**SELAGENERAL NEWS:**

**SELA Summer Conference**
August 11-12, 2017
Birmingham-Southern College
Birmingham, Alabama
Registration and hotel information coming soon!

**West Virginia Library Association/SELA Joint Conference**
November 8-10, 2017
White Sulphur Springs, WV at The Greenbriar

**NMRT Shirley Olofson Memorial Award**

SELA is pleased to announce that Lisa Kulka is the 2017 recipient of the New Members Round Table (NMRT) Shirley Olofson Memorial Award. She works as a Library Specialist at Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. Lisa has a BS in Education from Southwest Texas State University and earned her MS in Library Science from Wayne State University. She is active in the library profession, including ALA, NMRT, and the Texas Library Association.

**Arkansas**

**Delta Serials Conference**

Registration is now open for the inaugural Delta Serials Conference! This conference will be held on Thursday, July 27 through Friday, July 28, 2017, on Arkansas State University’s Jonesboro campus.

Jeffrey Beall, keynote speaker, will discuss open access journals and predatory publishing. This conference will focus on advances, developments, and continuing issues in the management and use of all serial library products.

Proposal for poster sessions will be accepted through May 31, 2017. For registration and conference information visit http://libguides.astate.edu/DeltaSerialsConference.

If you have any additional questions, e-mail DeltaSerialsConference@astate.edu in order to reach the conference co-chairs.

**Continuing Education Proposals**

I would love your help in formulating CE topics and sessions that best suit the needs of Arkansas and SELA libraries.

If you could have any session or continuing ed topic related to your administrative position, what would you like to learn?

Does your library need help with new programming ideas or how to get your own ideas started?

Have you updated your policy manual recently? If not, do you need training for that process?

What type of conference session topics would most benefit you in your current position?

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Alabama**

The winner of the Alabama Library Association, College, University & Special Libraries Division Research Committee EBSCO Research Excellence Award is Yingqi Tang for her paper, "Information Competency Self-Evaluation and Library Intervention." Winning papers are published in future issues of The Southeastern Librarian.
Are you new to directorship or administration and wish library school would have taught you _________?

Are you interested in a mentoring program?

Any other thoughts on conference type topics/sessions that you would like to share? Please do.

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Georgia

*Kennesaw State University*

KSU’s Lawrence V. Johnson Library, Marietta Campus, received its first endowment, a $30,000 gift from Jane and Ralph Johnson, the son of the library’s namesake. Lawrence (Larry) V. Johnson served as the first director of The Technical Institute, a two-year technical college, which has evolved into the KSU Marietta Campus.

“When the library was named in honor of my dad, I thought it would be appropriate to also establish a program that would provide funding for library documents, magazines or other publications or activities that might not be covered by the normal budgets,” said Johnson.

“This gift will help to keep our collections up to date and enhance student learning,” said David Evans, KSU Dean of Library Services.

The Rotary Club of North Cobb completed their 2016 Annual Community Grant project using funds from the Rotary Foundation and North Cobb Rotary Club. The Kennesaw State University Library System now has a new reading bench outside of the building and 11 new public health and polio related medical books to enhance student learning in the library collection.

Mississippi

The Department of Archives & Special Collections in the University of Mississippi Libraries recently installed the exhibition, “Mississippi: 200 Years of Statehood” to commemorate the state’s bicentennial year. The twenty-one case display showcases archival materials in a thematic overview of the state’s 200 year history. It will run through December 11, 2017 and is open to the public (8am-5pm, Monday-Friday, except for University holidays). Special Collections curators also collaborated with the University’s Communications Department to produce twelve bicentennial videos which highlight various items in the exhibit. One video will be released each month during 2017 and will be posted on the Library’s youtube https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-Oa17pheY8Vaw9WabJMzrg-fl4Aq8bg0 To coincide with the exhibit the Department maintains the, “This Week in Mississippi History” blog. This blog will continue after 2017 and features archival materials from the collections related to Mississippi’s history and culture http://www.libraries.olemiss.edu/blogs/this-week-ms-history.
North Carolina

NCSU Libraries

Is That a Raccoon or a Mongoose?
ID Animals in the Libraries’ Online eMammal Lite Game.

Put your wildlife knowledge to the test in eMammal Lite, a web-based animal tagging game hosted in the Hunt Library’s iPearl Immersion Theater. The entertaining game uses citizen science imagery to test your ability to identify common—and not so common—animals from around the world captured in camera trap photos.

Containing over 4,000 candid animal photos from 30 research projects compiled by the international citizen science camera trapping program eMammal, eMammal Lite brings the challenge of tagging animals photographed by camera traps—remotely activated cameras—without the need for your own camera trap.

Since its launch in the winter of 2016, the eMammal Lite app has seen nearly 1,500 users tag over 58,000 animals. The database of camera trap images uses content captured locally and throughout North America as well as from locales as far-flung as Mexico, India and Africa. Walt Gurley, a Visualization and Digital Media Librarian, developed the app with former NCSU Libraries Graphic Designer student employee Maris Hall.

This new installation at the iPearl Immersion Theater combines user tagging statistics, project information, and high-resolution images to create an engaging exploration of the eMammal Lite photo collection.

Visitors can view a selection of camera trap photos from each research project accompanied by information about the project and tagging stats on each photo to get an idea of which animals are the hardest to identify. In addition to the photo gallery, visitors can also track user accuracy statistics, the most popular tagged animals, and compete to make it on the top five tagger board.

Play along at go.ncsu.edu/emammallite.

UNC Chapel Hill

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has received an $877,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which will allow the Southern Historical Collection (SHC) at the Wilson Special Collections Library to further develop its transformative model for “community-driven archives.” In addition to several community archiving projects, the SHC will also develop and share training and educational materials in this emerging area of practice.

Activities for the three-year grant, “Building a Model for All Users: Transforming Archive Collections through Community-Driven Archives,” will begin immediately.

Community-driven archives are created through partnerships between a community that wishes to document and preserve its own history and an archival repository. In many cases, these are stories of marginalized communities that past generations of historians and archivists did not consider significant enough to record or preserve.

As part of the grant, the SHC will hire a full-time Community Archivist and advance or complete four community archiving projects currently underway:

- The Appalachian Student Health Coalition
- The Eastern Kentucky African American Migration Project
- The Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance
- The San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum.

The SHC will develop a web-based resource to connect researchers with potential community archives projects. Additionally, the SHC will use the grant to share the information about its processes so other archives and communities can replicate them. This includes innovations such as the “Archivist in a Backpack,” which contains starter materials and instructions, protective document sleeves, a microphone and activity suggestions. It will also hold a publishing workshop so participants can reflect on and create a record of their own experiences.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Alabama

University of South Alabama

E. Lorene Flanders has been appointed Executive Director of USA Libraries at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She previously served as Professor and Dean of Libraries at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, where she was appointed in 2005, and as Associate University Librarian at Georgia College & State University, where she was a member of the faculty from 1989 to 2005. While at the University of West Georgia, Flanders established Ingram Library’s Penelope Melson Society and served on the Board of Friends of Georgia Libraries,
representing the University System of Georgia’s Regents Academic Committee on Libraries. She also served on the USG Chancellor’s committee to oversee the transfer of the Georgia Department of Archives and History to the University System. Flanders oversaw the 2011 renovation of UWG’s Ingram Library and the installation of a replica of the State Capitol Office of the late Georgia House Speaker Thomas Bailey Murphy, 1924-2007, and supporting exhibits. Ingram Library and Houser Walker Architects won a 2013 Georgia AIA award for design excellence for the Ingram Library Renovation and Speaker Murphy Office Project.

Flanders is past secretary of the Southeastern Library Association and past chair of SELA’s Southern Books Competition Committee. She chaired the Georgia Library Association’s Awards Committee and the Academic Library Division of the organization, and represented GLA on the governing Council of the American Library Association 2012-2015. She served on ALA’s first Emerging Leaders Committee and as Bibliographer for the Georgia Historical Society, co-authoring the annual bibliography of Georgia history published in the Georgia Historical Quarterly.

USA Libraries include the Marx Library, the Baugh Biomedical Library, the Mitchell College of Business Library, and the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Georgia

Kennesaw State University

The Sturgis Library, Kennesaw State University Campus, has several new employees. Erwyniques Leszczynski and Joselyn Rivera are new Library Technical Paraprofessionals in the Access Services Department. Samantha Reardon is in the new position of Collection Development Assistant. Darian Hailes is the new Virtual Services Paraprofessional. Amy Gratz is the Learning & Teaching Services Librarian, Librarian Assistant Professor. Sarah Kantor is the Reference Services Coordinator, Librarian Assistant Professor.

North Carolina

UNC Chapel Hill

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library announces the following recent appointments:

Christine Stachowicz -- Director of Technical Services.

In this role, Christine will oversee the management of library acquisitions, e-resources licensing, materials processing, cataloging, metadata, and preservation. As a member of the Library Leadership Team, she will help define overall priorities and participate in long-term planning for the University Library.

Prior to this appointment, Christine was head of E-Resources and Serials Management and interim director of Technical Services at the UNC Library. She has also worked as catalog management librarian and as serials access librarian at the UNC Library, and previously, as a reference librarian and head of collection access at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia.
Christine holds an M.S.L.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill and a B.S. in accounting from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Chad Haefele -- Head of User Experience and Assessment. Chad will lead the creation of a user experience that offers seamless connections between the Library’s services, physical collections, digital collections, physical spaces, and virtual presence. He will provide strategic direction for the Library's online presence, assess the impact of Library services, and serve as an advocate for user needs in the design and redesign of the Library’s public spaces.

Before this appointment, Chad was interim head of User Experience at the UNC Library. He has also worked as emerging technologies librarian at the UNC Library.

Chad holds an M.L.I.S from the University of Pittsburgh, a certificate in technology and communication from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a B.S. in computer information systems from Grove City College, in Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Fei Yu -- Health Information Technology Librarian at the Health Sciences Library. Fei will expand the Library’s support of health informatics and analytics, mobile health, electronic health records, and clinical care research. She will provide information and technical support to researchers, plan classes and seminars in the HSL Research Hub, and work closely with the Carolina Digital Health Research Initiative (CaDHRI).

She previously was a research assistant for the HSL and NC Translational Science (NC TraCS) Institute Evaluation Team. She has also served as research associate at the Laboratory of Applied Informatics Research at UNC-Chapel Hill. Fei brings experience working with an integrated library system from her position at EiNetwork in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Fei holds a Ph.D. in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master of information management and a B.A. in library and information science from Wuhan University in Hubei, China. She is currently working on a master of professional science in biomedical and health informatics at the UNC School of Information and Library Science.

Jason Casden -- Head of Software Development. In this position, Jason will lead a software development group of twelve full-time employees. He will provide vision and leadership for library technology services, facilitate improvements to technological work processes, and develop relationships with stakeholders.

Jason will also collaborate with Infrastructure Management Services on software system architecture planning and will provide strategic direction for the evaluation, customization, and implementation of existing technology platforms and systems.

Most recently, Jason worked as the Associate Head of Digital Library Initiatives at North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries. He was previously lead librarian for Digital Services Development and Digital Technologies Development Librarian, both at NCSU Libraries.

Jason holds an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. in linguistics and English, with a minor in computer and information science, from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.
University Libraries recently welcomed Will Cook as its new Facilities Manager. Cook received his Bachelor of Science in Community Recreation and Events Management from UNCG. Originally from New York, Cook now calls Greensboro home. Prior to joining University Libraries, Cook was the Assistant Building Manager for the City of Greensboro and worked at North Carolina A&T State University. He gained valuable experience with University Libraries during his time as a student worker and is excited about his new role. As Facilities Manager, Cook will be responsible for monitoring the operations of the building on a daily basis, working on space management and working assigned shifts on the circulation desk.

In January, University Libraries welcomed Samantha Harlow as its new Online Learning Librarian in Research, Outreach and Instruction. Samantha holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Arts in Cinema Studies from New York University. Prior to joining University Libraries, Samantha served as the Instructional Technology Consultant for the School of Education at UNCG, a Media and Digital Resource Librarian at High Point University and a Digital Production Manager at Triangle Research Libraries Network. Samantha holds professional memberships in Quality Matters (QM): Online Learning Community, the International Society of Technology and Education and the North Carolina Library Instructional Technology Meetings.

Kristen Wilson, NCSU Libraries Associate Head of Acquisitions and Discovery for Serials has won the 2017 HARRASSOWITZ Award for Leadership in Library Acquisitions.

Given annually by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), the award recognizes the contributions by and outstanding leadership of an individual to the field of acquisitions librarianship.

Donated by the HARRASSOWITZ company and named in honor of Dr. Knut Dorn, the award comes with $1,500 and a citation to recognize the winner’s achievement. Wilson will be presented the award at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in June.

Since Wilson came to the NCSU Libraries as a Libraries Fellow in 2007, she’s been an innovator in the acquisitions field, focusing on electronic resources management, knowledge bases, and workflow analysis. She has been a contributor to the development of E-Matrix, an electronic resources management system developed locally at NCSU Libraries.
Wilson has also been active in the use and development of e-resources knowledge bases, particularly through her involvement with the Global Open Knowledgebase (GOKb) project. She served as the first GOKb editor, helping to develop prototype workflows for data collection and maintenance within an open data framework. She later became principal investigator for the project, guiding industry-wide discussions about the role of open data in the e-resources supply chain.

Andreas “Dre” Orphanides, Associate Head of User Experience for the NCSU Libraries, will deliver the keynote address on the opening day of the 2017 Code4Lib Conference at UCLA on March 7.

A long-time participant in the Code4Lib community, Dre is one of the co-founders of the Code4Lib workshop, Fail4Lib, which created an inclusive and safe space to talk about project failures and generate constructive conversation around them. He has given talks on the ethics of system design at previous Code4Lib conferences.

BOOK REVIEWS


Southern Religion and Christian Diversity in the Twentieth Century is a series of fifteen essays written by distinguished Professor Wayne Flynt. The essays held my interest and spurred my reflection with his storytelling style. Through his words, I saw my hometown in North Carolina, my Baptist Church membership as a child, and remembered my early questions about church politics, segregation, and the role of the women in the church— who cooked Wednesday night dinners, supervised the nursery, arranged the summer tent revivals, collected Lottie Moon offerings each Sunday, sang in the choirs, but did not stand in the pulpit and deliver a sermon.

Flynt describes the social and religious movements within Southern Christianity as churches of all faiths sought to consider that feeding the physical and personal needs of citizens was as important as feeding the souls of citizens. Through individual congregations, through social agencies, and through ruling boards of congregations, the movement from evangelism to a social gospel became the new Southern Christianity.

Forces that converged between 1900 and 2000 brought great change to congregations and faith disciplines in the South as evidenced by Flynt’s extensive research. Particular essays shed light on changes: “Organized Labor, Reform, and Alabama Politics, 1920” (p.69), “Feeding the Hungry and Ministering to the Broken Hearted” (p.96), “Women, Society, and the Southern Church 1900-1920” (p.179), “God’s Politics: Is Southern Religion, Blue, Red or Purple?” (p. 393). All speak to the many changes in Christians’ congregational diversity.

Highly recommended for seminary and academic libraries. Excellent notes section p.317-363 and Index 370-386.

Carol Walker Jordan
University of North Carolina at Greensboro