



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by David Duggar

Shaping the Future!

It is 2017 and you are alive! Winter weather in January has either hit hard or completely missed you. Mardi Gras is in full swing with a 'late' Fat Tuesday of February 28 after some really early February dates. And the 2017 LLA Annual Conference starts One Week after Mardi Gras ends!

Academic Librarians! It is time we started Shaping the Future! Yes, that is the theme of the 2017 LLA Annual Conference. We have 19 programs on Wednesday and Thursday including digital issues, switching careers and types of libraries, partnering with communities, mentoring, and several types of resources. A last minute sponsorship is What's Happening with LSU SLIS on Thursday morning. Dr. Carol Barry will bring us up to date on the changes happening there.

Dr. Barry will also be leading an "Open Discussion on the State of Academic Librarianship in Louisiana" during the Academic/ACRL-LA Breakfast Wednesday morning (7:30 – 8:50). This is a ticketed event (\$15) and should be a busy and lively session. We have a lot to cover during the Academic Section Business Meeting including voting on Section Bylaws and a Section Chair-Elect for 2017-2018. We will also be recognizing the Grassroots Grant recipient, who will be celebrated Wednesday evening at the Awards Ceremony and Reception. The ACRL-LA Chapter will also be conducting business. 80 minutes of fun with breakfast – hot breakfast! You can access the full conference brochure at https://llaonline.org/documents/LLA_2017_Final_Conference_Brochure_1-18-2017.pdf. The LLA website has a paper registration form and online registration for whichever fits you best.

Speaking about the LLA website, the *Louisiana Libraries* Information for Authors is now available online! Access it at https://llaonline.org/documents/LA_Libraries_Author_Instructions.pdf. *Louisiana Libraries* is a peer-reviewed journal. And it even has an award for best article published during the year. So start sharing your projects and research in an article locally. I know you are presenting at local, regional, and national conferences! Follow up that presentation with an article!

And speaking about the Grassroots Grant recipient, it is time for some bravos out there (recognition time)! Thanks to these folks for volunteering or saying yes when I dropped a bus on them. (Have you see Emerald City? I'm sure buses are dropping all the time.)

- Ad hoc Academic Section Bylaws Committee: **Kevin Cuccia, Sonnet Ireland, Connie Phelps, Debra Rollins**

- Grassroots Grant Committee: **Patricia Brown** (2016-2018); **Melinda Matthews** (2016-2018); **David Duggar**, Chair (2016-2017)

We are very happy that young Herbie Thorpe is sponsoring the Grassroots Grant after his father retired. We will need at least one new member on this committee for (2017-2019) and someone to chair it for 2017-2018. That committee is an odd number – so 3 or 5 folk total. Do not be shy!

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Shaping the Future!"

David Duggar
Chair



Academic Section news



Election of Officers

Elections for Section Officers will be held at the Academic Section /ACRL-LA Breakfast Meeting at the LLA Annual Conference on Wednesday, March 8th, from 7:30-8:50 am. Officers include Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary.

Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

Academic Section to sponsor a variety of events and breakout sessions

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

Digital Preservation: From Identifying Content to Providing Access

SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Lafayette Parish Public Library - South Regional Branch

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All Conference Social Event

TICKET REQUIRED

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

Academic / ACRL-LA Breakfast

TICKET REQUIRED

7:30 AM - 8:50 AM

Exhibits Open

8:00 AM

Exhibits Ribbon Cutting

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Exhibits Coffee Break

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Interest Group Meetings (Library Managers, Library User Education, Reference, Automation & Technology)

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

General Session featuring Sari Feldman, ALA immediate past president

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

UL Lafayette Museum on Wheels

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Migrating the Louisiana Digital Library

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Print Culture & Books Interest Group Meeting

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Library Support Staff Certification: Eight Years of Progress

1:30 PM - 2:20 PM

Changing Houses: How to Successfully Work in Different Kinds of Libraries

1:30 PM - 2:20 PM

Going Viral: U.S. Government Information Online

2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

Sweet Teams Are Made of These: Keys to Successful Collaboration between Academic and Community Partners

2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

Change Can Be for the Better

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Awards Ceremony featuring M.O. Walsh, New York Times bestselling author

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Awards Reception

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Dine Out With A Librarian

6:45 PM

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

GODORT Breakfast & Business Meeting

TICKET REQUIRED

7:30 AM - 8:50 AM

Exhibits Open

8:00 AM

The Use of Humor in Information Literacy Instruction

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

Health Sciences Reference for the Non Health Sciences Librarian

8:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Information Literacy in Motion

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Exhibits Coffee Break

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Ethnography in the Library: Using Photographic Essays to Understand Student Perceptions and Use of Library Space

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

What's Happening with LSU SLIS

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

The Arts and the Framework: The Challenge of Using the ACRL Framework to Promote Visual Literacy

10:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Beyond LibGuides: Thinking Outside the Box(es)

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

From the Editor

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

Bayou State Periodical Index: Past, Present and Future

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

10 Heads Are Better Than One: The Public Document Depository Program

Advisory Council

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Subject Specialists Business Meeting

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Exhibits Close

1:00 PM

Exploring the Louisiana Environmental Public Health Network: The State's Only Digital Environmental Public Health Resource

2:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Mentoring - You Can Be and are a Mentor

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Closing Session

3:00 PM

Library news

Louisiana State University *submitted by Sigrid Kelsey*

The following personnel recently retired: **Bill Armstrong**, Associate Librarian; **Stephanie Braunstein**, Associate Librarian/Head of Government Documents; **Susan Motsinger**, Library Associate 3; **Catherine Mungall**, Library Associate 3; **Brenda Vallance**, Library Associate 3; and **Dawn Zaske**, Coordinator of Personnel Services.

Dave Comeaux has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Web Librarianship*.

David Dunaway recently published two entries in *Oil Spill Impacts: Taxonomic and Ontological Approaches*, edited by Y. Wu (Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2016): "Oil Spill Taxonomy" and "Oil Spill Topic Map: Concepts, Relationships, and References". Both articles were co-authored by Yejun Wu and Amanda Lehman.

Andrea Hebert, **Alice Daugherty**, and **David Dunaway** recently published "Maximizing LibAnswers Data to Drive Workflow Processes." in R. Sittler and A. W. Dobbs, eds., *Innovative LibGuides Applications: Real World Examples* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 2016).

Sigrid Kelsey has been named to the LSU Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policy workgroup.

Sigrid Kelsey and **Elissa Plank** have been named to the LSU Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Enriching Culture & the Arts.

Stanley Wilder presented "Delayed Retirements, Muted Hiring, and ARL Directors: ARL Professionals in 2015," at the Association of Research Libraries Fall Meeting on September 27, 2016. <https://goo.gl/m4EGKL>

From the Chair *cont.*

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Now I have some bad news. Read this with Meryl Streep's voice imagining you are Anne Hathaway in *The Devil wears Prada*. ***I am so disappointed!*** Did you do that! There may be over 60 films she has been a part of - live, animated, voice only, drama, comedy, musical, etc. This does not count TV movies and mini-series. But that's the voice I want you to hear when you fail to renew your membership in LLA; ***I am so disappointed!*** You must be a LLA member to serve as a LLA elected officer, committee chair, or committee member! I will not be able to contact you if you do not renew! You will not be getting the LLA-Academic Listserv messages or the LLA-General messages! You will not be getting *Louisiana Libraries!* You will miss out on all the "Members Only" parts of the LLA website! You will not know when to submit a presentation for LLA! ***I cannot send you to Fashion Week in Paris! Such a disappointment!*** *(Note: Everyone in Louisiana has a foreign sounding last name, so if you leave the country you will not be coming back for the next 4 – 8 years anyway.)*

Shocked! Get over it! My year as LLA President was Foundations and Revolutions. And we were in Lafayette for the conference with a special program by the author about a girl who has two mommies. It is time to take up President Cosper-LeBoeuf's anthem, Louisiana Libraries – Shaping the Future! Be active! Whether you are proactive or reactive, you must be active! You must encourage the next generations of librarians to make their mark in professional associations. You must share your 5 – 20+ years of knowledge. Present! Write! Serve! Volunteer!

All associations are changing with the times. We do not have to "Make LLA Great Again". We do have to make LLA useful for us and the communities we serve. But that can only happen if we participate. Renew! Recruit! Mentor! Serve!

I look forward to a full house and a lively discussion at our Breakfast.

Library news

Louisiana State University Eunice submitted by Patricia Brown

Patricia Brown has accepted a new position in instruction at Watson Memorial Library, Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar



Dixie Jones, Library Director and Chair of the Department of Medical Library Science, retired from the Health Sciences Library on January 31. She worked in health science libraries for over 40 years, including twelve years as Head of Reference and three years as Associate Director. She served as Library Director since November 2012. Service to the profession has been a hallmark of Dixie's career. She served as President of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (1992/93) and of the South Central Chapter (SCC) of the Medical Library Association (1996/97). She served as President of the Medical Library Association in 2013/14, only the second librarian from Louisiana ever elected to this position in the international organization's history. In addition to association service, Dixie has published numerous journal articles and book chapters on health sciences librarianship. She currently serves on the editorial boards of three health sciences librarianship journals. Dixie has received numerous awards throughout her career, including the 2003 SCC Distinguished Service Award and the Louisiana Library Association Subject Specialists Section's Lucy B. Foote Award in 2014. We appreciate Dixie's years of service to this Library, to LSU Health, and to librarianship, and we wish her all the best in her retirement!

Will Olmstadt, who has served as the Library's Associate Director since September 2013, has been appointed Interim Library Director effective February 1. Will has a master's degree in library science as well as a master's degree in public health, and he is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level. He was elected President-elect of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL). He will serve as President-elect in 2017 and become President in 2018.

The South Central Chapter (SCC) of the Medical Library Association recently held its annual conference in Galveston, Texas. Several LSU Health Shreveport librarians presented their work at the conference.

Alexandria ("Lexi") Brackett, Reference Librarian, presented two posters. "Birds and Books! An Academic Health Sciences Library on Twitter and Facebook" highlighted the benefits and challenges she has experienced as moderator of the Library's social media accounts. "It's a Match! Helping Fourth-Year Students with their Residency Applications" described the creation of a LibGuide and book display on residency programs.

David Duggar, Head of the Library Liaison Program, presented a Lightning Round session on "Health Observances: A Wave of Promotion Using LibGuides." This presentation described the creation of monthly health observance pages to promote national health observances, special events in the library, and local observances on campus and in the community.

Alexandria Brackett and **David Duggar** co-presented a poster on "Transforming National Library Week in a Health Sciences Library Setting." The poster described activities during National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016.

Julia Esparza, Head of User Education and Outreach Services, presented the contributed paper "Community Knowledge Assessment of HPV Vaccination in Males." Her paper was the first place winner in the contributed papers category of the Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD Research Award presented by the SCC Research Committee.

Montie' Dobbins, Head of User Access Services, and **David Duggar** presented the contributed paper "Intruder Alert! A Symposium for Mass Murder Response." The paper described a disaster preparedness event recently held for first responders and librarians. David Duggar and Montie' Dobbins also served as moderators for a Roundtable on "Disaster Information Resources." In this session, they facilitated a discussion about online resources for different types of disasters, disaster education and planning within libraries, and the incorporation of disaster education into medical, nursing, and allied health curriculums. They collaborated with **Paula Craig** from the Northwestern State University College of Nursing and Allied Health Library for both presentations.

Will Olmstadt, Interim Library Director, presented a Lightning Round session on "Revising a Library Employee Handbook into a LibGuide." This presentation addressed the transformation of the Library Employee Handbook from a wiki version into a LibGuide.

Julia Esparza, **Alexandria Brackett**, **Montie' Dobbins**, **David Duggar**, and **Will Olmstadt** presented a contributed paper titled "If It Swells, Ride It!" to coordinate with the conference's beach theme. The paper assessed the Library's involvement in the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which is a part of the institution's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges accreditation.

Alexandria ("Lexi") Brackett, Reference Librarian, published "Tips for the First-Year Health Sciences Librarian" in the journal *Medi-*
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Library news

LSU Health Shreveport cont.

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cal Reference Services Quarterly. In the article, Ms. Brackett describes the teaching experiences she has encountered in her first year as a librarian at LSU Health Shreveport.

Louisiana Tech University *submitted by Kevin Cuccia*

Nolan Eller was hired as the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian in January. Nolan was previously at Northwestern State University where he served as Library Associate from 2014-2016 in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center located in Watson Memorial Library. He received his MLS with a concentration in Archives and Records Management from Indiana University Bloomington in 2013. Eller is currently an Executive Board Member of Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA) and is an active member of the Society of Southwest Archivists (SSA) and the North Louisiana Historical Association.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette *submitted by Jean Kiesel*

Dupré Library welcomes **Zachary Stein**, who has joined the Special Collections department as Digitization Archivist. Zack received his MLIS with a specialization in data curation and a BS in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a member of the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), where he serves as the Social Media Coordinator for the ALCTS New Members Interest Group. Zack's special interests are in digital libraries and special collections.

Sheryl Moore Curry has been named Assistant Dean of Technical Services. Sherry joined the library faculty as a reference librarian in 1987. She has been the Head of Information Technology and Web Services for several years before assuming her current position. Sherry is active in LLA and serves on several University committees.

Blair Stapleton is the new Assistant Dean for Public Services. She received her MLIS from North Carolina Central University in 2011. Blair joins us from Young Harris College in northeast Georgia, where she was Head of User Engagement. Blair participated in the Southeastern Library Association's mentoring program, and is interested in continuing that work.

Janelle Zetty joined the library as Interim Head of Cataloging. Janelle received her MLIS from Louisiana State University in 2007. She was previously Assistant Cataloger at Shreve Memorial Library.

Emily Deal, Head of Distance Learning and Online Services, was awarded an Early Career Librarian Scholarship from the Association of College and Research Libraries to attend the ACRL Conference in Baltimore next March. The award's purpose is to provide opportunities for academic and research librarians with six years or less of post-MLS experience to participate in an ACRL professional development experience.

On January 18, 2017, the **Ernest J. Gaines Center** hosted a book talk and reception with award-winning author Crystal Wilkinson. Crystal is the recipient of the 2016 Ernest J. Gaines Award of Literary Excellence, presented by the Baton Rouge Arts Foundation. She read from her book *The Birds of Opulence* and answered audience questions regarding her work, her literary process, and other authors who have influenced her. Crystal also discussed how the work of Dr. Ernest J. Gaines empowered her to not only write about the people she knows, but to fearlessly write in their voice.

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The Louisiana Library Association's 2017 Annual Conference will be held Tuesday-Thursday, March 7-9, 2017, at the Cajundome Convention Center! This year's theme is *Louisiana Libraries: Shaping The Future*.

