

# Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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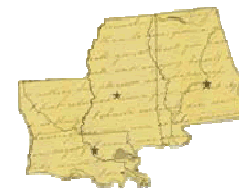
## *From the Chair* by Don Smith

The process of reviewing proposals is underway. We have received numerous interesting proposals both as ones to be Academic Section alone or some being co-sponsored. Our next step is to review these in detail to determine which to sponsor. Anyway you look at it, the 2011 programs will be interesting, useful, and enlightening.

## *Workshop News*

### **Records Management for Public and Private Organizations: Assessing RM Policies and Practices in Your Institution**

Saturday December 4, 2010  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Troy H. Middleton Library, Room 230C  
LSU Baton Rouge Campus



Archivists, librarians, curators, and others employed in institutions of information and culture are among the most prolific users of paper, electronic, and hybrid records. This workshop offers an introduction to the basic concepts of records management for individuals working in libraries, archives repositories, museums, and other similar organizations. It also provides a comprehensive review of records management resources, methods, and best practices that might be applied at the organizational and office level.

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Assess the deficiencies and strengths of their institution's records management program
- Identify tools and resources that are available online in open access formats
- Provide informed recommendations on how to implement or improve records management policies and practices

The workshop is presented by Brad Wiles, Manuscripts Archivist at Louisiana State University's Hill Memorial Library. Fee: \$20.00 (All fees go toward costs of workshop and future ATC programs). Space in this workshop is limited, so please register by November 19, 2010. Please contact Brad Wiles at bwiles1@lsu.edu or 225-436-6648.

## *Conference 2011*

LLA Annual  
Conference

March 16-18, 2011

Cajundome

Lafayette, Louisiana

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## *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 **Tuesday, November 30, 2010** to Sybil Boudreaux, Committee Chair, Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans, Lake Front, New Orleans, LA 70148, Phone 504-280-1157, sboudrea@uno.edu.

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## *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 **Tuesday, November 30, 2010** to Van Viator, Nicholls State University, Phone 985-448-4661, Fax 985-448-4925, van.viator@nicholls.edu.

# Library news from around the state

## Louisiana State University

**Linda Smith Griffin**, Associate Librarian and Head of Cataloging, and **Stephanie Braunstein**, Head Government Documents/Microforms Librarian, were selected to participate in the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians. The Institute was held on the Harvard campus August 1 through August 6, 2010 and was designed to provide attendees with leadership concepts and skills that could be applied to the challenges of leading and managing in the quickly changing environments of contemporary academic libraries. Emphasis was placed on reviewing case studies to gain insights to improve effectiveness of leadership.

### Publications:

**Bensman, Stephen J.**, Smolinsky, Lawrence J., and Pudovkin, Alexander I. "Mean Citation Rate per Article in Mathematics Journals: Differences from the Scientific Model," *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* 61 (July 2010), 1440-1463.

**Blessinger, Kelly** and **Paul Hrycaj**. "Highly Cited Articles in Library and Information Science: An Analysis of Content and Authorship Trends." *Library & Information Science Research*. v.32 no.2, pp 156-62 (2010).

**Kelly Blessinger, Stephanie Braunstein, Alice Daugherty and Paul Hrycaj**. "Formation of an Academic Group at Louisiana State University Libraries: Background, Guidelines and Lessons Learned." *Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL* 1.2 (2010): 18-40.

**Fontenot, Mitch**. "Diversity: A Task Force Survey of the Literature and Some Possible Trends for Academic Libraries." *Louisiana Libraries* 73, no. 1 (Summer, 2010): 8-11.

**Griffin, Linda Smith**. "A Select Bibliography of Electronic Resources for African and African American Studies." *Louisiana Libraries* 73, no. 1 (Summer, 2010): 38-42.

**Martin, Mark**. "Her Hands Tell a Story: Portrait of an African American Woman." in *Treasures of LSU*, edited by Laura F. Lindsay, LSU Press, 2010. Mark also published "A Revolution All Our Own," in *225 Baton Rouge*, September 2010.

**Phillips, Faye**. *The LSU Rural Life Museum & Windrush Gardens: A Living History*, Charleston, SC: The History Press, June 2010

**Taylor, Michael**. "Louisiana's Lone Star Republic: Commemorating the West Florida Revolution and Republic, 1810-2010," curated by Michael Taylor, will be on exhibit in Special Collections from Sept. 7 to Dec. 18.

### American Archives Month 2010:

In recognition of **American Archives Month 2010**, the LSU Libraries hosted a talk by Leo Honeycutt, author of *Edwin Edwards: Governor of Louisiana*, on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

Honeycutt's presentation, entitled "Louisiana's Place in America: A History in Pictures," detailed the rise and fall of one of the modern era's most controversial and polarizing political figures. Prior to being selected in 2005 to write Edwards' official biography, Honeycutt was an award-winning television anchor and reporter for 28 years. His exhaustive research included dozens of personal interviews with Edwards and his family, friends, and former colleagues, piecing together the fascinating story of Louisiana's only four-term governor.

Following his presentation, Honeycutt discussed the research and writing process for the biography, including his use of the Libraries' collections.

The **Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA)** held its annual meeting at LSU's Hill Memorial Library Lecture Hall on October 29, 2010 from 9:30-3:30. There were a number of presentations on archives-related projects and issues in the state of Louisiana, along with a discussion of LAMA activities for the upcoming year. Afterwards, attendees were invited on a walking tour of historic Spanish Town with John Sykes from the Louisiana State Museum.

Membership to LAMA is open to anyone interested in joining the organization. For more information about LAMA, please visit the website at: <http://nutrias.org/lama/lama.htm>.

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### Loyola University

The 2011 edition of the Princeton Review's "Best 371 Colleges" honored the J. Edgar and Louise S. Monroe Library by ranking it in seventh place in the category of "Best College Library." The library, which took fifth place in 2010, has placed in the top ten since 2006. Additionally, campusgrotto.com included the library in its list of the top 25 most beautiful college libraries.

**Mary Lee Sweat** retired from the position as Dean of Libraries this past July after 40 years of service to Loyola University New Orleans. **Deborah Poole**, Associate Dean for Public Services, will serve as Interim Dean of Libraries for the 2010-2011 academic year.

This summer, the library welcomed one new addition to its faculty. **Mary Finnan** joined the library as the Learning Commons Librarian. Mary received her M.I.L.S. from Pratt Institute in 2009.

**Malia Willey**, Instruction Coordinator, and **Brian Sullivan**, Online Learning Librarian, presented the talk "Easing the Transition to College-Level Research with Academic Library and High School Partnerships" at the Information Literacy Conference in October.

**Malia Willey's** review of "CQ Global Researcher" will appear in the Charleston Advisor this October.

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### McNeese State University

In May, 2010, McNeese University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, **Kathie Bordelon**, retired. **Pati Threatt** is now Interim Head, Department of Special Collections and Archives.

**Brian Sherman** is now Department Head of Acquisitions. The Acquisitions department is the result of a reorganization that brings together the Collection Management, Serials, and Information Resources departments. Brian and **Jerome Marcantel**, Information Resources Librarian, have initiated a campus-wide Library Liaison program, utilizing LibGuides. See: <http://libguides.mcneese.edu>.

Half of the profits from the sale of the book, *Growing Up in Lake Charles*, have been pledged for the Lake Charles High School Collection in the McNeese University Library Special Collections and Archives Department. Authors Jeanette Plauche Parker, Katherine Malloy Newell, and Kay Blake will present a check for approximately \$4,500 to **Debbie Johnson-Houston**, Director, and **Pati Threatt**, Interim Head, Department of Special Collections and Archives, on November 8, 2010.

The McNeese Library's web site is being reorganized and simplified. LibGuides will play a significant part in the redesign. **Debbie Johnson-Houston**, Director, has also added a welcome section on the web site.

Former McNeese Interlibrary Loan Librarian, **Paul Drake**, has authored an article entitled, "The Value of a Non-Medical Academic Libraries to Medical Libraries: A Case in Point." The article is published in the October 2010 issue of the *Journal of Access Services* and is an analysis of the McNeese University Library's first year in NN/LM and Docline.

Dr. Philip Williams, new McNeese University President, and his wife, Sandra, have become "sustaining" members of the Friends of the McNeese Library organization. Dr. Williams' investiture is scheduled for November 14, 2010.

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### Our Lady of Holy Cross College

**Kathleen Devitt**, collection development and technical services librarian, retired after 21 years of service. **Anamaria Brandon** now fills the position.

**Judy Walker**, Library Assistant, resigned upon acceptance to the Ochsner Radiology Technology Program. **Keisha Hawthorne** now fills the position.

## *Library news from around the state*

### *Southeastern Louisiana University*

**Dayne Sherman**, Coordinator of User Education, was awarded a certificate of appreciation and received the Southeastern Louisiana University Student Conduct Hearing Board Outstanding Faculty Service Award, 2009-2010.

**Mary Lou Strong**, **Jean Caswell**, and **Ladonna Guillot** were awarded a grant from the National Network/Libraries of Medicine South Central Region to instruct local senior citizens in the use of online consumer health information. The project entitled Senior CHAT (Consumer Health Awareness Training) is a cooperative venture between the Tangipahoa Parish Voluntary Council on Aging and the University. Librarians will provide senior citizens basic Internet usage training as well instruction in the use of MedlinePlus and NIHSeniorHealth databases.

**Mary Lou Strong's**, Reference/Instruction Librarian, book chapter, "Creating a Music Jukebox to Illustrate Basic Principles of Database Searching for Adult Learners," was published in *Teaching Non-Traditional Learners: Tools for Creative Instruction*, ed. Helene E. Gold, 49-56, Pittsburgh: Library Instruction Publications, 2010.

**Ladonna Guillot**, Health Sciences Librarian, **Beth Stahr**, Head of Reference and Instruction, and Bonnie Juvé Meeker, Nursing faculty member, published an article, "Nursing Faculty Collaborate with Embedded Librarians to Serve Online Graduate Students in a Consortium Setting" in the *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning*, 4.1/2 (2010):53-62.doi 10.1080/15332901003666951.

**Beth Stahr** and **Angela Dunnington**, Library Science Coordinator, presented a three-week online class for the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), "Designing Specialized Information Literacy Courses in Higher Education," from April 12 through 30 with 27 librarian-students enrolled.

**Angela Dunnington** and **Mary Lou Strong** published an article, "The Rocky Road to Assessment: The Creation of an Assessment Tool for an Information Literacy Credit Course," in *Codex: the Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL*, 1.2 (2010).

**Lynette Ralph**, Assistant Director, and Elizabeth Rhodes, Educational Leadership faculty member, presented a paper entitled "Information Literacy and Doctoral Students: Avatars and Educators Collaborate for Online Distance Learning" at the Informing Science and Information Technology of Education (InSite) conference held in Cassino, Italy. This paper appeared in the Conference Proceedings.

**Lynette Ralph** recently published a book entitled *Knowledge Management and Libraries: An Annotated Bibliography*. This book was published by The Edwin Mellen Press.

**Lynette Ralph** and **Beth Stahr** presented a paper, "When Off-Campus Means Virtual Campus: The Academic Library in Second Life" at the 14<sup>th</sup> Off-Campus Library Services Conference in April 2010. Their paper appeared in the Conference Proceedings and will also be published in the *Journal of Library Administration* later this year.

An article on "Diversity Outreach Initiatives at Southeastern Louisiana University Library," by **Eric Johnson**, **James Lovitt**, and **Penny Hecker** appeared in the special diversity issue of *Louisiana Libraries*, 73:1 (2010).

**Kathryn Munson** served as a panelist for the LITA Emerging Technologies Roundtable program, "What Is Your Library Doing About Emerging Technologies?" at the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C.

**Beth West** was hired as Reference/Distance learning librarian in late February. Beth organizes monthly outings for GNOALSH (Greater New Orleans Area Library Social Hour).

## *Library news from around the state*

### *Tulane University*

**Leon Miller**, Head of the Louisiana Research Collection, was inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) during a ceremony on August 13, 2010, at *ARCHIVES\*RECORDS/DC 2010: The Joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA), and SAA*. The distinction of Fellow is the highest honor bestowed on individuals by SAA and is awarded for outstanding contributions to the archives profession. Established in 1957 and conferred annually, Miller was one of seven new Fellows named in 2010. There are currently 169 Fellows of the Society of American Archivists.

**Eira Tansey**, Manuscripts Processor in the Louisiana Research Collection (LaRC), presented the paper “When All the Finding Aids Exist Only in Binders: Implementing Archon the Quick and Dirty Way” September 24 at the Southern Archives Conference, Birmingham, Alabama. Eira was recently promoted from Library Technician to Library Associate. She has been heavily involved in LaRC’s digital initiatives and was key to LaRC’s implementation of Archon and ContentDM.

The Louisiana Research Collection (LaRC) is proud to announce a new digital collection of 1910 Mistick Krewe of Comus’ float designs. This collection is the complete set of float design drawings by Jennie Wilde for the 1910 Comus Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans, Louisiana. The original artwork is a part of the Carnival Collection, Manuscripts Collection 900, Louisiana Research Collection, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118.

Jennie Wilde (1865-1913) was an artist who designed floats for many New Orleans Mardi Gras parades, including the Mistick Krewe of Comus and the Knights of Momus. The theme of the 1910 Comus parade was the Prophet Mahomet (Muhummad) and related subjects. These images are believed to be tracings from the original designs, possibly as a presentation copy to Comus captain, S.P. Walmsley.

The collection can be viewed through the LOUISiana Digital Library or by following this link: <http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/p15140coll29>

### *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

**Susan Richard** has been appointed Associate Dean of Libraries. She was recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor.

**Betsy Miguez** has been appointed Assistant Dean of Public Services. She was recently named recipient of the Drs. Gloria S. and Robert W. Cline/BORSF Endowed Professorship.

**Barbara Flynn** has been appointed Assistant Dean of Technical, Web and IT Services. **Bruce Turner** has been appointed Assistant Dean of Special Collection Services.

Recent exhibits using materials from the library’s Special Collections focused on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the assassination of Huey Long and a commemoration of Samuel Clemens’s life and accomplishments. These exhibits were mounted by Louisiana Room librarian **Jean Kiesel** and by Assistant Dean of Special Collection Services **Bruce Turner**. The theme of the October exhibit in the grand hall of the library was Horror, Crime, and Mystery Novels. One display case featured library staff members’ favorite authors in these genres. Library Specialist Monica Meaux, Records Management Librarian Vivica Pierrre, and Research Librarian Heather Plaisance coordinated the October exhibit.



*Exhibit on horror, crime, and mystery novels at Dupré Library.*

*Photo by Betsy Miguez, assistant dean of public services*

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