

Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by David Duggar

Happy Autumn! Do you ever find that the moment the fall semester (however it may run at your campus) begins, you suddenly find yourself to be a hyperactive animated squirrel or chipmunk seen in a Disney, Pixar, or other animation company’s film, rushing around to get everything done in that sixty seconds to amazingly long five minutes of screen-time? If so, fear not. You are in the months we call September and October. And when the clock strikes 12:01 to ring in the first of November, time will somehow return to normal speed.

I want to thank everyone for taking the time to vote in the LLA elections and at the Potato Bar Meeting (otherwise known as the Academic /ACRL-LA Gathering at the 2016 LLA Conference). I look forward to working with Vice-Chair Michael Matthews, Secretary Hayley Johnson, ACRL-LA President Marty Miller, and all of the ‘passionate, dedicated, and possibly overworked, tired, struggling, longing for a holiday or a budget that allows hiring just one more employee’ librarians in the academic settings of the state of Louisiana.

At the end of August, the faculty and staff at the LSU Health Shreveport Health Sciences Library held a Strategic Planning Day to look at how the library meets the current mission of our institution, what goals and objectives were completed in our decade-plus past Strategic Plan, what should be cut, created, and realistically aimed for in focusing on the present and the next five years. Several follow-up meetings were held in September to flesh out the ideas, and in late October we hope to have a living Strategic Plan to help guide us; ‘living’ because it will change as areas of concentration are reviewed and analyzed annually, bi-annually, or as necessary. Finances were off the table. We looked at what we can do with the funds we have and the expectation of yet more lean years ahead. If Louisiana is the setting of Game of Thrones, “winter is no longer coming. Winter has come. We must get through the many years of winter in hope that the long summer will one day return.”

Mad-Eye Mooney kept telling the Hogwartians they had to “Be vigilant!” We, as librarians, do not have the psychic powers found in Warhammer, but we do have a profession, a calling, that is more than just a job. We must be proactive within our profession. We must make the most of the associations and organizations that we belong to. We must use them, question them, search them, and contribute to them. Associations are only as useful as we make them. We have to be proactive, or at least reactive, and not inactive. Without input, how will anyone know what our needs are? Without input, how can an association meet your specific needs? After all, unless you are a solo librarian doing everything, your disciplines of academia and librarianship may not be a currently topic or focus in national, regional, or state associations.

Are you on the Section’s Academic email list? I will be using that distribution list throughout the year to send news, encourage participation, but probably with less Memes.

Academic committee appointments were one of the items I had to submit in September. These are:

- Louisiana Libraries Editorial Board: Sarah Simms (2016-2018)
- The ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship: David Duggar (Academic Section 2016-2017, Award Committee Chair); Melinda Matthews (Academic Section 2016-2018); Ellen Jenkins (ACRL-LA); Shanna Clevenger (ACRL-LA)
- Membership: Stephanie Orr (2015-2018)
- Publications: Susan Richard

This is the first year after the merger of the Academic Section and ACRL-LA awards. When the full notice for nominations for the award comes out, please consider submitting a colleague for this

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David Duggar
Chair

Academic Section news

ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship

The Association of College & Research Libraries - Louisiana and the Academic Section of the Louisiana Library Association have partnered to present the ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship to publicly recognize an academic librarian for service and/or original research relevant to academic libraries and/or higher education.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The winner will be chosen by a joint ACRL-LA/LLA Academic committee. Librarians with academic or faculty appointments at Louisiana universities, colleges, and professional schools of higher education are eligible for consideration. Recently retired librarians may also be considered. Nominees should be characterized by the following:

1. Active participation in professional activities
2. Research activity relevant to academic libraries and/or higher education, shared with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or public presentations), which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies
3. Contributions of value to librarianship as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Work should be profound or of wide interest, and easily accessible, so that the profession may benefit from it.
4. Applicants should be members of ACRL-LA or LLA.
5. Letters of nomination should include: a. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee. b. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship. c. A list of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
6. 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 the original nomination must submit a new letter to renew and update the candidate's nomination for the award.

SELECTION:

The winner will be chosen by a committee of four persons, two members from Academic Section of LLA and two from ACRL-LA. In years when no qualifying nominations are received, no award will be made. The deadline to send nomination packets is January 25, 2017.

Members of the committee are:

- David Duggar, Chair (Academic Section 2016-2017)
- Melinda F. Matthews (Academic Section 2016-2018)
- Ellen Jenkins (ACRL-LA)
- Shanna Clevenger (ACRL-LA)

Please email the nomination packets and two letters of recommendation to David Duggar, Chair of the ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship Committee at ddugga@lsuhsc.edu, 318.675.5472 (office), 318.675.5442 (fax), by January 25, 2017.



Library news

Louisiana State University submitted by *Sigrid Kelsey*

Dave Comeaux, Web Development Librarian, was nominated by his peers for LUC (LOUIS Users Conference) 2016 Best Customized System Award for his hard work and outstanding efforts and leadership with the LSU Libraries e-textbook system. This award was presented on Wednesday, October 5th, 2016.

Gina Costello organized a four-day Library of Congress Digital Preservation Outreach & Education Program Digital Preservation Train-the-Trainer Workshop in Jackson, Mississippi during September 2016. Attendees learned digital preservation basics from experts vetted by the Library of Congress and gained certification as topical trainers. The workshop brought together individuals from Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi to discuss regional digital preservation issues. The Louisiana library professionals who participated in the workshop were Charlene Bonnette, State Library of Louisiana, Elizabeth Kelly, Loyola University, Jeff Rubin, Tulane University, Zach Tompkins, Louisiana State Archives, Cheylon Woods, University of Louisiana Lafayette, Kent Woynowski, The Historic New Orleans Collection, and Seungwon Yang, LSU School of Library and Information Science.

Emily Frank, Research and Instruction Librarian, received a full scholarship from ARL to attend Open Con—an invitation-only conference taking place November 12-14, 2016, and organized by SPARC—with the goal of catalyzing action on Open Access, Open Education and Open Data. Emily also received an OER Research Fellowship through the Open Education Group with funding from the Hewlett Foundation. The fellowship provides full funding to attend the Open Education Conference November 2-4, 2016, and support with OER-based research.

In July 2016, **Marty Miller**, Art & Design Librarian, assumed a one year term as President of ACRL-Louisiana, following her term as Vice President & President Elect.

Stanley Wilder, Dean, presented “Delayed Retirements, Muted Hiring, and ARL Directors: ARL Professionals in 2015,” on September 27, 2016 at the Association of Research Libraries fall meeting in Washington DC.

In August 2016, **Meghann Wollitz**, Manuscripts Processing Archivist, passed the Certified Archivists exam, receiving certification from the Academy of Certified Archivists.

From the Chair cont.

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award.

Every Section should have bylaws, which should be on the website. Yes, the LLA website needs a lot of work. Volunteer if you have website/web page experience! I will be appointing an ad hoc committee to create our Section’s bylaws, as these have not been found. Thanks go to Sheryl Curry for sending me the Subject Specialists Section’s bylaws to use a model.

LUC (LOUIS Users Conference) is the first week of October. This is my first time to attend it and I look forward to finding out what occurs at this meeting.

The 2017 LLA Conference is March 7-9 at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette. This year’s theme is Louisiana Libraries: Shaping The Future. The call for program proposals is already out and the deadline is October 28. Submit a proposal using the Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck1WylLdOhN49BZh_Chs-8OKmorgITuylI89G9FPQ_Ai0F0yn/viewform.

I look forward to seeing you at conferences, working with you on committees, responding to your questions (email me or leave a voicemail message), and reading your proposals for programs, presentations, and anything you want to do this year. Be warned! Nominations for next year’s elections will be upon us all too soon. Be active – proactive or reactive. Shape LLA to fit your needs in our profession.

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Louisiana State University Eunice submitted by Patricia Brown



Arnold LeDoux Library has extended its closing hours until 10:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, to accommodate an increasing residential population.

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

The library's annual report for fiscal year 2016 has been posted at http://lib.sb.lsubsc.edu/sites/default/files/ARreport15_16.pdf. The theme of this year's report is "We make good things happen." When you have a moment, take a glance at the report to see many of the good things done by Library staff in 2015/2016 for the benefit of our faculty, staff and students. Thanks go to **Will Olmstadt**, Associate Director, for compiling and formatting the data in the report.

The Library hosted the National Library of Medicine's traveling exhibit, *From DNA to Beer: Nature in Medicine & Industry*, from July 25 to September 4, 2016. This exhibit explores the partnership between science and industry to develop techniques using and modifying microorganisms like yeast, molds, and bacteria, to create a host of new therapies and produce better foods and beverages. The exhibition illustrates the history of this dynamic relationship among microbes, medicine, technology, and industry, which has spanned centuries.

The work of Ashley Pfanner Wachal, a local artist native to Bossier City, is currently on display in the Health Sciences Library. The collections in the exhibit include *Life*, *Reinventing the Shotgun*, and the first painting in her current series, *Tree*. See the artist's interpretations of the joys and challenges of life and her explorations of the iconic Louisiana symbol the shotgun house.

Julia Esparza, Head of User Education and Outreach Services, and **David Duggar**, Head of the Library Liaison Program, recently received an award for a paper that they presented at the Medical Library Association (MLA) 2016 Annual Meeting. Their paper, "Morning Report Mosaic: Information Resources Used to Answer Clinical Questions from Morning Report," was awarded second place by the MLA Research Section.

Three librarians won elections this fall to offices in the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association. **Montie' Dobbins**, Head of User Access Services, will serve as President-Elect for the 2016-2017 year and be installed as President in October 2017. **David Duggar**, Head of the Library Liaison program, was elected to serve as SCC/MLA's Chapter Council Alternate Representative to the Medical Library Association. In this capacity, he will represent the regional chapter on the national level. **Alexandria ("Lexi") Brackett**, Reference Librarian, has been appointed to MLA's Membership Committee. **Lexi** was also elected Secretary of the Hospital Library Interest Section of SCC/MLA. This section promotes the interests of hospital libraries and librarians.

Will Olmstadt, associate director, is one of five health sciences librarians selected to participate in the 2016-2017 National Library of Medicine/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (NLM/AAHSL) Leadership Fellows Program. Jointly funded by NLM and AAHSL, the Leadership Fellows Program prepares emerging leaders for director positions in academic health sciences libraries. Will is also the co-author of a chapter in *Translating Expertise: The Librarian's Role in Translational Research*, edited by Marisa Conte.

Library news

Louisiana Tech University submitted by Kevin Cuccia

Rita Franks has been named Executive Director of the Library. She had been interim Dean since 2013. Congratulations to Rita!

Peggy Carter Woodard has retired as Archivist and Head of Special Collections, Manuscripts & Archives (SCMA). Peggy, a graduate of Tech's Department of English, received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University. She then came back home to Tech to serve as the University Archivist and Head of Special Collections, Manuscripts & Archives in 1998 and remained so until May of 2016. Peggy, through her meticulous attention to detail and her love of archives and history, transformed SCMA from a small and little-known floor to the highly valuable (and highly regarded) manuscript repository and research center that it is today.

Southern University submitted by Angela Proctor



The John B. Cade Library Archives is highlighting the Denver Smith and Leonard Brown collection. The collection documents the 1972 tragic death of two students on the campus of Southern University. For further information, contact Angela Proctor, University Archivist at (225) 771-2773 or at archives@subr.edu.

Pictured is the Smith-Brown Memorial Union

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Jean Kiesel

Dr. I. Bruce Turner, Assistant Dean of Special Collections Services, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2016. He is survived by his wife and daughters. During his thirty-three years at the library, Dr. Turner guided the development of the library's Special Collections to include many important manuscripts collections, including the historical records of the university and numerous collections on local individuals, families, businesses and organizations documenting the history of Lafayette and the Acadiana region. He was an active member of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA) and the Society of Southwest Archivists (SSA), and was Board member of the Society of American Archivists for many years. Dr. Turner's knowledge of the university, Acadiana and many other subjects was profound. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

Tiffany Ellis, formerly Library Specialist 2 in the Reference and Research Services Department, has been promoted to Instructor/Research Librarian. A native of Brooklyn, NY, Tiffany graduated with an MLS in May 2015 from Clarion University, Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Hamilton recently joined the faculty as Assistant Professor/Interim Head of Instruction. She holds an MLIS from Louisiana State University. Previously she has taught research skills at UL Lafayette, and worked for the Terrebonne Parish Library System as Reference Services Supervisor and Community Librarian. Jen was named one of *Library Journal's* 2015 Movers & Shakers for her work with Future Leaders of America's Gulf, a teen journalism and leadership program at Terrebonne Parish Library that hosted more than 100 regional broadcast news interviews on important environmental, state, and community issues. Future Leaders of America's Gulf also received the UPSTART Innovation Award in 2014 from the Public Library Association.

The library welcomes **Johna Von Behrens**, Assistant Professor/Interim Head of Archives. Johna holds an MLIS from Drexel University, and an MS in Educational Administration from Eastern Illinois University. In addition she earned a Graduate Certificate in Special

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University of Louisiana at Monroe submitted by Cyndy Robertson

Several changes have recently taken place at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. **Don Smith**, Dean of University Library, retired June 30, 2016, after 23 years of service. **Cyndy Robertson**, former Assistant Dean, was appointed Interim Dean on July 1. Other interim appointments are **Megan Lowe**, Assistant Dean and **Heather Pilcher**, Coordinator of Special Collections.

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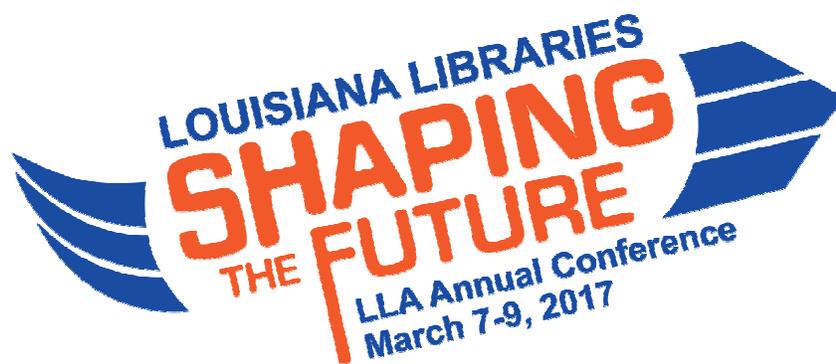
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Collections from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a Certified Archivist. Johna comes to us from Stephen F. Austin University, where she served as University Archivist and Records Manager. She has extensive experience with digital preservation, and plans to create an institutional repository for the University.

World renowned lecturer and African Americanist Dr. Thadious Davis, Professor of American Social Thought and English at The University of Pennsylvania, was the honored speaker for the Fourth Annual Ernest J. Gaines Lecture, delivered Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the Ernest J. Gaines Center in Dupré Library. Dr. Davis's lecture was titled "The Afterlives of Southern Rememory: Ernest J. Gaines Narratology."

The Gaines Center will host a book reading featuring Dr. Jarita Davis on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Dr. Davis received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in creative writing from UL Lafayette. She will present her book of poetry, *Return Flights*, which explores the Cape Verdean American culture.