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4. Nomination must be made by a SELA member.

Process:

Submit nominations along with supporting biographical material, to any member of the Rothrock Award committee, listed below, by **August 15, 2008**. Within the cover letter, please provide name of nominee, nominee's phone/email, mailing address, and include a copy of nominee's curriculum vitae. The SELA member making nomination needs to include their phone/email, along with signature and date.

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Six HBCU-ASERL Librarian Exchanges Announced

The HBCU Library Alliance and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) announced the pairings for the 2008 HBCU-ASERL Librarian Exchange Program. This is the second time the two organizations have collaborated for this staff development program, again funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The activity is part of the Alliance's ongoing initiative to provide leadership development opportunities for librarians from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Librarians from six HBCU institutions will spend two weeks each working at an ASERL library on a strategic issue identified by the HBCU librarian as important to HBCU library and campus.

The following matches were made via a careful selection process led by HBCU Library Alliance and ASERL staff:

- **Blanche Sanders**, Alcorn University, Lorman, MS
Project Overview: To Develop a comprehensive information literacy program

ASERL Librarian: Suchi Mohanty, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- **Adrienne Webber**, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA
Project Overview: To develop a formal library experience for new students during freshman orientation week
ASERL Librarian: Shelly Arlen, University of Florida, Gainesville
- **Mantra Henderson**, Mississippi Valley State University, Bena, MS
Project Overview: To transform the current media center into a learning resource center
ASERL Librarian: Wendy Scott, North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- **Tyrone McNeal**, Bowie State University, Bowie MD
Project Overview: To develop an information literacy program that will assist students in identifying and articulating their information needs
ASERL Librarian: Julia Rholes, University of Mississippi, Oxford
- **Eddie Hughes**, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge
Project Overview: To create a database of prominent African Americans in Baton Rouge
ASERL Librarian: Carol Pitts Diedrichs, University of Kentucky, Lexington
- **Tanja Hunter**, Lawson State Community College, Bessemer, AL
Project Overview: To create a curriculum to improve learning skills of low performing first-year students

ASERL Librarian: Rosann Bazirjian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer, said, “The exchange program will support personal professional development, leadership development within individual HBCU libraries, and leadership development within the larger HBCU library community.” In addition, John Burger, Executive Director of ASERL, notes that “The project will strengthen connections between libraries to build knowledge, foster collaboration, infuse new ideas into the HBCU and ASERL library environments, and advance resource sharing among all partners.”

Questions about this pilot program may be directed to Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer, at 404-592-4820 or llewis@solinet.net.

Sandra Phoenix Named HBCU Library Alliance Director

Sandra Phoenix has been named the new Director of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance. She was formerly Executive Services Librarian at SOLINET.

“The HBCU Library Alliance’s longstanding partnership with SOLINET and Sandra’s hard work in facilitating this partnership make her exceptionally well-suited to this position,” said Loretta Parham, Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors. “In this dynamic role, Sandra’s skills and relationships will help the alliance continue its growth and define new directions.”

Phoenix has more than 20 years of administrative experience at nonprofit organizations. She has a bachelors degree in business management from Savannah State University in Georgia and a masters of library and information science from Florida State University. She has extensive project management experience and strong leadership and organizational skills.

“The work of the HBCU Library Alliance and the needs identified by the Alliance were the impetus for me to get my library science degree,” Phoenix said. “The Alliance and SOLINET encouraged and supported me during this endeavor, and now, it’s my turn to use my skills, experience and education to support and develop the alliance.”

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

SOLINET Educational Services Goes Green

As part of SOLINET’s continuing initiative to save natural and financial resources, the Educational Services department has taken several “green” steps.

One of the most significant changes is beginning with Spring 2008, the quarterly class schedule is no longer being printed and mailed. Instead, the schedule will be available on the SOLINET website as a PDF, and the link will be emailed each quarter to people who have requested it. To request the email, please email Vanessa Richardson at richardson@solinet.net. In addition, instructors are encouraged to telecommute whenever possible, carpool, rent hybrid cars when traveling, use public transportation, and recycle

plastics and aluminum. Other ways the department is cutting down on paper is by creating only electronic versions of class handouts and class evaluations and sending contracts and letters to host sites electronically.

This is just one in a series of changes departments throughout SOLINET are making for conservation. Other actions include the emailing of invoices and billing statements rather than sending hard copies. In addition, most SOLINET member publications are distributed electronically. The weekly *SOLINET Update* is emailed to members, and the bimonthly *SOLINET Solutions* is available as a PDF on the SOLINET website.

SOLINET to Offer Atlas’ Aeon

SOLINET is pleased to offer Atlas’ Aeon, a workflow and circulation automation system for special collections libraries.

Aeon offers a customizable web interface for patron requesting, controlled access to class reserve materials, OpenURL linking with ILS and EAD finding aids, and other features.

For details about Aeon and the SOLINET offer regarding it, please see www.solinet.net/Aeon. Atlas is best-known for its development of ILLiad, an interlibrary loan management software.

SOLINET Elects 2008-2009 Board, Officers and Members Council Delegates

Eligible SOLINET members have elected two representatives to the Board