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## *The Southeastern Librarian*

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### **SELA NEWS:**

#### **SELA Summer Conference**

A SELA Summer Conference will be held August 12-13 at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. This conference is a planning meeting for all SELA sections, roundtables and committees as well as a planning meeting for the 2012 joint conference in Georgia. Two keynote speakers will be present at the meeting. Dr. Louis A. Pitschmann, University of Alabama Dean Libraries, will discuss the future of libraries and librarianship. Internationally acclaimed author Patricia Sparkle will present a program on mysteries and mystery writing. For further information, go to the SELA website at <http://selaonline.org/> or contact Michael Seigler at [mseigler@ci.smyrna.ga.us](mailto:mseigler@ci.smyrna.ga.us). The registration deadline is August 5, 2011.

### **A Message from the President**



Now is the time for SELA to make its presence felt in the library community. From natural disasters to a struggling economy libraries and librarians are facing unprecedented challenges. The only thing that will get us through is cooperation.

With a few remarkable exceptions, libraries have been underfunded for

decades. When public revenues began to decline, one of the first targets for budget reductions were libraries. Public libraries were closed, hours reduced, and staff laid off. School librarians and media specialists were replaced with volunteers and paraprofessional staff. Academic library budgets were cut drastically with causing irrevocable damage to their collections.

Reductions were justified on the theory that libraries provided nonessential services or the mistaken belief that “everything is available on the Internet anyway”. This is being done at a time when demand for library services is at its highest. Public and academic librarians are helping people search for jobs, fill-out applications and resumes, and apply for financial assistance. Media specialists have essential roles in programming, supporting the curriculum, and in many schools working as IT coordinator.

There are three ways SELA can help librarians now:

- First, a lot of librarians are looking for jobs, because of the economy. Unfortunately, there is no single job listing source for the Southeast. SELA can immediately help by providing free job listings for every library in our region and links to state library jobsites on our webpage. This would make SELA’s website the first stop for a librarian’s job search, help libraries find good candidates and raise awareness of SELA in the library community.
- Second, many librarians take continuing education classes for certification or to improve their

professional skills. Often the classes they need are provided online for little or no cost, i.e. the classes presented by the Georgia Library Association. We can post these to SELA’s listserv, so that our members know everything that’s available region-wide. (Knowledge is valuable.)

- Third, American Mensa has a program called Project Inkslinger, which was established to provide materials to libraries that suffer a disaster. They have literally provided thousands of books to libraries around the country. Their biggest problems have been identifying libraries that needed their help and determining what materials the libraries want. They would like SELA to help them. SELA should be able to do this, because our presence in each state will know will enable us to indentify libraries that suffered a disaster and the individuals that need to be contacted.

All of this depends on your help. Working together, we can help make this happen without being unduly burdensome. Take the first step today. Go to the SELA webpage (<http://selaonline.org/>) and sign up for the listserv.

I hope to see you all in Birmingham, where we can discuss this in more detail.

### **SELA Mentoring Program**

The SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee is looking for individuals who are interested in participating in the SELA Mentoring Program. Go to

<http://selaonline.org/membership/mentoring.htm> to sign up as a mentor or mentee.

The SELA Mentoring Program was developed to assist librarians, library paraprofessionals and library science students with their library careers.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee for the SELA Mentoring Program, please contact Hal Mendelsohn, [hal@ucf.edu](mailto:hal@ucf.edu), Chair of the SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee.

## STATE NEWS

### GEORGIA

#### Georgia Southwestern State University

The James Earl Carter Library on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University has had eventful Fall and Spring Semesters. Ru Story-Huffman, the Library's Reference Librarian and Government Information Coordinator, received the Teacher of the Year Award at Georgia Southwestern State University's December 2010 graduation ceremony. Gretchen Smith, the Library's Collection Development Librarian, recently achieved tenure status. The Library also presented its first James Earl Carter Library Honors Award at the GSW Honors Convocation to Britton Weese, a Freshman Honors Program student, for her Library 1101, Foundations of Information Literacy course program.



Ru Story-Huffman, Teacher of the Year Award Winner



Dean Vera Weisskopf presents student Britton Weese the James Earl Carter Library Award.

The Library, in collaboration with GSW's Hurricane Otaku Club, presented "Transformers: The Movie" as part of the Library's Events @ The Library Program. The Library has also undergone various enhancements, such as wireless internet access and a new snack lounge for patron use.

**Ingram Library, University of West Georgia**

The Digital Library of Georgia has begun adding recorded interviews from Georgia's Political Heritage Program collections held by Ingram Library. Currently included are interviews with President Jimmy Carter; former governors Lester Maddox, Herman Talmadge, Carl Sanders, Ellis Arnall, Ernest Vandiver, and Joe Frank Harris; Congressmen Bob Barr, Buddy Darden, Elliott Levitas, John Linder, Phil Gingery, Richard Ray, and others; and Senators Herman Talmage and Wyche Fowler. The growing collection is accessible at <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu>.

Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections at the University of West Georgia has digitized *The West Georgia College Review* (1968-1995) and the *West Georgia College Studies in the Social Sciences* (1962-2005). The digitization resulted from a collaboration between LYRASIS and the Internet Archive, which sponsors the website. Researchers can read the journals online or download PDF versions at [www.archive.org/details/universityofwestgeorgia](http://www.archive.org/details/universityofwestgeorgia).

Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia has received a grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities for the book discussion series "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War." The series will be conducted by Civil War scholar Dr. Keith Bohannon of the university's Department of History. The Ingram Library's Penelope Melson Society, the UWG Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Antonio J. Waring, Jr. Archaeological Laboratory are supporting partners in the grant. Dean of Libraries Lorene Flanders serves as Project Director.

## MISSISSIPPI

### Mississippi Archivists Convene at MSU Libraries

The Society of Mississippi Archivists (SMA) and the Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB) held their bi-annual conference and awards luncheon at Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library April 20 and 21, 2011.

Over 50 archivists attended the two-day conference, which consisted of six sessions exploring different aspects of archival work, including the digitization of historic photographs, public relations for archives and libraries, creating an archives at a public library, and many other topics.

During the first day of the conference, the MHRAB held its award luncheon, presenting awards recognizing outstanding work in archival program development, in documenting Mississippi's history, and in the use of historical records in grades K-12. Award recipients were Mona K. Vance, Mary Louise Gollotte, Paul C. Cartwright (honorable mention), Timothy Gardner, and Tim Ready (honorable mention).

The award ceremony was addressed by Amy Tuck, MSU's Executive Director of Campus Operations, and Dr. John F. Marszalek, Executive Director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

For more information on the SMA and the MHRAB, please contact Ryan Semmes, Assistant Professor and Assistant Archivist for MSU Libraries, at [rsemmes@library.msstate.edu](mailto:rsemmes@library.msstate.edu). For more information on MSU Libraries, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/>.

## John Grisham Exhibit at MSU

*The Appeal of John Grisham*, a new exhibit featuring materials from the John Grisham Papers, is now on view in the John Grisham Room of MSU's Mitchell Memorial Library.

The new exhibit features materials from the most recent additions to the John Grisham Papers chosen to highlight the author's "appeal" to the public: the writing of the novels, the book signings and fan letters, the movies and films, and Grisham's love of sports and generous support of worthy causes, both in Mississippi and elsewhere.

Included in the collection are manuscripts, letters, research materials, fan mail, marketing materials, awards, best-seller lists, photographs and other materials. Framed pieces on display are examples of the many pieces given to Grisham by grateful publishers, booksellers, filmmakers, friends and fans.

Mattie Abraham, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Libraries' manuscripts division, curates the Grisham Papers and installed the new exhibit.

"Mississippi State University has long exhibited pride in its alumni," Abraham says, "and the MSU Libraries' collection of papers reflects that pride and connection. Readers and researchers from all over the world have discovered the John Grisham Room and the Grisham Papers, and numerous groups have toured the Room to view its exhibits."

Materials included in the new exhibit are from the John Grisham Papers, which are housed in the Manuscripts Division of the

Libraries' Special Collections Department. As of 2011, the Papers include materials through the publishing of *The Associate* (2009) and comprise some 100 cubic feet of materials. While the majority of the Papers is not open for research, through the generosity of John Grisham materials are exhibited for the public's education and enjoyment.

In addition to the John Grisham Papers, the MSU Libraries has a large collection of international editions of John Grisham works, and selected copies are on exhibit. The Grisham International editions that have been cataloged to date may be searched at <http://library.msstate.edu/grishamroom/intl/titles.asp>.

Additional information about the John Grisham Room is available at <http://library.msstate.edu/grishamroom>.

## MSU Libraries Archivist Attends National Institute

Ryan P. Semmes, Assistant Archivist in the Congressional and Political Research Center and the Ulysses S. Grant Collection at Mitchell Memorial Library, has been selected to participate in the 2011 Summer Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents.

This Institute, popularly known as "Camp Edit," will take place from August 8-12, 2011, at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston. Only 18 individuals are selected annually for the Institute, and 39 applicants from universities and historical societies around the nation applied.

The Institute is funded by the National Historical Publications and Records

Commission through a grant to the Association for Documentary Editing. All registration, housing and travel are provided to participants in the Institute. The faculty is a who's who of the nation's leading documentary editors.



“Ryan Semmes is an outstanding archivist and played a major role in the Grant Association’s move to MSU and the opening of the Collection to scholars and students,” said John F. Marszalek, Executive Director of the Grant Association. “His acceptance to the Institute on Editing against formidable competition once again indicates his talents. The fact that he and Elizabeth Coggins, Grant Collection library associate who attended the Institute in 2010, have been accepted to the Institute demonstrates again the high quality of MSU Libraries faculty and staff.”

For more information on the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Collection at MSU Libraries, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/USGrant/>.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### NCSU Libraries Brings Photographic History of NC State to the iPad

Drawing on a strong legacy of using mobile devices to open up the treasures of the university’s Special Collections Research Center to the widest possible audience, the NCSU Libraries has expanded its popular *WolfWalk* tool and made it available as an iPad app.

Initially launched in 2010 for mobile devices, *WolfWalk: A Photographic History of NC State* now turns the iPad into a virtual time and space portal. The iPad version of *WolfWalk* makes it easy for students, alumni, and other friends of North Carolina State University to steep themselves in the school’s heritage, regardless of where they happen to be at the moment.

Earlier versions of *WolfWalk* capitalized on the location awareness of today’s mobile devices to allow users to give themselves a self-guided historical walk through NC State’s campus. As users stroll around the grounds, their mobile devices detect their current locations and then draw on the mountains of material in the University Archives to deliver a tour of nearby buildings and other historically interesting locations. The new iPad version provides a deeper, more immersive experience by taking advantage of the more expansive electronic canvas provided by the iPad.

The iPad’s large, backlit screen quite literally widens (and heightens) the visual possibilities for mobile users. So *WolfWalk* has added two new sections—“Decades” and “Themes”—to explore over a thousand luminous photographic moments held by the University Archives

in the NCSU Libraries' Special Collections Research Center.

"Decades" organizes classic Wolfpack scenes by time periods, making it possible, for instance, to track the return of the thousands of veterans who entered NC State in the late 1940s or the glorious basketball eras of the 50s and 60s. "Themes" allows users to browse through historical photographs of student life, campus events, and Wolfpack athletics over the past 125 years.

"The University Archives and our Special Collections Research Center are two of the great treasures of NC State University," explains Susan Nutter, vice provost and director of the NCSU Libraries. "I love the idea that now it's even easier for NC State's friends to use them and to enjoy these riches. And the technological adroitness we have gained by pushing our own expertise forward will be invaluable in the near future as we leverage mobile services to make the new James B. Hunt Jr. Library one of the most technologically advanced learning spaces in the country."

The iPad version of *WolfWalk* is available as a [free download from the App Store \(http://itunes.com/apps/WolfWalk\)](http://itunes.com/apps/WolfWalk).

### Bestselling Author Visits the Greenville County Library System



This spring, the Greenville County Library System hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> annual community-wide read, the Amazing Read 2011. This year's book selection, *The Secret Life of Bees* is Sue Monk Kidd's stunning bestselling debut novel. The book has enchanted critics and readers alike, bringing her literary renown and establishing her as one of the most popular writers working today. With 24 events throughout the library system, GCLS hoped to offer everyone a way to get involved and meet fellow readers.

To kick off the series, the library hosted a meet-the-author event with Sue Monk Kidd, where she read and discussed her book and research to a packed crowd of 300. Readers lined up after the presentation to have their books signed by the author and Sue Monk Kidd took the time to answer questions and speak with each of her fans.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

## Library Exhibit Explores Homeless Predicament in South Carolina

In celebration of AIA Greenville Architecture Month, the Greenville County Library System hosted the exhibit titled, *Tesselations: Architecture, Community and Homelessness*, which ran from April 29-June 1. The custom designed exhibit, focused on the plight of homelessness in South Carolina, was designed by the students of studioG1 from Clemson University's Graduate School of Architecture. This project has been submitted to the ACSA national design competition titled: HOMEless Assistance Center.

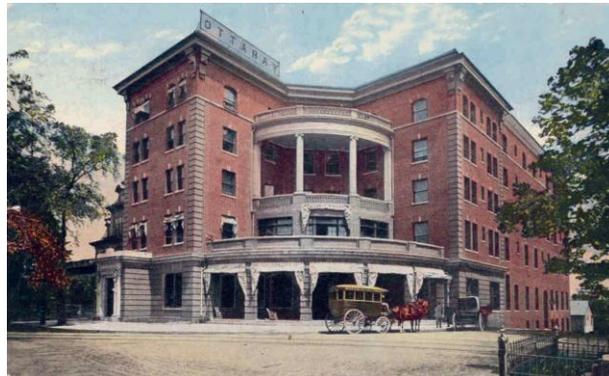
The 700 piece exhibit featured over 30 different plans for hypothetical sites in Greenville and Columbia, along with educational information about structural materials and transitional housing needs.

## Library System Honored by National Print Awards

The Greenville County Library System has received the following print awards:

- Honorable Mention in the Advocacy-Print category for our library card designs from LLAMA/PRMS PR Xchange Best of Show Awards.
- Honorable Mention in the Fundraising-Print category for the South Carolina Room's *Greenville County Driving Tour of Historic Sites* from LLAMA/PRMS PR Xchange Best of Show Awards.
- Communicator Award of Distinction for a Print Newsletter – June/July 2010 issue of *Access* newsletter

- Special Judges Award in the Postcard category for the South Carolina Room's postcard collection from PICA, the NC/SC chapter of Printing Industries of America. (Submitted by Martin Printing).



South Carolina Room postcard *Ottaray Hotel*

## PEOPLE NEWS

### GEORGIA

#### Augusta State University

**Carol Waggoner-Angleton**, Special Collections Assistant in Reese Library of Augusta State University, has been awarded the 2011 Hubbard Scholarship by the Georgia Library Association to help cover her expenses in the master's degree program at Valdosta State University. According to the GLA website, this scholarship is made possible by the family and friends of Mr. C. S. Hubbard, an early supporter of libraries in Georgia. The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit excellent librarians for Georgia and provide financial assistance toward completing a Master's degree in library science.

There have been five new faculty appointments at Reese Library since December 2009. Three were position changes of current personnel and two were new hires.

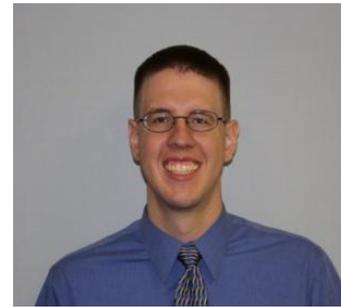


**LouAnn Blocker** became Electronic Resources/Serials librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Science in December, 2009. She received her MIS at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2007. LouAnn worked as a paraprofessional at the UTK library for 15 years, including her time in graduate school. She and her husband, Carson, moved to Augusta in 2008.



**Camilla Reid**, Associate Professor of Library Science, was named Director on April 1, 2010, having served as acting director since the retirement of Dr. William Nelson. Camilla brings to the job many years of service to the profession and the respect of faculty and staff of ASU as well as the library, since joining ASU in 2003. An active member of the community, she serves as secretary of the university's chapter of the Honor Society

of Phi Kappa Phi. Camilla is a 2008 recipient of the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association's SirsiDynix Award, which is given to an individual, group, or institution that works toward improving the status and salary of library workers.



**Kyle McCarrell** was appointed the Acquisitions/Cataloging librarian and assistant professor of library science on July 1, 2010. He received his MLIS in May, 2010 from the University of South Carolina. While completing this degree, he worked part time in USC's Music Library and was a grad assistant in the library school.



**Jeff Heck**, Associate Professor of Library Science, was named Associate Director on August 1, 2010. He served as automation librarian from 1995 until becoming associate director. He currently serves two roles for ASU, as the ASU faculty secretary, and as an elected member of the Faculty Policies Committee for 2010-2012.



On January 3, 2011 Reese Library welcomed **Rod Bustos** as Automation Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Science. Rod held the position of Systems Librarian at Georgia State University in Atlanta for 13 years. He has also served as the webmaster and listowner for the Special Libraries Association Georgia Chapter since 1997 and is a long-time video reviewer for *Library Journal*.

#### **Ingram Library, University of West Georgia**

**Susan A. Smith** has been named Professor and Librarian Emeritus at the University of West Georgia. Professor Smith joined the faculty in 1976 as Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Map Librarian, and added the role of Archivist two years later. In 1979, she was appointed Serials Coordinator. In 1983, she was made Head of Acquisitions, and in that position oversaw the growth and development of the library's book and serials collection during an era of transition to electronic materials. Smith assisted in developing plans for the Ingram Library's 1980 expansion, and was a member of the 2007 and 2008 planning committees that outlined the need for a twenty-first century renovation and expansion of the library. She accepted the position of Associate Director of University Libraries in 2007 and served in that capacity until her retirement.

**Dr. Melvin Steely**, Professor Emeritus and Director of Georgia's Political Heritage Program at the University of West Georgia, received the 2010 Charles Beard Library Advocacy Award from Georgia Library Association. In 1983, Dr. Steely arranged a series of interviews with former Georgia governor and U. S. Senator Herman Talmadge. Congressman Newt Gingrich, who assisted with the Talmadge interviews, later signed an agreement to donate his political papers to the university. In 2002, Dr. Steely secured the papers of Congressman Bob Barr, the 2008 Libertarian Party candidate for president. In 2003, Dr. Steely worked with outgoing Georgia House Speaker Tom Murphy to arrange for the Speaker's papers and state capitol office contents to be transferred to the university. In 2008, the university received a special legislative appropriation of \$8 million to renovate the library and re-create the Speaker's office in honor of Speaker Murphy, who died in 2007.

**Andrea Gillespie Stanfield** has been appointed Instructor and Information Literacy Coordinator at the University of West Georgia. Stanfield holds the M.L.I.S. and the B.A. in English from the University of Florida, and Teacher Certification from Georgia Southwestern State University. She previously served as Reference & Instruction Librarian at UWG.

**Craig Schroer** has been appointed Assistant Professor and Systems Librarian at the University of West Georgia. Schroer holds the M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas, the M.A. in Music Performance from the University of New Mexico, and the B.A. from Metropolitan State College of

Denver. He previously served as Acting Assistant Head of Public Services and Electronic Information Services and Reference Librarian at the University of Texas at Austin.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), has appointed **Will Owen** as Associate University Librarian for Technical Services and Systems.

Reporting to Owen will be the Library's E-Resources & Serials Management, Monographic Services, Library Systems, Preservation and Resource Description & Management departments.

As a member of the Library's senior management team, Owen will help define overall priorities, participate in determining the long-range needs of the University Library, seek partnerships and collaborative relationships and represent the Library locally, regionally and nationally. Additionally, as the Library's primary spokesperson regarding technical services and systems to faculty, students, alumni and administrators, he will work to develop technology strategies and will encourage attention to technical services and systems-related issues within the Library and on campus.



Owen has served as Interim AUL for Technical Services and Systems since February 1, 2010, prior to which he spent 14 years as Head of Library Systems. He has also held the position of Systems Librarian at UNC.

He holds a B.A. in Comparative Literature/English and an M.A. in Comparative Literature from the State University of New York at Albany (now the University at Albany). He holds an M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University and has additionally undertaken coursework for a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from UNC.

**Emily Silverman** is the new Associate Director of Library Development.

Silverman will develop and implement strategies to secure major gifts in support of the mission and priorities of the Library. She will also identify and steward individual, foundation and corporate donors.



Silverman was most recently Resource Development Director at Chatham Habitat for Humanity in Pittsboro, N.C. She was previously Director of Development and Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries, and has held additional positions in libraries, education and publishing.

Silverman holds a B.A. cum laude in political science from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. Her M.S.L.I.S. is from the University of Rhode Island School of Library and Information Studies.

**Jodi Berkowitz** is now Pruitt-Shanks Project Archivist.

In this one-year position, Berkowitz will coordinate and implement processing of the Pruitt-Shanks Photographic Collection in the Southern Historical Collection. The Pruitt-Shanks Collection consists of approximately 140,000 photographic negatives produced from the late 1920s into the 1970s by the studios of O.N. Pruitt and Calvin Shanks, of Columbus, Miss.

Berkowitz was most recently Legacy Finding Aids Archivist in the Technical Services Department of UNC's Wilson

Special Collections Library. She was previously the Technical Services Archivist at Duke University's Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture, in Durham, N.C.

Berkowitz holds a B.A. in Women's Studies from Barnard College in New York City and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.

### **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

**Michael Crumpton** gave the keynote address for the "Managing the Future of Librarianship" two-day conference sponsored by the Library Management Institute. The conference focused on the issues of library management and administration. It was held from July 11th -12th on the campus of Arcadia University, in Glenside, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. Michael is the Assistant Dean for Administrative Services for the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and holds an MLS from the University of Kentucky. He is also a certified Senior Human Resource Professional and has earned a teaching certificate from North Carolina State University. Much of his responsibility is on space planning, assessment and organizational development while his focus is on connecting with customers and users in order to provide the best service experience possible.

**Anna Craft** has been appointed Metadata Cataloger at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Most recently, she was Metadata Librarian at Western Carolina University. She holds the M.S.L.S. from UNC Chapel Hill.

**In Memorium: Elizabeth (Betty)  
Meehan-Black**



Elizabeth (Betty) Meehan-Black, head of Order Management and assistant head of the Monographic Services Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library, died March 2, 2011.

Meehan-Black joined the UNC Library staff in 1986 as head of Bibliographic Searching. She held a number of increasingly responsible management positions in acquisitions and technical services at the Library. In February, in recognition of her contributions to the Library and the profession, Meehan-Black was named an honorable mention for the Library's Outstanding Employee of 2010 award.

Meehan-Black was deeply involved in the work of many professional associations. She was a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Library Association and the association's elected representative to the Southeastern Library Association; president of the Librarians' Association at UNC-Chapel Hill for 2001-2002; and a member or leader of numerous committees for those and other professional organizations.

She was also a passionate community volunteer for literacy. She served as president of the Orange County, N.C., chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association and she established an ESL literacy program at the Korean Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Meehan-Black held a B.A. in psychology from the University of Connecticut and an M.S.L.S. from Southern Connecticut State University.

Erin Lawrimore has been appointed University Archivist at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Most recently, she was Associate Head and Curator at the North Carolina State University Special Collections Research Center. She holds the M.S.I.S. from the University of Texas in Austin.



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