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Michael Bonnard has joined the Georgia College & State University Library and Information Technology Center as Special Formats Catalog Librarian. He received his MLS from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Music in piano performance from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. His long history of cataloging experience will serve him well as he builds GCSU's collections of music scores and sound recordings, electronic resources, video recordings, and Internet resources.



Bonnard

Georgia College & State University Library Information and Technology Center also welcomes Shannon Morris as the Museum Curator. Shannon previously served as Curator of Education with Centre for the Living Arts/Space 301, a non-profit contemporary art center in Mobile, Ala. She has worked for the Telfair Museum of Art in Savannah and Birmingham Museum of Art in Birmingham.



Morris

Weishiuan "Sandy" Chen joined the Georgia College & State University Library and Instructional Technology Center as the new Serials Librarian. Sandy earned a bachelor's degree from the Fu Jen Catholic University, an MLS from Emporia State University, and a master's degree in Reading Education from the University of Missouri. Most recently, she served as the Electronic Resources Librarian at the New College of Florida. ▶▶

GLA and ACRL issue call for COMO papers

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association and the Georgia Chapter of ACRL invite Georgia's academic librarians to submit papers for presentation at the 2007 Georgia Council of Media Organizations Conference, "Beaches, Blogs, and Books," to be held Oct. 17-19 at Jekyll Island. Accepted papers are to be delivered in person at the scheduled session. This will be the 12th year that there will be cash awards for the two papers judged best of all submitted. The two awards — one funded by Blackwell's Book Services and one by EBSCO — will be presented at the Academic Library Division luncheon.

Papers can include research or reflections on developments

in academic libraries that present challenging opportunities for libraries and librarianship throughout the state, region, or nation. Papers should be approximately 2000 words, as presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes. Notice of intention to submit a paper should be filed immediately, and all papers are due by Aug. 8. Notification of acceptance will take place Sept. 5. Please submit a cover sheet containing your name, address, work telephone number and email address, and a second sheet with the tentative title and a brief (200 word) abstract. Criteria for selection include clarity, originality, scholarship, and suitability for oral presentation. Electronic submissions are preferred. For additional information, contact Justin Otto, Economics Librarian at Emory University's Robert W. Woodruff Library, at 404-727-0150 or justin.otto@emory.edu. ▶▶

GAMA looks back at '06-'07 school year

The 2006-2007 school year proved to be a very energizing year for the Georgia Association of Media Assistants (GAMA). It was filled with great programs, interesting people, good food and wonderful networking.

The year began with a Fall Executive Board Meeting held on Sept. 9, 2006 at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain. Dr. Gordon Baker, State Adviser, presented a session on Leadership and the Opportunities that GAMA provides for students. Following the presentation, officers were elected: Jameelah Whimbush, Stephenson High School, president; Dangua Allen, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, vice-president; Kevin Samuels, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, secretary; Sabrina Burnett, Stephenson High School, treasurer; Logan Shirah, Henderson Middle School, reporter; and Lindsay Marion, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, historian.

The Winter Executive Board Meeting was held at Henderson Middle School on Feb. 10 in Chamblee. A majority of the meeting was spent on discussing plans for the upcoming State Convention on March 10. Convention assignments were given to officers and members in attendance. The program, which consisted of technology fair presentations, was led by members of the Henderson Middle School GAMA chapter.

The 2007 GAMA State Convention was held March 10 at Clayton State University. Sessions included: Planning for College, presented by Scott Burke, Director of Admissions, Clayton State University; Basic Book Repair, led by Nova Ibe, Union Grove Middle School; and Keep Up, Get Ahead and Stay Ahead, presented by Joy Garmon of Georgia Gwinnett College. ▶▶