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## PEOPLE NEWS

### ALABAMA

#### “A Lifetime of Librarianship”

**Dr. Paul H. Spence**, lifelong librarian and former SELA president (1982), has served libraries and librarianship well in his more than 60 years as a member of the profession. As the first Director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s College of General Studies Library, today known as the Mervyn H. Sterne Library, his leadership and innovative approach was the foundation for the creation of an establishment that today serves 17,000 students and holds over 1 million volumes.

The son of a former teacher, Dr. Spence developed an appreciation for reading at an early age. As a college student at Duke University he studied Religion, aspiring to one day become a missionary. His college years were interrupted by World War II and in 1943 he declined his student deferment and signed

up for service. After the war, he continued his college studies at Emory University, completing an A.B. in History in 1948. A part-time library job at Emory introduced him to Librarianship as a profession and with the encouragement of his supervisor, Rick Harwell, Dr. Spence completed the M.A. in Library Studies at Emory in 1950. He continued his educational pursuits fulfilling the requirements for the Ph.D in Library Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1969.

Dr. Spence began his professional career in 1950, also at Emory, as an Assistant Reference Librarian. A chance meeting with Dr. Jerrold Orne, then Library Director of the Air University Library located in Montgomery, Alabama, prompted his next professional move to serve as Chief Librarian of the Periodical Reference Section at Air University Library. By the time he left Montgomery, he had been promoted to Director of the Library at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Spence went on to serve in various professional positions across the country before eventually landing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1970, where he has spent the last 32 years.

Dr. Spence was appointed the first Director of the College of General Studies Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in 1970. UAB was established as an institution only the year before, so Dr. Spence took on the Herculean task of developing an academic library from the ground up. His highest priority was building a strong research collection. He acquired much of that initial collection by purchasing the contents of several book stores and personal library collections, as well as participating in book exchange programs and accepting private donations. Some of his other major contributions to the organization and establishment of UAB’s Sterne Library include the implementation of the subject specific Liaison Program, a program that employs the reference librarian as a subject specialist working closely with a specific academic department, and the placement of

Sterne Library as one of the first libraries in the state to adopt OCLC's shared cataloging system. The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System recognized Dr. Spence's outstanding contributions to the academic community by bestowing upon him the distinction of Professor Emeritus in 1989.



Dr. Spence has provided leadership in the Librarianship profession at large through his participation in professional organizations. He served as Vice-President/President-Elect (1980) and President (1982) of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA), and in 1990 was named an honorary member of the organization for his outstanding contributions. He worked closely with other regional Library Directors to establish the Southeastern Library Network, Inc. (SOLINET) and served on its first Board of Directors (1973/1974 and 1974/1975). He also made significant contributions to the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) as a member of the founding group, as well as serving as the first chairman of the NAAL Collection Development Committee.

In his 89<sup>th</sup> year and after many successful years as a leader in the profession, Dr. Spence is still serving. He retired from his administrative duties at Sterne Library in 1985, and has since continued to serve UAB and Sterne Library as Collection Development Librarian. Today, Dr. Spence takes much pride in the collection he worked so hard to

establish and continues to contribute to the growth and advancement of that collection.

*-submitted by Irina Stanishevskaya and Christy M. Hogan*

**Birmingham Public Library Board  
President Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch  
Receives National Citation Award for  
Distinguished Service**

The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF), a division of the American Library Association, has selected **Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch** to receive the ALA Trustee Citation, which recognizes public library Trustees for distinguished service to library development, outstanding contributions, and efforts that library board members make in their community. The award, given since 1941, is the highest honor that ALTAFF bestows on its members.

"Words can't express how honored I am to have been selected for this award. I share it with all of the citizens of Birmingham," Welch said. "Libraries mean the world to me and I look forward to continuing to serve our city's system."

Welch has served as library board president for four of the 10 years she's served on the board. She has also served as vice president, parliamentarian and chaired every library board committee at some point during her tenure. Prior to becoming a board member, Welch served as a school media specialist from 1975 to 1996 and volunteered at several Birmingham library branches. Nationally, she serves as trustee-at-large on the ALTAFF board.



Welch said she works to improve the way the library system serves the public. One way of doing that is through developing strong leadership on the board. She created the library system's "Board Buddies" program, where new trustees are paired with experienced library board members to "learn the ropes" and understand the process of serving on the board. She's worked to build relationships between the board and library staff by inviting employees to meetings and recognizing them for their good work.

Only one other person has been selected to receive the 2012 ALTAFF Trustee Citation award, and that was a library trustee from Illinois. Welch and the other trustee will be honored later this month during the Opening General Session of the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

#### **RWA Librarian of the Year**

The RWA (Romance Writers of America) Librarian of the Year Award has been given to **Mary Moore**, Reference & Adult Services Manager Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama.

An interview with Ms. Moore discussing the ways she has incorporated this genre in her work at the library can be found at [http://www.rwa.org/cs/contests\\_and\\_awards/librarian\\_of\\_the\\_year](http://www.rwa.org/cs/contests_and_awards/librarian_of_the_year)



#### **GEORGIA**

**Dr. Alan Bernstein** became Valdosta State University's new University Librarian and Dean of the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program on July 1.

Dr. Bernstein began his career at Valdosta State College as a student in 1978. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy in 1981, he moved to California to pursue graduate studies. Bernstein returned to Valdosta State in 1985 and worked as a part-time instructor in the Philosophy Department until 1993 when he became head of the circulation department at Odum Library. Alan earned a Master of Education in secondary education in 1992, a Master of Arts in history in 1995, and a Master of Library and Information Science in 2003, all from Valdosta State. In 2003, Bernstein was named associate professor of library science and circulation librarian. Six years later, he graduated with a Doctor of Education in curriculum and instruction. His areas of scholarly interest and publication include library patron services and library administration.

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

**Mississippi State University Libraries' New Faculty Hire**

**Derek Marshall** joined MSU Libraries' faculty as an Assistant Professor/Serials Librarian in March 2012. He completed his M.L.I.S. in 2001 at the University of South Carolina. Marshall obtained a B.A. in English from the University of South Carolina – Aiken in 2000.

### **Delta State University Librarian Receives Scholarship**

**Margaret A. Swanson**, the Instructional Resources Center Librarian/Assistant Professor at Delta State University, has been awarded the Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Professional Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Chinese American Librarians Association Award Recipients**

**Dr. Sha Li Zhang** and **Dr. Clara Chu** have received the Chinese American Librarians Association's 2012 President's Recognition Award, along with a third colleague from San Jose State University.

According to the citation on their award, "the award recipients, as individuals and as a group, possess a philosophy of dedication, quality of service, and professional integrity for their significant contributions to the library community that have shown leadership in many areas of great importance to the mission and goals of CALA, and particularly in their important roles to advise, support, and shape CALA's long term success through the Presidential Initiatives this year in the theme of diversity and international collaboration. "



Dr. Sha Li Zhang is the Assistant Dean for Collections & Technical Services at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In her distinguished service and contribution to CALA, as a president and a board member, among many other roles, she has tirelessly promoted international collaboration between the U.S. and China, fostering and sustaining the connections of key library organizations – the American Library Association (ALA), CALA, and the Library Society of China - in promotion of the cross cultural exchange of core values of libraries that benefit libraries and librarians of both countries. Dr. Zhang has carried out her leadership vision through her participation and contribution in professional organizations such as the ALA and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). She played an important role in making CALA membership at IFLA a reality. Her extensive involvement and leadership experience in library organizations, at national and international levels, have been invaluable in helping achieve the strategic objectives of CALA in international outreach and collaboration.

Dr. Zhang has served as a councilor-at-large at ALA Council and on many committees. She has held leadership positions at ALA's International Relations Committee, the International Relations Roundtable, the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services, and the Association of



College and Research Libraries. She is a prolific speaker and has delivered engaging and thought-provoking presentations to the library community at national and international levels. Dr. Zhang has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, and she has extensive experience at many editorial boards. She has also received many awards, honors, and grants, including the CALA Distinguished Service Award. She has received IMLS grants for UNCG to recruit and prepare minority librarians to promote diversity in the library profession and library service to people of all cultural backgrounds. Dr. Zhang is an excellent mentor and role model who has demonstrated remarkable achievements in librarianship, professional service, and leadership. Serving on the 2011-12 CALA Presidential Initiative Taskforce, she has been effective in giving support and advice in carrying out activities and projects in promoting diversity and international collaboration to enhance CALA's mission and goals.



Dr. Clara Chu is the Chair and Professor of the Department of Library and Information Studies at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is a prolific and leading scholar on multicultural library and information services, has consulted and presented her research findings internationally, and also served on editorial boards of many prestigious journals. A Peruvian-born, Chinese Canadian American, her transnational and ethnic experiences have shaped her distinctive view and unique perspective on the issues of multicultural education and library services to diverse populations. Dr. Chu has taken actions in recruiting people of diverse backgrounds into the information profession

through the program called PRAXS (Practice, Reflection, Advocacy, eXcellence, Inquiry, Solutions) that she designed and coordinated. She also successfully obtained an IMLS National Leadership Grant to support this meaningful endeavor.

Dr. Chu is very active in national and international professional associations promoting multicultural librarianship. She co-chairs the IFLA Section on Education and Training, and was on the Steering Committee of the Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations. Her achievements are duly recognized in the many awards and honors she has received, such as the ALA Library Diversity Research Honor Lecturer in 2008, a Library Journal Mover & Shaker in 2005, the ALA Equality Award in 2002, just to name a few. She is one of the Chinese Americans who has exerted a significant impact upon examining the issue of barriers to information in multicultural communities through a critical and distinctive angle.

As an invited speaker of the 2011 CALA Annual Program: Embracing the Changes: Diversity and Global Vision in a Digital Age during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, she contributed to the great success of the Program by her presentation "A CALL (Change, Advocacy, Leadership in Libraries) to LEADD (Librarians Enhancing Access, Diversity and Development). The Program has opened a dialogue on the theme of diversity and global reach, and set the stage for a series of activities/projects during 2011-12 year to demonstrate CALA's commitment to taking a leadership role in promoting cultural diversity and international collaboration in the library profession. Dr. Chu serves on the 2011-12 CALA Presidential Initiative Advisory Board, and also as a CALA representative to the ALA's Diversity Working Group on Diversity and LIS Education. Dr. Chu is a life member of CALA, and a former board member and chair of the Scholarship Committee.

## University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library Appointments

The following individuals have recently been appointed to positions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Anne Gilliland** has been hired as Scholarly Communications Officer. Gilliland will sustain and develop the Library's leadership role in scholarly communications. She will create scholarly communications and copyright resources, and will provide guidance regarding copyright, fair use, open access, author's rights, and related legal and policy issues. Gilliland will also help the Library and University advocate for new forms and practices of scholarly communications and information dissemination. She holds a B.A. in studio art from Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn.; an M.S.L.S. from the University of Tennessee; and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio.



**Rachel Lerner** began May 1 as TraCS Institute Knowledge Management Librarian in the Health Sciences Library. In this one-year position, Lerner will assist Translational and Clinical Sciences (TraCS) Institute team members by identifying large, interdisciplinary team grants, and providing grant-seeking and -matching services to the TraCS community. She will also assist with data collection and analysis for the TraCS evaluation team, and work with the REACH NC database for the Health Affairs faculty.

She holds a B.A. in English and music from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.



**Philip McDaniel** is Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Librarian, effective June 1. McDaniel will assist users with GIS and web mapping projects, facilitate access to spatial and numeric data sources, and provide consultation and referrals to researchers with data management needs. He will also serve as subject librarian primarily for the Department of City and Regional Planning. He holds a B.A. in geography from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and an M.A. in geography with concentrations in GIS, population-environment interactions, and quantitative methods from UNC.



**Jonathan McMichael** began as Undergraduate Experience Librarian in the R.B. House Undergraduate Library on June 1. McMichael will explore and pilot new ways of engaging with undergraduate students. He will lead relevant assessment projects, deliver instruction, and provide reference and Design Lab assistance. He will also contribute to the development of the Library's web presence, with an emphasis on undergraduate-centered services and resources. He holds a B.A. in secondary education from the University of Kentucky and a M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Suchi Mohanty** became Head of the R.B. House Undergraduate Library June 4. Mohanty will provide vision and leadership for services that support information, learning, and teaching. She will direct development of the Undergraduate Library's collections and will oversee provision of services. She will also manage the overall administration of the library, including planning, assessment, program development, facilities, and budget. She holds a B.A. in English from Mary Washington College (University of Mary Washington) in Fredericksburg, Va., and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

### SC State Library Director to Lead The Citadel Library

South Carolina's State Library director David Goble, a distinguished alumnus and member of the Board of Visitors of the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed director of library services at The Citadel.



As the director of the South Carolina State Library for the past five years, Goble has guided the state agency through significant budget and staffing cuts. "David saw the mission of the State Library as optimizing South Carolina's investment in library and information services and did that with energy and skill. "His belief in the importance of public libraries and their role in solving South Carolina's illiteracy problems served the state well," said Dan Mackey, Chairman of the South Carolina State Library board. One of Goble's signature programs was WorkSC.org, a statewide workforce development program, which enabled public libraries to help South Carolinians find employment.

Upon graduation of the Citadel ('69), Goble was commissioned in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. Goble spent 18 years in the banking industry before entering the library services field. Before becoming



director of the South Carolina State Library, he was dean of libraries at Central Piedmont Community College. He has also held positions at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library and at the North Carolina State University Libraries. In addition to his bachelors in English from The Citadel, Goble earned a Master of Arts in American Literature from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Goble was awarded the John N. Olsgaard Distinguished Service Award by the USC School of Library and Information Science in 2011.

Goble will direct library services at The Citadel's Daniel Library beginning August 1.

## TENNESSEE

### **Middle Tennessee State University's Walker Library Welcomes New Faculty**

The Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University welcomed two new catalogers in June.

**Enerel Dambiinyam** will be responsible for cataloging library materials in all formats and maintaining various aspects of the ILS. She came to the University after serving as Catalog Librarian at the Cleveland Public Library and as a Librarian for the International School of Twente Library in the Netherlands. Ms. Dambiinyam holds the MLIS from Kent State University and possesses degrees in Russian language & Literature and the Hungarian language. She will perform original and copy cataloging, subject analysis, and classification of library resources, handle database maintenance, reclassification, enhancements in the bibliographic database, and improve description, discovery, and access to library resources

**Linda Turney** will be cataloging electronic resources for the Walker Library. Prior to coming to MTSU, she served as Cataloging

Coordinator at Sam Houston State University and Technical Services Librarian at Kilgore College. Ms. Turney holds the MSLS from the University of North Texas. Her undergraduate degree is in Theology from Ambassador University. She will load e-book and other metadata records, communicate with vendors, update content of collection management web pages, and work closely with acquisitions, collection assessment, and technology staff.

### **Le Petit Salon Features Dorothy Dix Program**

**Inga A. Filippo** was invited to give a presentation to members of the Le Petit Salon on June 14, 2012. Filippo gave an update on the Dorothy Dix Collection housed at Austin Peay State University (APSU) in Clarksville, Tennessee and showed the recently made documentary film on the professional life of Miss Dix. Dix (1861-1951) was a founding member of the Le Petit Salon and served as club president for several years. As the forerunner of today's popular advice columnists, Dorothy Dix was America's highest paid and most widely read journalist at the time of her death. With an estimated audience of 60 million readers, she became a popular and recognized figure on her travels abroad,

Le Petit Salon is one of New Orleans' best known social clubs. Founders of the club were believers in, and preservationists of the arts, architecture and the graceful way of life in New Orleans.