Rockets and robots! Cajun grits! Thorpe Grassroots Grant! Bylaws!

These were just some of the exciting things in Lafayette the first week of March at the 2017 LLA Conference. A big ‘Thank You’ goes to the presenters, attendees, exhibitors, and conference workers. We sponsored or co-sponsored eighteen programs, with an additional one canceled due to presenter travel conflicts. Next year we hope, along with LaSSAL, to bring Dale McNeil, Assistant Director for Public Services, San Antonio, Texas, to give his program *Mentoring – You Can Be and Are a Mentor*.

Were you part of the packed room for *What’s Happening with LSU SLIS* on Thursday morning with Dr. Carol Barry? This was a very informative session about what degrees, courses, methods of instruction, and instructors LSU SLIS has to offer and issues being dealt with. One thing to note is LSU SLIS courses are not found in the special “LSU Online” course database system. You have to register for them through the regular LSU registration system.

Congratulations to Lisa Lovello, our Thorpe Grassroots Grant recipient! She was very excited to attend the LLA Conference and especially excited to meet Herbie Thorpe and his family!

Please see the minutes of our business meeting held during the Academic/ACRL-LA Breakfast. Thanks to our 2017-2018 Secretary, Heather Plaisance, for recording them. It was a full meeting and had a lot of good thoughts and ideas especially in regards to the Status of Academic Librarianship in Louisiana. Thank you to Dr. Carol Barry for moderating that discussion.

We also elected an incoming Chair and Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect at the Academic Section Business Meeting. Please welcome and congratulate Ellen Jenkins, 2017-2018 Chair, and Jennifer Hamilton, 2017-2018 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

The 2018 LLA Conference will be in Alexandria. Same dates, March 7-9, but different days, Wednesday-Friday. If you would like to serve on a committee at conference, contact Patricia Brown, incoming LLA President. If you would like to serve on a Section committee next year, contact Ellen!

Please note the many pages of proposed Bylaws for the Section in this issue of *Notes & Tracings*. The *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee worked very hard to create these. Look for an email around the first of June that will contain a ballot in LimeSurvey to approve these bylaws. This will be sent out in our Academic List.

Finally, thank you to all of the Section members who served on committees and appointed positions this year. This year has been a “Mr. Toad’s Wild Ride” and I appreciate the time and effort put in by everyone. I am very happy we do not have a ‘Past Chair’ term. :-)

Oh, and for those who might have wondered what the door prizes were, that I had left at home and mailed after conference to the three winners, they were all Star Trek related ornaments!
LLA Academic Section/ACRL-LA Breakfast and Business Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

The LLA Academic Section/ACRL-LA Breakfast and Business Meeting was held from 7:30 - 8:50 AM on March 8, 2017 at the 2017 LLA Conference in Lafayette at the Cajundome Convention Center. Chair, David Duggar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The breakfast had a total of 35 registrants.

Chair Announcements
David Duggar announced that membership in the Academic Section is up to 117. Nineteen conference sessions were sponsored or co-sponsored by the section, with one cancelled due to a speaker scheduling conflict. Attendees were encouraged to submit news and announcements to Notes & Tracings, the Academic section newsletter, and to submit articles for publication in Louisiana Libraries. Lisa Lovello, SLIS student, is the recipient of this year’s Grassroots Grant. Connie Phelps and Sonnet Ireland are working on new bylaws for the Academic section. A final draft should be submitted in April and will be brought to the membership for a vote.

Incoming officers for the Louisiana Library Association were announced.

Officer Elections
A vote by acclamation was made at the meeting for Academic section Chair and Chair-Elect with the following results:
   Chair: Ellen Jenkins
   Chair-Elect: Jennifer Hamilton, UL Lafayette
   Secretary: Heather Plaisance, UL Lafayette, was announced as Secretary having been elected previously by ballot.

Door prizes were given. Winners were:
Hayley Johnson, Nicholls
Marty Miller, LSU
Janelle Zetty, UL Lafayette

Other Announcements
Incoming LLA President Patricia Brown requested feedback from members regarding their thoughts on the state of LLA, and encouraged participation in the organization.

Jordan Signater is the new Reference Librarian at Southern University.

Connie Phelps announced that renovation of the fourth floor at Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans is complete. The space will house Special Collections, study rooms and an exhibits gallery.

Marty Miller, President of the ACRL Louisiana Chapter, announced that ACRL is in need of a new President-Elect. Anyone interested should contact her directly. She also encouraged article submissions to Codex.

Panel Discussion
Dr. Carol Barry, Interim Director of LSU SLIS, led the discussion on the state of academic librarianship in Louisiana and the challenges we face. Discussed were non-competitive salaries, uncertain budgets, and promoting the value of libraries to university administration and politicians. A pre-conference workshop on this topic was suggested for the 2018 LLA Conference. Regional meetings around the state in-person or via teleconference modes was also suggested to continue discussion and for other issues or educational forums.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.
Provisional Academic Section Bylaws

Proposed Academic Section Bylaws

Proposed Bylaws for the Academic Section of LLA to be voted upon June 1-14, 2017, electronically.

Louisiana Library Association
Academic Section Bylaws

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Louisiana Library Association Academic Section.

Article 2. Purpose

The mission of the Academic Section is to provide a network for the exchange of ideas, to enhance leadership for college and university libraries, and to promote study and research relevant to academic libraries.

Article 3. Membership

Section 1. Any person who is a member of the Louisiana Library Association and who is interested in or works with academic libraries may become a member by designating membership in the appropriate place on the annual LLA membership form.

Section 2. Members are eligible to vote and hold office in the Section and will receive exclusive emails or other direct communications. Non-members may attend programs and access the Section’s web page online but are not eligible to vote.

Section 3. Members are eligible to serve on committees and act as representatives of the Section on the LLA Editorial Board and the LLA Tellers Committee.

Article 4. Section Officers

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Section shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary. These officers compose the Section’s Executive Board and shall follow the Code for all Sections as stated in the Association’s Manual.

Section 2. Duties:

A. The Chair shall conduct the annual meeting and other meetings as needed, as well as represent the Section on the Association’s Executive Board. The Chair may also submit a budget to the LLA Executive Director. In addition, the Chair shall appoint representatives and members of committees.

B. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall preside in the absence of the Chair and take over responsibilities in the event of the Chair’s resignation. He/she shall serve as the Program Chair for the annual conference. He/she may be required to serve on the Conference Program Committee in an ex-officio capacity. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect may appoint additional members to the Section’s Program Planning Committee when necessary.

C. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the general membership meetings and maintain the history and bylaws of the Section. The Secretary may also serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee for incoming officers.

Section 3. Terms of Office: Terms of office are one year with the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect serving one year as Vice-Chair and the following year as Chair. Terms are from July 1 - June 30 in accordance with the LLA Manual and follow the election in the spring. All officers must be members of the Section in good standing. No officer may hold more than one elected office in the Section at a time, and no officer may serve consecutive terms in the same office except in the case of an emergency. When a vacancy occurs in the Section Chair office, the Vice-Chair/Chair Elect shall take the Chair’s office to complete the expired term. He/she may also choose to complete his/her own term as well. However, if a vacancy occurs in one of the other offices, the Chair, in conference with the Executive Board, shall appoint a successor to serve until the next election.

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Article 5. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of no fewer than two members, including the Chair, shall be appointed by the Section Chair.

Section 2. A slate of at least one candidate for each office, with biographical material, shall be submitted to the LLA Executive Director, the Section Chair, and the Louisiana Libraries Editor by December 1 of that year.

Section 3. Elections shall be held in conjunction with the election of other Association officers. The results shall be announced at the Annual Conference of the Louisiana Library Association.

Article 6. Representatives and Liaisons

Section 1. The Chair shall appoint a representative to the LLA Editorial Board from the Section’s membership for a two year term.

Section 2. The Chair shall recommend two Section members for the LLA Tellers Committee.

Section 3. The Chair shall recommend a Section member for the LLA Membership Committee.

Article 7. Committees and Awards

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of no fewer than two members, including the Chair, shall be appointed by the Section Chair.

Section 2. A Publications Editor shall be appointed by the Section Chair for Notes & Tracings, the Section’s newsletter.

Section 3. The ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship is presented annually, if merited, to publicly recognize an academic librarian for service and/or original research relevant to academic libraries and/or higher education.

A. The ACRL-LA/LLA Academic Award for Outstanding Librarianship Committee shall be comprised of two members appointed by the Section Chair and two members appointed by the President of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, each serving overlapping 3 year terms. These members must be current members of the Academic Section.

B. Solicitation of nominees and other committee procedures shall be carried out according to the Sections’ guidelines in the LLA Manual. A call for nominations may be made using email and any other official communication.

C. Letters of nomination shall be forwarded to the Award winner.

Section 4. The Thorpe Grassroots Grant recognizes outstanding graduate or undergraduate library sciences students and seeks to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences. The Grant is sponsored by the Academic Section and Thorpe & Associates.

A. The Thorpe Grassroots Grant Committee consists of an odd number but at least three members; members serve two year terms.

B. The Committee is appointed by the Academic Section Chair.

C. All committee members must hold current memberships in LLA and in the Academic Section of LLA.

Article 8. Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Academic Section shall be held during the Annual Conference of the Louisiana Library Association. Section members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
Academic Section news

Proposed Academic Section Bylaws

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Section 2. Executive Board shall meet to conduct the business of the Section, when necessary.

Section 3. Other meetings may be held as deemed necessary.

Article 9. Continuing Education

The Section may conduct continuing education workshops to meet the Section’s interests and/or needs on a periodic basis. These workshops may also be used to promote membership in the Section.

Article 10. Amendments

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted to and/or initiated by the Section’s Executive Board. These amendments must be publicized in the Section’s newsletter and other channels such as email messages. Approval shall be made by a two-thirds vote of those present at the Annual Meeting.

Drafted by the ad hoc Bylaws Committee: Kevin Cuccia, Sonnet Ireland, Connie Phelps, Debra Rollins. February - May 2017 with acknowledgements to the Subject Specialists Section Bylaws.

Library news

Louisiana State University submitted by Sigrid Kelsey

Cristina Caminita was selected as the winner of Wiley’s National Library Week Contest. She was nominated because she is a librarian that exemplifies embedded librarianship. Cristina will receive a $1,500 travel grant to the Charleston Library Conference in November.

Lauren Coats, Director of the LSU Libraries’ Digital Scholarship Lab, and Andrew Sluyter (LSU Geography and Anthropology), have been awarded a grant by the Omohundro Institute to fund the digitization of the Carlos Trudeau papers and the Vicente Sebastian Pintado papers. The Lapidus Fellowship for Digital Collections will provide $3,264 to digitize approximately 1,400 surveys from the LSU Libraries Special Collections, which made map land claims in Spanish Louisiana.

In February, Emily Frank was selected as a LOUIS & Louisiana Board of Regents OER Curriculum Alignment Project Fellow, which included working in March on matching OERs to courses in Louisiana’s common course catalog to develop a statewide OER online platform. In March, Emily presented at ACRL on a panel about teaching and learning. Emily also presented at a meeting of the Charlotte Initiative Open Conference on “Course Use: Faculty Outreach Strategies,” with co-presenters from LOUIS and University of Arizona.

In April, Emily Frank and Dave Comeaux presented a talk about the LSU Libraries’ e-textbook initiative at Designing for Digital, a user experience and design for libraries conference.

Andrea Hebert was accepted into the 2017 Institute for Research Design in Librarianship. IRDL is a yearlong program designed for academic and research librarians to complete a research project of their design.

LSU Libraries joined the ACRL Diversity Alliance.

Marty Miller and Andrea Hebert published an article, “Using FSA-OWI: Photographs to Teach Information and Visual Literacy,” in (Continued on page 6)
Library news

Louisiana State University

Sarah Simms was hired as the Undergraduate & Student Success Librarian. Sarah, along with Hayley Johnson, received both the ALA Carnegie Whitney Grant and the NewsBank/Readex/GODORT/ALA Catharine J. Reynolds Award for their research project title “Through an Extended Lens: Louisiana, Internment, and the Geography of Chance.” This research project will investigate the internment of Japanese Americans at Camp Livingston in Louisiana. Sarah and Hayley will be recognized at the GODORT Awards Ceremony at ALA in June.

Stanley Wilder published the first in a series of articles to be published by the Association of Research Libraries in 2017. “Delayed Retirements and the Youth Movement among ARL Library Professionals” is available on the ARL website and the series will be collected in Research Library Issues when complete.

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Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

When Billy Triplett, retired Assistant Director of Operations, passed away in 2016 his family generously requested that memorial donations be made to the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport Library. These funds have been used to purchase a beautiful bench for the Library. After the purchase of the bench, the Library was able to acquire electronic access to Orthopaedic Knowledge Update: Sports Medicine 5 with the remaining funds. These items will serve as lasting tributes to a beloved colleague.

Several Library faculty have recently been named to jury or committee service for the Medical Library Association (MLA), the major national association for health sciences librarians. Unless otherwise noted, appointments begin on June 1, 2017.

New one-year appointments include:
• David Duggar will serve on the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury
• Will Olmstadt is chairing the David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship Jury
• Betty Tucker is serving on the Ysabel Bertolucci MLA Annual Meeting Grant Jury
• Deidra Woodson is serving on the Eugene Garfield Research Fellowship Jury

Ongoing multi-year appointments include:
• Montie’ Dobbins continues a 3-year appointment to the National Program Committee, charged with planning the 2018 Medical Library Association annual meeting in Atlanta, as well as a continuing appointment on the Bylaws Committee
• Lexi Brackett continues her appointment on the Membership Committee

Julie Esparza, Head of User Education & Outreach, is the recipient of the 2017 Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award. This award, which is presented by the Medical Library Association (MLA), honors outstanding librarians who demonstrate skills in teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research, or educational leadership. Julie received another major MLA award, the Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year, in 2014. She is only the second person in the history of the organization to win both of these prestigious awards. She has also been awarded grant funding to educate the community on healthcare issues. Through funding she received from the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, LSU Health Shreveport hosted a symposium on “Human Papillomavirus Risk and Prevention: Protecting Future Generations” on March 25.

The latest issue of Journal of Hospital Librarianship contains an article written by Barbara Reilly, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, and recently retired Library Director Dixie Jones. Their article, “Effects of a Change in Hospital Affiliation on an Academic Medical Center Library,” reports on the privatization of University Health and its impact on the Library.
Library news

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Jean Kiesel

Faculty and staff of the Edith Garland Dupré Library enjoyed a busy and productive LLA Conference in March. Susan Richard, Associate Dean of University Libraries, Jennifer Hamilton, Interim Head of Instruction, and Heather Plaisance, Head of Reference & Research Services, served on the Publicity Committee. Cheylon Woods, Archivist and Head of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, spoke at the preconference “Digital Preservation: From Identifying Content to Providing Access.” Sheryl Curry, Assistant Dean of Technical Services, and Jennifer Hamilton presented a program “Information Literacy in Motion.” Emily Deal, Head of Distance Learning and Online Services, and Jennifer Hamilton presented “Ethnography in the Library: Using Photographic Essays to Understand Student Perceptions and Use of Library Space.” Heather Plaisance and Jean Kiesel, Reference Archivist, presented “The Bayou State Periodical Index: Past, Present and Future.”

Also at the LLA Conference, Jean Kiesel received the Essae M. Culver Distinguished Service Award for her service to the Association and the profession, notably her work editing the Bayou State Periodical Index for more than 30 years.

The Ernest J. Gaines Center has received a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities to host a Summer Teaching Institute for the summer 2017 session. For one week classroom teachers from grades K-12 will explore Ernest J. Gaines’ short stories in the collection Bloodline, facilitated by UL Lafayette scholars. Each participant will also design an innovative curriculum aligned to Louisiana state teaching standards.

On February 21, the Ernest J. Gaines Center presented “Her Space Her Place: Influences of Black Female Narration”, featuring guest speakers Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy of Dillard University and Dr. Joanna Davis-McElligatt of UL Lafayette. UL Lafayette students, members of NOMAS, the National Organization of Minority Architect Students, built an installation entitled “H.E.R. (Hope, Empowerment, Reclamation) House” for the event.

Jean S. Kiesel will retire June 30 after nearly 32 years of service as Louisiana Room Librarian and Reference Archivist.