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Charleston: City of Gardens

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SELA/GENERAL NEWS:

The South Carolina Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference was held October 31 – November 2, 2018 in Greenville, South Carolina.

SELA Members were well represented at the conference as program speakers and attendees.

Future SELA joint conferences were announced at the SELA Board meeting on October 31. We will be meeting with the Arkansas Library Association in 2019, the Georgia Library Association in 2020 and the North Carolina Library Association in 2021. More information, dates and locations to follow.

Thanks to SELA South Carolina State Representative Faith Line, SELA Conference Co-Chair, Tim Dodge, and SCLA leaders and members for a great conference!

In other news, Bonnie Thornton, Continuing Resources Librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries, has been duly elected to the position of Chair of the SELA Resources & Technical Services Section.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Alabama

Auburn University

Gail Barton joined Auburn University Libraries on February 1, 2019 as the new head of the Interlibrary Loans/Document Delivery Department.



Florida

University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is pleased to announce that **Rachel Edford** is the new Instruction & Engagement Librarian.

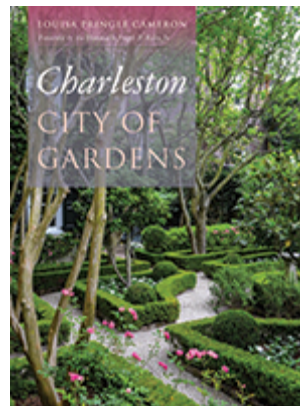
Edford assumed a full-time faculty position on the main UCF campus as of December 28. Edford has her PhD in English from the University of Oregon. She received her MA in Liberal Studies from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and both her MLIS and undergraduate degree in English from Wayne State University.



Edford has worked as an adjunct in both Teaching & Engagement and in Research & Information Services at the UCF Libraries. She also has extensive experience as an English Instructor. In addition to coordinating and conducting library instruction sessions, she will serve as the subject librarian for psychology and social work and developing programming for transfer students.

BOOK REVIEWS

Charleston: City of Gardens. Louisa Pringle Cameron. Columbia: University of South Carolina, 2018. ISBN: 978-1-61117-818-0 (Hard). \$44.99. 162 p.



This work is a stunning achievement on Charleston, South Carolina by Charleston native Louisa Pringle Cameron. Two other wonderful books by Louisa Pringle Cameron are *The Secret Gardens of Charleston* and *The Private Gardens of Charleston*. The content includes the following: Foreword, The Honorable Joseph P. Riley Jr., Plant Nomenclature, Introduction, Private Gardens: Courtyard Gardens: The Courtyard Garden of the William Elliott House, A Pied-a-Terre Courtyard, An Ansonborough Courtyard, A Double Courtyard, A Courtyard in the French Quarter, Peninsula Gardens: The Author's Garden, The Garden of the James Brown House, The Garden of the Isaac Motte Dart House, The Garden of the Albert Detmar House, An Artistic Garden, The Garden of the Gaillard-Bennett House, For the Love of Gardening, The Garden at the George Matthews House, An Old Charleston Garden, A Garden in the Old Walled City, A Garden of Quiet Contrasts, A Traditional Small Garden, Gardens Farther Afield: A Collection of Tropicals, A Country Garden in the City, A Garden Sanctuary on James Island, A Garden of Succulent Delights, A Garden with a Waterfall, House Museum Gardens: The Heyward-Washington House, The Nathaniel Russell House, Academic Garden: Ashley Hall, The Gardens at the Medical University of South Carolina, City Parks: The Charleston Parks Conservancy, Hampton Park, Horticulture at Hampton Park, The Battery, Cannon Park, Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park, Marion Square, Courtenay Square, Washington Square, Daniel Island, Live Oaks in the City, Cemeteries, Churchyards, and Graveyards: Magnolia Cemetery, The Unitarian Churchyard, Street Scenes: Appendix: Fifty-Two Weeks of Bloom, and Sources for Further Reading, as well as an Index.

One hundred fifty four beautiful photographs enrich the work revealing the wonderful lush plant life of Charleston.

The intriguing masterpiece shows six diagrams of designs for Charleston. Fascinatingly, Charleston has Noisette roses grown from China and Asia ten decades before that were brought to Charleston in 1842. Several types of magnificent foliage are mentioned like camellias, azaleas, hydrangeas, impatiens, lilies of the Nile, poppies, marigolds, daffodils, hyacinths, crape myrtles, morning glories, ginger lilies, elephant ears, jasmine, and gardenias, dogwoods, roses, and live oaks. Several kinds of outside décor are commented on such as loggia, pots of terracotta, fountains, benches, a bluff waterfall, courtyards, a terrace for dining, and a statue of a lion from London. Numerous living creatures in Charleston to be seen are made known like marsh rats, black racers, possums, raccoons, squirrels, egrets, quail, bats, wood ducks, black bears, turkeys, pigs, snakes, songbirds, small owls, fox, box turtles, and herons.

The Appendix: Fifty-Two Weeks of Bloom is handy and excellent for visitors to Charleston enchanted with blossoms. The appendix lists seventeen forms of foliage blooming in December, January, and February for example azaleas, camellias, magnolias, poinsettias, and roses. It lists forty-one varieties of vegetation flowering in March, April, and May for instance honeysuckle, iris, pear trees,

and peach trees, white and peppermint. In addition, the appendix lists twenty-seven types of greenery growing in June, July, and August like crape myrtles, caladiums, shrimp plant, pomegranate, hydrangeas, magnolia (southern), hibiscus, and geranium (hardy). Finally, it lists seven types of plants developing in September, October, and November such as chrysanthemums and camellias. Charleston areas to set eyes on are shared such as the Gateway Walk which allows people to view a Unitarian, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Congregational Church from the seventh century where daisies abound. Over two thousand Civil War soldiers are in the 1850 Magnolia Cemetery consisting of one hundred twenty-eight acres. Tradd Street, Meeting Street, and Queen Street residences plant window displays are lovely. The Medical University of South Carolina titled Tree Campus USA by the National Arboretum in 2013 enjoys over two thousand trees. Museums mentioned include Heyward Washington House, Aiken-Rhett House, Nathaniel Russell House, Edmondston-Alston House, Calhoun Mansion, and Joseph Manigault House. There are one hundred twenty parks in Charleston Hampton Park described to be the grandest. Frederick Law Olmstead, creator of Central Park in New York City, assisted in creating Hampton Park part of the World's Fair in South Carolina in 1901. *Charleston City of Gardens* is a superior accomplishment for academic and public libraries. The recommendation for audience are people seeking an awareness of Charleston and the best locations for gorgeous beautiful scenery.

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A South Carolina Upcountry Saga: The Civil War Letters of Barham Bobo Foster and his Family 1860-1863. A. Gibert Kennedy, ed. Columbia: The University of South Carolina Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-61117-924-8 (cloth), ISBN: 9768-1-64336-02205 (ebook), \$49.99 both formats. 360 p.



For the reader or researcher seeking a first-person account of the Civil War, this volume is the perfect book.