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Attention new librarians: The Southeastern Library Association wants to hear from you!!

Are you looking for a great opportunity to present and publish? Please consider submitting a paper for consideration as part of our New Voices Program. New Voices provides professional librarians with less than five years of experience a chance to present and publish ideas and perspectives on current library issues.

Writers of the top selections will be chosen by a panel of peers and invited to present their papers at the 2018 South Carolina Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference October 31-November 2, 2018, in Greenville, SC (related expenses, including registration, not included). In addition, the winning selection will be announced during the SELA Awards Ceremony at the conference and will appear in The Southeastern Librarian, the official quarterly peer-reviewed journal of the Southeastern Library Association. Guidelines for submission: http://www.selaonline.org/sela/publications/SEln/guidelines.html

Please submit papers for consideration by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 to Kevin Shehan, 2018 Chair of the SELA University and College Libraries Section/New Voices program, at kshehan@uscupstate.edu

(This program is sponsored by the University and College Libraries Section of SELA)

Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Award

SELA recognizes an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school, or special library in a Southeastern Library Association member state.

Criteria

1. Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of the SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs.

2. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made.

3. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program.

4. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.

5. Nomination applications for the award should include the following information:

   - SELA member's name
   - Library's name, address, telephone number
   - Beginning and ending dates of the program
   - Narrative statement describing the program
     - goals and steps to achieve the goals
     - special contribution of the program/project
   - Supporting documents related to program publicity

For more information contact:

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The deadline is August 15.

LIBRARY NEWS

North Carolina

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3D “ARt” exhibit opens at Hunt Library

Sometimes the art isn’t actually there.

“ARt: Augmented Reality in 3D” is an AR exhibit—accessed via Snapchat—in the Hunt Library's Technology Showcase. Students in College of Design professor Emil Polyak’s Digital Modeling course (ADN 423) created virtual models that you can view through your cell phone. Polyak also contributed two models, as did the Libraries' Digital Research and Scholarship Librarian Markus Wust. The exhibit will run through the summer.
To view “ARt,” open the Snapchat mobile app on your phone, point the phone at the colorful image, or target, in the Technology Showcase, and take a picture of it. After a few moments, the 3D digital model will pop up inside the app. You can then select the model to view in augmented reality.

Augmented reality mixes virtual content with the real world, often with digital images added to a person’s view of reality through a phone camera, as in the Pokemon Go! Game, or through a high-tech headset such as Microsoft’s HoloLens.

Polyak’s students used a computer animation and modeling software called Maya (available on PC workstations at the Libraries) to design their models. Then, they uploaded them to Snapchat as “Snapchat lenses” using free software called Snapchat Lens Studio.

The seven models in the exhibit include “Trash Bandit” by Emily Parker (Senior, Art and Design), a comical take on the nickname given to raccoons; “Islamic Lantern” by Rakan DiarBakerli (Graduate student, Art and Design Animation), which features an ornate take on traditional Islamic geometric designs; Polyak’s “Monkey King,” which digitally reconstructs a traditional Taiwanese hand puppet of a Chinese mythological character; and Wust’s “First Walkman,” which pays homage to the popular personal stereo audio cassette player.

Visualization With a Conscience
The Immersive Scholar Program’s First Resident Artists Visualize Data Through Activist Lenses

Keep your eye on the video walls at the Hunt Library this fall. You’ll see events and exhibits information and content from student contests as usual. But you’ll also see #MeToo data generating stained glass window designs and poverty statistics shaping the plumage of birds of paradise. Data has never looked so good.

Three resident artists will create these spectacular visualizations through the NCSU Libraries’ Immersive Scholars program, part of a $414,000 project grant awarded to NC State by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation last year. The grant project, entitled “Visualizing Digital Scholarship in Libraries and Learning Spaces,” continues the Libraries’ pioneering work with large-scale, research visualization technologies and supports the advancement of tools and techniques for developing and sharing such visual content for research.

Artists, scholars, and creative technologists submitted project proposals to an open call in January for a four-to-six-week residency. Two of the three eventual residents have been chosen. Their projects will use data creatively, in collaboration with librarians, to produce immersive scholarly visual content for one or more of the large-scale digital walls in the Hunt Library—including the Art Wall, the iPearl Immersion Theater, the Commons Wall, and the Visualization Wall.

Data + visualization = storytelling
For the Libraries, the program offers a way to move large-scale visualization forward as a still-emerging research field. For the resident artists, it’s a unique opportunity to tell the stories hidden in big data.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Georgia

Robert Taylor has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library, Valdosta, Georgia as an Assistant Professor and Acquisitions/Cataloging Librarian. Robert began his new position on July 1, 2018. Robert received his Master’s of Library Science from Valdosta State University in 2018 and has been employed in other positions at Valdosta State University Odum Library since November 2010.

North Carolina

NCSU Libraries

SLA Tabs Heidi Tebbe as “Rising Star”
Engineering and Data Science Librarian Lauded for Leadership and Problem Solving

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) has named Heidi Tebbe one of five SLA Rising Stars, an annual honor given to early-career professionals who have demonstrated leadership and the ability to creatively solve problems. Tebbe, the Libraries’ Collections & Research Librarian for Engineering and Data Science, will be recognized during
The University of Minnesota Libraries has invited **William Langston**, the Libraries’ Student Success and Engagement Librarian, to its week-long **Institute for Early Career Librarians** in mid-July.

Since 1998, the biennial institute has gathered 26 **early-career college and university librarians** who are from traditionally underrepresented groups and are in the first three years of their professional careers. The 2018 Institute will focus on making connections between significant issues facing libraries and archives and the leadership required to develop collaborations, innovations, and new services in these areas. Leadership and managerial concepts and specific skills will be introduced in the context of major issues presented by expert faculty.

**Collins to Attend Harvard Leadership Institute**

**Emphases Include Planning, Strategy, and Transformational Learning**

**Maria Collins**, Head of Acquisitions and Discovery, has been selected to attend the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians (LIAL) this summer.

Part of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education programs, the weeklong institute helps librarians develop a long-range vision for their libraries so that they are better able to respond to emerging informational and institutional needs. The program focuses on three areas of leadership—planning, organizational strategy and change, and transformational learning.
Jessica Serrao Receives Travel Award from Society of American Archivists
Library Associate to Co-present Talk, Chair Education Session at Washington, D.C. Meeting

Library Associate Jessica Serrao is the 2018 recipient of the Donald Peterson Student Travel Award given by the Society of American Archivists (SAA).

Serrao, who is pursuing a graduate degree in library and information science with a concentration in archives and records management and certificate in digital curation at UNC-Chapel Hill, will be recognized at a ceremony during the Joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists, National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and SAA in Washington, D.C., August 12-18.

The goal of the scholarship is to stimulate greater participation in the activities of SAA, such as presenting research or actively participating in an SAA-sponsored committee or section.

Vandegrift heads to Europe on Fulbright

Micah Vandegrift, our new Open Knowledge Librarian, will be a 2018-2019 Fulbright-Schuman Innovation Fellow studying open research practices and infrastructure in The Netherlands and Denmark. He will work with the University of Maastricht Libraries Research Support Programme and the Royal Danish Library to research practices used by libraries to connect open scholarship policies to researchers.

Prior to this appointment, Lauren worked in the North Carolina Collection as a temporary project librarian.

The University Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of Lauren Bellard as the North Carolina Historic Newspapers project librarian. She will be based in the North Carolina Collection at the Wilson Special Collections Library.

In this position, Lauren will oversee day-to-day operations of the North Carolina Historic Newspapers project. This effort, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, provides scanned pages of significant North Carolina newspapers to the Library of Congress for its Chronicling America project. She will ensure that technical requirements are met, prepare metadata and track the movement of microfilm and digital files between the North Carolina State Archives, the Library of Congress and the project vendor.

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Megan Fratta started in the role of community outreach and global health librarian.

In this position based at the Health Sciences Library, Megan will collaborate with statewide and University health outreach and research projects. She will provide information and education services to support evidence-based practice and will build relationships with practitioners, researchers and students working on global health projects.

Megan will also present patient literacy concepts to health professionals and students working in community hospitals, health centers and primary care practices in rural and underserved communities in North Carolina. She will also provide teaching and consultation related to health literacy and best practices in patient communication.

Prior to this appointment, Megan worked as a contract librarian at the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She served in 2016-17 as an Associate Fellow at the National Library of Medicine.

Megan holds an M.L.S. from the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a B.A. in health administration and policy with a minor in management of aging services from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Nancy Lovas became the Entrepreneurship and Business Librarian on June 11.

In this role, Nancy will help people develop their entrepreneurial ideas, explore markets for those ideas and find funding. She will serve as a resource for individual entrepreneurs, small business owners, campus and local business incubators and startup accelerators.

Nancy will also build library collections in her areas of expertise, and will provide research consultations, instruction and course development support for entrepreneurship, economics and business classes. She will be part of the social sciences collection development team and will work closely with the Library Research Hub staff, the librarian at Kenan-Flagler Business School and the information professionals that support Innovate Carolina and the Office of Technology Commercialization.

Prior to this appointment, Nancy worked as the business reference and research specialist for the Science, Technology and Business Division of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Nancy holds a M.S. in library and information science from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a B.A. in economics from Berry College, in Rome, Georgia.

Tennessee

Martha Earl, MLS, AHIP, is now the Director of the Health Information Center/Preston Medical Library at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. Martha Earl has worked in the Health Information Center/Preston Medical Library for the past 20 years, beginning as Reference Coordinator and has been the Assistant Director for the last 10 years. Earl is also an associate professor in the UT Graduate School of Medicine.
Martha has extensive experience in all aspects of medical librarianship and performs all duties from instruction in library sciences to medical student curriculum or consumer health information with enthusiasm and knowledge. Her skills in leadership, development skills and participation in professional library organizations makes her the perfect choice to lead this library into continued success for many years to come.

*Sue Knoche,* Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging, Serials, Acquisitions at the East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine Library, Johnson City, TN was awarded the prestigious ETSU Distinguished Staff Award in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the University 2018, in May. This award included a monetary prize.

*Heather Lanier,* a Library Associate at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN passed away suddenly June 4, 2018. She was a young vibrant, wonderful, charismatic individual. A respected leader, teacher, colleague and friend who always helped people with a welcoming smile. She served as Vice President-President Elect of TLA to become president July 1st, however under the circumstances the current TLA President Jeffie Nichols has agreed to stay another year as President. Heather was a world traveler, a crusader for many charitable causes, and a lover of family, all animals, and friends. Her legacy will carry on in the hearts and minds of the countless lives she touched.