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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)

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