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SOLINET PERSONNEL NEWS

Heather Dray Named Educational Services Manager

Heather Dray has been promoted to Manager of Educational Services at SOLINET. She will be responsible for overseeing classes offered by SOLINET and SOLINET's consulting program.

She will also be responsible for assessing the educational needs of libraries in the Southeast and creating classes to meet those needs. SOLINET offers courses open to staff at member institutions in administration, cataloging, digital services, legal issues, OCLC products and services, personal and professional developments, programming and marketing, reference, resource sharing, technology, web design, and other topics. In addition, institutions and groups can contract with SOLINET for classes or a series of classes. SOLINET's educational program offers both in-person and distance education courses.

Ms. Dray has been with SOLINET's Educational Services department since 2000 and has taught classes throughout the Southeast as well as outside the region. She taught a series of classes on collection development and quality reference service in the virtual environment in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, Australia.

She started at working in the library profession as a periodicals clerk at the Broward County Main Library in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She has worked as reference librarian, circulation manager, and interlibrary loan supervisor in libraries in Georgia. Ms. Dray has a master's in library science degree from Clark Atlanta University.

Cal Shepard Named Manager of Consortial Outreach

SOLINET has named Cal Shepard to the newly created position of Manager of Consortial Outreach. In this position, she will direct the development, growth, and management of SOLINET's strategic relationships with consortia and state libraries in the Southeast.

Working in partnership with other managers and teams at SOLINET, she will formulate, coordinate, and execute all outreach activities to SOLINET's key consortia partners. "I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with our consortial partners and build upon existing cooperative relationships. This is an exciting time for all of us."

Ms. Shepard joined SOLINET in 1999 as Educational Services Manager. In this position, she oversaw SOLINET's instructional program as well as the consulting program. She led the development of SOLINET's E-cademy distance education program, which now comprises 50% of all classes offered at SOLINET. In addition, she has developed new courses and tracks (series of courses) to meet changing needs in the library profession. For example, she presents the five-day Management 101 series of classes. Ms. Shepard's previous experience includes work at the State Library of North Carolina as well as public libraries in North Carolina.

SOLINET Welcomes New Preservation Services Librarians

SOLINET is pleased to announce two additions to its Preservation Services Staff.

Jane W. Kogi, a native of Kenya, has a Masters in Library & Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, PA. Her coursework concentrated on archival management, preservation for library and archival materials. She served as a

preservation consultant for Heckman Bindery, Inc. and was a Preservation Librarian at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. Prior to that, she was a Preventive Conservator in the Conservation Division of the Library of Congress.

Kara M. McClurken comes to SOLINET from the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College in Northampton, MA, where she served as Project Archivist and earlier as Manuscripts Processor & Preservation Specialist. As a Graduate Assistant, she worked in the Conservation Unit at the University of Maryland Libraries. Participating in the Dual Masters Program at the University of Maryland, she received her MLS from the College of Information Studies and an MA from the College of Arts and Humanities, Department of History.

Ms. Kogi and Ms. McClurken will design and teach training programs on various aspects of preservation and collections care for libraries and archives. They will also assist in providing advice through the Preservation Services Information and Referral Service and offer consultative services, including needs assessments, to libraries and archives throughout the Southeast. SOLINET's Preservation Services Manager, Tina Mason, says "the knowledge and experience Jane and Kara bring to SOLINET will ensure that we continue to provide high quality preservation education, information, and assistance to our members."

Brenda S. Banks Hired as Manager for Academic Library Recovery Project

SOLINET has hired Brenda S. Banks, nationally recognized expert in archives administration and preservation, as Project Manager of the Academic Library Hurricane Recovery Project. In this position, she will develop, implement, and manage an 18-month initiative funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. She will start her new position on Monday, August 21.

"I am looking forward to using my skills and experience to help rebuild and restore damaged libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi," Ms. Banks said. "I hope to work with staff at the libraries to evaluate the area's disaster preparedness and recovery plans and guide participants in following best practices."

Her leadership will help libraries re-establish service; provide centralized resources, services, information, and training to aid in recovery; and improve disaster preparedness and response programs for libraries locally and regionally. Ms. Banks will also coordinate a regional summit on planning for disaster response and recovery. "One of the strongest elements of this program is that it includes the resources to assess current disaster preparedness programs and evaluate how they can be strengthened," Ms. Banks said.

Ms. Banks is a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, the highest honor bestowed by the Society, and recipient of the SAA Council Exemplary Service Award for her contributions to the profession. She is Chair of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Archives Institute and recently retired as Deputy Director of the Georgia Department of Archives.

NEH Grant for SOLINET Preservation Field Services Program

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded \$579,920 to the Southeastern Library Network, Inc. (SOLINET) to support its regional Preservation Field Services Program from 2006 through 2008. The grant funds a two-year project to provide education, information, publications, and consultations to libraries and archives, in order to strengthen programs to protect and preserve important resources for future generations.

Established in 1984, Preservation Field Services provides leadership, collaboration, and educational services that improve the

ability of institutions to preserve and provide access to their information resources for as long as they are needed. This project emphasizes preservation as a program of cost-effective resource management for entire libraries and archives. It will focus attention on core preservation activities, such as environmental control, disaster preparedness and response, physical care of collections, and preservation of digital resources. The grant will support training and information for document repositories in the Southeast and the Caribbean, including libraries, archives, and historical organizations, regardless of membership in SOLINET. These repositories hold valuable collections developed over many years to support education and research in the humanities.

Specific activities supported by the NEH grant include:

- Continuation of a substantial workshop program, providing both face-to-face and web-based classes on a wide variety of preservation topics, such as book repair, disaster planning, mold and pest management, and digital archiving
- Provision of numerous free presentations at forums throughout the region to raise awareness of preservation
- Creation and distribution of print and electronic publications on preservation topics
- Operation of up-to-date information and referral services to address immediate needs at a variety of institutions
- Loans of environmental monitoring kits and preservation audiovisual programs
- Formal and informal preservation consultations, especially to smaller institutions
- Development and implementation of an expanded outcomes-based evaluation model to assess the

impact of SOLINET's Preservation programs and services.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Awards \$896,000 to Assist Gulf Coast Academic Libraries' Recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

On June 16, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded SOLINET an \$896,000 grant to assist academic libraries in recovering from damage sustained during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and improve region-wide preparedness for future disasters. The grant will support several initiatives to aid affected libraries over the next 18 months, including

- Direct grants to assist damaged libraries in re-establishing service
- Provision of centralized resources, services, information, and training to aid in recovery
- Planning support for groups of libraries in communities that wish to explore new service models through multi-type cooperative organizations and facilities
- Assessment of the effectiveness of pre-Katrina/Rita library preparedness and training, and development of improved preparedness programs
- Planning at a regional level for coordinated disaster response and recovery.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in August and September 2005 damaged libraries in a large geographic area along the U.S. Gulf Coast. It was sometimes weeks before staff members could return to their libraries, by which time damage caused by the storms had been exacerbated by mold, ongoing exposure to the elements, lack of power for environmental controls, and lack of security. The catastrophic, region-wide nature of the hurricanes continues to present challenges to libraries trying to recover and provide

service. Katrina and Rita also have called attention to the need for libraries to be better prepared for future disasters.

In early 2006, SOLINET evaluated the damage at Gulf Coast academic libraries with support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. While each affected academic library is unique in terms of extent of damage, current state of recovery, current provision of service, and plans for complete recovery, most have immediate needs related to re-establishing and providing service and longer term needs for replacing lost collections and facilities. Of the 33 academic libraries evaluated at 25 hurricane-damaged institutions, 60% have moderate to devastating damage to buildings and/or collections.

For ongoing information about this project, visit SOLINET's Gulf Coast Libraries Recovery website at www.solinet.net/GulfCoastRecovery or click on the button on the SOLINET home page.

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EBSCOhost® Electronic Journals Service Enhanced Expands Biomedical and General Content

The American Diabetes Association, The Endocrine Society and IEEE have recently added their content – collectively representing 13 biomedical titles – to EBSCOhost® Electronic Journals Service Enhanced. Also, the International Labour Organization, Multilingual Matters, Psycke Logo Press and the University of Nebraska at Omaha have recently added their content.

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The **American Diabetes Association** is the nation's leading non-profit health organization providing diabetes research,

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The Endocrine Society is the world's largest and most active professional organization of endocrinologists in the world. Founded in 1916, the Society is internationally known as the leading source of state-of-the-art research and clinical advancements in endocrinology and metabolism. The Endocrine Society is dedicated to promoting excellence in research, education and clinical practice in the field of endocrinology.

IEEE, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., is the world's leading non-profit professional association for the advancement of technology. Through its global membership, the IEEE is a leading authority on areas ranging from aerospace systems, computers and telecommunications to biomedical engineering, electric power and consumer electronics among others.

The **International Labour Organization** promotes social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights: freedom of association, the right to organize, collective bargaining, abolition of forced and child labour and equality of treatment and opportunity. Its unique tripartite structure with workers and employers participating as equal partners with governments makes it particularly effective in working in these areas. The ILO is a specialized agency of the UN.

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