



Chair's Column by Betsy Miguez

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Betsy Miguez
Academic Section Chair

Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships in the LLA Academic Section. Your participation and your support make our section vibrant and strong. Many of you volunteered to join committees and run for offices. I appreciate your willingness to take on these responsibilities for our section. See the "Academic Section News" segment on page 2 for a complete list of 2008-2009 committee members and 2009-2010 candidates.

Paul Drake is chairing the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee this year. Please think about colleagues who have made outstanding contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana and nominate someone you think is deserving of this award. Beth Paskoff chairs the Thorpe Grassroots Grant Committee, which provides \$250 in LLA conference expenses for a graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science. Those of you who teach library science courses can encourage your students to join LLA and apply for these funds. The deadline for award nominations and grant applications is December 1. See page 3 for more information.

Plans are underway for an enriching annual conference in downtown Baton Rouge, March 12-14, 2009. Vice-Chair Rob Bremer has contributed countless hours to the Program Planning Sub-Committee. The Academic Section officers have worked together to promote programs of interest to academic librarians throughout the state. The conference theme is "Together WE Make a Difference."

This year, the Academic Section will co-sponsor a half-day pre-conference with LaSSAL that will appeal to librarians and support staff in all types of libraries. Angela Dunnington and Mary Lou Strong of Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana University, will present "Can u wiki, flickr and blog? An Introduction to Social Networking Tools for Your Library" on the afternoon of Thursday, March 12. This hands-on workshop will introduce popular collaborative technologies like Facebook, wikis, Flickr and YouTube. It will explore practical ways to use these tools in the library to facilitate communication and training and to better serve our patrons.

The Academic Section will also co-sponsor a Meet & Greet social with ACRL-LA at conference, as we did last year. Secretary Kathy Bowersox will coordinate refreshments for this event. We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference meetings and at the social.

In closing, I would like to thank Rob Bremer and Kathy Bowersox for always taking the time to understand and discuss issues that affect our section.

Betsy Miguez
LLA Academic Section Chair

Academic Section News

Committee Appointments

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee

Paul Drake, McNeese State University, Chair

Sybil Boudreaux, University of New Orleans

Lila Jefferson, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Grassroots Grant Committee

Beth Paskoff, LSU SLIS, Chair

Heather Credeur Plaisance, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Van Viator, Nichols State University

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Angela Dunnington, Southeastern Louisiana University

Candidates for Section Offices, 2009-2010

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Kathy Bowersox, Southern University, Baton Rouge

Donald R. Smith, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Secretary

Corinne Pearce, Northwestern State University - Leesville

Heather Credeur Plaisance, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

LLA News

Beverly Laughlin has resigned her position as LLA Executive Director. She began a new job as the Cataloger/Administrative Assistant for the Allen Parish Libraries on October 2.

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award



The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding Academic Librarian. This award publicly recognizes “an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana.”

The nominee must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a “model library” on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other libraries to benefit from their creation. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

The nominee should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

Please send vitas and four letters of recommendation of any nominations by **Monday, December 1, 2008** to Paul Drake, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, McNeese State University Library, Box 91445, Lake Charles, LA 70609, Phone 337-475-5726, pdrake@mcneese.edu.



Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences and to recognize outstanding graduates or undergraduate library science students. The prerequisites are: Must be a full-time or part-time graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science and attending a Louisiana college or university. Can be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in a library tech program (two year) at an accredited two-year or four-year college. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of conference. Must be a current member of LLA.

Qualified applicants should submit an essay of up to 250 words which discusses how the student will benefit from attending the LLA conference. A letter of recommendation from a current library instructor is also required. Selection will be based on the nominee's essay. The essay should illustrate the nominee's sense of direction and purpose, and his/her commitment to the profession. The winner of this award will receive an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 check from Thorpe Associates for expenses incurred in attending the LLA conference and a ribbon to be worn at the conference.

Send applications by **Monday, December 1, 2008** to Dr. Beth Paskoff, School of Library & Information Science, 267 Coates Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, Phone 225-578-1480, Fax 225-578-4581, bpaskoff@lsu.edu.

Library news from around the state

Centenary College of Louisiana

Centenary College, Magale Library and the Hurley School of Music & Library suffered a great loss with the sudden passing away on July 8, 2008 of **Dr. Ronald N. Bukoff**, director of the Hurley School of Music Library, and professor. Dr. Bukoff held a Ph.D. in Musicology and an M.L.S. in Library and Information Science. His B.A. was in Music History, plus his advanced degrees were from Indiana University and Cornell University. Before coming to Centenary, Dr. Bukoff was administrator for the Butler Library at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. He was a talented bassoonist who gave regular faculty recitals and performed with regional symphonies in the Ark-La-Tex. He also played oboe and English horn with the Shreveport Metropolitan Band. Dr. Bukoff was also a composer for bass-baritone and bassoon, and edited other works for bassoon and voice. He wrote music articles for a number of scholarly journals related to the field of library science and of popular culture, and was a frequent presenter at conferences such as the Music Library Association. Dr. Bukoff was much loved by his students and his cats.



Louisiana State University

Brad Wiles has joined the faculty as head of the manuscripts processing unit in Special Collections. **Will Hires** joins the reference department. as the scholarly communication/engineering librarian.

Sigrid Kelsey was promoted to full librarian on July 1. She and **Kirk St. Amant** are editors of the *Handbook of Research on Computer Mediated Communication*. IGI Global, 2008.

Stephen Bensman was elected Secretary of the Beta of Louisiana (LSU Faculty) Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He published "Distributional Differences of the Impact Factor in the Sciences vs. the Social Sciences: An Analysis of the Probabilistic Structure of the 2005 Journal Citation Reports," *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* 59 (July 2008): 1366-1382.

Natalie Palermo was reappointed to the LALINC Research and Development Committee.

Michael Taylor, assistant curator of books in Special Collections, has been awarded a scholarship to attend Rare Book School, which is an independent educational institute offering week-long courses on the history of books and manuscripts for librarians and archivists. Most of the classes are held at the University of Virginia. The scholarship is given by the Rare Book School, and allows the recipient to attend the school anytime within the next two years. Michael published "The Bicycle Boom and the Bicycle Bloc: Cycling and Politics in the 1890s." *Indiana Magazine of History* 104, no. 3 (Sept, 2008). The article will be available electronically through History Cooperative in a year.

Faye Philips published *Images of America: Baton Rouge*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2008.

Jan Thomas, patent & trademark librarian, is offering a patent workshop on November 17, 7:00 p.m. at Middleton Library. The URL to register is: <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/sci/ptdl/workshopregistration.htm>

Mark Martin was a presenter at the Louisiana Book Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4 for his book, *Andrew D. Lytle's Baton Rouge : Photographs, 1863-1910*.

Turner Publishing has announced the October release of *Historic Photos of Baton Rouge* by **Mark Martin**. This 10x10 volume showcases the pictorial narrative of Red Stick through photos from the Library of Congress, the LSU Libraries' Special Collections, and the State Library of Louisiana.

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Louisiana State University cont.

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Beginning December 1, 2008, Special Collections will feature two new exhibitions: "Audubon at Oakley: Louisiana Selections from Birds of America" and "The Pathway of Promise: 1500 Years of Religious Texts and Moral Guidebooks." Both exhibitions delve into devotion to and exploration of the world – one natural and one spiritual. The exhibitions open on Monday, December 1, and run through Saturday, March 21, 2009. For more information, visit the Special Collections' Web site at www.lib.lsu.edu/special.

"Audubon at Oakley" will feature prints from the elephant folio and octavo editions of John James Audubon's Birds of America. Selected items from the Audubon archive, including original manuscripts and pencil sketch studies, will also be on display.

Christian, Jewish, and Islamic texts will be featured in "The Pathway of Promise." Items from the Rare Book Collection, spanning several centuries, will be on display including original editions of 17th-century Bibles and Christian prayer books, an early 18th-century book of Jewish religious customs, The Alcoran of Mahomet (1649), and several facsimiles of important works from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, including the Gutenberg Bible (1455). The exhibition will explore the artistry of religious texts as well as their importance in the history of printing.

The first LSU SUDOC Lounge event was held on Sept. 26, 2008 in LSU Government Documents area. Dr. Mark Gasiorowski (LSU Political Science Professor) spoke about the history, politics, and culture of Iran as it pertains to LSU's Summer Reading Program book, *Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi. Government Documents will have displays on *Persepolis*, Iran, and the Middle East area available until November 7.

Special Collections completed a 3.5 year NHPRC grant to microfilm the Louisiana Police Jury Minutes Transcriptions created by the Louisiana Historical Records Survey during the New Deal. In paper form, the collection totals 206 cubic feet and resulted in 581 35mm reels. The collection was reprocessed and a new and improved finding aid produced. The pdf version is available at <<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/findaid/2984.pdf>>.

LSU Libraries will make copies of the microfilm available to library patrons, both at LSU and via interlibrary lending, and positive use copies of the film are available for purchase. For more information about these services, please contact Special Collections Public Services, Hill Memorial Library, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; phone 225-578-6568; fax 225-578-9425; or through our website at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/ref.html>. A second set of the microfilm will also soon be available to the public at the State Archives of Louisiana.

Andrée Bourgeois, now with Access Sciences Corp, Houston, TX, served as the project graduate assistant, and **Tara Laver**, curator of manuscripts, was the project director. **Elizabeth Dow**, associate professor of Library and Information Science, was invaluable in refining the mark-up and display of the EAD version of the finding aid, and former LSU SLIS student **Jennifer Pino**, now employed at Boston University, also assisted with tagging.



Louisiana State University at Eunice

Cindi Hayes, government documents librarian, will be retiring after 30 years of service to the LeDoux Library.

In conjunction with the Fall LSUE homecoming activities, the **Friends of the LeDoux Library** and the LSUE Foundation hosted a lecture and exhibition of the Fabergé styled artifacts in the LeDoux Library by engineer, designer and artist Alexander Caldwell of the Vivian Alexander Museum. The lecture was held on September 25 and the exhibit ran until October 17.

Southeastern Louisiana University

Eric Johnson, library director, is serving on three ALA award committees this year. He is again chairing the 2009 Beta Phi Mu Award Jury, which awards a monetary prize to a library school faculty member or to an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship, and serving as a member of the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable's ProQuest/SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Achievement Award Committee. He is also in his second year as a member of the GLBT Roundtable's Stonewall Book Award Jury.

Ladonna Guillot, health sciences librarian, has received a Professional Development Award from the National Network/Libraries of Medicine South Central Region to become certified as a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator administrator.

Beth Stahr, head of reference and instruction, and **Ladonna Guillot**, health sciences librarian, will present a paper at the annual meeting of the South Central Region/Medical Library Association in Dallas on October 14 entitled "Innovation and Collaboration to Create a 'Designer' Online Information Literacy Course for RN-to-BSN Students." Ladonna and Beth also presented a poster session at the Thirteenth Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 24, 2008. The poster was entitled "Deer in the Headlights: Customization of an Online Information Literacy Class for Returning Students."

Lori Smith, government documents librarian, wrote chapter 14 on "State Government Information" in *Managing Electronic Government Information in Libraries: Issues and Practices* which was recently published by ALA. On September 25, Lori Smith spoke at the University of Louisiana Monroe at a celebration of their anniversary as both a state and federal depository library.

Kathryn Munson, assistant access services librarian, has been selected for the American Library Association's 2009 Emerging Leaders program. The Emerging Leaders program puts approximately 100 librarians from across the nation on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership through a series of workshops, projects, and presentations during the ALA Midwinter and Annual conferences, to be held this year in Denver, CO and Chicago, IL. In addition to this honor, Kathryn was also awarded sponsorship from the Association of College & Research Libraries to participate in the Emerging Leaders program.

Karen Jung, head of access services, and **Kathryn Munson**, assistant access services librarian, received a grant from the Student Technology Fee to create a student Presentation Practice Studio in Sims Library. The Presentation Practice Studio is a convenient group space on campus where students across a variety of academic disciplines can work individually or in groups to rehearse timing and slide transition or develop oral presentation skills. More information on the studio can be found on the Sims Library website at <http://www.selu.edu/library/directory/media/presentation/index.html>. The Presentation Studio opened for business at the start of the Fall semester and an Open House event to showcase the new service took place on October 1st and 2nd.



University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Two librarians have joined the faculty at Dupré Library. **Andrea Flockton** is Head of Special Projects, Services, and Gifts in the Technical Services Department. After completing her Master of Library and Information Science degree at LSU, Andrea became the Head of Reference at Iberia Parish Library. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from UL Lafayette. **Kay Harper** is Development, Grants and External Relations Librarian. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin, she entered graduate school in Humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas, where she majored in History of Ideas. She also earned an M.L.S. degree from Texas Woman's University with a specialty in health sciences librarianship.

Denise Goetting, head of cataloging, has been appointed to serve on the Catalog Use Committee of the ALA RUSA Reference Services Section. The purpose of the committee is to focus on the use of catalogs in reference service, including such aspects as communicating, evaluating, improving, studying, and teaching the use of catalogs in all forms. The committee appointment took effect immediately after the 2008 Annual Conference and goes through the Annual Conference in 2010.

Kay Harper recently presented work developed with co-author Dr. Patricia Crane, of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, on supporting the needs of forensic nurse educators, at the Annual Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Forensic Nurses in Dallas, Texas.

Heather Plaisance, reference librarian, has been appointed to the LLA Thorpe Grassroots Award Committee and the LALINC Research and Development Committee.

Susan Richard, head of reference, was recently reappointed for a three-year term as recipient of the Friends of Edith Garland Dupré Library/BORSF Endowed Professorship.

Jean Kiesel, Louisiana Room librarian, has had a review of the website "The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London, 1674-1913" published in *Reference & User Services Quarterly* v.48 no.1, Fall 2008. The review is part of "Best Historical Materials" selected by the Historical Materials Committee of RUSA's History Section (formerly the Bibliographies and Indexes Committee).

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