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Frank Harmon, Raleigh architect and professor at NC State’s College of Design, sees North Carolina Architects & Builders as “exceptionally useful to our students and to scholars in North Carolina and beyond” because it offers “insight into the lives of the men and women who have shaped the built environment of our state, a lineage that continues to inspire us today.” Few states have achieved such a comprehensive biographical dictionary, says Harmon, and “none has a better website of architects and builders.”

The site has won prizes from the Preservation North Carolina and the Vernacular Architecture Forum for its innovative and inclusive approach. Multiple authors have contributed to the biographies and accompanying building lists. New entries are in progress, and as project manager Markus Wust comments, “The website itself attracts new information from users who help make it more complete. There’s always more to learn.”

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Florida

University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, Head, Special Collections & University Archives (SCUA).

Ms. Miletic-Vejzovic, department head for the Special Collections & University Archives (SCUA) at the University of Central Florida Libraries, retired in June 2014 after six years leading the department. She received her MALIS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her first position was as the Rare Book Cataloger at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California. Before coming to UCF, she was the head of Manuscripts, Archives & Special Collections at the Holland & Terrell Libraries, Washington State University, Pullman. She joined the UCF Libraries in 2008.

During her tenure at the John C. Hitt Library, Ms. Miletic-Vejzovic acquired many notable materials to support the six areas of collection for the UCF SCUA, including a first edition of Zora Neale Huston’s eight book, Moses: Man on the Mountain, for the Floridiana collection; a Spanish Antiphonary of the Catholic Ritual Music for the first Sunday of Advent, ca. 1600, for the Rare Books Collection; and for the Travel & Tourism collection the papers of George Millay, Founder of Wet & Wild. With the donation of African Americana Legacy, The Carol Mundy Collection, an extensive collection of diverse materials, UCF SCUA added another key area of collection.

Ms. Miletic-Vejzovic has been quite active at the library, university, state, and national levels, serving on such committees as the Security Committee and Publications & Communications Committee of the Rare Books & Manuscripts Section of the Association of College & Research Libraries, a part of the American Library Association. Working with UCF Department of History and the Burnett Honors College, She was part of the planning committee that began the UCF Veterans History Project. The histories, which students began recording during the fall 2010 semester, are archived and made digitally available through the UCF Libraries’ Digital Initiatives and Library of Congress websites. She was also invited to serve as juror for the Florida Book Awards Competition.

Ms. Miletic-Vejzovic is recognized in the “Who’s Who in Sciences in Croatia,” an e-project of the Ministry of Science, Education, and Sports promoting Croatian academics in Croatia and abroad, and taught at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Zadar in Croatia for many years.

UCF Librarian Bogle-Pratt International Library Travel Fund Recipient

The American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committee announced that Sai Deng, metadata librarian and associate librarian at the University of Central Florida (UCF), is the 2014 recipient of a $1,000 cash award from the “Bogle-Pratt International Library Travel Fund.”
This award is given to an ALA member to attend his or her first international conference. The Bogle Memorial Fund and the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science will provide the cash award for Deng to attend her first international conference, the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) in London. Ms. Deng will present a paper titled “Creating a Knowledge Map for the Research Lifecycle” during the conference in September 2014.

Ms. Deng is a board member for the Chinese American Library Association, an affiliate of the American Library Association.

The award is in recognition of Sarah Comly Norris Bogle, a prominent U.S. librarian who made notable contributions to children’s librarianship, international library service, and library education.

North Carolina
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library announces the appointment of Bryan Giemza as Director of the Southern Historical Collection in the Wilson Special Collections Library. Bryan will provide vision and leadership for the Southern Historical Collection (SHC) and ensure its continued preeminence as the leading repository of unique materials related to the American South. He will pursue an active collecting program that supports existing and emerging areas of strength, including the ethnic south, antebellum plantation life, slavery, the American Civil War, the Long Civil Rights Movement, and social and political change.

Mr. Giemza will work closely with current and potential donors, pursue grant and other funding opportunities, and manage funds assigned to the SHC.

In coordination with Library staff, he will promote and set priorities for the preservation of and access to SHC holdings, and he will direct an active program of exhibits and physical and online presentations of holdings. As a member of the Wilson Library management group, he will help plan and implement special collections goals and priorities, and will promote expanded use of special collections at UNC.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Giemza served as associate professor of American literature at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia.

He holds a B.A. in English from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana, and a J.D., M.A., and Ph.D. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Giemza was a recipient of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia’s Rising Star Award in 2012. The award recognizes superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and public service among early-career faculty.

Lauren Tomola is the new AHEC and Outreach Services Knowledge Management Librarian in the Health Sciences Library. In this position, Lauren will organize information in the AHEC Digital Library and will maintain online information for the use of AHEC members. Lauren will support the Health Sciences Library’s consumer health and patient education librarian by providing consultation on patient education materials, managing content on the N.C. Health Info site, and assisting with the management of databases.
Prior to this appointment, Ms. Tomola was the Knowledge Management Librarian at the Health Sciences Library at UNC.

She holds a B.A. in classical culture and society from Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and an M.S.L.S. with a certificate in clinical information science from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.

Mary White is the new TraCS Knowledge Management Librarian in the Health Sciences Library. As the TraCS knowledge management librarian, Mary will provide consultation, training, and research support for teams of librarians, faculty research navigators, and staff at the North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences (TraCS) Institute.

Prior to this appointment, she was as an administrative specialist with the NC-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. She has also served as an adjunct instructor in informatics at Johns Hopkins and Drexel universities, and was a public health liaison librarian at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Ms. White holds a B.A. in psychology and an M.S.L.S., both from UNC; an M.S. in health informatics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland; and is ABD in community and behavioral health from the University of Iowa College of Public Health.

Erica Titkemeyer is the new Project Director and Audiovisual Conservator. As the project director and audiovisual conservator, Erica will provide leadership for “Extending the Reach of Southern Audiovisual Sources.” The project will help the Southern Folklife Collection (SFC) in the Wilson Special Collections Library develop techniques to preserve historic audio and moving image collections on a large scale and make them available online for public use. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation provided a grant of $187,082 for the one-year project.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Titkemeyer was a National Digital Stewardship resident through the Library of Congress at the Smithsonian Institution Archives in Washington, D.C.

She holds a B.S. in cinema and photography, with a cinema production concentration, from Ithaca College in New York and an M.A. in moving image archiving and preservation from New York University in New York City.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Orolando Duffus has been appointed Diversity Resident in the University Libraries at UNCG. Orolando received his MS in Library Science from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC) in May 2013. He also received his Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Saint Augustine’s University (Raleigh, NC) in May 2011. He is a native of Kingston, Jamaica.