What a Wonderful Year!

Hello Fellow Academic Section Members!

Wow! What a conference!

I hope you all had a chance to attend the LLA Annual Virtual Conference or were able to catch some of the recordings. It was a great conference, and we are so thankful to the LLA Board and Conference Committee for all of their hard work putting it together. LLA is planning to host the Annual Conference in Alexandria in spring 2022, so I hope to see you all there!

I want to thank everyone who attended the Virtual Breakfast hosted by our section, Subject Specialist section, Preservation Group, and ACRL-LA. It was so good to see all of you and we are beyond thankful for Hayley Johnson and Sarah Simms and their presentation. It was such an exciting event, and I am grateful to everyone who helped to make it possible.

I am proud to introduce Angela Dunnington as the new Chair for the Academic Section! Angela is the Head of Access Services at Southeastern Louisiana University. Angela has some great ideas for moving the section forward and I look forward to working with her to help make 2021-22 another wonderful year! Shanna Clevenger, our current section Secretary, is the nominee for the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect position and Caitlin Cooper is the nominee for the Academic Section Secretary position. The results of the LLA elections will be officially announced at the business meeting in mid-May, but I would like to welcome Shanna and Caitlin to their new positions!

What a great year! I have been so thrilled to serve as the Academic Section Chair this year. I have loved getting to know you and look forward to a wonderful future for our section!

Stay Safe!
Blair Stapleton

Chair
Academic Section news

Academic Section Election Results

Section Officers 2021-2022

Chair

Angela Dunnington - Southeastern Louisiana University

Vice Chair / Chair Elect

Shanna Clevenger - Delgado

Secretary

Caitlin Cooper - Delgado

About the Academic Section

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.

Officers:
Chair; Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Secretary.

Committees:
Awards
Conference Programs
Grants
Publications

Publications:
Notes and Tracings

LLA Annual Conference:
Conference information can be found on the conference webpage

Awards:
Outstanding Academic Librarian Award
Grassroots Grant for Library Student to Attend Conference

Activities:
• Holds Annual Section Meeting at LLA Annual Conference
• Sponsors continuing education programs on topics of interest to academic libraries
• Co-sponsors a meal with the Association of College & Research Libraries-Louisiana Chapter at the LLA Annual Conference
Elizabeth Allen, Larissa Elliott, and Jacob Fontenot graduated from LSU in May 2021 with their MLIS degrees.

David Dunaway, Haley Johnson, Marty Miller, and Sarah Simms were selected to lead, with other librarians across the state, a cohort of teaching faculty in the development of deployable OER courses.

Amanda Hawk chaired the panel session, "Creating Meaningful Hybrid and Virtual Internship Opportunities for Students," at the Society of Southwest Archivists Virtual Meeting, May 18, 2021.

Rebecca Kelley and Brittany O'Neill participated as panelists at ACRL 2021. The panel was titled "Breaking the Mold: Taking Mis/Disinformation Education on the Road."

Ebony McDonald participated as a panelist at ACRL 2021 Virtual. The panel, on April 12, 2021, was titled "Openness in our Institutions: Countering Isolation in LIS."

Marty Miller participated as a panelist at ARLIS/NA 2021 49th Annual Conference. She presented "Making It Work Online: Conducting a (Mostly Virtual) Graduate Internship during the Pandemic" as part of the panel "Outreach in the Time of Covid: How Academic Art Libraries are Pivoting Their Services to a Virtual Environment," which took place on May 13, 2021. Marty was also appointed to the ARLIS/NA Professional Development Committee on April 28, 2021.

Darcée Olson was named visiting program officer for digital rights initiative for the Association of Research Libraries.

Brittany O'Neill and Allen LeBlanc, with Deirdre Larsen, presented "Three's Company: Collaborative Instructional Design on a Librarian-Instructor Team" at the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, March 26, 2021.


Brittany O'Neill's article, "Do They Know It When They See It?: Natural Language Preferences of Undergraduate Students for Library Resources," was published in the May 2021 issue of College & Undergraduate Libraries, 28:2.

Danielle Stoulig was hired as Head of Archival Processing for LSU Libraries Special Collections.
Library news

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport  submitted by David Duggar

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The Library welcomes Rob Stephens, who was hired as Research and Instruction Librarian and Outreach Coordinator. He has grown the library’s social media presence to include an active YouTube channel and TikTok account. He leads the Social Media Team which manages the library’s Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. He presented at two Learning with LOUIS Webinars: “Information Literacy -- Tools for Virtual Outreach and Instruction” on July 1, 2020, and “Social Media Tools - iMovie, Youtube, Tiktok” on June 10, 2020. Additionally, his article “#TIKTOKTUESDAY at the Nicholls Library” was published in the March 22, 2021 issue of the LOUIS Lagniappe. Recently, Rob wrote and had a proposal accepted from the Student Government Association to add a Little Free Library to the Nicholls campus.

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Elizabeth Layton, Access Services Librarian/Head, and Mark Love’s article, "A Happy Medium: Academic Library Noise from the Perspective of Students and Librarian," was published in Codex, Vol.6, Issue 1, 2021. In 2019, Elizabeth accepted the role of advisor/founder/coach of Colonel Esports, Nicholls’ first esports program. As founder, she has been leading the charge of designing an esports space on campus as well as organizing events and creating a summer camp in partnership with Stratify and Lafourche Parish City Council. In Spring 2021, she was nominated as co-chair of the NOLA ILC board.

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Nicholls State University  submitted by Brandy Burbante

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Northwestern State University submitted by Anna Tapia MacDonald

Debbie Huntington and Anna Tapia MacDonald presented “Using the Scientific Test Results of REALM: (REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums) Project on Materials and Resources at Watson Library” for the 34th Annual Research Day April 22. The REALM Project test results were discussed, along with preventative procedures designed to safely manage library collections.

Patricia Brown also presented a paper at Northwestern State University's Research Day on April 22. The paper, “Mapping the Information Superhighway through the NSU Curriculum,” described an information literacy curriculum mapping project currently underway.

On Wednesday, April 28, Debbie Huntington, and the Watson's Living Library: Everyone Has A Story team held the 3rd Living Library event on LGBTQIA+ life stories and experiences. The event was live streamed to a separate room on campus for viewing and was well-attended. It was also heavily attended off-campus via the live stream link. The next event will be tentatively held in the early Fall.

Cammie G. Henry Research Center

Assistant Archivist Sharon Wolff’s article "Two Sides of the Same Coin: Serving the Patron as Librarians and Archivists" was published in Codex vol. 6 issue 1 in March. She also participated in a Watson's Living Library panel on April 28th.

Southeastern Louisiana University submitted by Angie Balius

Janie Branham, Head of Serials and Interim Library Director, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.

Angela Dunnington, Head of Access Services, and Dr. Carol Madere, SLU Communications professor, presented Centennial Women's Suffrage: Celebrating 100 Years of Grit and Grace at Louisiana Library Association's annual conference. The Centennial Women's Suffrage Project launched at Southeastern Louisiana University in 2019. The team partnered with the National Women’s History Museum, Preserve Louisiana, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources regional program. The project leaders have engaged in scholarly discourse through presentations, panel discussions, a one-day conference, a virtual institute for K-12 educators, and a traveling exhibit.

Andrea Alexander (Reference), Angela Dunnington (Access Services), and Paul Kelsey (Acquisitions) presented “Affordable Learning LOUISiana: An Introduction to Open Educational Resources (OER) and Affordable Educational Resources (AER)” to Southeastern faculty in April. The presentation provided an overview of resources and topics related to Affordable Learning including an introduction to Creative Commons licenses, the Open Textbook Library, the LOUIS OER Commons, OER and AER course markings, the Faculty Portal, CloudSource OA, and Books at JSTOR and SAGE Knowledge, two current evidence-based acquisitions (EBA) programs at Sims Library.

Dayne Sherman, Interim Head of Reference, and Angie Balius, Reference & Outreach Librarian, hosted Readings at Sims during National Library Week. For 18 years, this event has served as an entertaining showcase for talented writers on campus and in our community who read aloud from their original works. Due to COVID restrictions, the event was moved to Google Meet, rather than in person at Sims Library.

Angie Balius and Angela Dunnington participated in a Learning with LOUIS panel discussion on student worker training. For over four years, they have been training new student employees at Sims Library with a module developed in the Moodle course management system.
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Nicholls State University (Continued from page 4)


Rob Stephens and Brandy Burbante presented at Tulane’s Sparking Success Conference on December 11, 2020, “Teaching Information Literacy: Implementing the ACRL Framework into Your Classes.” They discussed their process of creating and implementing six online information literacy courses that are used in multi-disciplinary courses on campus.

The library was honored with awards at the 2020 LOUIS Users Conference (LUC). Recent retiree from the Cataloging Department, Daisy Guidroz, won the Career Achievement Award. Our Social Media Team including Rob Stephens, Brandy Burbante, and Elizabeth Batte won the Social Media Mastery Award.

During the 2021 Nicholls Give-N-Day fundraiser the library raised $5,685 dollars to create an audio recording room in the library. Three librarians won Fundraising Champion Awards, which were awarded to fundraisers who had the most donors for the event: Elizabeth Batte - 1st, Rob Stephens - 2nd, and Brandy Burbante - 3rd. The Fundraising Champion Awards also came with additional funds for the library.

Elizabeth Batte and Brandy Burbante were selected for the LOUIS Open Textbooks Pilot grant, “Interactive OER for Dual Enrollment.” They will be Librarian Cohort Leaders for the pilot. Elizabeth will be leading a team of faculty to create an open course for Fundamentals of Communication, and Brandy will be leading a team to create a course for Computer Applications.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Susan Richard


Peter Klubek, along with Johannah M. White, BRCC, presented a Learning with LOUIS webinar, “Turning on a Dime: Reworking an information literacy workshop series in the COVID Crisis,” on April 22.

Blair Stapleton published “Steadfastly We Serve: Library Resilience during the 1918-19 Spanish Influenza Outbreak and Current COVID-19 Pandemic” Southeastern Librarian vol 69, no.1., https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/seln/vol69/iss1/4/.

Zachary Stein presented at LLA “Archives Security: Methods for Protecting Restricted Information on April 22. Zack partnered with the Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) Museum and the Department of Criminal Justice at University of Louisiana at Lafayette on a $32,805 historic preservation grant from the National Park Service to archive and digitize a large collection of LSP Museum’s photographs. He also curated a digital exhibit on the League of Women Voters of Lafayette at https://scalar.usc.edu/works/lwv-f/index.

Cheylon Woods was initiated as a member into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi by the UL Lafayette chapter on May 7.

Edith Garland Dupré Library is hosting “The Pelican State Goes to War” exhibit from the National World War II Museum. The exhibit runs May 3-August 27, 2021. All are welcome to visit the library and see how Louisiana helped achieve victory in World War II.