Dear Louisiana Academic Library Colleagues,

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our pilot Louisiana Virtual Academic Conference such a success this past November. Louisiana Virtual 2018 brought together 137 participants from Louisiana and 20 other states for one exciting day of presentations, lightning rounds, and workshops. Participation was free to 100+ LLA and ACRL-LA members, library school students, and presenters, while paid registrations raised $900. The registration fees will be split between the LLA Academic Section and our sponsoring co-host, ACRL-LA.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, but as with any pilot project, we had our share of learning opportunities and notes on how we can improve next year. Our planning committee was quite amused that given the variety of tech tools we used to host the conference, our primary challenge was the number of emails that were intercepted by spam filters before they could reach our speakers and participants. Luckily, we will be able to reinvest the proceeds from the pilot conference to solve this problem in 2019, and have a range of really wonderful virtual conference hosting platforms from which to choose. This will allow our 2019 participants to share an information hub to which they can log in at any time after registering to access the conference program, latest news, shared resources, and the links they will need to access each session during and after the conference. If you missed Louisiana Virtual 2018, it’s not too late to stream the session recordings and access the speaker handouts and slides. If you have any questions about Louisiana Virtual 2018 or 2019, please reach out to me at (337) 482-1160 or jen@louisiana.edu.

Our next opportunity to gather is in Baton Rouge on March 13-15, 2019, for the LLA Annual Conference. If you haven’t done so already, I encourage you to check out the conference program and register at llaonline.org. This year you will find a wide variety of programs of interest to academic librarians, and the Academic Luncheon (at only $20 a ticket) will be jointly sponsored by ACRL-LA and the LLA Academic and Subject Specialist Sections. Our guest speaker will be Scott Ziegler, Head of Digital Programs & Services at LSU Libraries, who will share news and a selection of notable items from the Louisiana Digital Library collection (louisianadigitallibrary.org). We will also be holding a drawing at the luncheon for at least two scholarships to attend the ACRL Virtual Conference and one adorable stuffed pelican. Stay tuned via the section listserv and the LLA Facebook page for details.

I hope to meet up and learn with you in March at LLA Annual! In the meantime, I welcome any suggestions you may have for ways in which the Academic Section can support you in your work and professional development.

Jennifer Hamilton
Chair
Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

**Academic Section news**

**Election of Officers**

Elections for Section Officers were held in February. Nominations included:

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Angela Dunnington, Southeastern & Blair Stapleton, ULL
Secretary: Jim Bass, LSU Shreveport

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**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019**

- **Eugene P. Watson: Louisiana Library Legend**
  - 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

- **Migrating from Physical to Streaming Media Collections: A Case Study**
  - 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

- **More Than a Pretty Interface: The Louisiana Digital Library as a Data Hub**
  - 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

- **Refreshing our Image: How We are Making the Library More Welcoming**
  - 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

- **Excuse Me, I Believe You Have My Stapler… and Other Business Reference Questions You Shouldn’t Ignore**
  - 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

- **God has left the Building: Library Architecture, Librarianship, and the Soul**
  - 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

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**CONFERENCES EVENTS & SESSIONS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

- **GODORT Breakfast & Business Meeting**
  - TICKET REQUIRED
  - 8:00 AM - 9:50 AM

- **Access for All: Making Your Library Accessibility Friendly**
  - 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

- **The Classroom and the Street: Two More Sites for Change**
  - 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

- **Media Literacy Week at Your Library**
  - 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

- **All Conference Session - President’s Program featuring Dr. Tommy Karam & LLA Business Meeting**
  - 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM

- **Patent and Trademark Resource Center: An Overview**
  - 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM

- **Preservation of Your Library Materials**
  - 1:30 PM - 3:20 PM
**Library news**

**Louisiana State University**  
submitted by Sigrid Kelsey

Amanda Hawk delivered the presentation “Implementing Standardized Statistical Measures and Metrics for Public Services in Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries” at the Library Assessment Conference in December. The corresponding article-length version of the presentation will be published in conference proceedings later this year. Additionally, Amanda is the recipient of an Early Career Scholarship to attend the ACRL conference in Cleveland this April.

Andrea Hebert, Elizabeth Kelly, Lindsey Reno, Kelly Blessinger, and Sigrid Kelsey participated on a panel entitled “Writing and Publishing in the Field of Academic Librarianship” at the 2018 Louisiana Virtual Academic Library Conference on November 15, 2018.

Jessica Joseph was hired as the Needs and Offers Specialist for LSU Libraries Government Documents.

Ebony McDonald was hired as African and African American Studies Diversity Librarian. This is LSU Libraries’ first residency as part of the ACRL Diversity Alliance.


Brittany O’Neill has been elected Secretary of Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO), a committee of the ACRL Instruction Section. She was also elected President of ACRL-LA. Brittany was awarded the ATG Media Up & Comer Award. The 2018 Up and Comer awards were only given to 15 recipients throughout North America. “The award is intended for librarians, library staff, vendors, publishers, MLIS students, instructors, consultants, and researchers who are new to their field or are in the early years of the profession,” ATG Media says. Additionally, Brittany presented a poster session, “Reverse Engineering the Research Process” at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Allen LeBlanc and Brittany O’Neill presented a poster session, “Assessing the Assessment: Using the One-Shot Assessment to Establish Pedagogical Values” at the Library Assessment Conference in Houston in December.


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**LSU Health Shreveport**  
submitted by David Duggar

James Patrick (Pat) Craig, retired director, passed away in Shreveport on January 15. He received his Master's Degree from North Texas State University and completed his doctorate from Berkeley University. His career began with teaching school in Gould, Arkansas, moving to University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, to The National Toxicological Center, University of Southwest Medical School, Dallas, University of South Florida, Tampa, Louisiana Health Science Center Library, Shreveport, Cornell Medical School-Qatar, Doha, Qatar, and International Academy of Amman, Jordan. He and his wife Paula shared special memories of their time in Doha, Qatar, where he established the first digital medical library.

The Library welcomes Jill Byttner as the new manager of access services. Jill was most recently the library director at Central Louisiana Technical Community College in Alexandria. She holds an MLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a BA in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University.


Congratulations to Montie Dobbins, assistant director of technical services. Montie won a Professional Development Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region, and a Postell Professional Development Award, from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Both awards will be used to offset the cost for her to attend the Charleston Conference in November 2018 in Charleston, South Carolina.

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Congratulations to Julia Esparza, associate director, who recently received an award for a paper presented at the Medical Library Association (MLA) 2018 Annual Meeting. The paper, “Community Knowledge Assessment of HPV Vaccination in Males,” was awarded second place by the MLA Research Section. Additionally, Julia was named the South Central Chapter Librarian of the Year for 2018. She is the only LSU Health Shreveport librarian to win the award since it was established in 2006.

Will Olmstadt, executive director of the Library, published “A Contract Archivist for a Brief Project in a Health Sciences Library: Case Study and Management Implications” in the Journal of Library Administration 58(6). The paper describes the Library’s archives “clean-up” project completed in December 2017. Will has been appointed to a 3-year term on the Program & Education Committee of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL). Additionally, he recently began a 3-year term as Secretary of the Leadership and Management Division (LMD) of the Special Libraries Association.

Erin Reardon, reference librarian, has been selected through a competitive process to participate in a course called Biomedical and Health Research Data Management Training for Librarians. The goal of the course is to help librarians implement or enhance research data management training and services at their institutions.

Four Library faculty presented papers at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association annual meeting, in October in San Antonio, Texas:

   Duggar DC, Dobbins M, Esparza J, Tarver TA, Olmstadt W. “Call for Book Chapters? Hold My Beer.”
   Olmstadt W, Adams M, Dobbins M, Duggar D, Esparza J. “Staff development with a LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® workshop.”
   Esparza J, Duggar D, Dobbins M, Brackett A. “Mission Educate!”

Several library faculty received an award to promote genetic consumer health information resources in public libraries: Julia Esparza; Erin Reardon; Montie’ Dobbins; David Duggar, head, liaison librarian; Mararia Adams, assistant director of systems; and Will Olmstadt recently received an Individualized Health Information Program award for $14,839, from the regional office of the National Library of Medicine and the All of Us National Institute of Health Program, the grant will promote knowledge of genetic consumer health information resources and other consumer health information from federal agencies. The federal funds will allow the Library faculty to hold training sessions at public libraries in 10 different parishes to alert or reinforce the knowledge of genetic consumer health information resources with public librarians. In addition, the grant will cover the cost of exhibiting at a variety of locations.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Several faculty of the Edith Garland Dupré Library enjoyed a busy and productive Universities of Louisiana For Our Future Conference in February on UL Lafayette’s campus. Michael Mitchell, Head of E-Resources & Serials, presented a program “Stats and Stories: Demonstrating Value in Academic Libraries.” Ian Richardson, Head of Distance Learning Services, co-presented “A Graduate Program’s Experience with OER.” Cheylon Woods, Archivist and Head of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, co-presented “A Comprehensive Approach to Strategic Planning for Inclusive Excellence.”

Sheryl Curry curated a library exhibit “Architecture of Responsibility: Community, Diversity, Efficiency, and Sustainability.” Several faculty members and students from the UL Lafayette School of Architecture and Design helped to arrange it. The exhibit was partially funded by the Friends of the Humanities.

Cheylon Woods was elected Vice President of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA). Additionally, Cheylon presented “Through Mama’s Eyes: Unique Perspectives on Southern Matriarchy” at the 2018 Modern Language Association Conference in Chicago.

Janelle Zetty, Head of Cataloging, published an article in the November issue of the LOUIS Lagniappe newsletter, “BlueCloud Analytics: Locating Government Documents in the Stacks with BlueCloud Analytics.”

Edith Garland Dupré Library has launched its first institutional repository (IR) for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The intention of the IR is to showcase works from the University community, as well as digital collections from the Special Collections department. The Library selected the Islandora OnDemand platform for the IR. The link to the IR can be found on the Library’s website, https://ir.louisiana.edu.
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Academic/ACRL-LA/Subject Specialist Luncheon & Free Drawing!
The Academic/ACRL-LA/Subject Specialist Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 14, from 12:00-1:20pm. Please purchase your tickets during pre-registration. A special drawing will be held during the luncheon. Visit http://bit.ly/acrlvirtualcon2019 to enter for a chance to win a scholarship to the ACRL Virtual Conference held on April 10-12, 2019. You do not need to be an ACRL member to win this prize, only an LLA Academic Section Member. The deadline to enter online is Friday March 8, 2019.

Learn more about the ACRL virtual conference at https://conference.acrl.org/virtual-conference.

Menu

Chicken Rockefeller - Grilled chicken topped with a spinach and cream béchamel, roasted red potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Tamarind Glazed Salmon - Tamarind glazed salmon, wild rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables

Chef's Choice Vegetarian Option

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