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Georgia Tech’s Rich Meyer to retire

Rich Meyer will retire from his position of Georgia Tech dean and director of libraries in summer 2008 after nearly eight years of service. Meyer’s accomplishments at Georgia Tech are numerous and varied including imaginative use of library public spaces and innovative programming to engage students and researchers. He has moved the library forward in digital initiatives with the development of SMARTech (GT’s institutional repository) and under his direction, the library participates in a variety of national digital initiatives.

During Meyer’s tenure, the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center was honored with the prestigious 2007 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award “for its impressive five-year transformation into the heart and soul of the [Georgia Tech] community.”

Georgia State University news and notes

Skye Hardesty has been named Collection Development officer for the Georgia State University Library. She previously served as Science liaison librarian. Karen MacDonald has joined the GSU library as Business liaison. LaLoria Konata has accepted the Learning Commons coordinator position after being Political Science & Policy Studies liaison librarian from May 1999 to Dec. 2007.

VSU’s Odom Library news and notes

Laura Wright has been appointed assistant professor of library science and reference librarian at the Odum Library at Valdosta State University in Valdosta.