



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by Caitlin Cooper

Happy Summer from your Academic Section Chair, Caitlin Cooper. I hope everyone is basking in the AC and has their hurricane plans together. LLA is hosting our annual conference face-to-face in Baton Rouge at the Capitol Hilton, July 6-8. I hope to see you all there! I will be presenting about the partnership with our professional development coordinator for bibliographic instruction to faculty and staff with my colleague, Dustin Dirickson.

If you haven't interacted much with the Section yet, I hope you'll visit one or more of the events at the 2023 LLA Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, though we won't be having an Academic Breakfast this year, there will certainly be Academic programming.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, Janelle, or Daenel with your questions about ways you can get involved! Also feel free to post to our Section [listserv](#).

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I hope to see many of you next month and learn more about the exciting work taking place within our section and throughout academic libraries around the state.

Caitlin Cooper
Chair



Academic Section news

Remember to register for the *LLA Annual Conference!*

Early Bird Registration before June 3rd:**Member - \$100****Non-Member - \$200****Standard Registration June 4 - June 24th:****Member - \$150****Non-Member - \$250****Single Day Registration May 14 - June 24th:****Member - \$75****Non-Member - \$100****Registration closes June 24th at 5:00pm CST****On-Site Registration at Conference July 6th - 8th:****Full Conference - \$250****Single Day - \$100**

About the Academic Section

Purpose:

The mission of the Academic Section is to provide a network for the exchange of ideas, to enhance leadership for college and university libraries, and to promote study and research relevant to academic libraries.

Officers:

Chair; Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Secretary.

Committees:

Awards

Conference Programs

Grants

Publications

Publications:

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LLA Annual Conference:

Conference information can be found on the conference webpage (<https://llaonline.org/Academic-Section>)

Awards:

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

Grassroots Grant for Library Student to Attend Conference

Activities:

- Holds Annual Section Meeting at LLA Annual Conference
- Sponsors continuing education programs on topics of interest to academic libraries
- Co-sponsors a meal with ACRL-LA, Subject Specialist Section/Preservation Interest Group at the LLA Annual Conference

Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

Pre-register for conference events

****SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

9:00am - 4:00pm (Preregistration Required)

- *Anti-Racism and You: Part 2*

Hosted by John Tuggle and led by Dr. Michael Hicks

Members - \$30 or Non-Members - \$45

9:00am - 12:00pm (Preregistration Required)

- *What Would You Do? Library Safety and Security*

LaSSAL

Members - \$30 or Non-Members - \$45

1:00pm - 4:00pm (Preregistration Required)

- *What's My Floor Plan Telling Me?*

Presented by Patricia Husband

Off-site at River Center Branch Library

Members - \$30 or Non-Members - \$45

6:00pm - 8:00pm

- *Exhibits Ribbon Cutting and Reception*

CONFERENCE EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

8:00am - 8:50am (Preregistration Required)

- *GODORT Breakfast*

Members - \$18 or Non-Members - \$23

12:00pm - 1:30pm (Preregistration Required)

- *Public/Trustee Luncheon*

Members - \$35 or Non-Members - \$45

6:00pm - 8:00pm (No cost - Preregistration Required)

- *Awards Celebration*

CONFERENCE EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

8:00am- 9:00am (No cost with Registration)

- *Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall*

12:00pm - 1:15pm (Preregistration Required)

- *LASL Boxed Lunch and Bingo*

Members - \$25 or Non-Members - \$25

Delgado Community College submitted by Caitlin Cooper

Tim Stamm, Dean of Libraries, has transferred materials from the now-closed Charity location to the City Park campus. Most of the nursing library materials are housed in the main location at City Park and there is a whole new suite of study rooms. Also, the new nursing building at City Park is gorgeous.

Library employees will begin working 4, 10-hour days a week during summer session which started May 31, 2023. They look forward to serving the students coming in for the summer session.

The May graduation ceremony was held on May 16 and a total of 1,404 degrees, diplomas, and certificates were conferred to the graduates, including those who have completed multiple programs. The Commencement Speaker was Ann Duplessis, Senior Vice President, Liberty Bank and Trust/President and CEO, Duplessis Real Estate Group LLC.

Library news

Louisiana State University submitted by *Christine Wendling*

LSU Libraries welcomed two new employees in the last quarter. In January, **Elizabeth Allen** joined Research and Instruction Services as the Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian. In February, **Matthew LeBlanc** joined Technology Initiatives as the technology support manager.

Mitchell Fontenot, Humanities & Social Sciences/Outreach Librarian, was elected as Treasurer-Elect of the Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) this April. LIRT is a roundtable of the American Library Association that empowers librarians to become better teachers through sharing best practices, leadership and professional development, and networking. On March 22, Mitchell presented, “Database Search Techniques Related to SLHRD,” at the LSU School of Leadership & Human Resource Development’s Colloquium.

This February, **Mike Holt**, Head of Research and Instruction Services, co-authored, “Did COVID-19 Change Patron Format Preferences? A Multi-year Study of Patron Format Preferences at Two Universities,” in the journal *Collection Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01462679.2023.2176392>

On April 13, **Marty Miller**, Art & Design Librarian, presented, “Building a Non-Textbook Visual Literacy OER: Methods and H5P Activities Used,” at the HEROE-S Forum 2023 at LSU.

LSU Shreveport submitted by *Abigail DeSoto McCoy*

Noel Memorial Library would like to congratulate **Kaci Wilson** for being a recipient of the Louisiana State University Shreveport 2023 Outstanding Faculty Award for Research and Creativity. Kaci serves as the STEM Librarian, where she assists students and faculty with research consultations and information literacy instruction. She has worked hard for the past two years to integrate research with application. She has touched on topics such as basic data visualization and literacy in library instruction, library anxiety, first year experience, GA engagement in a COVID environment, and interactive exhibits. Her research has resulted in book chapters, presentations, and engaging workshops and exhibits. Kaci’s creativity in integrating scholarship and application has been an asset to the students and faculty of LSUS, in addition to the field of librarianship.

Louisiana Tech University submitted by *Angela Dunnington*

Sandra Dupree, Library Specialist, has been named a recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Staff Member Award from the University of Louisiana System. The Universities of Louisiana Outstanding Staff Award recognizes a staff member from the University of Louisiana System who accomplishes exceptional achievements in their job assignment, supports their university’s mission, and makes significant service contributions at their university or within their community. Sandra was recognized for her exceptional contributions to Louisiana Tech University and the surrounding communities. The award was presented to Sandra on March 27 by UL System President Dr. Jim Henderson during the 2023 Universities of Louisiana “For Our Future Conference” in Lake Charles.

In May, **Kathryn Meyers** joined User Services as their new evening/weekend library specialist.

In April, the library hosted a spring open mic night with Louisiana Tech’s Poetry Society and the International

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Library news

Louisiana Tech University submitted by *Angela Dunnington*

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English Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta. Students presented original poems, lyric poems, and poems by their favorite authors.

Prescott Memorial Library hosted several events during National Library Week including the Black Student Union Table Talks, College of Education Science of Reading grant reveal, Shakespeare's birthday celebration, poem in your pocket day and a Lunch n' Learn: Resources for Research event. The week also featured a photo backdrop and poetry wall.

The library celebrated National Preservation Month with glimpses into Louisiana Tech's history courtesy of the University Archives.

In honor of National Mental Health Awareness Month, the library partnered with Counseling Services to provide students with pamphlets on how to cope with stress, depression, and to find out what students can gain from their office.

Northwestern State University submitted by *Anna T. MacDonald*

University Libraries at Northwestern State University rededicated the Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library to mark the end of the 50th anniversary year. Library faculty and staff joined library users on Monday, April 24 in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center to celebrate the history of the library as well as the leadership and contributions of the library's namesake, Eugene P. Watson. Dr. Watson served as University Library of Northwestern State University from 1940 until his passing in 1964. He was the founder of Alpha Beta Alpha, the first national undergraduate library science fraternity. **Dr. Megan Lowe** delivered opening remarks, followed by Head Archivist **Donna Baker** who provided the historical background. The event was planned as part of National Library Week.

Dr. Megan Lowe, Director of University Libraries, has been named the UL System OER Content Expert. UL System folks should keep an eye out for programming this summer! Dr. Lowe also presented at LitCon: A Celebration of the Humanities and the 36th Annual Research Day at Northwestern State University. Additionally, Dr. Lowe presented at the ACRL-Arts Section Panel: Getting Started in Research and Publishing, the BOR eLearning Conference, and the UL System Conference panel on resilience in March.

Kerri Christopher, Serials and Media Department Head, gave a 15-minute presentation during the 36th Annual Research Day at Northwestern State University of Louisiana entitled "Electronic Resource Management in Libraries: What Do Electronic Resource Librarians Do?"

Debbie Huntington, Head of Collection Development & Cataloging, presented to the Rotary Club of Natchitoches on Tuesday, February 28th, about the upcoming *Living Library* events. Dr. Lowe and Debbie Huntington participated in a "Listen with LOUIS" podcast on March 3, 2023, about *Watson's Living Library* and its mission, goals, and both past and future events.

The 6th *Living Library* titled *What It Means to be an NSU Athlete*, was held on Tuesday, April 18th, with two panels of current and past student-athletes as well as coaches.

Anna T. MacDonald, Head of Information Literacy, Library Instruction, & Reference, submitted a photo that was selected for the cover of the January edition of the LOUIS Lagniappe Newsletter. Additionally, she presented an original children's story entitled *Jai Lai the Shadow Dancer*, at LitCon: A Celebration of the Humanities. Also, she presented to the Rotary Club of Natchitoches and assisted with visitor registration at the ULS Academic Summit, held at Northwestern State University in April.

Sherri Voebel, Assistant Professor and Liaison to the Northwestern State University College of Nursing & Allied Health (CONSAH), received technology grant monies for a virtual reality and augmented reality software and equipment project. The pilot study will evaluate Oculus self-contained 3D headsets and nursing immersion learning software to improve student learning outcomes. She seeks internal interprofessional support and additional funding based on positive measurable training outcomes. The NSULA CONSAH Library is located at the NSU Shreveport campus.

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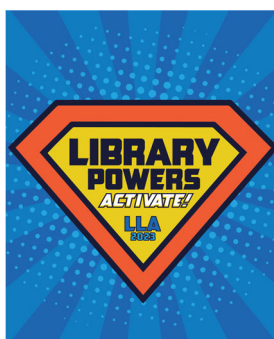
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University of Louisiana at Lafayette *submitted by Susan Richard*

Sheryl Curry, Assistant Dean for Technical Services, retired on June 1 after 36 years at the University Libraries. Sherry was originally hired as an instructor in the Reference Department and through the years was promoted to different ranks, earned tenure, and retired as an Associate Professor. She also served as editor of the Book Review Column for *Louisiana Libraries*. Sherry made many outstanding contributions to the library and to the library profession.

Zachary Stein, Head of Special Collections, successfully defended his dissertation and graduated from UL Lafayette on May 13 with a doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) with a Higher Education Administration Concentration. His hooding ceremony was held on May 11. The title of his dissertation is *The Impact of Digital Archives on Scholarship and Universities: A Multiple Case Study of Digital Archives Support in Research 1 Universities*. Zack's committee chair was Dianne Olivier, UL Lafayette Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Christopher Giroir, UL Lafayette College of Education, **Cheyron Woods**, UL Lafayette Ernest J. Gaines Center, and Edward Benoit III, LSU School of Information Studies.

In April, Zack was part of a panel discussion at the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting called "Diversifying the Archives: Archival Projects Delivered Through a Diverse Lens." He discussed the library's archives project of bolstering representation of Acadiana's LGBTQ+ community through collections, lectures, and oral histories. He was also part of a panel discussion on May 9 for the Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration, representing the Jewish community.



See you in Baton Rouge!

Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

Hilton Capitol Center

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

July 6-8, 2023