



Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by Don Smith

We now have a very well-attended and highly interesting conference behind us, at least until next spring. Our programs attracted a wide audience but everywhere money was mentioned LOUIS funding was on everyone's mind. We still do not have a resolution on the funding issues but the LOUIS office and the LALINC directors are working towards that end.

We have a new set of officers for the coming year: Nicole Morello, chair; Mike Matthews, vice chair/chair-elect; and Brian Sherman, secretary. I know we all wish them well and look forward to the programs they put together both as continuing education and for next year's conference. As this is my last column, I want to thank everyone involved in the LLA Academic Section, especially Nicole, without whom our conference programs would not have met with the success they received. I thank all the section membership for having selected me two years ago to chair this section; it has been a wonderful experience.

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*Don Smith
chair*



Academic Section News

**LLA Academic Section Meeting
March 17th, 2011
8:45 am - 9:45 am
Mardi Gras Ballroom at the Cajundome in Lafayette, LA**

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:46 am by Donald Smith.
- II. Introduction of new Officers & business
 - Nicole Morello is the incoming chair
 - Michael Matthews is Chair Elect
 - Brian Sherman is the incoming Secretary
 - Minutes from the March 11th, 2010 meeting were in the June 2010 "Notes and Tracings"
- III. Prolonged Discussion on LOUIS Crisis ensues. Highlighted points:
 - Losing LOUIS' funding will impact SACS accreditations; Without SACS approval the NCAA will not approve sports
 - May 5th, 2011 is LLA Legislative Day
 - People are urged to participate
 - LSU and UNO have made formal resolutions that LOUIS' funding should be restored
 - ULM is in the process of drafting its resolution
 - It may be possible to ask for LOUIS to be made a line-item in the state budget
 - People need to write more letters to the Board of Regents
 - People who can write copy for form letters are asked to be on the Task Force for restoring LOUIS' funding
 - Librarians need to get the attention of people who are unfamiliar with LOUIS
 - A public-facing website to generate support called SAVELOUIS.ORG has been created
 - A mass email campaign is suggested.
 - Students and parents need to get involved
 - Is it not clear why the BoR cut LOUIS' funding
- IV. Robert Bremer, Vice President & President Elect of ACRL-LA, makes statements on behalf of ACRL-LA
 - Explains that president Melissa Goldsmith could not be present, and neither could Tony Fonseca, past president, both for the same reason
- V. Debra Rollins, ACRL-LA Awards Committee Chair, presents the 2011 Scholar Librarian of the Year Award winner
 - The winner is Tony Fonseca, but he and Melissa Goldsmith, who was going to accept it on his behalf, are not present.
 - Gale Cengage sponsored the award for \$250 cash prize
- VI. Other Business
 - Carla Clark asks for people to participate in the LLA 2012 Conference
 - There was no Academic Librarian of the Year Award recipient for the LLA awards
 - There were no eligible submission this year
 - Librarians are reminded to in the future send nominations for awards
- VII. Meeting adjourned by Donald Smith at 9:45 am

Library news from around the state

Louisiana State University

Stephanie Braunstein was appointed to serve a three year term on the Depository Library Council (DLC).

Linda Smith Griffin, Head of Cataloging & Liaison to the African and African American Studies Program received the 2011 LSU Black Student Union (BSU) Award on Sunday, May 1, at the Black Student Union Spring Awards Banquet. BSU serves as the umbrella organization to more than thirty black student organizations at LSU to help make a better LSU community. Linda received the faculty award for her work with the African American community at LSU. She currently serves as the President of the Black Faculty and Staff Caucus at LSU.

Kluiters, Chris C.P. and **Will Hires**, "User Feedback from Corporate Library Advisory Boards of STM Publishers: Useful Input for New Product Development, Pricing & Licensing and Relationship Building: A Summary of Experiences of Springer's Global Corporate Advisory Boards and a Summary of a ROI Study at Four Large R&D Companies," IN: Kelsey, Sigrid, and Marjorie J. Porter, eds. 2011. *Best Practices for Corporate Libraries*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited.

Sigrid Kelsey is co-editor of *Best Practices for Corporate Libraries*. Santa Barbara, Calif: Libraries Unlimited, 2011. Kelsey was appointed to the Praeger ABC-CLIO Library Advisory Board, 2011-2012. She was also appointed to the editorial board for: Popp, Mary Pagliero and Dian Dallis, editors, *Planning and Implementing Resource Discovery Tools in Academic Libraries*, IGI Global, forthcoming.

Elaine Smyth contributed "Magnolia macrophylla: Watercolor Drawings by Margaret Stones," "The Book Beautiful: The Doves Press Bible," "Barthélémy Lafon, *Arpenteur*: Survey of the Widow St. Maxent's land, 1804," "The Elephant Folio: *Birds of America*, by John James Audubon" (with Gredna Doty), "La Petite Edition: Sketches by John James Audubon," in *Treasures of LSU*. Edited by Laura F. Lindsay. Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2010. She published "Margaret Stones," in *The Botanical Artist: Journal of the American Society of Botanical Artists* 16:3 (September 2010): 15-17. Smyth was interviewed for the Louisiana Public Broadcasting documentary "Treasures of LSU" which premiered on March 21, 2011. Smyth spoke about the Audubon elephant folio edition of *Birds of America*, a Bible owned and annotated by Huey Long, and the plate volumes of the *Description de l'Egypte*, all three of which were featured in *Treasures of LSU* published by the LSU Press in 2010 to mark LSU's sesquicentennial.

Michael Taylor presented a paper, "Books and Bookselling in Early Nineteenth-Century St. Francisville and Bayou Sara, Louisiana," at the Louisiana Historical Association Conference in Lafayette on March 19. Taylor was appointed to a second two-year term on the Exhibition Awards Committee of ACRL's Rare Books & Manuscripts Section.

Hillary Veeder is the recipient of the H.W. Wilson Research Award in the amount of \$850 to support Veeder's upcoming research project, *Title Histories of Art & Design Periodical Literature*. She plans to use the money to purchase a subscription to the ISSN Portal and will be submitting the project to the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) as one of the Society's Online Publications. Veeder is also the recipient of the ARLIS/NA Southeast Chapter Professional Development Travel Award to support her trip to the annual conference in Minneapolis in March. While there, she presented a poster: *A Composition: Fine Arts Databases*.

The Special Collections division of the LSU Libraries is pleased to announce the availability of the John S. McIlhenny Library Research Fellowships to support graduate students using the LSU Libraries' Special Collections for research. Thanks to support from the Coypu Foundation, six fellowships of \$1,000 each will be awarded. For information, see <http://bill.blogs.lib.lsu.edu/2011/04/25/john-s-mcilhenny-library-research-fellowships-available/>.

On May 14, the LSU Libraries hosted its annual Audubon Day showing of the first edition of John James Audubon's *Birds of America*. During this free event, visitors get to view this renowned masterpiece first hand, as staff members turn all 435 pages of its four massive volumes.

On May 23, the LSU Libraries opened a major new exhibition entitled "Aves: A Survey of the Literature of Neotropical Ornithology." Supported in part by a generous grant from the Coypu Foundation, the exhibition features a selection of beautifully illustrated books from the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection. It is accompanied by a published catalog. The exhibition runs through September 10, 2011.

On June 23, the LSU Libraries is hosting a day-long campus visit of some 300 rare book and manuscript librarians and archivists. The visit is part of the 52nd annual preconference of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL/ALA, which runs June 21 – 24. The preconference theme, "In the Hurricane's Eye: Challenges of Collecting in the 21st Century," focuses on how librarians can keep building and providing effective access to collections in a time of decreasing support and increasing demand for access and services. The preconference website is at <http://www.rbms.info/conferences/preconferences/2011>. **Jennifer Abraham** will present a workshop and serve as a panelist; **Elaine Smyth** will moderate plenary and discussion sessions.

Library news from around the state

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Bonnie Hines, Librarian, has been appointed Director of Library Services at LSUA. She has been a librarian at LSUA since 2005. Prior to her appointment at LSUA Bonnie had served as librarian at Louisiana College since 1971.

Michelle Riggs, University Archivist, hosted the Alexandria Louisiana Connecting to Collections Preservation Survey workshop on May 25, 2011. This workshop is an initiative of the Louisiana Libraries, Archives, and Museums Preservation Project (LA LAMPP), a collaboration among the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA), Les Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc., Louisiana Association of Museums (LAM), and LYRASIS.

Debra Rollins, Associate Librarian, will retire June 30, 2011. Debra has been a librarian at LSUA since 2002; prior to appointment at LSUA she served as a librarian in Rapides Parish Schools since 1986.

Louisiana Tech University

In recognition of Earth Day 2011, Prescott Memorial Library held a “Recycle, Reuse, & Reduce” presentation on April 18, 2011. Local “Recycling Queen” Ms. Allie Bennett, owner of a business named Stitchville, addressed these issues. Ms. Bennett has been featured in *Living Well* magazine (October 2010). She provided creative examples of her personal efforts to recycle and offered tips on how to become a more responsible recycler. This event was organized by **Rita Franks**, Government Documents Librarian.



McNeese State University

Joe McNeill, Systems Librarian, retired on May 31st after having served Frazar Memorial Library at McNeese for 26 years.

Kenneth Awagain, Coordinator of Library Services, retired on March 31st after having served Frazar Memorial Library at McNeese for over 20 years.

Frazar Memorial Library will begin a \$7.2 million renovation in the Fall of 2011. The original, 40,000-squarefoot facility was completed in 1961. Its size doubled as the result of a 1984 expansion. The last renovation was in 1986, which was needed as humidity from the air conditioner became a problem for the books. The project will include the installation of new flooring, ceilings, air conditioning, a fire alarm system, energy efficient lighting and ADA-compliant shelving. Also included is the relocation of a computer lab to the first floor and asbestos abatement. The project will be completed in two phases, which will affect half of the library at a time. Each phase is expected to take nine months to complete.

Library news from around the state

Southeastern Louisiana University

Dayne Sherman's short story, "Snakebit," was published in the new English Department freshman reader, *Word and Image*. His interview with Julie Kane was published in *Louisiana Libraries* 73 (Winter 2011): 18-21. Sherman's short story, "Jackson Square" from *Louisiana Literature* (SLU). Vol. 28.1. Spring 2011 was reprinted as a limited edition in *The Writing Marathon: In Good Company Revealed*, edited by Richard Louth, Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project, March 2011.

Dayne Sherman, Penny Hecker, and Herb McGuin made presentations at the Louisiana Library Association Conference on March 18, 2011 in Lafayette. Sherman's presentation was titled, "How to Sell You Memories, Maximize Your Mentors, and Connect With Your Members: The 'Hook and Crook' Method of Publication." Hecker and McGuin presented "Cinema on a Shoestring: Creating a Library Video."

Beth West presented at the 2011 Sims Technology Showcase: "Gchat: An Oasis in a World of Cluttered Inboxes."

Mary Lou Strong was selected to serve as a member of the CFE's Engagement Team and will attend the Teaching Professor Conference, May 20-22, 2011 in Atlanta, GA. She was also appointed to a 2 year appointment (2011-2013) as a member of the ACRL/ Instruction Section Instruction for Diverse Populations Committee.

Beth Stahr was elected Public Relations Officer for the Southeastern Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the Spring General Meeting on March 1.

Kathryn Munson served as an invited guest speaker at the LOUIS ILLiad Users North and South sections meetings.

James Lovitt, Reference and Instruction Librarian, resigned effective late March 2011, and returned to British Columbia for further graduate study.

Sims Library hosted the NEH exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War." **Lynette Ralph, Kathryn Munson, and Mary Frances Marx** wrote the proposal for this grant.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Two grants recently funded by the UL Lafayette Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) enhance library services. **Susan Richard**, Associate Dean of Libraries; **Carol Baudoin**, Head of the Circulation Department; **Sandy Castille**, Head of Circulation Services; **Duane Huval**, Library Systems Coordinator; **Betsy Miguez**, Assistant Dean of Public Services; and **Heather Plaisance**, Research Librarian, were awarded \$66,858 to implement "Security Cameras in Edith Garland Dupré Library." This grant furnishes security cameras throughout the library and ID card entry to the building for library staff. **Sheryl Curry**, Head of Information Technology and Web Services, and **Betsy Miguez** received \$2,278 for "Digital Signage in Edith Garland Dupré Library." The grant provides a programmable player unit, software, and a 42-inch commercial LCD display monitor, which will publicize library services and events in a high-traffic area on the first floor of the library.

Dupré Library is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War with a series of exhibits exploring the impact of the Civil War on Louisiana – both military engagements and civilian life. Materials in the exhibit include the ink stand used by Alexandre Mouton of Vermilionville (now Lafayette), who served as the presiding officer at the Louisiana Secession Convention. There are numerous illustrations from popular periodicals such as *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*. There are letters and reminiscences written by soldiers who fought in the war and diaries written by civilians trying to cope with life during the war years. Louisiana Room librarian **Jean Kiesel** and Assistant Dean of Special Collection Services **Bruce Turner** are mounting these exhibits using items from the Louisiana Room, the University Archives and Manuscripts Collection, and the Rare Book Collection.



Alexandre Mouton's ink stand.

Photo by Betsy Miguez, Assistant Dean of Public Services

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