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Armstrong Atlantic news and notes

Kristin Stout, a reference and instruction librarian at Armstrong Atlantic State University's Lane Library, has been selected to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) 2010 Class of Emerging Leaders. The program is designed to enable approximately 100 library workers to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership. Participants are given the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, network with peers and get an inside look at the ALA's structure and activities. ▶▶



Stout

Kennesaw State news and notes

A group of Valdosta State University MLIS students and their professor visited the Bentley Rare Book Gallery in the Horace W. Sturgis Library at Kennesaw State University as part of a course in rare book librarianship in spring 2009. "The rare book collection at Kennesaw is magnificent," VSU professor Bill Meehan said. "Physical contact with such splendid artifacts makes for a terrific learning experience."

The group was treated to a hands-on session under the direction of Robert B. Williams, then curator and assistant vice president for library services, who built the collection.



From left: Bill Meehan, Perry Yates, Sarah Graham and Maureen Hill. Meehan is holding *The Black Arrow: A Tale of the Two Roses* by Robert Louis Stevenson, printed in 1916, illustrated by N.C. Wyeth; Yates *The Grave, A Poem* by Robert Blair, printed in 1808 with drawings by William Blake and engravings executed by Louis Schiavonetti; Graham is holding the 1542 edition of *Chaucer's works* printed by W. Bonham; and Hill the fourth folio of *Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies*, printed in 1685. (Photo: Rita Impey-Imes)

Bentley Rare Book Gallery Assistant Curator Rita Impey-Imes, who also is a VSU MLIS student, directed a tour of the gallery stacks.

"A tactile experience with treasures like the ones in the Bentley Rare Book Gallery can't be missed," Meehan added. ▶▶

University of Georgia news and notes

The University of Georgia Libraries is the recipient of a grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation to save historically significant American films that are unlikely to survive without public support.

"A growing area of scholarship in the film studies field in the last few years is research into itinerant filmmakers and 'hometown movies' they made. Itinerants went from town to town all over the United States from the 1920s through the 1950s, making films involving town residents," said Margie Compton, a film archivist with the Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection at the UGA Libraries.

The \$14,780 NFPF grant will be used to preserve a 1947 Fitzgerald hometown movie, a 1936 Cordele hometown movie's outtakes, and a home movie of itinerant filmmaker Don O. Newland making the "Americus' Hero" melodrama in November 1928.

Compton was surprised, after researching Newland, to discover in a home movie donated this year that Americus resident Frank Sheffield Jr. had used his home movie camera to film the action while Newland shot "Americus' Hero."

"This is an exciting and unique convergence of itinerant and amateur filmmakers and is fabulous documentation to have and preserve," Compton said.

The Americus home movie was donated by Sheffield's grandson, F. Sheffield Hale, who learned of the libraries' interest in preserving home movies. Frank Sheffield Jr. shot his home movies between 1925 and 1965 in his hometown and on travels in the United States and abroad.

"This is a truly lively collection of one man's life and enthusiasms on 16 mm film," Compton said.

Films saved through the NFPF programs are made available for on-site research and are seen widely through screenings, exhibits, DVDs, television broadcasts and the Internet. The grants fund the creation of a preservation master and two public-viewing copies of each film. The

awards are made possible through federal funds authorized by the Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008 and secured through the Library of Congress.

For more on this year's grant recipients: http://filmpreservation.org/about/pr/pr_2009_09_29.html ►►

University of West Georgia news and notes

Chris Huff, associate professor, has been appointed associate director of university libraries at the University of West Georgia, effective Oct. 1. Huff was appointed as systems librarian in 1994. Prior to that appointment, he held positions with Lake Lanier Regional Library System and Cobb County Public Library System. He currently serves as chair pro tem of Faculty Senate and has held a variety of Senate appointments and elected positions. Huff has been instrumental in the integration of technology to support library collections and services, including serving as an information technology leader, on the WebCT/Course Management System Migration Team and on the library's Automation, Web and Systems Functionality committees. He had extensive involvement with the University System's development of GALILEO, one of the first online libraries built on the World Wide Web platform. Huff currently serves as project advocate for Ingram Library's \$8 million renovation project. A member of the Ex Libris Users of North America, SFX Products Groups, the Association of College & Research Libraries and the Southeastern Library Association, Huff chairs the Governmental Relations Committee of Georgia Library Association. He holds the B.A. in English from Kennesaw State University, the M.S.L.S. in library automation from Clark Atlanta University, and the M.A. in English from the University of West Georgia. He participated in the 2008 Institute for Academic Library Leadership at Vanderbilt University.

Charles Sicignano, electronic resources librarian, was appointed Ingram Library's head of technical services Oct. 1. Sicignano joined the library faculty in 2009. He previously held positions with SOLINET, the Cadence Group, Inc. and with the publishing firm of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Association of College & Research Libraries and the Georgia Library Association. He received the M.L.S. from Florida State University and the B.A. from the University of Tennessee, and he participated in the 2005 Atlanta Law Library Association Legal Research Seminar.

Anne Barnhart was appointed assistant professor and Ingram Library's head of instructional services Oct. 1. She was previously Latin American & Iberian studies librarian, religious studies librarian, and Chicano/a studies librarian at the University of California Santa Barbara and held appointments at Lafayette College prior to going to UCSB in 2002. She has developed and taught a graduate course in Latin American, Iberian and Latino/a studies librarianship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Barnhart serves as indexer for Hispanic American Periodicals Index and has published and presented in both the United States and internationally on information literacy and Latin American librarianship. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Association of College & Research Libraries, the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials and the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Barnhart chairs the Executive Committee of the Center for Research Libraries. She holds the M.S. in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean studies and the M.A. in religious studies from Indiana University, where she completed her undergraduate studies. ►►

Valdosta State news and notes

Dr. Elaine Yontz has tendered her resignation from the Valdosta State University MLIS Program, effective Jan. 1, 2010. Dr. Yontz leaves to become head of East Carolina University's Department of Library Science. Dr. Yontz came to VSU in 2001. She was instrumental in helping develop the program and guiding it toward ALA accreditation. ►►



From left: Barnhart, Huff and Sicignano (Photo: William Hogan/UWG)

Have you checked out the Georgia Library Association's home page lately? Take a look at <http://glg.org> for the new library profile feature, "Georgia Library Spotlight." Every six weeks, a new library will take the stage to share information about its history, facilities, programs and specialties. If you're interested in seeing your library profiled, please e-mail Sarah Steiner at ssteiner@gsu.edu.