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Van Viator, Chair

Chair's Corner

by
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We have a great slate of individuals running for the upcoming LLA Academic Section election.

Running for vice chair/chair elect are Jeremy Landry of Nicholls State and Michael Russo of LSU. Melinda Matthews of UL Monroe and Betsy Miguez of UL Lafayette will be running for secretary.

I have also appointed individuals for the following Academic Section committees:

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award:

Dinah Williams
UL Monroe, Chair

Melinda Matthews
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Beate Kukainis
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Thanks so much to these individuals for volunteering to serve.

I will be attending the ACRL-La Conference in Many, on November 6-7, representing LLA.

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Candidates for Office



1st Vice President
Jackie Choate, Vermilion Parish
Robin Toms, Jackson Parish

2nd Vice President
Christy Reeves, State Library
Van Viator, Nicholls

Secretary
Catherine Martin Brooks, Univ. Terrace Elementary
Clay Robertson, West Carroll Parish

Parliamentarian
Linda Newman Cox, Northwestern
Judith Haydel, UL Lafayette

Chair's Corner *cont.*

We have an impressive lineup of sessions for the upcoming conference in Monroe. They will deal with the following topics:

- 1) Library-Faculty Collaboration.
- 2) Reinventing Library Management.
- 3) How to Best Use SOLINET and Connexion.
- 4) Report Cards for University of Louisiana System Libraries.
- 5) Securing your PC.
- 6) Louisiana Library Consortia: What Can We Do For You?
- 7) Simplification of Technical Services Processes.
- 8) A-Z of the Acquisition and Processing of Nonprint Materials.
- 9) Cybercemetery: Final Resting Place for Federal Agencies.

It promises to be an informative and interesting conference. Hope to see you there.

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Library News

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanie Douglas Chavis has been promoted to dean of the Learning Resources Center. Prior to her promotion, she served as associate dean of the Learning Resources Center. She will be responsible for spearheading the new 80,000 square foot Learning Resources Center building project which will house a full service state-of-the-art library, academic learning center, 400 seat theater, open computer labs and a multitude of media, electronic learning, conference and study areas.

Jacqueline Jones is the new head of reference and information services. She has over 23 years in library service experience to include a wealth of knowledge in reference and public services, ILL and lending and archives. She is currently developing a new state-of-the-art archive center which will be housed in the new LRC.

Samantha David is the new library serials supervisor. She is a recent graduate of the LSU School of Library and Information Science. David will revamp the college's policies and procedures for the collection development, purchase and acquisition of all serials for the college community.

BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kim Pullen is the new reference librarian. She is a graduate of the LSU School of Library and Information Sci-

ence and was previously with the Shreve Memorial Library system.



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Paul Kelsey, agriculture librarian, and **Tom Diamond**, head of reference services, published "Establishing a Core List of Journals for Forestry: A Citation Analysis from Faculty at Southern Universities" in *College & Research Libraries* 64 (2003): 357-377.

Paul Kelsey and **Sigrid Kelsey**, electronic reference services/ web development coordinator, edited "Outreach Services in Academic and Special Libraries" to be published by Haworth Press in 2004 (a monograph published simultaneously as *The Reference Librarian*, Vol. 39, No. 82).

Peggy Chalaron, head of education resources, was a contributor to *The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Volume 6, Social Sciences (GV-Recreation)* and *Volume 7, Political Science, Law, Education (L-Education)* to be published by The Best Books, Inc. in 2003.

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Barbara Wittkopf, reference/instruction librarian, published "Resource Sharing in Louisiana." It was reprinted in: Miller, William and Rita M. Pellen, eds. *Cooperative Efforts of Libraries*. New York: Haworth Press, 2003, pp.103-120.

Natalie Palermo, systems librarian for the LSU Libraries, gave the following presentations at the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC), September 11-12, 2003: GUI Standalone Client and Unicorn 9XX Order Loading. **Natalie Palermo** and **Dana Taylor**, head of serials services, presented "EDI & The Power of Three: The LSU Experience" at the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) September 11-12, 2003.

John M. Anderson, head of the Cartographic Information Center, presented "Picking up the Pieces: Cartographic Support to Nation Rebuilding after World War Two" at the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) annual meeting, October 9, 2003, Jacksonville, FL. At the same conference, **Andrew Curtis** and John Anderson presented "(Re) Animating the Dead: Issues in Converting Historical Cartographic and Text Information for a GIS for Disease Spread Analysis" and "Reconstructing the New Orleans Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1878: Spatially Analyzing and Visualizing Disease Spread with a GIS."

Nancy Colyar, assistant dean for library systems, has been appointed chair of the LALINC Research & Development Committee, 2003-2004.

Tom Diamond has been appointed chair of the LALINC Information

Literacy Committee, 2003-2004.

Jane Kleiner, associate dean of libraries for collection services, has been appointed chair of the LALINC Electronic Resources Committee, 2003-2004. She is a member of the Advisory Council for the Centers for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and she is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Faculty & Special Memberships Committee, 2003-2004.

Melanie Sims, reference assistant coordinator, is a continuing member of the LALINC Digital Reference Committee, 2002-2004.

Barbara Wittkopf has been appointed to the Undergraduate Education Study Group by Chancellor Emmert and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Palm. She serves as chair of the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees, she is on the Improvement of Instruction Committee for the LSU Faculty Senate, and she has been appointed as consulting editor for a social work journal, *New Global Development*.

Elaine Smyth, curator of special collections, has been elected vice chair/chair elect of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Mark E. Martin, assistant curator for image resources for special collections, is now chair of the Society of American Archivists' (SAA) Visual Materials Cataloging and Access Roundtable (VMCAR). He has been elected as vice chair/chair elect of SAA's Visual Materials Section (VM) and he has been

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elected a board member of the Society of Southwest Archivists (SSA).

Tara Laver, assistant curator for special collections, was elected to the Society of Southwest Archivists' Scholarship Committee and reappointed as an at-large representative on the steering committee of the Society of American Archivists' Description Section.

Natalie Palermo, systems librarian, was appointed as Unicorn System administrator in July, 2003.

Maureen Olle, head of the government documents department, was elected chair of the Louisiana Federal Depository Council, 2003-2004.

Marsha Arrighi, head of CD/acquisitions services, was awarded one of twelve "Boss of the Summer" awards for the LSYOU program on the LSU campus.

Mark Sanders has been hired as outreach services librarian. Sanders earned his MLS from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Paul Hrycaj has been hired as reference/instruction librarian. Hrycaj earned his MLS from Syracuse University.

John Dubuisson has been hired as reference/instruction librarian. Dubuisson earned his MLIS from the University of Alabama.

The LSU Libraries is pleased to announce the creation of two new tools to help researchers using Louisiana newspapers. The Webindex for Louisiana Newspapers at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/lnp/webindex.html> provides chronological and by parish searching capabilities.

Family Trees for Louisiana Newspapers at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/lnp/familytrees.html> provides a handy graphic representation of publishing history of each newspaper listed.

The **Chancellor's Distinguished Lectureship Series** will be hosted by the US Civil War Center. The talk, by Edward L. Ayers, is entitled "The Civil War at Eye Level: An Experiment in History." Ayers is dean of the college of Arts & Sciences at the University of Virginia and is the winner of the 2001 e-Lincoln Prize for "Valley of the Shadow: The Eve of War" (CD ROM). The lecture will held on Thursday, October 30, 2003, 3:30p.m. at the Energy, Coast & Environment Building auditorium on the LSU Campus, Nicholson Drive Extension. The event is free and open to the public.



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA

Jules Tate, director of library services, attended the joint conference of the American Library Association (ALA) and Canadian Library Association (CLA) in Toronto, Canada in June 2003. While there, he also attended meetings as ALA unit representative to the Freedom

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to Read Foundation and as member of the Standards Committee of the College Libraries Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. He was recently appointed to the LLA Scholarships Committee and, by the mayor of Alexandria, to the Alexandria Human Relations Commission.

Debra Rollins, assistant librarian, also attended the ALA/CLA joint conference. Rollins is a member of the ALA Library Instruction Round Table committee which addresses issues dealing with the high school to college transition. In this capacity, she spoke on this topic in a panel of three librarians to the Independent Schools Section of the American Association of School Librarians. Rollins is a representative to the Louisiana Federal Depository Library Commission and has been appointed to chair the Louisiana Library Association's A. M. Benoit Mid-Career Award committee.

Rusty Gaspard, who has served as a reference assistant for the last academic year, completed his Master of Library and Information Science degree at Louisiana State University this summer. He has been appointed to the library faculty at the rank of assistant librarian and will have responsibility for the reference desk, interlibrary loan and assist with information literacy instruction.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

The library's new web site address is: library.mcneese.edu ("www" is not needed).

Dan Kammer joined the library faculty on July 1, 2003, as reference librarian. Kammer recently graduated with a masters degree in Information Resources & Library Science from the University of Arizona.

Kevin Hastings-Merriman has been selected as collection management librarian, effective November 1, 2003. Hastings-Merriman comes to McNeese from Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He has professional experience in the retail book trade.

Alan Harms, former reference and collection management librarian, retired on June 30, 2003, after 26 years of service. Harms and his wife have relocated to Hendersonville, North Carolina.

McNeese Library will host the LALINC Fall Membership Meeting, October 30-31.

The Archives & Special Collections Department, in conjunction with university departments of Mass Communications and History, plus the Lake Charles Mayor's Armed Forces Committee, has partnered with the Library of Congress and its American Folklife Center in the Veterans History Project. Its mission is to collect and transcribe the memories, accounts, and documents of war veterans from World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars.

The Archives & Special Collections Department will launch a new project to collect the papers of past and current state legislators from southwest Louisiana.

An Internet wiring project is underway in the library. When completed, it will

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increase Internet connectivity and improve computer response times.

Libraries Southwest Annual Author Dinner will be held on November 4, 2003, at Pats of Henderson Restaurant in Lake Charles. Featured guest speaker is Ronda Rich, author of *My Life in the Pits* and *What Southern Women Know*.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

The Howard-Tilton Library has received a federal grant to fund the Knowledge Center, a new program that provides outreach services to New Orleans Public Schools teachers. The Knowledge Center is part of a non-profit corporation, Online Louisiana, jointly sponsored by Tulane and LSU. Through the project, teachers will receive access to databases, curriculum resources and reference help from Tulane librarians. A Web portal designed for the Knowledge Center will utilize digital reference technologies that connect librarians with the teachers in real time. Penny Hecker has been appointed to the Knowledge Center librarian position and began on June 1. For further information on the Knowledge Center, contact Penny at 504-247-1260; or see the Web site at <http://olkc.tulane.edu>.

Paul St-Pierre has been appointed science reference librarian beginning September 2. St-Pierre was formerly at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario.

Leon C. Miller, manuscripts librarian, presented "A Comparison of Archival and Records Management Certification

Programs" at the meeting of the Greater New Orleans Association of Records Managers and Administrators. Miller presented "The Allure of Wine and Cheese: Exhibits and the Dilettante Ethic" in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Ashley Bonnette, bibliographic instruction/distance learning librarian, presented the results of her research project concerning library mentoring at the ALA conference in Toronto, Canada, this summer. The research was sponsored by a grant entitled *Upward Mobility of Library Leaders for Under-represented Population: Promoting Mentoring among Minorities*. The grant was funded by the ALA Office of Diversity.

Ashley Bonnette has been selected to serve as assistant librarian aboard the *S.S. Universe Explorer* on the Spring 2004 voyage of Semester at Sea. The program is sponsored by the Institute for Shipboard Education and the University of Pittsburgh. It constitutes a full semester of undergraduate education. Bonnette will work in the ship's 13,000+ volume library during the 15-week program. She will also participate in the various field/port programs at ten port cities around the world. Bonnette will ship out from the Bahamas on January 13 and is scheduled to return to Seattle, Washing-

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ton, on April 26, 2004.

Judith Haydel has joined the reference department as general reference librarian. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Master's Degree in English, all from UNO. She taught Political Science at UL Lafayette for two years and at McNeese State University for sixteen years. She received an MLIS from LSU in June 2002, having completed the entire curriculum through distance education, a first for her as well as for LSU's School of Library and Information Science. Judith contributed the entry "John Appleton, Chief Judge of Maine" to *Great American Judges: An Encyclopedia*, which was published this year (2003) by ABC-CLIO.

David Stokes, gifts and development librarian, has been appointed to the LaLINC Preservation Committee to serve from 2003-2005.



UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

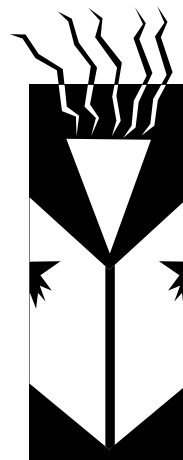
Deborah Rhue was recently hired as science reference librarian. Rhue received her MLIS degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May of 2003. Her most recent position while finishing her degree was working as a graduate assistant at the Grainger Engineering Library and Information Center.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Gennice King, long-time head of public services, was asked to serve as associate director. Along with assisting the director in supervising faculty and staff, she will continue to direct the library literacy instruction program and will take on additional responsibility in collection development.

Adrienne Webber, who joined the faculty last year as reference/outreach librarian, is now assistant director of access services. Her duties include oversight of reference, circulation, government documents, interlibrary loan, microforms, stack maintenance, and outreach services.

Jason Clabaugh, formerly head of library systems, is now assistant director for library technology. Along with library computer systems, he will direct the activities and staff of the instructional media center and the office of educational technology support services.



Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding Academic Librarian. This award publicly recognizes "an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana."

The nominee 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 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 libraries to benefit from their creation. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

The nominee 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.

Nomination deadline is December 1, 2003

Nominations, in the form of a letter, must be submitted to Dinah Williams, UL Monroe, University Library, 4100 Northeast Drive, Monroe, LA 71209-0720.

Letters of nomination should include:

1. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
2. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
3. List of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.

Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences and to recognize outstanding graduates or undergraduate library science students.

The prerequisites are:

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 conference.
4. Must be a current member of LLA.

The nominees will be judged from the information given on the application form and from the accompanying letters of recommendation. Selection will be based on the nominee's professional promise and demonstrated leadership ability.

The winner of this award will receive an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 check from Thorpe Associates for expenses incurred in attending the LLA conference and a ribbon to be worn at the conference.

Nominations should be made by December 1, 2003 to:

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