



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by Mike Matthews

Fellow Section Members:

I offer you my belated yet auspiciously timed salutations for the New Year. We are closing on two events of great significance for academic librarians: the annual LLA conference for March 21-23 in Shreveport, and LLA Legislative Day, scheduled for the first week of May and held in the lobby of the State Capitol. Like last year, I will be sending out another "Legislative Session Information Kit" on the LLA listservs, so be sure to watch for its delivery.

The sessions for academic librarians at LLA will be varied and highly interesting, and at the risk of embarrassing the modesty of some presenters, I would like to mention a few that pique my interest. Karen Niemla's "The Life and Lessons of Steve Jobs," promises to be a fascinating review of America's most influential technology entrepreneur since Thomas Watson Jr. of IBM who developed and marketed the massive main-frame computer, the IBM 360. In contrast to the humming, buzzing, clicking and clacking 360, Jobs' creations were refined, streamlined, and did not require a crawl-space to access the motherboard. Another appetizing item on the conference agenda is Judianne Morrissey's "Cyberchatter and Democracy," which will explore the uses of social media during the fight to depose Egypt's President Mubarak, as well as organizing the Occupy Wall Street movement. Ms. Morrissey's presentation will ask how librarians can help defend civil liberties in the era of USA PATRIOT Acts I, II, and possibly III through LXVI (the Acts we don't know about...yet). Boris Teske and Mike DiCarlo of LaTech will present "Libraries and Student Persistence at Southern Universities and Colleges," a statistical study of SREB and IPEDS data which examines the relationship between library funding and student retention, among many other factors.

These are only three of the eighteen sessions sponsored by the Academic Section, and a cursory glance at your conference schedule will overwhelm you with equally engaging opportunities to learn and share, including the ACRL-LA/Academic Section Meet and Greet. This year's Meet and Greet is an ice cream social, check the box on your registration form labeled "Academic Ice Cream Social... \$6.00," and be prepared to enjoy the welcoming camaraderie and witty banter of your peers as you indulge in a euphoric feast of simple carbohydrates. If you are currently on the academic job market, please bring a copy of your CV and stay after the social to attend the ACRL-LA/Academic Section Curriculum Vitae workshop. Experienced librarians will review your CV and offer judicious and sagacious feedback on wordsmithing, and formatting, as well as proofreading.

In closing, I would like to thank our president, Ms. Carla Clark, and the conference chair, Mr. David Duggar for their Herculean labors to provide our membership an annual conference that exceeds expectations in every respect. The proposals from our Section were especially robust this year, both in scope and professional rigor. I urge my colleagues from the Gulf Coast to brave the rural hinterlands of north-western Louisiana and attend our conference which, like its predecessors, is more than worth the drive among the cow pastures, piney woods, and gas drilling derricks of the Red River Valley. And if you are fatigued by the hypnotic effects of interstate travel, you can avail yourself of our sinuous back roads, the gaping pot-holes of which are guaranteed to shock you awake. Just be sure to pack a tool-kit and an extra set of ball-joints before embarking on your adventure in the Sportsman's Paradise.

Conference 2012

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*Michael Matthews
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Library news from around the state

Centenary College

Kristi Kohl was appointed to the new position of Reference/Electronic Resources/Web Librarian for the new 2012 year. Kristi will be specializing in reference and information literacy instruction as she becomes part of the Access Services Team. Kristi is a 2010 graduate of the LSU Library and Information Science program and comes to Centenary from Remington College in Shreveport.

Louisiana State University

Stephen Bensman authored "The Impact Factor: Its Place in Garfield's Thought, in Science Evaluation, and in Library Collection Management," *Scientometrics* 89.3 (2011). It is an invited article for an issue specially dedicated to the impact factor.

Jennifer Abraham Cramer and **Erin McMenamin** recently posted Episode 13 of the T. Harry Williams Center of Oral History's podcast series "What Endures." Entitled "Journey to Anthropology: An Oral History of Miles Richardson," the episode focuses on Dr. Miles Richardson, a recently deceased LSU anthropology professor. It can be seen at <http://oralhistory.blogs.lib.lsu.edu>.

Sigrid Kelsey and **Kirk St. Amant** edited a recently-published book, *Computer-Mediated Communication: Issues and Approaches in Education*. Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference, 2012.

Lois Kuyper-Rushing recently published, "The One-Man Band: The Solo Librarian Supervising Circulation, Cataloging, Collection Development, Reference, and Equipment." in *How to Thrive as Solo Librarian*, edited by Carol Smallwood and Melissa J. Clapp, 271-279. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2012.

After many years of service to the LSU Libraries and the library world in general, Faye Phillips is retiring. Her new contact information is: Faye Phillips, V F Phillips Consulting, 225-252-4554, vfphillipsco@gmail.com 718 Bancroft Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. She hopes you'll keep in touch!

LSU Exhibits

The following exhibitions will be on display at LSU's Hill Memorial Library this semester:

Portraits of a River City: Natchez in Photographs, (Main Gallery), Oct. 24, 2011 – Feb.18, 2012

Charles Dickens at 200: A Celebration of His Life & Works, (Lecture Hall), Jan. 23 – April 28, 2012. Presented in association with the 2012 One Book One Community Big Read

State of Transition: Louisiana Circa 1812, (Main Gallery), March 12 – June 2, 2012

LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Exhibit

25th International Exhibition on Animals in Art, School of Veterinary Medicine Library, March 24-April 29, 2012 M-F 7am-10pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1pm-10pm. The public is invited to the Opening Reception, March 24, 2012, in the SVM Library. For more information, see <http://www1.vetmed.lsu.edu/SVM/AboutSVM/Events/2012/item37674.html>.

LSU Health Shreveport

Marianne Comegys, Library Director and Chair of the Department of Medical Library Science, retired January 31, 2012. Marianne was a member of the LSU Health Shreveport community since 1976 when she joined the Library as the Head of Circulation. She was Associate Director from 1988 to 2003 and Director from 2003 to the present. In addition to her work in the Library, Marianne also served as Co-Director of the Medical Alumni Association on a volunteer basis since 1998. She also worked extensively with the LSU Health Sciences Foundation, serving on its Board of Directors for over ten years. Marianne made many contributions to the profession through active participation in professional organizations, legislative activities, scholarly publications, and teaching. She also received numerous awards at state, regional, and national levels for service to the profession, for presentations, and for publishing. Marianne will continue her commitment to LSU Health Shreveport in her retirement, working part-time for the LSU Health Shreveport Foundation and the Chancellor's Office as Director of Community Relations.



Library news from around the state

Louisiana Tech University

Prescott Memorial Library received a grant from the Lagniappe Ladies organization to purchase Liberal Arts books. The Lagniappe Ladies are a ladies-only giving organization which by their definition, “is for women who passionately support the mission and vision of Louisiana Tech University, whereby a group of women pool financial resources and then jointly decide how the resources are spent.” A grant of \$4,500 was given to purchase books for the Lagniappe Ladies Liberal Arts Collection. Book recommendations were solicited from the Liberal Arts faculty and subject specialists within the Library. A total of 141 books were purchased. This is the second year that Prescott Library received a grant from this organization.



A Student Technology grant totaling \$19,275, written by **Lynell Buckley** and **Will Lancaster**, will provide 15 new computers for the Electronic Reference Center in Prescott Memorial Library. The grant also purchased a “GoPrint” program to be used in this area. This will greatly enhance the speed and efficiency of the current computers and a print system which is 10 years old.

Kevin Cuccia is the new president of the Lincoln Parish Library’s Friends of the Library for 2012. He has served on the FOL board for the past several years as member-at-large and vice-president.

Prescott Library has been actively recycling old newspapers, magazines, phone books, office mail, and discarded student print jobs with the City of Ruston since the City began its monthly recycling program in 2011, held the second Saturday of every month.

McNeese State University

Karen Cook is the new Head, Government Information Librarian/Assistant Professor. Karen has returned to Louisiana after two years teaching in a graduate library science program in northwestern Pennsylvania. Previously a Government Information and Reference Librarian at the University of Louisiana Monroe, Karen has experience in academic, public, and special libraries and has held professional positions in technical services, public services, and systems. In addition, she has worked as a product manager for a library software vendor, the team lead for an online NASA education project, and practiced general and criminal law. She is an active member of the American Library Association, the Louisiana Library Association, and the Southeastern Library Association, and serves as editor of *Current Studies in Librarianship*. Karen holds a PhD from the University of Alabama, a JD from the University of Texas, and an MLS from Indiana University.

Tracy Hall is the new Louisiana Libraries Project Coordinator for the New Members Round Table section of LLA for 2012.

Pati Threatt is the Vice President/President Elect of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association.

Candidates for Academic Section Office

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Tony Fonseca, Nicholls State University

Neil Guilbeau, Nicholls State University

Secretary

April Grey, UL-Lafayette

Melinda Matthews, UL-Monroe.



Library news from around the state

Southeastern Louisiana University

Dayne Sherman published the following:

"Chemistry." *The Louisiana Review* 9 (2011): 67-81.

"Interview With William Caverlee." *Louisiana Libraries* 73.4 (2011): 5-7.

"Interview With Ben Bell." *Louisiana Libraries* 74.1 (2011): 7-9.

"Interview With Poet Alison Pelegrin." *Louisiana Libraries* 74.2 (2011): 9-11.

Rev of *Louisiana Travels* by Ian McNulty. *Louisiana Libraries* 74.2 (2011): 20-21.

Beth Stahr, **Dayne Sherman** and **Ladonna Guillot** were awarded one of 65 nationwide grants from the ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities for *Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War*.

Mary Lou Strong presented two poster sessions at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, "Yes, but what do THEY think? Insights from College Students in an Introductory Information Literacy Course and Implications for Instruction" and "Let's CHAT About It: Consumer Health Awareness Training for Senior Citizens" with **Ladonna Guillot** and **Jean Badeau**.

Beth West presented a poster session, "Banned Books Rock!: Programming Using Popular Music" on June 26 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Beth Stahr presented a poster session at the ALA Annual Conference on June 25, "Texting, Chatting and E-mailing: What College Students Ask."

Penny Hecker and **Angela Dunnington** presented a poster session titled "From F2F to Online: A Technology-Smart Approach to Information Literacy Instruction and Budget Crises" at the ALA Annual Conference on June 26.

The Senior CHAT (Consumer Health Awareness Training) grant-funded project by **Mary Lou Strong**, **Ladonna Guillot**, and **Jean Badeau** was selected by the National Network Libraries of Medicine as one of 4 highlighted projects for the South Central Region. "Senior CHAT" was profiled in NLM's national newsletter.

Angela Dunnington, **Penny Hecker**, and **Mary Lou Strong** presented, "Being Accountable for Assessment: Challenges in an Information Literacy Credit Course" at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 14.

Beth West presented, "Having the Students Work for Us: The Library as Beneficiary Community Partner in Campus Service Learning Projects" at the LOUIS Users Conference in October.

Herb McGuin and **Will Hires** (Louisiana State University) presented "The Academic Librarian as Mentor" at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 13.

Mary Lou Strong, **Ladonna Guillot** and **Jean Badeau** gave a presentation, "Community Partnerships and Academic Librarians: Taking our Knowledge Beyond the Campus" at the Louis Users Conference (LUC) in Baton Rouge on October 14.

Beth Stahr completed a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Communication at Southeastern Louisiana University in December 2011.

Chad Pearson was hired to be the Evening Reference Librarian effective November 1.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Mr. Gaines signing books after the reading

Ernest J. Gaines, Writer in Residence Emeritus at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, gave his first public reading at the University's Ernest J. Gaines Center on October 18, 2011. The event featured Gaines's first reading from a new work in progress that has not yet been titled. It is about a young writer who, like Gaines did years ago, comes back to Louisiana after years of living elsewhere in an attempt to find his voice as a writer. A discussion followed the reading, and Gaines signed copies of his books at the conclusion of the program.

The library's annual Friends of Dupré Library Annual Book Sale, organized by Head of Collection Development **Andrea Flockton**, raised \$1500. The sale was held November 10-12, 2011.

To celebrate National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) in November, Head of Cataloging **April Grey** hosted a weekly write-in at the Ernest J. Gaines Center. Coffee and snacks helped create a supportive environment for the writers. Some participants were affiliated with the University, while others were drawn from the larger Lafayette community.

The UL Lafayette Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) awarded the library two grants in Fall 2011. "Edith Garland Dupré Library: Upgrade of Bibliographic Instruction Lab Computers" was submitted by **Duane Huval**, **Sherry Curry**, **Lance Chance**, and **Betsy Miguez**. This first grant provides thirty desktop



Participants in the NaNoWriMo

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University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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computers to improve student access in the Bibliographic Instruction Lab. “Edith Garland Dupré Library: Enhancement for Student Access to Library Materials” was submitted by **Betsy Miguez**, **Duane Huval**, **Jean Kiesel**, **Sandy Castille**, and **Carol Baudoin**. It provides twenty-two desktop computers. Most serve as OPAC stations throughout the library. Two computers located in the Jefferson Cafery Reading Room offer access to local Special Collections databases.

Derek Mosley, Archivist and Assistant Director of the Ernest J. Gaines Center has been named a 2012 Emerging Leader by the American Library Association (ALA). Thanks to the sponsorship of the Black Caucus of ALA, Mosley is attending both the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference, where he and fellow young librarians are participating in project planning, receiving problem-solving and leadership training, and networking with peers.

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, Head of Cataloging **April Grey** presented and led a discussion on the topic “Effective Succession Planning and Strategies to Identify and Prepare New Managers for Cataloging and Metadata Departments” for the ALCTS CaMMS Competencies and Education for a Career in Cataloging Interest Group on January 20, 2012.



Mosley

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Dinah Williams, Assistant Dean and Coordinator of Public Services, has retired (as of January 31, 2012) after 38.5 years of service in the ULM library.

Lila Jefferson, Acquisitions Librarian, received tenure as an Assistant Professor.

Megan Lowe, General Reference Librarian for 8.5 years, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Megan has also been named the Coordinator of Public Services effective February 1, 2012.

Cyndy Robertson, Coordinator of Special Collections and Library Development for 4.5 years, will also assume the duties of the Assistant Dean effective February 1, 2012.

Maren Williams, General Reference Librarian for 4.5 years, will also assume collection and planning responsibility for the Government Documents area.

Don Smith, Dean of the Library for 19 years, has been promoted to the rank of Professor.

University of New Orleans

Sybil A. Boudreaux has been named chair of the Louisiana and Special Collections Department, succeeding **Florence M. Jumonville**, who has chaired the department since 2001. Jumonville will focus on collection processing and preservation, with emphasis on reducing the processing backlog and addressing the needs of large collections.

At the Louisiana Book Festival in November, **Florence M. Jumonville** presented a tribute to Sallie Farrell, Louisiana’s second state librarian.

Florence M. Jumonville presented an invited paper, “‘Citizen’ WDSU: Early Television Broadcasting in New Orleans,” at the annual conference of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, held in New Orleans in March. The presentation highlighted the New Orleans station’s national leadership in the evolution of the television industry and its continuing contributions to its viewing community.

The department announces the online availability, after years in preparation, of “The Negro in Louisiana” (also known as “A Black History of Louisiana”). Written by the Dillard Unit of the Louisiana Federal Writers Project, the unpublished manuscript came to the Earl K. Long Library as part of the papers of Marcus Christian, who headed the Dillard Unit when the FWP was disbanded. No longer considered viable by commercial publishers because of its length (nearly 1,200 pages) and because of the extensive revision that would be required to incorporate recent scholarship, the manuscript nevertheless attracts scholarly attention to the interviews and other primary materials it incorporates. For a transcription of the original typescript, visit the LOUISIANA Digital Library at

<http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/p15140coll42>. For more information, write libspec@uno.edu or call 504-280-6544.

Federal Documents Librarian **Sonnet Ireland** wrote an article for FDLP Connection about our project to digitize U.S. hearings from the 1960s to the 1980’s. <http://www.fdpl.gov/home/fdplnews/newletters/archive/view/listid-2-connect/mailid-21-vol2issue1>

Sonnet has also started a blog aimed at school librarians-ways they can use government information for children. It’s called Gov Info 4 Schools <http://govinfo4schools.blogspot.com/>

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