

# Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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## Chair's Corner

by  
Jules Tate

As Chair, I was pleased to preside over the re-invigoration of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, subsequent to the membership's revisions to the process. With so many outstanding academic librarians in the state, I know that the quandary of the award committee will always be which of the many qualified candidates to select.

Jane Kleiner was selected this year to receive the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. Her grantsmanship has benefitted the entire state; the latest being the successful DEED-Net grant funded by the Board of Regents. It has made next- or same-day transmission of articles and other documents a reality for both interlibrary loan and distance education. As saddened as I was by the loss of D.W. Schneider, I was gladdened at the opportunity (urged by many people in the section) to memorialize him at our annual meeting. Both Jane and D.W. were among the many who have shaped the many successes of LOUIS and in-state resource sharing.

The Louisiana Library Association continues to thrive under the leadership of Presidents Idella Washington and Paige Lebeau, and the effective facilitation and coordination of our Executive Director, Christy Chandler. I feel privileged to have succeeded Chair Rebecca Stenzel in our Academic Section. I pass on the baton to the capable hands of next year's Chair, Nancy Colyar.

Finally, I urge all academic librarians in the state to become actively involved in the profession. Opportunities for service abound not only in LLA, but also on LALINC and LLN committees, ACRL-Louisiana, and LUC (LOUIS User's Conference). Becoming a contributor does not depend on recognition from others, but on the willingness of the individual to commit time and energy. You will be exhausted; but volunteer anyway. You will be enriched by the experience.

**Volunteer!**

## **Outstanding Academic Librarian Award**

This year the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee selected Jane Kleiner as recipient of the award. Jane's leadership in the area of grants and research reflect the kind of criteria the committee was looking for in a candidate to select, her latest efforts being the successful DEED-Net grant funded by the Board of Regents. The committee was unanimous in its decision because of the many projects Jane has been involved in that have benefitted the entire state.

This year's committee consisted of Bob Heriard, UNO, Jane Robinson, Southern, Baton Rouge, Martha Henderson, Northwestern, and Joe McNeill, McNeese, who served as chair.

### **ACADEMIC SECTION BUSINESS MEETING LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 16, 2000 ALEXANDRIA, LA**

Academic Section Chair Jules Tate called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. with approximately 35 persons present at the Radisson Bentley Hotel.

Officers present: Jules Tate, Chairperson; Nancy Colyar, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; and Peggy Schenk, Secretary.

Copies of the minutes were distributed and approved unanimously by the attendees.

#### **Academic Section Report:**

Jules Tate stated that the section wished to have an opportunity to honor the passing of D. W. Schneider. Jules Tate stated that it was difficult to believe that D.W. had gone and that he would be missed. Tate said that many words would be used to describe D. W. but to Jules, the term curmudgeon seemed the best. He commented on Schneider's involvement in the beginning of so many of the services we have within the state consortium today. Everyone enjoyed the stories shared by members of the section.

Jules Tate and Nancy Colyar gave Mrs. Linda Schneider a remembrance gift in honor of D. W. and his contributions to LLA and his friends. She thanked the group for inviting her and for honoring her husband by sharing their stories.

The winner of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award was announced by Bob Heriard. After a lengthy description of numerous incredible qualities it was announced that Jane Kleiner is the 1999-2000 recipient. Jane has been ill and was unable to attend the meeting.

New officers were announced: Nancy Colyar, Academic Section Chair; Fred Hamilton, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Cathy Tijerino, Secretary.

Nancy Colyar spoke of the topics for the 2000 program. With the successful leadership which has been in evidence this year, the next year will be one of growth for the section. Recruiting new members is very important and the Academic section will continue joint efforts with ACRL to help the section grow.

Jules Tate concluded the meeting by inviting everyone to Nunez, which will host the next ACRL meeting. He thanked everyone who participated in the conference and concluded the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Peggy Schenk March 21, 2000

# *Library News*

## **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Middleton Library**

Mark Martin began work as assistant curator of special collections for image resources. He received his B.A. in history from Western Carolina University and his Master of Library and Information Science, with a concentration in archival enterprise, from the University of Texas.

Tara Zachary is the new assistant curator of special collections for manuscripts. She was previously at Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi, where she organized and headed the archives department. The focus of her work will be to build, preserve, and provide additional access to the massive manuscript holdings of the Louisiana & Lower Mississippi Valley collections.

Martin and Zachary join Elaine Smyth, curator of special collections, whose responsibilities include acquiring books and other published materials for the Rare Book, McIlhenny, and Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley collections and leading the new curatorial team.

Two Louisiana photographers will be spotlighted in exhibitions featured in Hill Memorial Library this summer. Contemporary Louisiana festivals are the focus of work by Ann Gernon, a May recipient of the Manship School's Master of Mass Communication. Gernon's photographs will be on display in the first floor gallery of Hill from June 5 through August 25.

Historic photographs will form the basis for "An Eye of Silver: The Life and Times of Andrew D. Lytle, Baton Rouge Photographer, 1858-1917," an exhibition curated by Mark Martin, assistant curator for image resources. The Lytle exhibition will open June 12 through September 1 in the second floor gallery. The Hill Memorial Library galleries are open Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Call 225/388-6544 for additional information.

## **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library**

Cinderella Hayes, documents librarian, had her second son, Albert Arlan Hayes, on April 15.

## **LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY Prescott Library**

Peggy Schenk attended a statewide conference on April 12 entitled "Accessing Health Information: What's in it for You?" at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. The meeting, hosted by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region, was co-chaired by Ethel Madden, Ochsner Medical Foundation Library and Wilba Swearingen, LSU Health Sciences Center Libraries.

Information professionals who wished to assess the needs of the state population in locating medical and consumer health information attended the all-day meeting. Presentations on telemedicine/telehealth in Louisiana, the LOUIS databases, State Library resources, and a representative of BellSouth discussing current levels of Internet connectivity provided a well rounded program.

Peggy also attended the Health Science Library Association of Louisiana's Spring continuing education course at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge on April 13. The all-day workshop, "Writing Winning Proposals," presented by Bob Bradley was an opportunity to learn how "not to be eliminated" from the race to win a grant.

Rebecca Stenzel, director of libraries, has been elected to the board of the LLN commission. She also was presented an award for Outstanding Presentation at the Teaching in Higher Education Forum on April 11.

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Frazar Library**

Preeta Ghosh has been hired as reference librarian. Preeta is a 1994 graduate of Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science.

The Library hosted Libraries Southwest Annual All-Staff Workshop on May 12. Presentations included web searching, copyright, Louisiana print resources, and communication.

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Watson Library**

Mary Linn Wernet and Ada Jarred presented a paper, "Virtual Natchitoches vs. Actual Natchitoches" at a meeting entitled "Plantations of the Mind: Marketing Myths and Memories in the Heritage Tourism Industry," April 6-9 at the College of Charleston. The conference was co-sponsored in part by the South Carolina Humanities Council and the National Park Service. Several of the presentations addressed Natchitoches historic sites.

"Clementine Hunter: Painter by Heart" was the title of Linda Cox's paper presented at the "Red River Region: Oral and Written Traditions" conference at Ouachita Baptist University, April 16-18. The meeting was sponsored by the University's Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies.

Mary Linn Wernet helped plan the Southern Archives Conference for Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee held at Memphis, April 14-15. Catherine Jannik chaired one of the sessions entitled "Making Primary Sources Kid-Friendly."

**NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Library**

The new two-story library opened this spring with a state-of-the-art library instruction

room. The library's new administration number is 504/680-2600.

Nancy Radonovich is the new cataloger and head of technical services.

Lisa Muilenburg is the new reference librarian and bibliographer for the health sciences and sciences. She received her Masters of Library and Information Science from University of North Texas in Denton.

**SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY  
Sims Library**

Beth Stahr, formerly in a temporary position as Reference/Instruction Librarian, has been hired as the new Reference/Distance Learning Librarian.

Congratulations to Library Director Kay Adams McIntyre, who married Robert McIntyre on November 21.

Paul Haschak, Reference Librarian, is the co-founder, executive editor, and publisher of *The Journal of Southern Academic and Special Librarianship (JSASL)*, a new, independent, professional, refereed electronic journal. JSASL is located on the Web at [www.icaap.org/SouthernLibrarianship/](http://www.icaap.org/SouthernLibrarianship/). Haschak was notified by the National Library of Canada that current and back issues of the journal will be permanently archived in NLC's Electronic Publication Collection.

Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, Head of Cataloging, has been elected President of the executive board of Upgrade Tangipahoa, Inc., a non-profit agency promoting literacy.

J.B. Hill, Head of Reference, is co-author of "Monitoring Serials Use in a Science and Technology Library: Results of a Ten Year Study," published in a recent issue of *Science and Technology Libraries*. Hill and Richard DeFoe, Reference Librarian, were co-presenters at a Louisiana Library Association Continuing Education Workshop titled "Reference Services for the 21st Century" in early February.

Recent National Library Week activities included an essay contest in which students were asked to write about a book that had special

meaning to them, a display of faculty and administrators' favorite books, and displays of some of the original books from the library when it opened in 1925 along with a processing desk with tools used thirty years ago. Overdue fines were eliminated for books returned during the week, a book sale was held, and the Library hosted a reception for the University.

**TULANE UNIVERSITY**  
Howard-Tilton Library

Edward J. Rock has been appointed information services librarian for humanities reference. He chairs the ALA New Members Round Table Leadership Development Forum 2000 and is a member of the ACRL/Instruction Section's Management of Instruction Services Committee. Previously, Ed was reference librarian at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and served on the OhioLINK User Services Committee in Columbus.

Jeanette Thompson attended the 2000 Voyager's Users' Group meeting in Chicago on April 6-8, at which she gave a presentation on the library's distinctive use of contract cataloging directly on the Voyager server at a cataloging session, "Voyager and the Outsourcing of Technical Services."

Alice Permenter, presented a program entitled "The USMARC Format for Holdings Data: The Basics," at the 2000 Voyager's Users' Group meeting.

Robert G. Sherer, university archivist, delivered a paper, "Preservation of Paper Records of the Past," to a session of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers on April 11 during its annual convention in New Orleans.

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE**  
Dupré Library

Sherry T. Broussard joined the faculty as the technical services special projects librarian, and will be chiefly responsible for the serials holdings project. She received her B.S. in English Education and M.A. in Administration and

Supervision of Education from Southern University, and in 1995 received her MLIS from Louisiana State University. Sherry was formerly the project coordinator/special librarian for the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center in Lafayette.

David M. Stokes was promoted to gifts and development librarian. He served for the previous three years as the technical services special projects librarian. As the gifts and development librarian, he will be responsible for the planning and coordination of gifts to the library and fund raising activities.

The *Bayou State Periodical Index* for 1998 was published this March and is now available. The library has published the subject index to magazine articles on Louisiana topics annually since 1985. The latest issue contains citations to more than 2500 articles in 50 periodicals. Some 250 cross references refer users to related subject headings.

Besides being issued in print format, an abridged edition of the 1998 index is available on the World Wide Web at [www.louisiana.edu/InfoTech/Library/departments/larm/98intro.htm](http://www.louisiana.edu/InfoTech/Library/departments/larm/98intro.htm). Earlier editions of the index are also available from the Special Collections Web page at [www.louisiana.edu/InfoTech/Library/departments/larm.html](http://www.louisiana.edu/InfoTech/Library/departments/larm.html).

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY**  
Library

Lester Sullivan, university archivist, was appointed to the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra Community Advisory Board.

Sr. Nathalee Bryant, reference librarian, also a member of the University Chorus, performed in February with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in Hannibal Lokumbe's *African Portraits*. Serials librarian Carl Penny, as a member of the Louisiana Vocal Arts Chorale, sang in William Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* in March.

University librarian Robert Skinner's 1997 novel, *Skin Deep, Blood Red*, was just released in France under the title *À fleur de sang* by Paris-based Éditions Gallimard.

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