Appointments

Frederick (Fred) Barnhart has been appointed dean of university libraries for Northern Illinois University. Barnhart has been the associate dean for services and collections of the Loyola University-Chicago libraries for the past ten years, and prior to that he was assistant director at both Loyola University Law Library and Chicago-Kent College of Law Library.

Daniel J. Cohen has been appointed dean of libraries and vice-provost for information collaboration at Northeastern University in Boston. Cohen joins Northeastern from the Digital Public Library of America in Boston, where he served as founding executive director since 2013. Cohen will also assume the role of professor of history in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. He previously served as professor of history and director of the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. As director of the multidisciplinary center, he oversaw the creation of the September 11 Digital Archive, PressForward for online content sharing and curation, and Zotero—an open-source software for scholars to collect, organize, cite, and share research. He was also a teaching fellow and lecturer at Yale University. Cohen has authored numerous books, book chapters, and articles. He was an inaugural recipient of the American Council of Learned Societies’ Digital Innovation Fellowship, and The Chronicle of Higher Education named him one of the top “tech innovators” in academia in 2012. He serves on the Boards of the Council of Library and Information Resources, the Digital Preservation Network, and DuraSpace; chairs the advisory committee for the Digital Library Federation; and serves on the steering committee of the Coalition for Networked Information.

Libby Coyner has joined the Carol Grotnes Belk Library team at Elon University as the Elon Collections archivist. Prior to this position, Coyner served as an archivist at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records in Phoenix, Arizona, and as the director of library and archives at the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Arizona.

Aaron T. Pratt has been appointed the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer curator of Early Books and Manuscripts at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas-Austin. Pratt will provide curatorial support for holdings such as the Gutenberg Bible, the Wrenn Library, the Recusant collection, the Uzielli Aldine Press collection, and incunabula. Pratt is a specialist in early modern literature and culture, bibliography, and the history of the book. He was previously an assistant professor of English at Trinity University in San Antonio. He also served as a curatorial assistant at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library and cofounded and organized the Yale Program in the History of the Book. Pratt is a recipient of the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography from Rare Book School.

Carl Leak has been appointed Life Sciences librarian in the George Mason University Libraries.

Samantha Paul has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University Odum Library as assistant professor of library science and reference librarian.

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Retirements

William Gargan has retired from the Brooklyn College Library after 39 years as the Language and Literature bibliographer. He began his professional career at the Central branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, where he worked on the New York Times Information Bank, the library’s first experiment with online reference service. He was also a subject specialist in the Art and Music and Language and Literature divisions until his departure in 1978. Gargan served on various ALA committees, chairing the Notable Books Committee and the English and American Literature Discussion Group, which grew into the Literatures in English Section (LES). A field bibliographer for the MLA International Bibliography for more than 20 years, Gargan sought to promote closer ties between LES and the Modern Language Association.

Susan K. Nutter, vice-provost and director of the North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries, has retired after 30 years at the NCSU Libraries. Nutter has overseen the transformation of every aspect of the libraries, including the renovations and expansions of the Learning Commons and Makerspace at the D. H. Hill Library. The Hunt Library—Nutter’s signature accomplishment—was awarded the 2014 Stanford Prize for Innovation in Research Libraries, the 2014 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Education Facility Design Award, the 2014 ALA Library Interior Design Award, and the 2013 AIA/ALA Building Award. It was also named a Library Journal New Landmark Library in 2016. Nutter has also garnered the triple crown of national libraries awards during her tenure, being named the 2016 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year and the 2005 Library Journal Librarian of the Year, and leading the first university library to win the ACRL Excellence in Academic

Libraries Award in 2000. Last spring, Nutter accepted the IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service on the libraries’ behalf from First Lady Michelle Obama in a White House ceremony. She served as associate director of libraries for collection management and technical services at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she was a founding staff member of Project INTREX, an experimental information storage and retrieval system that foresaw how the digital age would transform scholarship and librarianship. Nutter has also served as Association of Research Libraries president, currently serves on the association’s steering committee, and is a founder of North Carolina Libraries for Virtual Education. Nutter is also a member of the Governing Board of the Triangle Research Libraries Network.

Tami Echavarria Robinson, associate professor/librarian at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, has retired, concluding a 33-year career in libraries. She served as coordinator of instructional services at Whitworth University, as head of reference at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, and as reference and instruction librarian at the University of California-San Diego. She is a former president of the Fellowship of Christian Librarians, former board member of the Association of Christian Librarians, and served on several ALA committees. She served on the editorial committee of Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal and as managing editor of The Christian Librarian. She authored numerous articles and a few chapters in anthologies.