

Winter 2013

## People News

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/seln>



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

(2013) "People News," *The Southeastern Librarian*: Vol. 60 : Iss. 4 , Article 4.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/seln/vol60/iss4/4>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@Kennesaw State University. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Southeastern Librarian by an authorized editor of DigitalCommons@Kennesaw State University. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@kennesaw.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@kennesaw.edu).

at the Chattanooga Convention Center and Chattanooga Marriott in Chattanooga, TN. The TLA website <http://www.tnla.org/> has additional information if needed.



Last spring, like in many prior years, a group of excited, dedicated and knowledgeable Tennessee library advocates made their way to our nation's capital for the National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). We all know what an important part our libraries play in our democratic society where an educated electorate is essential. What an incredible opportunity NLLD is to be part of the democratic process and to let our elected officials hear why we feel libraries are so essential. NLLD will be held May 7-8, 2013, sponsored by the Washington Office of the American Library Association along with other library related groups including Friends of Libraries U.S.A. This will be the 38<sup>th</sup> year the NLLD will be held with an expected attendance of well over 300 library advocates from all over the United States. It makes a very strong statement to our elected officials that their constituents care about libraries and the services they provide to communities to travel all the way to Washington from every corner of the U.S. This two day event starts with briefing sessions about the current Federal Legislation that will impact our libraries. ALA Washington office staff as well as other political experts will explain any legislative issues or tell us where these issues currently are in the congressional process and most importantly how they will impact libraries. The second day will be filled with visits to the offices of our two Senators and nine Congressmen. During these meetings with our elected officials and members of their staff we will provide information about the impact of pending legislation on America's Libraries and ask that they vote to help keep libraries strong with statistics and stories demonstrating the positive way libraries can impact the lives of everyone in our communities. We all want to make a difference and becoming a library advocate in your state may be a small step to attain that goal, so perhaps if your state association is planning a trip to NLLD why not join in?

### Tenn-Share Firefly Courier Service

Firefly, Tenn-Share's statewide courier service, began on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The courier will serve 207 public and academic libraries throughout the state, including the Tennessee State Library and Archives regional libraries. Firefly builds on a pilot, called Glowworm, which had 18 Tenn-Share members to participate. Firefly information can be found at [www.fireflycourier.org](http://www.fireflycourier.org), including presentations about how it works, cost, participating libraries and FAQs. Each library will be visited at least twice a week.

## PEOPLE NEWS

### FLORIDA

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries happily announces the arrival of **Barbara Tierney**, who joined the Libraries faculty as Head of Research & Information Services (RIS) on January 4, 2013.

Tierney received her MLS degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Before joining the UCF Libraries faculty, Tierney was at the J. Murrey Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC), where she served as Physical and Life Sciences Liaison Librarian, Information Commons Help Desk Coordinator, Head of Information Services, and finally Head of Research and Information Services. Tierney made several stops along the way to UNCC, including San Leandro [California] Public Library, where she brought in nearly \$1M in grant funds. She has a varied range of library experience, e.g., veterinary medicine and law libraries, and working in serials, cataloging, and reference. She was an adjunct faculty member in the Library and Information Sciences Graduate Program at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Barbara Tierney is stepping into the head of Reference Services, recently renamed Research & Information Services, which was vacated in July 2009. Dr. Penny Beile, currently Associate Director for Information Services & Scholarly Communication has been serving as interim head of the department.

Ms. **Sai Deng** became the Cataloging-Metadata librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries on August 8, 2012.

### GEORGIA

**Brett A. Williams** has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, Valdosta, Georgia as an Instructor of Library Science and Circulation Librarian. Brett received his Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University in July 2011.

### University of West Georgia News

#### Ingram Library Faculty and Staff

**Blyne Olivieri** was appointed Assistant Professor and Special Collections Librarian at the University of West Georgia in November 2012, joining Suzanne Durham, Head of Special Collections, in expanding this important area of Ingram Library. Ms. Olivieri holds the B.A. in Art History with Distinction, the M.A. in Art History, and the M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington. She

previously served as Pacific Northwest Curator in Special Collections at the University of Washington.

**Stacey Snyder** and **Andrew Walsh** are currently serving limited term faculty appointments in Instructional Services as Information Literacy Fellows. Ms. Snyder and Mr. Walsh are both 2012 graduates of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Long-time Circulation Manager **Chris Carroll** was appointed Librarian at West Georgia Technical College's Carrollton campus in December. **Katie Mitchell**, who worked in Circulation at Ingram Library prior to becoming Branch Manager at the Neva Lomason Library in Carrollton, Georgia, returned to the university in February to fill Mr. Carroll's position.

**Judith King** and **Pat Pollard** retired from the library's Technical Services department during fall semester, 2012. Ms. King worked for many years as a catalog assistant. Ms. Pollard handled binding, serials and microforms.

**Lorene Flanders**, Dean of Libraries, and Secretary of SELA, has been elected to the American Library Association's Council as Georgia Chapter Councilor.

An article by **Jean Cook**, Assistant Professor and Instructional Services Librarian, "A Library Credit Course and Student Success Rates: A Longitudinal Study," has been accepted for publication by *College & Research Libraries*. The article explores the success rates and graduation rates of over 15,000 University of West Georgia students who have taken LIBR 1101, a course on academic research and libraries, since 1998.

## KENTUCKY

### Northern Kentucky University Welcomes New Systems Librarian

**Mike Wells**, new Systems Librarian, began work at Northern Kentucky University on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mike holds an MLIS from Kent State University, and has over 15 years of IT experience in both the higher education and the corporate sectors. Before his appointment at NKU, he was the Library and Information Technology Director at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, and prior to that the Manager of the Center for Information Management at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Personal interests include running, golf, tennis, and spending time with his family.



## MISSISSIPPI

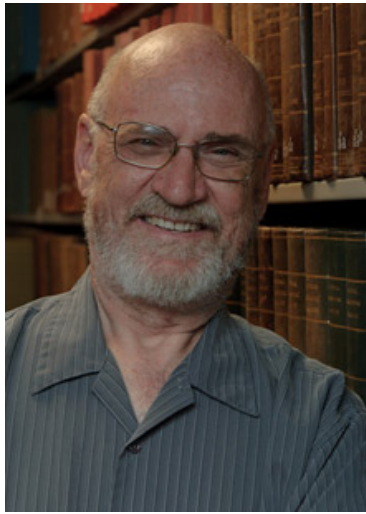
### Ellen Ruffin Elected to Laura Ingalls Wilder Committee

**Ellen Hunter Ruffin**, Curator of the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection, has been elected to serve on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Committee for 2013-2015. The Wilder Committee, a committee of Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), selects a lifetime achievement award for a children's author or illustrator. Some of the previous recipients of the Wilder Award are Tomie dePaola, Ashley Bryan, Eric Carle, Maurice Sendak, Theodor S. Geisel (Dr. Seuss), and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Ruffin looks forward to serving on this prestigious committee.



## USM Welcomes New Associate Dean for Research Services

**Harvey Brenneise**, new Associate Dean for Research Services, began work at USM on July 16. His MSLS is from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and he also has an M.A. in history (Andrews University). Prior to his appointment at USM, he has worked in libraries at Andrews University (MI), Michigan Public Health Institute, Seattle Public Library, University of La Verne (CA), Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (CA) and Chadron State College (NE). Personal interests include gardening, orchid growing, travel, classical music, and of course reading!



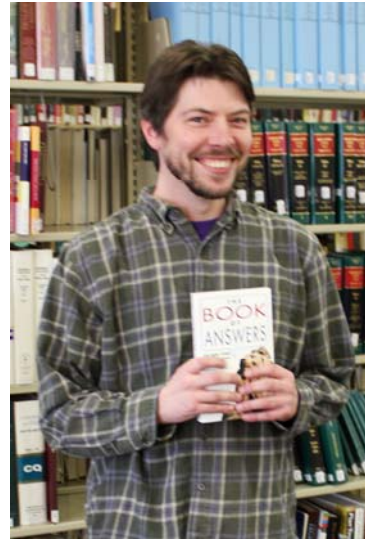
## Changes at the Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library in Oxford, MS

**Dorothy Fitts**, known as “Dotsy” around town, retired in October after being the Head Librarian since 1968. Ms. Fitts was a strong advocate for literacy and libraries and encouraged several of her staff members over the years to pursue graduate degrees in Library Science. Two of those staff members have now advanced in their careers at the library.



**Laura Beth Walker** has been promoted from Reference Librarian to Head Librarian. She received her MLS from the University of Alabama in 2001 and has been with the Library since 1997.

Replacing Ms. Walker as Reference Librarian is **Corey Vinson**. He received his MLS from the University of Mississippi, and has been working as Library Assistant at the Oxford Public Library.



The Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library is a branch of First Regional Library. For more information, visit [www.firstregional.org](http://www.firstregional.org).

## Management Transition at Southern Miss' University Libraries and Library School

**Dr. Carole Kiehl**, formerly dean of University Libraries at The University of Southern Mississippi, was named Special Assistant to the Provost for Analysis and Planning and will work with university Provost Dr.

Denis Wiesenburg in that capacity. In her new position, Kiehl will evaluate emerging software and technologies that support academic programs, assist in developing an academic space plan, and work with the academic assessment office on accreditation recertifications. Kiehl served as dean of University Libraries from August 2008 until January 2013.



Named interim dean of University Libraries was **Dr. Melanie J. Norton**, associate professor and director of the School of Library and Information Science at Southern Miss since January 2003. Norton has been a faculty member at Southern Miss since August 1993.



**Dr. Elizabeth Haynes**, associate professor in the School of Library and Information Science, was named interim director of the School. Haynes, whose academic specialties include cataloging and school librarianship, has been a faculty member in the Library School since 1998.



## NORTH CAROLINA

### **Timothy McGeary Appointed Head of UNC Library Systems**

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), has appointed **Timothy McGeary** as Head of Library Systems. McGeary began Aug. 27.



McGeary will manage the Library Systems Department. His responsibilities include planning, budgeting and setting policy for information resources.

McGeary will lead a program that researches, develops, and supports advanced information systems for the Library, and ensures operational management of information systems and support of end users. He will directly supervise unit managers responsible for desktop support, application development, and infrastructure architecture and administrations.

Prior to this appointment, McGeary served as Manager of Library Technology at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. He was previously Senior Systems Specialist at Lehigh University.

He holds a B.A. in Music and an M.S. in Information & Systems Engineering from Lehigh University.



Diesenhaus will work with the Library Personnel Office to develop new staff training programs and with the Library Communications office to develop communications and promotional plans for library collections, events, exhibits, and staff. He will also compile annual library statistics and provide general reference and course-specific instruction services.

Diesenhaus holds a B.A. in English and Creative Writing from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio; an M.F.A. in Nonfiction Writing from the University of North Carolina Wilmington; and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.

**Barbara Ilie** became Newspaper Digitization Project Librarian Oct. 1.



Ilie will coordinate activities for North Carolina Historic Newspapers, a multi-year collaborative grant project with the North Carolina State Archives. The project will digitize approximately 150 reels of microfilmed North Carolina newspapers for the Library of Congress's Chronicling America website.

Prior to this appointment, Ilie worked as a Research and Reference Services Associate at UNC's Louis Round Wilson Special Collections Library. She also worked as the Project Information Scientist on the Historic Hillsborough Commission's Institute of Museum and

## UNC Chapel Hill Library Appointments

The University Libraries are pleased to announce the following appointments:

**Ellie Coen Boote** is Research Services Librarian, a temporary appointment that began Sept. 1.



Boote will collaborate in supervision of the R.B. House Undergraduate Library Reference Desk and Design Lab, and will participate in outreach, promotion, and tailored instruction activities.

Prior to this appointment, Boote served as Temporary Program Coordinator and Assistant to the Director of Administration at the Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC) at Duke University in Durham, N.C.; as a contract writer at Novelist/EBSCO Publishing in Durham; and as a library assistant at the Orange County Public Libraries in Carrboro, N.C.

She holds a B.A. in French, International Studies, and Religion from Hope College in Holland, Mich., and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC.

**Doug Diesenhaus** is Administrative Projects Librarian, a one-year temporary appointment that began Sept. 1.

Library Services grant-funded Burwell School Digital Archive and Research Project.

**Brenda Linares** was appointed Librarian and Institute on Aging Liaison in the UNC Health Sciences Library Sept. 17.



Linares will help to identify information needs of library users affiliated with the Institute on Aging; to articulate, implement, maintain, and evaluate services; and to build the Institute's library collection.

Prior to this appointment, Linares served at the Louis Calder Memorial Library at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine as head of Library Outreach and Community Engagement, and as Administrative Librarian. She was also an Associate Fellow at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

Linares holds a B.S. in finance from California State University, Northridge, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Meg Tuomala** began Dec. 1, 2012, as Electronic Records Archivist in the University Archives and Records Management Services.



Meg will lead efforts within the Archives to manage and preserve born-digital materials, and will assist other

special collections units at UNC in doing so. She will also support UNC faculty, students, and staff in depositing digital materials into the Carolina Digital Repository (CDR), and will work with other library staff to define and implement repository policies, workflows, and capabilities.

Meg was most recently Digital Archivist at the University Archives of Washington University in St. Louis. She worked previously at UNC as the Records Service Archivist.

She holds an M.S.L.S. and a B.A. in Comparative Literature.

**Kirill Tolpygo** began Jan. 1 as Librarian for Slavic and East European Resources.



He will build collections of Slavic and East European resources and will develop and deliver reference, outreach, and instructional services to faculty and students. He will also serve as Curator of the André Savine Collection.

Kirill most recently held this position in an interim capacity, before which he was a cataloger for the Savine Collection.

He holds an M.L.S. and a M.A. in linguistics from the University at Buffalo and a B.A. in linguistics from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

**Danianne Mizzy** began Jan. 7 as the Library's first head of Kenan Science Information Services.



Leading a team of librarians, she will provide coordination of information services for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates in the sciences and vision for the development of innovative approaches to e-science and data management. She will also collaborate with staff at the UNC Health Sciences Library to build strong interdisciplinary science collections and services.

Danianne's prior positions include Engineering Librarian at the Monell Engineering Library at Columbia University and Director of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library and Archives at The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia.

She holds an M.L.I.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, an M.F.A. in design from the Yale School of Drama, and an A.B. in International Relations from Brown University.

### **Professional Retirements: Carol Tobin and Michael Van Fossen**

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), announces two retirements:

**Carol Tobin**, Head of the Research and Instructional Services Department in Davis Library, retired July 1 after 18 years of service at UNC. Tobin supervised staff and oversaw reference collection development, budget requests and the department's organization and services.



Tobin held prior positions as head of the Reference Department in the Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina (1987-1993) and reference librarian in the Firestone Library at Princeton University (1980-1987).

Tobin served as president of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) of ALA (2001-2002) and as a member of numerous RUSA committees, including the Executive Committee (200-2003). She also chaired the division's Reference Services in Large Research Libraries Discussion Groups (2004-2006) and the Organizational Structure Task Force (2002-03).

Tobin served on campus as a member of the UNC Faculty Council (2003-2006) and has provided consulting services to reference publishers.

**Michael Van Fossen** retired Nov. 1 as International/State Documents Librarian in Davis Library. For 23 years, he managed the state and international documents collection and served as the subject librarian for international studies; the curriculum in peace, war and defense; and political science.



He also regularly taught a course on government documents and mentored students at UNC's School of Library and Information Science.

Van Fossen provided leadership in the North Carolina Library Association where he served on the executive



board of its Government Resources Section, as an associate editor and indexer for *North Carolina Libraries*, and as chair of the journal's 2007 Style Manual Revision Committee.

## UNC Greensboro

**Dr. Keith Gorman** has been appointed Head of the Martha Blakeney Hodges Special Collections and University Archives at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, replacing Dr. William Finley, who is retiring. Keith was previously Assistant Head of Special Collections and University Archives, and Digital Collections Coordinator. He received his M.L.S. from Simmons College and his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in History from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His B.A. is from Loyola University in Chicago. Prior to joining UNCG, Keith was Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Museum in Edgartown, MA, and was Assistant Professor of History at Simmons College.



## UNC Greensboro Diversity Resident

**Nataly Blas** has been named the 2012-2014 Diversity Resident at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro libraries. She was awarded a Master's degree from the School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University in August.



## TENNESSEE

**Susan Jennings** is the new Dean of Library Services at Chattanooga State Library, Chattanooga, Tennessee. A graduate of Appalachian State University with a MA in History in 1998 and continued her education to obtain an MSIS in 2007 from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Ms. Jennings comes to Tennessee from Appalachian State University-Belk Library in Boone, North Carolina where she was the Lead Desk Services Librarian for many years. She has participated in national, regional and state level professional library organizations for a number of years on various committees too numerous to name and continues. A recipient of the Lynn May Research Grant in 1997; the Gary R. Purcell Scholarship in 2006; SIS Outstanding Service Award in 2007 and the ALA Emerging Leaders Class of 2010. She is currently a nominee on the TLA election ballot for the position of TLA Vice President/President Elect. A dedicated, organized and creative individual no doubt will be successful in this new position.



**Jenifer Grady** has been appointed executive director of **Tenn-Share**, an organization whose mission is to help "Tennessee libraries deliver efficient, effective library services through group purchasing power and innovative resource sharing projects." The organization is a resource for more than 600 members which include libraries, information agencies, archives and museums across the state of Tennessee.



Prior to her new position, Grady was most recently the director of the American Library Association (ALA) - Allied Professional Association (APA) for more than seven years. ALA-APA was established to fulfill two missions: "supporting salary and status improvement initiatives and certifying library workers in specializations beyond their initial degree, whether it is an MSLS or a high school diploma." She managed certification programs for public library managers and public and academic support staff, conducted salary surveys, delivered conference programs on topics such as negotiation and affordable healthcare and edited a monthly newsletter called *Library Worklife*.

Grady received her MSLS from SILS, and her MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University. In addition, she is a certified association executive (CAE) "a professional certification for association executives." Since receiving her degree from SILS, she has been a staff member and a manager at academic, medical, nonprofit, government and public libraries. In her personal life, Grady is always on the lookout for great bread pudding and a nearby trail to walk or bike off the calories.