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SELA/GENERAL NEWS:

The Public Libraries Section of SELA is hosting a library management webinar in July. Please join us to learn more about the challenges and joys of public library management.

SELA's Public Libraries Section presents:

Library Management Scenarios

Webinar - Tuesday July 16, 11:00 - 12:00 pm EST

A constant of library management is that there will always be something to surprise you. As a manager, the ability to think on your feet and address new issues is key. This webinar is a panel discussion featuring four library managers with a wide range of experience currently working in very different public libraries. Panelists will share information about their library, their path to management and surprising lessons learned. Then they will discuss various management scenarios submitted by webinar attendees. There will be time for questions at the end.

Panelists:

- **Alexandra Eberle**, Library Director, Brooke County Public Libraries, West Virginia
- **Mark Engelbrecht**, Branch Leader, Mountain Island Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, North Carolina
- **Stephanie Fennell**, North Regional Manager, Durham County Library, North Carolina
- **Christie Reale**, Kannapolis Branch Manager, Cabarrus County Public Library, North Carolina

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/v6mp5se5> If you'd like to watch the recorded webinar, please register and select that option.

Upcoming webinars from SELA's Public Libraries Section:

August – Career Paths in Public Libraries
More info coming soon on the SELA listserv

If questions, please contact Kate Engelbrecht, Chair,
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LIBRARY NEWS:

South Carolina

Greenville County Library System and Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District have combined their resources to establish the Upstate's only Seed Library. This free, accessible, year-round source of flower, herbs and food seeds has been received with excitement by the Greenville County community.

The Library System proudly introduced the Seed Library at the Sarah Dobey Jones Branch in Berea on Saturday,

February 23. With over 400 people in attendance, the Seed Library Kickoff event offered a chance to showcase the repurposed card catalog featuring drawers filled with over 50 varieties of food and flower seeds ready for planting, and provided a platform to share related resources, classes and programs focused on sustainability and gardening.

Additional programming surrounding the Seed Library provides education on growing food, flowers, and native plants while inspiring an increase in local food production, promoting a healthy diet, and preserving plant diversity with heirloom seeds. Library card holders may select up to ten seed packets per visit and receive a supplementary growing guide provided by Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District. The seeds have been sorted, separated by type, packaged, and clearly labeled with information and instructions by Greater Greenville Master Gardeners, the Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Greenville County Library System volunteers.

Since opening the Seed Library has attracted over 2,200 visitors that have taken home just over 11,000 seed packets. System-wide, 24 programs with a sustainability and gardening focus have attracted over 250 attendees of all ages.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

North Carolina

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to announce several appointments.

Sonoe Nakasone was appointed as community archivist for the Southern Historical Collection at the Wilson Special Collections Library.

In this position, Sonoe will serve as project manager and coordinator for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant "Building a Model for All Users: Transforming Archive Collections through Community-Driven Archives." Sonoe will service the Southern Historical Collection's existing community archives projects, including the Appalachian Student Health Coalition, the Eastern Kentucky African American Migration Project, the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, and the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum.

Prior to this appointment, Sonoe worked as lead librarian for metadata technologies at North Carolina State University Libraries and as an adjunct professor at North Carolina Central University. Before that, she was special formats and metadata cataloger at UNC-Chapel Hill.



Sonoe holds an M.S. in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute in New York, New York, with an advanced certificate in archives and a certificate for museum librarianship. Her B.A. in English and political science is from Howard University in Washington, DC.

Rebecca Carlson is health sciences librarian and liaison to the School of Pharmacy for the Health Sciences Library. In this position, Rebecca will provide library support for the faculty, students and staff of the Eshelman School of Pharmacy and will offer both virtual and on-site instruction for the Doctor of Pharmacy program. At the Health Sciences Library, she will be part of the Clinical, Academic, and Research Engagement team.

Prior to this appointment, Rebecca worked as clinical librarian for the Health Sciences Library, in the University Libraries at UNC-Chapel Hill. Previously, she was library director of the Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences, at Southwest Baptist University, in Springfield, Missouri.

Rebecca holds an M.S. in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Matt Jansen has been appointed as data analysis librarian. As part of the University Libraries' Digital Research Services unit, Matt will work with scholars to collect, create, process and analyze data. He brings expertise in statistical analysis, text analysis, data visualization and reproducible research. He will also identify, evaluate and recommend research tools and methods for the University Libraries and the campus research community.

Before this appointment, Matt worked as data analyst, and previously as serials projects specialist, in the University Libraries at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Matt holds a B.A. in political science and an M.S. in statistics and operations research from UNC-Chapel Hill.

L. Blue Dean will join the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as Executive

Director of Library Development, effective July 1, 2019. Dean brings to this newly expanded role nearly twenty years of fundraising leadership in the higher education and non-profit sectors.



At Carolina, she will provide strategic vision, leadership and direction for a comprehensive development program as the Library pursues an ambitious agenda emphasizing preservation, student success and engagement with the research enterprise. She will serve as a member of the Library Leadership Team and will guide the organization in achieving its goal toward the University's capital campaign, For All Kind: The Campaign for Carolina.

Aaron Smithers has been appointed special collections research and instruction librarian in the Wilson Special Collections Library, effective June 17.



In this position, Aaron will support teaching and research at the University and in broader communities by promoting access to and use of unique and primary source materials. In collaboration with colleagues across the University

Libraries and with faculty and instructors, he will help to develop effective teaching strategies that make use of special collections material. He will also provide reference and research services for special collections and will contribute to the development of exhibitions and public programs.

Before this appointment, Aaron was collection assistant in the Southern Folklife Collection (SFC) at the Wilson Special Collections Library and has worked as audio engineer in the SFC at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Aaron holds an M.A. in folklore from UNC-Chapel Hill and a B.S. in radio-television-film and a B.A. in the Plan II interdisciplinary program, with an anthropology concentration, from the University of Texas at Austin.

Memorial Tribute

Dr. Joe A. Hewitt, University Librarian Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died at home in Durham on December 19, 2018. Hewitt—known widely to colleagues and acquaintances as Dr. Hewitt—was born on October 13, 1938, to the late Joe Anderson Hewitt, Sr. and Betty Plyler Hewitt in Newton, North Carolina. The family moved to Shelby, North Carolina, when he was 7 years old and he always considered Shelby his hometown.

Dr. Hewitt graduated from Shelby High School in 1956 and enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar. After his sophomore year, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the U.S. Army Security Agency. He graduated from the Russian program at the Army Language School in Monterey, California (now the Defense Language Institute), before being posted to Lubeck, West Germany, where he worked as a Russian voice intercept operator.

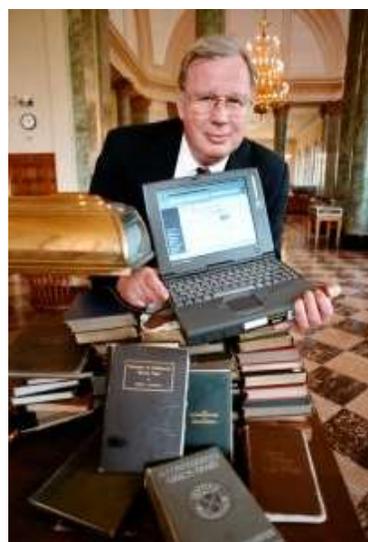
In Lubeck, he joined a spirited and talented group of young linguists, most intercept operators and direction finders, on the front lines of the Cold War at a time of high international tension. They worked on the border of East and West Germany, where they developed close bonds as they pursued their passion for German entertainment, drink and culture. In later years, they established the Lubeck Association to hold reunions and maintain cherished connections.

He took his discharge from active service in Germany and traveled in Europe before returning to UNC to resume his studies. Back in Chapel Hill, he took a student job in Wilson Library, assisting in Slavic acquisitions. Encouraged and mentored by the professional staff, he gained an appreciation for the mission of a major academic research library. After receiving his B.A. in history, he enrolled in the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) and commenced a long and distinguished career.

Dr. Hewitt spent nine years at the University of Colorado, earning his doctorate in education before returning to

Carolina as Associate University Librarian for Technical Services in 1975. In 1993, he was named Associate Provost for University Libraries, or University Librarian.

Dr. Hewitt believed deeply that the Library belonged to the people of North Carolina and that its collections and staff should serve the state. This sense of commitment and responsibility guided his tenure. Under his leadership, the Library achieved a series of notable firsts that extended the reach of its outstanding collections and expertise well beyond Chapel Hill.



A year into Dr. Hewitt's directorship, the Library staked out its first homepage on the rapidly coalescing World Wide Web. Shortly thereafter, it launched "Documenting the American South," a project to digitize frequently requested slave narratives. DocSouth rapidly grew into a pioneering online home for hundreds of full-text books, documents, images and audio files. It continues to attract readers and accolades from North Carolina and from around the world.

Dr. Hewitt sought to use the Library as a springboard for outreach and for great cultural programming that would benefit North Carolinians. He helped to establish a North Carolina Literary Festival that continues today under private guidance, and he initiated a partnership with the UNC Press to publish and distribute books that drew on the Library's unparalleled collections.

He founded the Carolina Academic Library Associates program in partnership with UNC's School of Information and Library Science to attract and train the next generation of college and university librarians. Today, the program's nearly 200 alumni work at libraries across the state and the country.

Under Dr. Hewitt's leadership, the Library attracted notable gifts and collections, including the papers of journalist and alumnus Charles Kuralt; the André Savine collection, which documents the Russian Diaspora; and materials related to luminaries such as Thomas Wolfe, William

Butler Yeats and Gail Godwin. An acquisition of 60,000 recordings put Carolina on the map with one of the largest collections of Southern folk and roots music outside the Library of Congress.

Dr. Hewitt's tenure saw a full-scale renovation of the R.B. House Undergraduate Library, which reopened in 2002 as a center for student life. When the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd diverted promised state funding, he and the Friends of the Library raised \$2 million in private funds to complete the project.

With a deep passion for the mission and potential of libraries, Dr. Hewitt loaned his energy and intellect to organizations that advance their work, including the Triangle Research Libraries Network, the Association of Research Libraries and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Dr. Hewitt was an elegant and prolific writer about library issues, with dozens of articles and books to his credit, beginning with research into what was then the emerging field of online cataloging and acquisitions. He later turned his attention to special collections, helping the Association of Research Libraries develop a programmatic agenda to advance the visibility and promote the use of rare and unique materials. In retirement, he wrote a detailed history of the Wilson Library at Carolina for the building's 75th anniversary.

Dr. Joe Hewitt was a wise, kind and trusted mentor to a generation of librarians. They took inspiration from his gentle guidance and scholarly outlook and from his abiding belief in the promise of libraries and the academy. For his achievements, Dr. Hewitt in 1999 received the University's Distinguished Alumni Award. Upon his retirement in 2004, Governor Mike Easley bestowed upon him The Order of the Long Leaf Pine for extraordinary service to the state.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Gerald Holmes, associate professor and diversity coordinator at UNC Greensboro's University Libraries has received the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science (SILS). The award recognizes Holmes's work at UNC Greensboro, UNC Chapel Hill and professional library organizations. Through his work, Holmes has made the library profession more welcoming and opened it up to individuals from underrepresented backgrounds.

At UNC Greensboro, Holmes has spearheaded multiple diversity efforts, including the Faculty Senate Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, the Chancellor's Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Committee, the University Libraries' Diversity Committee and the University Libraries' Diversity Residency Program. Holmes' has also worked to mentor other employees and community members by working with stakeholders to build networks of diversity education. Additionally, Holmes

assisted in creating the Association of College & Research Librarians (ACRL) Residency Interest Group and has served on the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (ALA) and the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) and chaired NCLA's Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns.



Holmes received his master of science in library science from UNC Chapel Hill and a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from UNC Charlotte. He is also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Florida

University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of **Margaret "Meg" Scharf**, Associate Director, Communications, Assessment, and Public Relations, as of May 31, 2019.

A University Librarian, Scharf holds master's degrees in Library Science (Indiana University) and Business Administration (UCF). She joined the UCF Libraries in 1984, helping to develop the Library Information Network and Exchange (LINE) program. She then moved to the Reference Department, later becoming Head, while also teaching popular library instruction classes and developing collections for business and hospitality. Scharf was promoted to Associate Director for Public Services in 1999; she assumed her current role in 2012, reporting to Director Barry Baker.

During her nearly 35 years at UCF, Scharf has been an active member of many professional organizations, including the American Library Association, the Florida Library Association and the State University Libraries, serving on a myriad of committees and subcommittees. She has presented at such diverse venues as EDUCAUSE

Conferences and the Lilly Conference on Higher Education in England. She held the position of regional reporter for the Association of College & Research Libraries Newsletter, Florida chapter, and served as editor of *Internet Reference Services Quarterly* and as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Scharf is also involved in the Central Florida community. She has been a judge for the Orlando Sentinel's annual Spelling Bee since 2001. She also served as a member of the [Central Florida Memory](#) project, an online repository of images and stories about the area's history.

Within UCF, Scharf served on or chaired numerous committees, including the Advisory Board for the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and the Quality Enhancement Advisory Plan Committee. She also worked closely with Student Accessibility Services to improve library services for students with disabilities. She was instrumental in redesigning the main floor of the Orlando campus library to include more space for group and independent learning, and in planning InSTALLments, the quick-read newsletter posted inside the library bathrooms. She created a Student Advisory Board to more closely listen to students' concerns and expectations.

Scharf will long be known for her empathetic approach to students, visitors, and staff; and for her deep and genuine commitment to the library profession, UCF, and the community.

The University of Central Florida Libraries is also pleased to announce that **Katy Miller** is the new Student Success / Textbook Affordability Librarian.



Miller assumed a full-time faculty position on the main UCF campus as of March 11. She has her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas, and a BA in Art History from the University of Memphis.

Miller has worked at Valencia College as the Project Director for an East Campus Title V grant, "Strengthening Academic Advising and Transfer", as well as teaching the New Student Experience course (SLS 1122). Prior to this role, she served as the Library Director for Valencia's Winter Park campus, overseeing the library and

testing/assessment centers. Before shifting to higher education, Miller worked as a corporate librarian, heading the editorial research department for the Orlando Sentinel newspaper. In her role with UCF, she will create programs to support student academic success, in addition to leading the Libraries' initiative to increase textbook affordability.

Georgia

Clayton State University

Dr. Gordon N. Baker, Dean of Libraries at Clayton State University retired on May 31, 2019 with 40 years of service to the University. Dr. Baker started as a part-time/weekend reference librarian, became Head of Public Services, Director, and the first Dean of the Library. In addition to his career at Clayton State, Dr. Baker served as a classroom and library/media specialist in the Griffin-Spalding County (GA) and Clayton County (GA) school systems. He worked as library/media specialist and coordinator of instructional technology and media specialist in the Henry County (GA) School System, retiring in 2004. Dr. Baker served as a member of the Henry County Library System Board of Trustees for 18 years. He served as treasurer for four years and chair of the Board for 14 years.

Dr. Baker has served as the elected president of the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA), the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), and the Georgia Library Association (GLA). He served as president of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) during 2014-2015. Dr. Baker has been recognized by his peers receiving the following awards: 1988 Georgia Elementary School Library/Media Specialist of the Year (GLMA), William E. Patterson Service Award (GLMA), Distinguished Service Award (GAIT), Walter S. Bell Service Award (GAIT), Juanita Skelton Service Award (GAIT), Nix-Jones Award (GLA), The Bob Richardson Memorial Award (GLA), GLA Team Award, Mary Utopia Rothrock Award (SELA), and the Hal Mendelsohn Award (SELA).

Dr. Baker now resides in Savannah. He is an adjunct instructor for the Department of Library and Information Studies at Valdosta State University. He continues to serve as SELA Administrative Services Coordinator.