbulent times.

At this time, LLA is planning to host our annual conference face-to-face in Alexandria at the Riverfront Center on July 7-9, 2022. The Academic Section will host face-to-face events and programs during the conference including a joint breakfast and business meeting with ACRL-LA, Subject Specialists, and the Preservation Group. Debbie Huntington (Northwestern State University) will be our featured speaker and will present Watson's Living Library: Everyone Has a Story. The Living Library is a unique event that brings together people who have special interests, beliefs, or experiences to speak with people from different backgrounds and share their personal story through innovative programming.

The section continues a digitization project with the History Committee to archive previous conference programs. We will be soliciting programs from members around the state through a Google Form. Watch your email for updates!

I hope to see many of you in July and learn more about the exciting work taking place within our section and throughout academic libraries around the state. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Shanna, or Caitlin, with your questions about ways you can get involved! Also feel free to post to our Section listserv ([lla-academic@lists.llaonline.org](mailto:lla-academic@lists.llaonline.org)).

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Chair



## Academic Section news



### *Deadline extended for nominations 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.

#### **PREREQUISITES:**

Must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions, a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.

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.

Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.

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.

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:**

Nomination packets are to be emailed to [lla@amigos.org](mailto:lla@amigos.org). The subject line should include the award name and name of the nominee.

Letters of nomination should include:

The full name, work address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee.

An outline of the nominee’s contributions to academic librarianship.

A list of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.

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 to original nomination must submit a new letter to renew or update the candidate’s nomination for the award.

Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award in the form of a letter via the LLA Office ([lla@amigos.org](mailto:lla@amigos.org)) no later than **April 27, 2022**.

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

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## Library news

### *Centenary College* submitted by *Christy Wrenn*

**Sharon Chevalier**, Interlibrary Loan Officer and Student Worker Supervisor, who retired on July 31, 2020, passed away on June 26, 2021. Sharon began as a Library Aide for Magale Library in 1989, 31 years ago.

**Rachel Sherman** became the new Technical Services & Interlibrary Loan Librarian on August 16th, 2021. Rachel worked previously at LSU-Shreveport. She is a recent graduate of LSU's School of Library and Information Science.

**Christy J. Wrenn**, Director of Library Operations is working on her fifth children's picture book *Olivia Claire Leona and Red Ball*. This book carries on the activities of American military family life. The book will be available later in 2022.

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### *Louisiana State University* submitted by *Marcela Reyes Ayala*

**Jazzlynn Boyd** was hired as General Liaison Librarian in January 2022.

On October 26, 2021, **Dave Comeaux**, **Leah Powell Duncan**, **Marty Miller**, and **Brittany O'Neill** presented a webinar, "Trans\* Collections Project: Assessing and Building Diverse Collections," for the Association of South-eastern Research Libraries.

**Trent Dunkin** started a new position as Institutional Repository Librarian in January 2022. Trent recently graduated with a Master of Library and Information Science in December 2021 and began working on a PhD in French Studies in January 2022.

**Amanda Hawk** published an article, "Event Planning in Special Collections: An Audubon Day Case Study," in *Codex: Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL* (Vol. 6, No. 2).

**Rebecca Kelley**, **Marty Miller** and **Marcus Spann** published an article, "So What Did You Do During the Pandemic? The Planning, Hosting and Outcomes of a Virtual Summer Research Forum," in *Codex: Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL* (Vol. 6 Issue 2).

On November 30, **Sigrid Kelsey** moderated a panel including Suzy Caleo, James Spencer, Isiah Warner, and **Sophia Ziegler**, on "Mitigating Bias in Scholarly Publishing," as part of the LSU Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion's Chat & Chew lecture series.

**Randa Morgan's** paper "Nutrition Interventions Addressing Structural Racism: A Scoping Review" was published in *Nutrition Research Reviews*.

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*Louisiana State University* (Continued from page 3)

**Brittany O'Neill** published an article, "Authority is Constructed and Contextual: Empowering Students to Navigate Privilege in Academic Publishing," in *College & Research Libraries News* (Vol. 82, No. 11). **Brittany** was appointed Vice-Chair of the ACRL Instruction Section's Peer Reviewed Instructional Materials Online Committee and elected Secretary of the RUSA History Section.

**Jessie Whitten** joined the Access Services Department in November 2021 as the Stacks Supervisor.

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## *Louisiana State University Health Shreveport* submitted by *David Duggar*

Library staff were well-represented at the virtual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, October 12-14, 2021. **Julia Esparza**, **Kathleen Bloomingdale**, and **Will Olmstadt** presented a paper "Let's Get Physical! Meeting the Accreditation and Institutional Needs of Students Through a Remodel." **David Duggar** began his term as President of the Chapter, 2021-2022. He is the fourth LSUHS Library faculty member to serve as chapter president. Other library faculty and staff assumed various appointments at the close of the meeting:

**Montié Dobbins** - Technology Co-Chair for Virtual Meeting and Medical Library Association Nominating Committee member, 2021-2022

**Sarah Jackson** - Nominating Committee member, 2021-2022

**Will Olmstadt** - Awards & Scholarships Committee member, 2021-2022

**Katie O'Bryant** - Membership Committee member, 2021-2022

**Erin Ware** - Continuing Education committee member, 2021-2022

The library celebrated National Medical Librarians Month in October. Throughout the month, they featured brief profiles of the people who make the library work. First week, they highlighted **Grace Rambo**, learning specialist, and **Connie Lawman**, access services manager. Second week, they highlighted **Will Olmstadt**, executive director, **David Duggar**, head of the liaison section, and **Erin Ware**, reference and systematic review librarian. The final week, highlighted were **Julia Esparza**, associate director, **Montié Dobbins**, Associate Director of Technical Services, **Sarah Jackson**, Education Librarian, **Katie O'Bryant**, Library Associate, Technical Services, **Locecia Wooten**, Cataloging Librarian, and **Elliott Freeman**, Research and Writing Librarian.

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## *Northwestern State University* submitted by *Anna T. McDonald*

NSU Libraries has seen a lot of change since last summer. There have been several retirements since last summer including Dr. **Patricia Brown**, former Head of Reference (Watson); **Sonny Carter**, former Digital Imaging Specialist (Watson); and **Abbie Landry**, former Director of University Libraries. There were also some resignations – folks moving on to other opportunities, including **Lisa Doss**, former Library Associate (Leesville); **Javon Jones**, former Assistant Night Manager (Watson); and **Sharon Wolff**, former Assistant Archivist (Watson). The library now has several vacancies.

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*Northwestern State University* (Continued from page 4)

They have also seen some personnel shifts and new hires at NSU Libraries! **Brent Thomas** joined Watson Library in January as the new Assistant Night Manager. **Michelle DeMattie**, formerly the Director's administrative assistant, became the new Night Manager in January. **Anna MacDonald** moved from Serials to Head of Reference/Instruction. **Kerri Christopher** began in October as Head of Serials. **Megan Lowe** joined in November as Director of University Libraries.

But for all these new and exciting changes, NSU Libraries has suffered some painful losses. **Kathy Pylant**, former Night Manager, passed away unexpectedly on November 5. Kathy Pylant obituary: [https://www.hannapub.com/franklinsun/news/obituaries/obituaries-published-nov-10-2021/article\\_829befec-418a-11ec-9ce3-575b8331baae.html](https://www.hannapub.com/franklinsun/news/obituaries/obituaries-published-nov-10-2021/article_829befec-418a-11ec-9ce3-575b8331baae.html). In January, **Mary Linn Wernet**, who had served as the Head Archivist for the Cammie G. Henry Research Center since 1988, who was in essence the CGHRC, passed away unexpectedly. Mary Linn Wernet obituary: [https://www.blanchardstedenisfuneralhome.com/obituary/mary-wernet?fb\\_id=10503](https://www.blanchardstedenisfuneralhome.com/obituary/mary-wernet?fb_id=10503). Both of these losses are felt keenly by the NSU Libraries, their communities, and beyond.

NSU Libraries have undergone and are undergoing a lot of changes. They appreciate the support and encouragement they have received from colleagues throughout the state and beyond as they experience these shifts and transitions.

On a brighter note, Watson Memorial Library will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year! There are several events planned. Keep an eye out for event announcements!

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

**Zachary Stein** published "Privacy in Public Archives: Managing Personally Identifiable Information in Special Collections," in *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*. He also published "To Remove or Not to Remove: Creating Policies for Deaccessioning," in *Archival Outlook*, November/December 2021.

Through a grant award of \$32,805, Special Collections and the Department of Criminal Justice partnered with the Angola Museum at the Louisiana State Penitentiary to digitize a large collection of photographic negatives. The photographs present a history of prison life and are especially beneficial for criminal justice students studying narrative criminology. The work was overseen by Head of Special Collections **Zachary Stein**, Dr. David Khey of the Department of Criminal Justice, and Digitization Archivist **Scott Jordan**. The images can be viewed on the Louisiana Digital Library.

**Janelle Zetty** and **Heather Plaisance** co-authored "Cross-Departmental Authority Heading Creation: A Case Study" in *Technical Services Quarterly*.

**Peter Klubek** was featured in an *Advocate* article about his artistic project that captures pandemic stories called "Zoomface2020." The online exhibit launched in December 2021 and will continue through December 2022 on [zoomface2020.com](http://zoomface2020.com).

Edith Garland Dupré Library is celebrating the *University reaching R1 designation*, the top tier of research institutions in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The library is proud to have contributed significantly to the University's research mission in this journey to R1.

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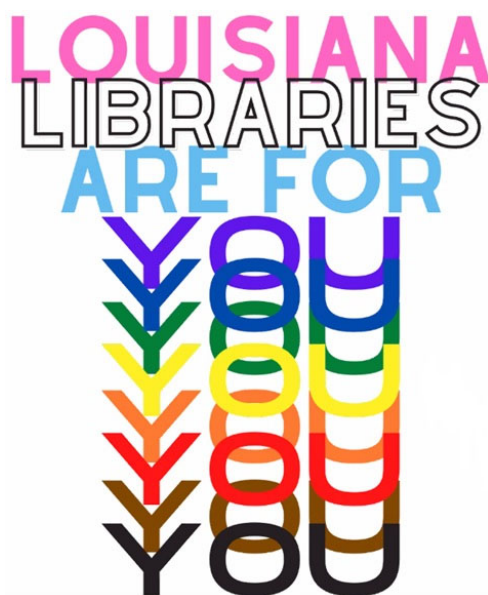
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## Save the Date!

### Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

### Alexandria, Louisiana

### July 7-9, 2022