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State Library Announces Reorganization

The South Carolina State Library has recently completed its internal reorganization of divisions and is pleased to announce a new organizational structure.

The new Division of Discovery & Delivery headed by Felicia Vereen now includes Library Services headed by Mary Morgan, Talking Book Services headed by Pamela Davenport, and Library Development headed by Deborah Hotchkiss. The new Division of Innovation & Technology is headed by Catherine Buck Morgan and includes the SchoolRooms Project, The DISCUS Program headed by Amy Duernberger, and also includes the areas of Technical Services and Information Technology & Infrastructure. The new Division of Organizational Resources is headed by Leesa Benggio and includes Finance, headed by Paula James, and also includes the areas of Mail Services, Administration, and Human Resources. Public Relations Information is coordinated by Dr. Curtis R. Rogers. Literary Arts Program Coordinator, Susanna Brailsford, works with the South Carolina Center for the Book.

For more information, please visit <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/organization-and-departments> and to see the new organizational chart, visit http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/docs/about/Organization_Chart.pdf.

PEOPLE NEWS

ALABAMA

Birmingham Public Library Staff Win National Awards

Birmingham Public Library has received three Be Innovative! awards from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. III provides software to public, academic, special and school libraries in the US and 40 countries for managing, ordering, processing, and circulating library materials. This awards program recognizes the creative and outstanding uses of Innovative products. The Birmingham Public Library is the only library, worldwide, to receive this award three times.

Jane Keeton, Acquisitions Department head, received the Most Innovative Staff Module award at the 2004 Innovative Users Group Conference in Boston, Massachusetts for the introduction of the immensely popular Best Sellers Club. This club allows the patrons of the Birmingham Public Library automatic reserves of newly published books of fiction penned by their favorite authors. Currently, 1,980 patrons use this service and more are added daily.

Melinda Shelton, webmaster for the library, accepted the award for the Most Innovative Marketing of Millennium Products/Features at the 2007 Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, California. Shelton designed and linked features from the Innovative Interfaces system to the library's MySpace page to allow direct searching of the catalog, new materials list, and other online content.

Tobin Cataldo, Information Systems Manager, accepted the Most Innovative Implementation of E-resource Discovery award at the 2008 Innovative Users Group Conference in Washington, D. C. Cataldo created links in the online library catalog to allow patrons to easily access other recommendations for similar titles or genres found on Amazon.com.

University of Alabama at Birmingham Library Personnel News

Ms. Susan Holt, Head of Technical Services at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, retired in December 2007. Ms. Holt was a cataloging librarian at Sterne Library for 30 years.

Ms. Carolyn Walden has been promoted to Head of Cataloging at the Mervyn H. Sterne, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has been a cataloging librarian at Sterne Library since 1978.

Ms. Piper Cumbo was hired as General Reference Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Prior to coming to Sterne Library, she was Law Librarian for the Birmingham law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas & O'Neal.

Ms. Dana Hettich was hired as General Reference Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was most recently Collection Development/ Reference Librarian and Instructor of Library Science at Gainesville College, John Harrison Hosch Library.

Ms. Irina Stanishevskaya was promoted to Cataloging Librarian at

Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She previously held positions as Librarian; Bibliographer; and Head of the Department of Scientific, Fiction, and Foreign Literature at Belarusian State University.

Ms. Laura Simpson was hired as Cataloging Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was most recently Catalog Librarian/Systems Administrator at Lambuth University.

Ms. Imelda Vetter was hired as Reference Librarian for Education at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She previously held positions as a Cataloger and an Information Consultant at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Ms. Lisa A. Ennis, Systems Librarian at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was recently awarded the 2008 Outstanding Professional Publications Award from the Alabama Library Association's College, University and Special Libraries Division. The award is given in recognition of the recipient's outstanding contribution to the professional literature of academic or special librarianship within the past three years.

FLORIDA

University of Central Florida Personnel Changes

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of **Laila Miletic-Vejzovic**, who

joins the Libraries faculty as head of the Special Collections & University Archives department on March 3, 2008.

Miletic-Vejzovic, who received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin and was most recently employed as head of Manuscripts, Archives & Special Collections in the Holland & Terrell Libraries at Washington State University, brings with her extensive experience in all aspects of special collections and archives, including rare books, manuscripts, endowments, and grants. She has a long list of awards, professional activities, and publications as well.

The UCF Special Collections & University Archives department has been without an official department head since June 2007, when long-time Florida archivist, manuscripts librarian, and administrator Carla Summers retired. The Libraries has eagerly awaited Miletic-Vejzovic's coming and looks forward to introducing her to the Florida community.

Catherine Steffens, a cataloger librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries since September 2003, has accepted a position as database manager and bookkeeper at Nathaniel's Hope (www.nathanielshope.org), a non-profit organization sharing "the Hope" with kids with special needs and their families. Her last day was February 28, 2008.

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of **Marilyn R. Snow** on May 29, 2008. Snow, who received her M.L.S. from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University (her undergraduate degree

was in Music History from SUNY at Genesco), began her library career at the Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland, Tennessee. In 1973 she moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, working in interlibrary loan, reference, and public services. She was hired at the University of Central Florida library in 1984 as a reference librarian; a year later she became coordinator of library instruction. Snow was appointed department head for the active and growing reference department in 1988. She held this position for six years, at which time she stepped down to focus on reference, library instruction, interlibrary loan and collection development.

Marilyn Snow has been active throughout her career in local and regional professional associations. In addition to her other duties and working with the UCF Student Disability Services, Snow promoted UCF library initiatives supporting the American with Disabilities Act.



GEORGIA

Valdosta State University

Laura Wright has been appointed Assistant Professor of Library Science and Reference Librarian at Odum

Library, Valdosta State University,
Valdosta, Georgia.



Sonja Sutherland has been appointed reference librarian and instructor of library science at Odum Library, Valdosta State University, Georgia.



Clayton State University

Katherine Ott has joined the library faculty at Clayton State University as head of access and information services. She previously was employed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Gordon Baker, Director of Libraries at Clayton State University is the 2007 recipient of the Georgia Library Association's *Bob Richardson Award*, which recognizes a GLA member who has made a significant contribution to GLA through their time and effort.

Augusta State University

Yadira V. Payne, former interim government documents librarian at Augusta State University's Reese Library, has been appointed government documents librarian. Ms. Payne is a 2007 graduate of Drexel University's online MLIS program. She is also the Georgia Library Association Government Documents Interest Group secretary and vice-chair elect, the Central Savannah River Area Library Association vice-chair, and was on the ballot for the American Library Association GODORT secretary. This new librarian has also received a grant from ALA and Nextbook for Reese Library to host a "Let's Talk about It! Jewish Literature" book discussion program.

Jeff Heck, automation librarian at Reese Library, has received a promotion to associate professor.

Camilla Reid, associate director at Reese Library, has been awarded tenure.

Georgia Southwestern State University

Valarie Anthony has been named the Access Services Supervisor at the James Earl Carter Library at Georgia Southwestern State University. Valarie previously served as the Senior Technical/Access Services Assistant at GSW. She is a graduate of GSW with a bachelor of business administration degree in Management.

KENTUCKY

University of Louisville

Rae Helton has been named Coordinator of the Learning Commons at the University of Louisville Libraries.

Emily Symonds was appointed as Metadata Librarian at University of Louisville Libraries effective April 7, 2008.

On June 2, 2008 **Tocara Porter** joined the University of Louisville Libraries in the Diversity Residency position.

James Procell II will become Music Librarian at the University of Louisville Libraries beginning August 1, 2008.

Mildred Franks, known to KLA members since 1985 as the "Kentucky Kaleidoscope" column editor for Kentucky Libraries, is retiring effective August 1, 2008. She has been at the University of Louisville Libraries for 45 years, where she began her employment as an acquisitions assistant. Along the way Mildred's assignments have included Acting Head of Acquisitions; Assistant-Head, Reference Department, part-time Head, Office of Personnel Services; twice acting head of Reference Department; Information Delivery Team Leader; and finally in 2006, Head of Public Services for Ekstrom Library. She received her promotion to Professor in 1997.

LOUISIANA

Assumption Parish Library

Dr. Teri Maggio, Director of the Assumption Parish Library is the first librarian in the South and the third

person nationwide to be awarded this credential. She was certified by the American Library Association and the Allied Professions Association in April, 2008 after successfully completing a rigorous seven-course curriculum. "I am thrilled to be the first librarian in the South and the third librarian in the U.S. to achieve this voluntary national certification. My knowledge base has expanded my awareness of current issues, reports and trends. I am much better equipped to perform multiple tasks in the complexity of the public library environment and its demands on library administrators. I can develop a stronger vision for our public library with all the keyholders, funders and community to make our library GREAT. It strengthened my managerial and leadership skills, and I would highly recommend the program to other librarians who are currently library administrators or plan to seek that career path in the future. The course assignments were also very practical and diverse which included writing a technology plan, a grant application, a staff and board diversity plan and a facility preventive maintenance plan." Dr. Maggio recently returned home to her native state to take over the reins of the Assumption Parish Library in December, 2007.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi State University Libraries

Gerald Chaudron has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Manuscripts.

David Scott Nolen has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as

Assistant Professor/Humanities
Reference Librarian.

Jason Phillips has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Government Documents and Microforms Reference Librarian.

Ryan Semmes has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Archivist.

Julie Xu has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Engineering Reference Librarian.

June Schmidt has retired from her position as Associate Dean for Technical Services and Professor at Mississippi State University Libraries after thirty-six years of service. She worked for three years as a school librarian before beginning her career in academic librarianship at Mississippi State University, where she was appointed to positions of increasing responsibility and authority. Her efforts were focused in technical services, except for a seven year period during which she served as the Branch Librarian for the University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

During her tenure at Mississippi State University, she played leadership roles in several campus organizations. Notable among these were the President's Commission on the Status of Women and the Faculty Senate. She has been active in a number of professional groups. Among these groups was the Mississippi Library Association, where she was elected as Secretary, Vice-President, President, and American Library Association (ALA) Councilor. She was also elected for two terms as

Chair of the Mississippi Association of College and Research Libraries.

Schmidt has been an active member of the ALA since 1975. She served on various committees of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Library Administration and Management Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Resources and Technical Services Division. She was elected as the President of the Junior Members Round Table and served as a member of the ALA Council from 1991 through 1995.

Her contributions to the professional literature have appeared in such publications as *Library Resources & Technical Services*, *Library Collections, Acquisitions, & Technical Services*, *Mississippi Libraries*, *Staff Development: A Practical Guide*, and *the ALA Yearbook*. These contributions have focused on staff development and practical issues in acquisitions and collection development.

June Schmidt's consummate professionalism and collegial leadership will certainly be missed by her library colleagues.

University of Southern Mississippi

Linda K. Ginn, Catalog Librarian/Asst. Professor at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, presented a paper, "Civil Rights and Mississippi History: the Continuing Education of a Catalog Librarian," at the 15th International Conference on Learning on June 4, 2008, at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina Libraries

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), announces three recent appointments:

Linda Drake is the new Director of Library Personnel. During 2007, Drake served in that position in an interim capacity, while continuing half-time as librarian for the F. Stuart Chapin, Jr., Planning Library at UNC, a position she held since 1989. From 1999 to 2007, Drake also served as the University Library's Staff Development Coordinator. Drake holds an M.L.S. from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and a B.A. from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Heather Ball Gendron has been appointed Art Librarian for the Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library. Since 2001, Gendron has been Art and Architecture Librarian and Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Gendron holds an M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.F.A. from Purchase College of the State University of New York.

Alan Unsworth has been named to a one-year appointment as General Reference Librarian. Unsworth will provide general and specialized reference services and library instruction. He was most recently Assistant Desk and Staff Supervisor in the circulation department at UNC's Davis Library. Unsworth holds an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC and a B.S. in Sociology from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

Amy Baldwin has been appointed Director of the North Carolina Literary Festival. Baldwin will have overall responsibility for the festival, which will take place on the Chapel Hill campus Sept. 10-14, 2009. Baldwin was most recently the co-owner and vice president of development and marketing at Non-Linear LLC, which developed and coordinated a three-day music and extreme sports festival in San Diego, Calif. Baldwin holds a B.A.B.S. in marketing from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Thuy-Anh Dang is the new Media Resources Cataloger. She will be responsible for cataloging audio-visual resources in a wide array of formats and languages. Dang recently served as a temporary cataloger in the Rare Book Collection at UNC. From 2003 to 2007, she was a cataloger at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Dang holds a B.A. in English from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and an M.L.S. from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Emily King has been appointed Coordinator of E-Learning Services. King will coordinate digitized course support services provided by the University Library and will represent the Library in campus-wide e-learning initiatives. King holds a B.A. in primary education and history and an M.L.S., both from UNC. While completing her M.L.S., she served as a reference assistant and instructor in the UNC Library.

Beth Ann Koelsch has been appointed as the curator of the Women Veterans Historical Collection at UNC

Greensboro. She previously worked as a project archivist at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture at Duke University.



Janet L. Flowers retired April 1, 2008, as Head of Acquisitions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library on the anniversary of her 38th year of employment with the Library. Flowers graduated from UNC with a B.A. in French in 1966, and an M.S.L.S. in 1967, and was inducted into the Beta Phi Mu, Epsilon Chapter. Her first professional position was as a reference librarian at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She came to UNC as Romance Languages Cataloger in 1970, becoming Assistant Head, then Head, of Bibliographic Searching before her appointment as Head of Acquisitions in 1982.

During her career, Flowers was a regular participant in and pre-conference leader on topics related to acquisitions management and vendor negotiations at the annual Charleston Conference for Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition. She also was active in the North Carolina Serials Conference, where she made a number of presentations. She published widely on topics related to

general management and management of the acquisitions process. Her article, "Operational Efficiencies in Acquisitions to Minimize the Impact of Budget Cuts upon Library Materials Budgets" (The Bottom Line, 2003) won the "Highly Commended" award from the Literati Club in 2004. Her other articles include "Ethics within the Serials Family" (Library Collections, Acquisitions & Technical Services, 2002) and "Negotiations with Library Materials Vendors: Preparation and Tips" (The Bottom Line, 2003). As a personal interest, Flowers authored "Starting a Church/Synagogue Library" (North Carolina Libraries, 1987).

A member of the American Library Association and the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services, Flowers served most recently on ALCTS's Education Committee (2001-03) and Technology Committee (1996-2000). She was also Co-Chair of the ALCTS Vendors of Library Materials Discussion Group (2001-02) and most recently presented the paper "Managing the Acquisitions Workflow of Monographs" to that group in 2006. As a member of the North Carolina Library Association, she chaired its Library Administration and Management Section (1992-94) and also served two terms on the NCLA Executive Board (1992-94 and 1995-97).

At UNC, Flowers was an elected member of the University's Faculty Council (1981-84 and 1988-91) and served on the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly (1982-85), with representatives from all campuses in the UNC system. She was president (1978-79) of the Librarians' Association at UNC-Chapel Hill and served on

several LAUNC-CH committees. She was a member of the Carolina Academic Library Associates Steering Committee and was a member of the steering committee overseeing a reorganization, now in process, of the Library's technical services operations. Flowers lectured frequently for the Collection Management classes at UNC's School of Information and Library Science and was also president (1982-83) of the SILS Alumni Association. Over the years, Flowers mentored many SILS students on matters relating to management and acquisitions challenges.

James Harvard Ovitt, 51, Government Data Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 20.

Jim became Government Data Librarian in 2005 after serving as a reference librarian and a student assistant at UNC's Davis Library. He received the degree of Master of Science in Library Science from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC in 2003 and also held an A.B. in history (1980) from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.. Before entering the field of librarianship, Jim spent nearly twenty years in the media industry in New York as a producer and director of documentary and industrial films.

Jim was a member of the American Library Association and of ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries and Government Documents Roundtable. He was also a member of the North Carolina Library Association and of NCLA's Government Resources Section.

NC State Librarian Named One of the Top "Movers & Shakers" in the Profession

Hilary Davis, the NCSU Libraries' Collection Manager of Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Data Analysis, has been named one of the year's top "Movers & Shakers" by *Library Journal*. She was recognized by the magazine as one of the "people shaping the future of libraries" primarily for her sophisticated use of analytics in adapting collections to meet researchers' needs.

Davis develops and manages the NCSU Libraries' collections in all subject areas in the physical sciences and in selected engineering subjects. She also analyzes data to support planning, budgeting, and policy development and to respond to accreditation reviews and statistical surveys.

She joined NC State in February 2005 as an NCSU Libraries Fellow in Collection Management, serving as a subject specialist for faculty and students of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. As a Fellow, she made significant contributions to the planning and development of a digital repository. She holds an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, an M.S. in biology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a B.S. in biology with honors from Guilford College.

It is the third year in a row that an NC State librarian is recognized as a "Mover & Shaker" by *Library Journal*. In 2006, Associate Head for Digital Library Development Tito Sierra made national headlines, and last year, Interim Associate Head of Information

Technology Emily Lynema took the library world by storm. *Library Journal's* article about Hilary Davis is available at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6535072.html>

NCSU Libraries

Terry B. Hill joined the NCSU Libraries as Assistant to the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries.

Hill previously worked for the NCSU Libraries as Collection Manager for Management and Social Sciences. Most recently, Hill taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University graduate library schools, while also holding a position as librarian at Hope Valley Elementary School. He has also worked in the private sector as a customer service representative for Harrassowitz, a major international book and serials vendor for the academic and research community. Hill has presented and published on issues in collection management, including an upcoming presentation for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Social Science Libraries Section, entitled "Keeping Up With the Joneses: New Models to Support Developing Needs."

In his new role, Hill will coordinate communications and internal and external relations for the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries, and will oversee management of the administrative functions of the Office of the Director. By researching topics in the field of librarianship and higher education, he will contribute to administrative studies, presentations, and

the preparation of grant proposals related to the planning and development of library programs.

Terry Hill earned the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Carolina Academic Library Associate. He earned the Master of Arts in Political Science and the Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Appalachian State University.

NCSU Libraries Taps 2008-2010 Fellows

The NCSU Libraries has announced the appointment of the 2008-2010 NCSU Libraries Fellows, effective July 1, 2008, unless otherwise noted: Freeman Culver, III (effective September 1, 2008), Cory Lown, Dan Lucas, Genya O'Gara, Andreas Orphanides, and David Zwicky.

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program develops future leaders for academic libraries, with a focus on science, engineering, and digital librarianship; on diversity; and on library management. Now in its ninth year, the program continues to attract an impressive group of talented new graduates from universities throughout North America. NCSU Libraries Fellows are appointed for a two-year term as members of the library faculty, combining a project assignment on an initiative of strategic importance with a half-time appointment in a home department.

Freeman Culver, III will receive the Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. Culver's home department will be Access and Delivery Services. In his project, *Endowment Profiles: Bringing*

the Stories to Light, he will work with the Libraries Development team, contributing to the creation of profiles of library donors.

Cory Lown is soon to graduate with the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), where he was awarded the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship. Lown will serve in Digital Library Initiatives with a project assignment, *NCSU Libraries Collections: Making Data Work for Us*, in Collection Management.

Daniel Lucas will complete the Master of Science in Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lucas has a home department assignment in Digital Library Initiatives. In his project, *New Media Initiatives*, he will draw upon his background in visual communications and web development to investigate and implement new media design, services, and content in Research and Information Services.

Genya O’Gara will earn the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. O’Gara’s home department will be Collection Management. Her project in the Special Collections Research Center, *Exposing Modern Archival Collections: Documenting Kannapolis*, will draw upon her experience with primary research materials.

Andreas Orphanides will receive the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was the recipient of the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship. Orphanides will have a home department

in Information Technology and a project, *E-Learning Resources for Teaching and Learning*, in Research and Information Services.

David Zwicky will complete the Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. With a home assignment in the Textiles Library, Zwicky will serve Textiles and Engineering students and will use his digital library skills on his project, *Data Repository Development*, in Digital Library Initiatives.

NCSU Special Collections Staff Member Wins Several Prestigious Awards

Judy Allen Dodson, the Administrative Support Associate in the NCSU Libraries' [Special Collections Research Center](#), has been awarded the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students by the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC). The scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing graduate education in archival administration and encourages ethnic diversification of the profession. The award is a scholarship of \$750 and a one-year complimentary membership to MAC, the nation's largest regional professional association for archivists.

The award is named for the late Archie Motley, who served as the MAC's first president between 1972 and 1975 and enjoyed a distinguished career at the Chicago Historical Society. He was highly regarded in the field, serving as a mentor and guide to countless colleagues and researchers from the 1950s through

the 1990s.

Allen Dodson has also been awarded a scholarship to attend the [49th Annual Rare Books and Manuscripts Section \(RBMS\) Preconference, "Rare and Special Bytes: Special Collections in the Digital Age,"](#) which will be held from June 24 to 27, 2008, in Los Angeles, California. This competitive scholarship offers complementary registration as well as a stipend.

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), plays a leading role in local, national, and international special collections communities. This year's annual preconference will address various aspects of special collections in the digital environment, including intellectual property issues, using digital special collections in the classroom, and mass digitization.

Furthermore, Allen Dodson has been selected to represent North Carolina Central University in the Student-to-Staff Program at the [ALA Annual Conference](#) in Anaheim, California, from June 26 to July 2, 2008. She will complete an assignment with *Cognotes*, the daily newspaper of the conference, which draws more than 10,000 attendees from the library profession to its more than 2,000 committee meetings and events and 300 educational programs.

Queens University of Charlotte

Queens University of Charlotte Everett Library announces a new position, Emerging Technologies Librarian. **Joli Barham** will concentrate on the Library

website, information literacy tutorials, library instruction, and academic support for faculty teaching online courses. Queens is offering its first online courses in the Summer of 2008.

The library also announces a new employee, **Elaine Wood**, became the Public Services Librarian/Manager in June 2008. Elaine will begin a training program for library student assistants in the Fall of 2008, the QUEST Program (Queens University Electronic Systems Trainee). Students will be given information literacy and technology literacy training to allow them to trouble shoot questions about use of electronic resources and equipment and software concerns.

Ben Farnham will begin work as the Evening and Weekend Public Services Assistant in early August.

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina

Kenneth Eldridge Toombs who was Director of Libraries at the University of South Carolina from 1967 to 1988 died March 4, 2008 in Columbia, S.C. after a long illness.

A native of Virginia, Toombs served in the U.S. Army in WW II and the Korean War. He was a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He earned a master's degree in history from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University. He began his library career at Louisiana State University in 1956 and later became Director of Libraries at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Much progress was made in the University of South Carolina library system during Tombs' tenure, including the addition of the millionth volume and the building of the Thomas Cooper and Law Libraries. Toombs served as co-founder of the Southeastern Library Network, was listed in *Who's Who in Library Science* and *Who's Who in America* and received the Rothrock Award, the highest honor of the Southeastern Library Association for his contribution to the Solinet System. He was known nationally as an academic library building consultant.



John Newman Olsgaard, 53, passed away December 7, 2007 of lung cancer. Olsgaard was appointed Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean in the College of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina in Columbia in 1984. He served as the Interim Dean of the College from 1985 to 1986. In 1989, he was appointed Associate Provost of the University of South Carolina, where he served for fifteen years. He also served as Interim Dean of the University of South Carolina Libraries from 2001 to 2002. In 2004, he returned to full-time teaching at the

School of Library and Information Science. Before his death Olsgaard was awarded the title Associate Professor Emeritus.

Olsgaard's primary research interests were in the areas of academic library administration, research methodologies in library and information science, and information system design. Olsgaard received a B.A. in history from Jamestown College in 1974, an M.A. in American history from the University of North Dakota in 1976, a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1977, and a Ph.D. in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1984.



TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee State University

Christy Groves has been placed in charge of User Services for the Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University. She will oversee Reference & Instructional Services and Access Services. Her MLS is from the University of Tennessee and she currently serves as Head of Access Services at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Prior to her appointment at Ball State she served as Science Librarian and Reference Services Librarian at that institution.

Jason Vance has been appointed Information Literacy Librarian at Middle Tennessee State University. He will direct campus-wide literacy initiatives in support of student retention in addition to providing reference service and instruction in library resources. He comes to MTSU from Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky where he serves as Interlibrary Loan / Regional Campus Coordinator. His MLS is from Simmons College. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Morehead State. Prior to his appointment at Morehead, he served as Chief Librarian for Public Services at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

Christa V. Hardy has been appointed to a library thesis/dissertation fellowship. She received her MLS from the

University of Alabama and is currently a dissertation stage candidate for the Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. Her responsibilities will include reference, library instruction, and collection development. In addition, she will contribute to campus diversity initiatives and devote time to the completion of her dissertation. The fellowship program at Middle Tennessee State University is part of the institution's program to enhance diversity in research, teaching, and service through the recruitment of underrepresented minority students from across the country who are completing graduate research. Individuals wishing to know more about this program should contact William Black at the Walker Library (615-898-2772; wblack@mtsu.edu)

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