



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the desk of the Academic Section Chair

by Caitlin Cooper

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Academic Section Chair. I'm Caitlin Cooper, a collection development librarian at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. As I write this, we've been enjoying a lovely, if still warm, October here! Fall semester is well underway and the college celebrated a century of service to the greater New Orleans community at its 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration on Friday, September 23, at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. Our library has entered a number of digitized Delgado artifacts into the Louisiana Digital Library. We have also partnered with the Professional Development Coordinator to have bibliographic instruction modules for faculty, staff, and students.

Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships in the LLA Academic Section. This academic year brings a new slate of officers. As well as myself as the new Chair, Daenel Tucker, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, is our Secretary. I also want to take a moment to thank our Past Chair, Angela Dunnington (formerly SLU, now Louisiana Tech University) for her guidance during this transition.

Plans for the LLA Annual Conference are underway. It will be in March 2023. The date to submit proposals is November 15, 2022. It is a joint LLA/SELA conference, and the theme is "Library Powers Activate." You can submit them at the link on the LLA website.

Finally, if you haven't interacted much with the Section yet, I hope you'll visit one or more of our events at the 2023 LLA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Please don't hesitate to contact me (ccooper@dcc.edu) with your questions about ways you can get involved! Also feel free to post to our Section listserv (lla-academic@lists.llaonline.org).

Caitlin Cooper, Chair

"Plans for the joint LLA/SELA Conference are underway and proposals are due November 15!"

*Caitlin Cooper
Chair*

Academic Section Breakfast & Meeting

LLA Academic Section/ACRL-LA/Subject Specialists/Preservation Interest Group

Breakfast and Meeting

Alexandria, Louisiana

Friday, July 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by LLA Academic Section Chair, Angela Dunnington, who welcomed the attendees. She announced the new section officers, Shanna Clevenger, Chair; Caitlin Cooper, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kelsye Baudoin, Secretary; and introduced *Notes & Tracings* newsletter editor, Susan Richard. She introduced Lindsey Lutgring, LSU SLIS student, who is the 2022 winner of the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award.

Angela welcomed the ACRL/LA Chair, Rebecca Kelly. Rebecca announced that Elizabeth Batte was leaving and had to step down as Vice President/President-Elect. Mike Holt will take her place as the newly elected Vice President/President-Elect. Other officers announced were Treasurer, Daniel DuPont, and Secretary, Jeanne Pavy. She reported the bylaws and web site were recently updated. She promoted their membership and professional development initiatives. Megan Lowe promoted the Virtual Summer Research Forum. The cost is \$10 for non-members and free to members of the Louisiana chapter. She also promoted *CODEX*, the online journal of ACRL/LA. Rebecca and Megan encouraged the attendees to join and volunteer for office.

Angela acknowledged Lindsey Reno as outgoing chair of the Subject Specialists. The section is looking for volunteers to run for the offices of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary. The new Chair is Erin Ware.

Angela introduced Charlene Bonnette, Chair of the Preservation Interest Group. She encouraged the attendees to join the group, which discusses preservation issues.

Angela introduced the speakers for the event, Deborah Huntington, "Watson's Living Library: Everyone has a Story." Also assisting were Megan Lowe and John Tuggle. Both Deborah and Megan are from Watson Library at Northwestern State University and John is from the Shreve Memorial Library. They spoke to the group about Watson's Living Library events, which include a discussion on a specific topic through panelists with first-hand knowledge of the topic. The Living Library panel discussions encourage dialogue and researchers can talk with or interview an individual one on one to ask questions and get a first-hand account of what that person saw or lived through. The presentation was well-received.

The session ended with door prizes being distributed.

Respectively submitted by Susan Richard, Editor, *Notes & Tracings*

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.

PREREQUISITIES:

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. 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) no later than January 15, 2023.

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

Louisiana Library Association
1190 Meramec Station Road
Suite 207
Ballwin, MO 63021

Call for Nominations - Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The Louisiana Library Association’s Academic Section and Herbie J. Thorpe, LLC are seeking applications for the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award that recognizes outstanding graduate and undergraduate library science students. The award consists of \$250 for expenses incurred attending the LLA annual conference.

PREREQUISITIES:

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.

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.

Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of the conference.

Must be a current member of LLA.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Grassroots Award Committee via the LLA Office (lla@amigos.org) no later than January 15, 2023.

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.

Library news

Centenary College *submitted by Christy Wrenn*

Patrick Morgan, Director of Library Reference & Instruction, joined the library in January. Before joining Centenary, Patrick worked as Access Services Lead Librarian and Student Success and Outreach Librarian at Savannah State University (Savannah, GA). He has published in *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, *Reference Services Review*, and *portal: Libraries and the Academy*.

Katherine “Kat” Williamson, Technical Services and Interlibrary Loan Librarian joined the library in May of 2022. Kat is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. Before joining Centenary, she was a Reference Librarian at Bossier Parish Community College. She recently proposed starting a new collection development project of building a young adult, popular fiction section that was requested by the students. It has jolted circulation numbers and proved a winner with the students! Currently, Katherine and two other librarians are working on a project that hopes to bring elements from literature review templates across disciplines together to make a concise literature review template for the LIS and Social Sciences field. She presented at LUC in October 2022 on “Item Not Found: Keeping OCLC Holding up to date and improving your ILL statistics.”

Louisiana State University *submitted by Christine Wendling*

LSU Libraries welcomed several new employees. In June, **Milad Khanlou** and **Jessie Whitten** were hired as computer analysts; **Nicolette Davis** joined as Kinesiology, Social Work, and Health Sciences Librarian; and **Cambria Huff** joined as STEM Librarian. In July, **Keerthi Chandrashekar** was hired as processing archivist. In August, **Alia Kempton** was chosen as Special Collections Outreach and Instruction Librarian. In September, **Stacy Vessel** was hired as the new business office coordinator.

Leah Duncan co-authored with Elizabeth Joan Kelly and Sophia Ziegler "Fostering Evidence-Grounded Dialogue in a Multi-Institutional Digital Library." *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice* 17, no. 2 (2022): 109-113.

This Fall, LSU Libraries is welcoming visitors to a new exhibition, “Water, Water Everywhere: Control and Consequence in Louisiana’s Coastal Wetlands,” which is on display in Hill Memorial Library now through December 21 and is free and open to the public. The exhibition tells the story of Louisiana’s relationship with water, as revealed in photographs, family papers, business records and a variety of publications that document the infinitely meandering waterways, human attempts to control them and the adversarial attitude toward the marsh embraced in the not-too-distant past. Visit lib.lsu.edu/special for more information.

LSU Libraries was one of five to receive the 2022 Catalyst Fund from LYRASIS and one of 10 awarded the American Library Association’s (ALA) 2022 Carnegie Whitney Grant. Below is more information about each of those projects.



The Libraries’ proposal, “Y’ALL Means All: Piloting a Distributed Digitization Program to Support Digital Diversity,” was awarded to facilitate a broader representation of the state’s digital cultural heritage by helping smaller institutions digitize their physical collections. LSU Libraries will work in collaboration with LSU Alexandria’s (LSUA) library to set up a digitization hub in North Louisiana that will provide digitization equipment and staff expertise to regional institutions that do not currently have access to these resources. Principal investigators on the project are **Leah Duncan**, Digital Collections Librarian; **Gabe Harrell**, Digitization Lab Manager; and **Elisa Naquin**, Metadata and Digital Strategies Librarian. Former Head of Digital Programs and Services, Sophie Ziegler, was also part of the grant proposal.

LSU Libraries’ American Library Association’s 2022 Carnegie Whitney Grant, “Blood and Thunder: The Idealized American West and Its Place Today,” will explore how the idealized myth of the West and westward expansion was used to justify the expulsion and murder of Indigenous peoples, the taking and exploitation of land and resources for economic gains and the exclusion of minority

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groups who were perceived as infringing on the rights and resources deemed exclusive to Anglo settlers. It will use the stories and experiences of those who have been historically excluded to paint a fuller picture of the dominant historical narrative. This is the third time that the lead researchers for the project, **Hayley Johnson** and **Sarah Simms**, have been awarded this grant.

LSU Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

The library launched their new website on Monday, June 13, 2022. The library is using TDNet. The new website's URL is libraryshv.lsuhs.edu.

Sarah Jackson, Education Librarian, authored a book review of *Transforming Health Sciences Library Spaces* (Campbell 2019) in Volume 41 Issue 1 (2022) of *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*.

In March, the library welcomed **Kenya Iverson** as the access services manager. Most recently, Kenya was a project manager for Shreve Memorial Library Support Center.

Also in March, **David Duggar**, Head of the Library Liaison Program, and Dr. Johanna Boulton, Associate Professor of Communication Disorders, presented the poster "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders Journals: Update on a Replication Study and Beyond," at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions Research Night.

Julia Esparza, Associate Director, has been named a recipient of the 2022 President's Award from the Medical Library Association (MLA). The President's Award is given to an MLA member, selected by the association's officers and Board of Directors, for a notable or important contribution made during the past association year. Julia was recognized for her role in co-authoring "Partner with Hospital Librarians to Improve Patient Care," an advocacy statement aimed at hospital administrators to encourage ongoing funding and support of hospital libraries and their staffs. Julia was also approved for Level 2 of the Consumer Health Information Specialization of the Medical Library Association. Level 2 is the highest level and represents the completion of 12 additional continuing education hours in health literacy, technology, and the ethical provision of information to the public.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the library hosted two visits by the therapy dogs in March and April. March's "De-Stress with Therapy Dogs" had four dogs and over 55 attendees. April's "Afternoon with a Therapy Dog" had three dogs and 45 attendees.

Several librarians were active at the recent national Medical Library Association (MLA) conference in New Orleans. **Julia Esparza**, as part of the 10-member Hospital Library Advocacy Team, was awarded the Medical Library Association's President's Award for the recognition of their work developing the *Partner with Hospital Librarians to Improve Patient Care* statement. Assistant Director, **Montié Dobbins**, was a member of the 2022 Local Assistance Committee and provided information at the Hospitality Booth. **David Duggar** and **Montié** were part of a team presenting the sixth immersion session of the conference, "Cultivating Member Engagement the Armadillo Way: A Practical Guide for Chapters and Caucuses."

Additionally, "The Big Not-So-Easy: A Symposium on 21st Century Health Sciences Collection Development & Resource Sharing" was held during the conference as six sessions over three days. **Montié Dobbins** was the speaker for Session 4, "Staying Ahead of the Future: Developing Your Library's Collection Philosophy and Policy." **Julia Esparza** was the moderator of a four-member panel for Session 6, "From Selecting to Weeding: Getting 'Hands-On' with Tools That Help Resources Become a Collection." **Will Olmstadt**, Library Director, was a member of the 2022 National Program Committee, responsible for planning the meeting.

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Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

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Erin Ware and **David Duggar** presented the poster “Bringing Graphic Medicine to Our Students: How It Worked for Us and Can for You” at the LLA Annual Conference in Alexandria in July.

In July, **Kenya Iverson** began her term as 2nd Vice-President of the Louisiana Library Association.

Erin Ware and **Sarah Jackson** presented “Escaping the Mundane with an Escape Room” for the New Orleans Information Literacy Collective, held virtually in August.

In September, several library faculty enjoyed a busy and productive South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) annual meeting in Houston.

Erin Ware was a panelist in the “Love Your Library Liaison” portion of the full-day *Learning to Teach: Voices from the Field CE Symposium*, and **Julia Esparza** was the moderator for the “Teaching in the Clinical Environment” portion during the full-day symposium.

Julia Esparza, **Montié Dobbins**, **David Duggar**, **Erin Ware**, and others presented a paper, “Using a Virtual Escape Room to Assess Epidemiological and Biostatistical Concepts before STEP 1.” This paper tied for first place in “Papers” for the Elizabeth K. Eaton Research Award.

Montié Dobbins, **David Duggar**, and others presented “Immerse Yourself: Preparing an MLA Immersion Session from Proposing to Planning to Presenting.”

Julia Esparza, **Erin Ware**, and others presented “Mapping Labor and Delivery or Birthing Centers and Neonatal Services Associated with Hospital Services in Six States.”

Montié Dobbins, **David Duggar**, and others presented “Cultivating Membership Engagement: SCC’s Immersion Session at MLA 2022.”

Erin Ware presented a poster “Attempting to Develop Sustainable Systematic Review Services During a Pandemic: Successes, Lessons, Pitfalls, and Ongoing Work.”

Julia Esparza facilitated a round table “Providing Students with a Way to Decompress: What Works and What Doesn't.”

Will Olmstadt co-presented a poster as a virtual only presentation, available in October after the annual meeting, “In Your Own Words: Designing a Brief Online Plagiarism Intervention for Graduate Students.”

Erin Ware was elected as incoming Vice-President of the Hospital Library Interest Section of the SCC/MLA and **Julia Esparza** was elected as incoming Chapter Council Representative for SCC/MLA to the Medical Library Association.

LLA Academic Section Listserv

Have a question for the membership? Want to post a vacant position? Always feel free to post messages to our section listserv! The listserv address is...

lla-academic@lists.llaonline.org

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Louisiana Tech *submitted by Angela Dunnington*

This Fall, Prescott Memorial Library welcomed some new employees and personnel changes. In August, **Vicky Teal** was hired as a Library Specialist 3 in User Services. In September, **Robin Goertz** was hired as a Library Specialist 3 in Research Services. Before joining the Research Services team, Robin served as a Library Specialist in Serials. In October, **Marydel Cates**, Library Specialist 3 moved from Cataloging to Serials.

Boris Teske was appointed to the LOUIS Strategic Planning Working Group, and **Tanya Arant** was appointed to the LOUIS Professional Development Working Group.

Jeffrey Stepp was selected to be a cohort librarian leader on the Connecting the Pipeline: Libraries, OER, and Dual Enrollment from Secondary to Postsecondary grant. A 1.3 million project funded by LOUIS and the Institute of Library and Museum Services, will share a model for connecting open educational resources (OER) between secondary to postsecondary institutions within a library context. Selected participants will gain additional depth knowledge about OER publishing and course design.

Congratulations to the honorees of our faculty and staff service awards, Business Librarian, **Sue McFadden** (55 years); **Education Librarian**, Lynell Buckley (50 years); and **Information Technology Coordinator**, Will Lancaster (20 years).

Government Documents celebrated Constitution Day with a physical display and giveaways, such as pocket Constitutions and other items.

Northwestern State University *submitted by Anna T. MacDonald*

At LitCon: A Celebration of the Humanities, April 8, 2022, **Dr. Megan Lowe**, Director of University Libraries, presented “Selections from I-20 Lullaby: A Collection of Poems.” **Anna Tapia MacDonald**, Head of Information Literacy, Library Instruction, & Reference, presented “Louisiana Spaces, Lost Places, and Wanderings in Italy-through Paintings and Photographs.”

The Department of English, Languages, and Cultural Studies along with librarians, **Anna Tapia MacDonald**, **Debbie Huntington**, and **Kerri Christopher**, collaborated during Banned Book Week, September 18-24, 2022, by reading excerpts from books that have either been banned or challenged within libraries and classrooms. Louisiana’s Poet Laureate, Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy, also read one of her works that has been banned. The event was held in the Student Union and encouraged students to write postcards in support of Louisiana librarian, Amanda Jones.

On September 30th, Alpha Beta Alpha, the National Library Fraternity that was established by Eugene P. Watson hosted an Open House for a membership drive. The Alpha Chapter’s moderators, **Anna Tapia MacDonald**, **Debbie Huntington**, and **Michael Matthews** provided refreshments, and answered questions about the organizations mission, upcoming events, and future opportunities.

On October 4th, **Debbie Huntington**, Head of Collection Development and Cataloging, held **Watson’s Living Library: Everyone Has A Story**, the 5th panel discussion on Faith, Religion, & Spirituality with representation of the following: Humanist, Baptist, Catholic, Full Gospel, Jewish, Lutheran, and Muslim. It was held in the NSU TV Studio and was open to the NSU and Natchitoches community.

At the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC 2022), **Anna Tapia MacDonald**, Head of Information Literacy, Library Instruction, & Reference, presented “Creating Student Engagement Through Collaboration and Outreach: Random Snacks of Kindness!?” Also at LUC, **Dr. Megan Lowe**, Director of University Libraries, served on a panel regarding institutional repository practices in the state; Dr. Lowe is the chair of the Institutional Repository Working Group for LOUIS. Dr. Lowe will also be presenting “Going in Gentle: Trauma-Informed Leadership Takeaways from the Literature” and giving a Lightning Talk on “Watson’s Living Library Collection: Everyone Has a Story.”

Library news

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Susan Richard

Congratulations to several of Dupré Library faculty and staff. **Tiffany Ellis**, Head of User Engagement and Instruction Librarian, has been promoted to Senior Instructor. **Heather Plaisance**, Interim Assistant Dean for Public Services/Head of Reference & Research Services, has been promoted to Associate Professor and has earned Tenure with the University. **Laurie Vanderbrook** was recently named Interim IT Coordinator/IT Specialist.

Dupré Library welcomed several new employees, **Jaime Bergeron** is a Library Specialist in the Ernest J. Gaines Center. **Reese Benoit** and **Andrea “Drea” Broussard** are both Visiting Instructors. Reese is an Instructor/Instruction Librarian and Drea is an Instructor/Research & Instruction Librarian.

Tiffany Ellis, Instructor and Head of User Engagement, and **Peter Klubek**, Instructor and Research Librarian, presented at the LOUIS Users Conference in October 2022. Their presentation was titled "Outreach, Creativity and You: Based on the True-Life Story of Dupré Library and an Arts and Culture Collective."

Peter Klubek was honored as the recipient of the Deborah Pratt Curtiss International Visual Literacy Association Conference Artist Scholarship. The award allowed him to attend the 2022 IVLA Conference in Jyväskylä, Finland. IVLA is a professional organization of librarians, archivists, artists, and historians interested in the documentation, preservation, and presentation of visual materials and resources. Peter also had artwork featured in two exhibitions, a solo show at the NUNU Arts & Culture Collective in Arnaudville, LA, titled "I Have One of Those Faces," and the other "Sands of Time" was part of a group show in UL's Fletcher Hall Gallery titled "12 x 12 SPARK Exhibition and Auction."

Zack Stein, Assistant Professor and Head of Special Collections, and **Sandy Himel**, Associate Professor and Head of Government Information and CCMC Librarian, published "Commemorating 'Belizaire the Cajun'" in *The Southwestern Archivist*, 45(2), 28-29, 2022. **Zack** co-presented with Zach Tompkins (LSU) "To Dispose and To Keep: Records Management Practices at Two Louisiana Universities" at the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting in Houston, TX, on May 19, 2022. **Zack** also served as a panelist discussing "Perspectives on Institutional Repositories" at the LOUIS Users Conference in October 2022. Also, **Zack** has successfully defended his dissertation proposal. **Zack's** proposal is titled, *The Impact of Digital Archives on Scholarship and Universities: A Multiple Case Study of Digital Archives Support in Research 1 Universities*.

Zack Stein and **Scott Jordan**, Instructor and Digitization Archivist, along with their co-author, David Khey (UL Criminal Justice) recently published a book chapter on the Angola project they have been working on for the past year. The chapter is titled "Archives and the Incarceral State: The Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola Museum Project" can be found in C. L. Forbes (Ed.), *Academic Libraries and Collaborative Research Support Services* published in 2022 by Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group.

Janelle Zetty, Assistant Professor and Head of Cataloging, served as a panelist at the LOUIS Users Conference. The panel discussed "Planting, Maintenance, and Weeding the Catalog Garden: Maintaining Library Collections from a Technical Services Perspective." She shared various cataloging projects completed and ongoing at Dupré Library.

Dupré Library was awarded a grant from Little Free Library to cover the cost of official charter signs for three Little Library locations around campus. **Tiffany Ellis**, Head of User Engagement, has been busy with set up and stocking the libraries with a variety of books.

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. In addition to the traveling exhibition, the library received a grant to support public programs. The exhibit will be on display at the library, along with a series of related special events, from November 9-December 8.

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