

# Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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## Chair's Corner by Nancy Colyar

The Academic Section activities began this year with the joint Association of College and Research Libraries-Louisiana (ACRL-LA) and LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) Thursday, October 12 - Friday, October 13, 2000 at Nunez Community College in Chalmette.

The theme of the ACRL conference was "Charting the Rough Seas: Joys and Sorrows of Consortial Living." We were pleased to have as our guest speaker, Tom Sanville, director of OhioLINK. His presence was made possible by a generous grant from NASIG (North America Serials Interest Group). He spoke about the Ohio consortium Thursday morning and on his views of what the future holds for libraries Thursday afternoon.

The theme of the LUC was "Good LUC Knowing What the Future Brings!" Breakout sessions were held Thursday and Friday on a variety of topics such as databases and authentication, ILLIAD, statistics and NOTIS, and authority work improving access.

Library system vendors, Endeavor, Ex Libris, III, and Sirsi were available for demonstrations and information throughout both conferences.

Fred Hamilton, our enthusiastic Vice Chair/Chair Elect, began plans in May for next year's LLA Conference, March 3-6, 2001, at the Lafayette Hilton & Towers. The conference theme is "Foundations & Revolutions."

We are fortunate to have Bill Nelson, Library Director, Augusta State University, Augusta, GA present a two hour program on ACRL Accreditation Standards. He will also do a program on Galileo, the Georgia consortium.

Aimee Fifarek, Systems Librarian at LSU, Crystal Lee, Library Director at River Parishes Community College, and Trudy Patterson, Library Director at Jefferson Davis Parish Library, will present a program on E-Books. Linda Smith-Griffin from LSU will do a presentation on serials holdings. We will also hold an Academic Section business meeting.

We are most pleased to offer the SOLINET workshop, "Copyright Laws in the Age of Technology," which is being planned as a post-conference workshop at LLA in Lafayette, March 6, 2001.

The workshop is being co-sponsored by the Academic Section of LLA, along with ACRL-LA, the State Library of Louisiana, and the LSU Libraries. Laura Gasaway, Director of Law Library and Professor of Law, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will be the presenter.

Registration will be \$30.00 per person and space is limited to 40 participants. The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration information will be announced soon.

# Section News

## **Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee**

Committee Members:

Bob Heriard, Chair, University of New Orleans  
Don Smith, University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Wendy Johnson, River Parishes Community College

Nominations are due to the committee by December 1, 2000.



## **Academic Section Nominating Committee**

Committee Members:

Cecilia Stafford, Chair, Tulane University  
Mike DiCarlo, Louisiana Tech University  
Marilyn Hankel, University of New Orleans

Nominations for 2001 officers are due to the committee by December 1, 2000.

# OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD

## **Purpose:**

To publicly recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana.

## **Prerequisites:**

1. Must be an academic librarian currently active in his/her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions, a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.
2. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole and 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 its creation.
3. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA and/or the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee.

## **Evaluation Criteria:**

The award recipient is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data using an evaluation instrument based on a point structure. Nominees should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in/contributes to professional activities and organizations which significantly impact academic libraries.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentation) which enhances 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; helps further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

## **Nomination:**

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee shall serve as a candidate search committee accepting nominations from LLA members and/or directly nominating candidates. If a candidate is selected to receive the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, the Committee will make its recommendation to the Academic Section Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for final approval.

1. Letter of nomination
  - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
  - B. Should include the full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
  - C. Outline the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
  - D. List all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
2. Letter/s supporting the nomination
  - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
  - B. Should provide further evidence that the candidate is deserving of this recognition.
  - C. The committee will compile a scrapbook of letters to be given to the award recipient the night the award is given.
3. All letters and supporting documentation for the candidates not selected become the sole property of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Information contained in the documents will be confidential and will be maintained for 60 days after the Conference. At that time, documents will be destroyed.

Please submit nominations as soon as possible as the nominee must be selected by December 1, 2000. Send nominations to:  
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# Library News

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Middleton Library

**Elaine Fellin** (serials services), **Scott Braud** (collection services), and **Brenda Vallance** (database management) have all joined the staff of LSU Libraries.

**Nancy Colyar** will be the LLA Liaison to the ACRL Louisiana Board for 2000/2001.

**Elaine Smyth**, curator, and **Jane Kleiner**, associate dean for collection services, are the recipients of the first LSU Libraries Faculty Awards. Elaine received the *D.W. Schneider Library Faculty Merit Award* for excellence in professional achievements. Jane received the *Library Faculty Publication Award* that recognizes and rewards excellence in scholarly publishing by a library faculty member.

**Jennifer Abraham** has joined the staff of the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History. **Mary J. Hebert** has been appointed university archivist and director of the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History. **Charmaine Johnson** has joined the public services staff of Special Collections.

Special Collections and the LSU Museum of Art are jointly sponsoring an exhibition and symposium entitled "Adrien Persac: Louisiana Artist." The exhibition is the most extensive gathering of Persac's works yet assembled. It will run from September 12 through December 21.

LSU is commemorating the diamond jubilee of its campus. Jubilee events scheduled throughout the year will celebrate "75 Years Under the Oaks and Arches: Building on the Legacy of the Past for a New Century." The libraries are sponsoring an exhibition on the history of the campus, based on holdings in University Archives. The exhibition will open January 22 and run through May 21, 2001.

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library

The library is hosting Prime Time, a family reading program sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. The hour sessions on six Tuesday nights brings parents and children together to read, listen to, and discuss outstanding children's books. The discussion period is led by campus scholar, Dr. Linda Langley. She develops critical thinking concepts from the stories and from the groups' discussion.

Through the generosity of UL Lafayette and Dr. John Meriwether of UL Lafayette's faculty, the library hosts a special photo exhibit entitled, "Microspace." Dr. Meriwether is also scheduled for a noontime talk in the library on September 13 at which he will explain the microphotography and its presentation as an artistic display.

## MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY Frazar Library

**Elizabeth Adams** has been hired as a reference librarian. She is a 1993 graduate of University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science.

## NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE Library

The library held its open house on June 13, 2000. The open was followed by a one-hour lecture by historian William Hyland, entitled, "Moving Up and Down the River: Demographic Movements Below the Vieux Carre." Altogether, 304 visits were recorded during the day long event.

## TULANE UNIVERSITY Howard-Tilton Library

**Jeanette Thompson** was the co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the meeting of the

Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association. The meeting took place October 26-29 in New Orleans.

**Alice Permenter** gave a presentation “The MARC Format for Holdings Data” at the GIL (GALILEO Integrated Libraries) User Group conference held in Athens, Georgia, in June. Alice also presented a workshop in September at the University of Hawaii Manoa on “Z39.71, Holdings Statements for Bibliographic Items,” and on the “MARC21 Holdings Format.”

**Robert Curtis** compiled a discography entitled “Classic Performances of Classical Music: A Core Collection at Bargain Prices,” which was recently distributed by the Music Library Service.

The Latin American Library is one of eight members of Latin American Studies Southeast Region (LASER), a consortium of the major Latin American and Caribbean research collections in the Southeast United States and Puerto Rico. LASER’s member libraries work cooperatively in such areas as reference and collection development.

LASER was founded in 1997 and its home page ([www.tulane.edu/~latinlib/laser.html](http://www.tulane.edu/~latinlib/laser.html)) is developed and maintained by **Paul Bary**, the Latin American library’s reference librarian who currently occupies LASER’s rotating chairmanship. The home page provides links to the web sites, online catalogs and finding guides for each collection; and email roster of the Latin American librarians in the region.

The newest addition to the LASER home page is the regional newspaper union list ([www.tulane.edu/~latinlib/laserpapers.html](http://www.tulane.edu/~latinlib/laserpapers.html)). In its finished form, the union list will include links to the newspaper holdings lists and lending policies of each collection, as well as a union list organized by country of publication. The LASER newspaper union list is part of the planned national union list of Latin American and Caribbean newspaper holdings, which is expected to be completed in the next several years.

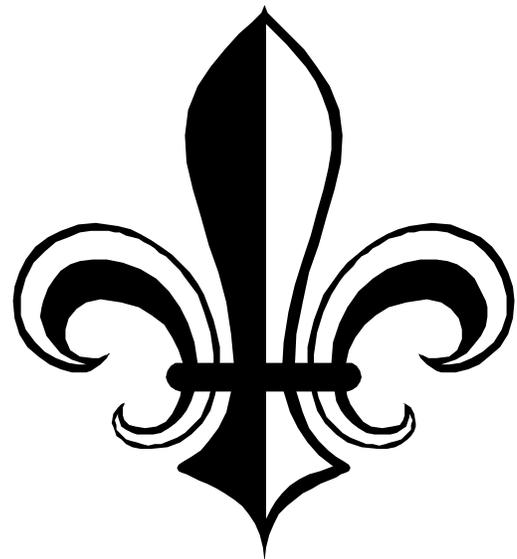
**XAVIER UNIVERSITY**  
**Library**

Head of cataloging **Mary George** departed after five years to serve as a web researcher for a private market research firm. **Lynn Gaines**,

monographs cataloger, is serving as interim head of cataloging. The search for a new Head of Technical Services is ongoing and interested parties should contact university librarian **Robert E. Skinner** at 504/483-7303 for details.

Longtime head of instructional media, **John Ahearn**, retired last spring. His position was expanded to include distance education planning and coordination for the campus. The first incumbent of the new post of distance education coordinator and head of instructional media is **Lee Thompson**, who joined the library in August. Lee is interested in networking with interested parties at other state institutions and can be contacted at [lthomps@xula.edu](mailto:lthomps@xula.edu) or by calling 504/485-5389.

University librarian, **Robert Skinner’s** fourth novel, *Blood to Drink*, was just released by Poisoned Pen Press, which also reissued his 1999 novel, *Daddy’s Gone A-Hunting* in paperback. He was recently interviewed on the radio program “Poets of the Tabloid Murder,” which is broadcast over the Pacifica Network.



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