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Tim McKimmie, agriculture librarian at New Mexico State University, spent the summer of 1997 as visiting librarian at the European Biological Control Laboratory (EBCL) in Montpellier, France. This project was sponsored by the Agricultural Research Service of the USDA and the National Agricultural Library. It involved organizing existing collections, developing a database of EBCL gray literature dating to the 1920s, and planning for a new library consisting of French, Australian, and U.S. contingents.

James J. Simonis, director of the Le Moyne College Library, received the Academic and Special Library Section (ASLS) Franklin Book Spirit of Librarianship Award. Simonis, who has been director of Le Moyne's Library since 1982, began his career at the Brooklyn Public Library and spent most of his 14 years at Mansfield State College in Mansfield, Pennsylvania as director of libraries. He earned an AB from Findlay College; an MLS from Pratt Institute; and an MS in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

A jointly edited work entitled "Documenting Cultural Diversity in the Resurgent American South," by Fred J. Hay, librarian at Appalachian State University, and Margaret Dittemore, branch librarian at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, was chosen to receive the 1997 Brenda McCallum Memorial Prize. This annual award, given by the American Folklore Society, is given in memory of Brenda McCallum for "exceptional work dealing with folklife archives or the collection, organization, and management of folklife materials." The prize committee feels that this anthology of essays will help increase awareness about the important role archives and libraries play in preserving historically and culturally significant ethnographic documentary materials, and "in facilitating and forwarding scholarship."

Appointments

Thomas W. Leonhardt was named director of the Oregon Institute of Technology Library. Leonhardt was formerly library technical services and collection development for the University of Oklahoma Libraries and served in similar position at the University of Oregon and University of the Pacific. He holds a bachelor's degree in German and a MLS, both from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a past president of the Library Information and Technology Association, and his other professional affiliations include the ALA, the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, and the ACRL.

Angee Baker is now the director of the newly formed Electronic Information Services (EIS) unit for SOLINET, which includes licensing activities, the ASERL Electronic Resources project, the Woodruff Foundation grant, the Monticello Electronic Library project, and Preservation Services. SOLINET EIS focuses on regional library preservation efforts, digitization of special collections, licensing of third-party databases, archiving of electronic collections, and regional access to electronic data bases and services.

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Prior to this position, Baker worked for the Thomson Corporation (Gales Research and Information Access Company), where she served most recently as vice president, market/business development. She has also worked at University Microfilms International, Ziff-Davis Technical Information Company, and Information Handling Services.

Nancy Allee, has been appointed director of the Public Health Information Services and Access organization.

Sandra Rios Balderrama has been appointed to the position of diversity officer at the American Library Association.

Paul Cammarata is the new assistant reference librarian at the University of South Carolina.

Karen Dewitt is now architecture librarian at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Paul Doty is now electronic services librarian at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Jim Douglas has been appointed reference/electronic services librarian at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Mary H. Drewes has been named reference librarian/bibliographer at the University of North Dakota Library in Grand Forks.

Carolyn S. Fang is now minority resident librarian at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.


Aimee Fifarek is now systems librarian at Louisiana State University Libraries.

Laurie S. Filstrup became assistant head of the Systems Department at the North Carolina State University Libraries.

Ron Frankum has been appointed archivist for the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Michael Golden has been appointed the chemistry/bio-chemistry and geosciences librarian in Information Services at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Jane Kleiner is now coordinating collection development at Louisiana State University Libraries.

Russell Koonts became the librarian for University Archives at the North Carolina State University Libraries.

Terry Lipscomb is the new archivist at the University of South Carolina.

Suzan McGinnis is the new assistant head of information services for liaison and collection development in Information Services at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Steven P. Morris joined the North Carolina State University Libraries as librarian for spatial and numeric data service in the Research and Information Services Department.

Jennifer O'Brien is now a cataloger at the North Carolina State University Libraries.

Charles Pennell is the new head of the North Carolina State University Libraries' Cataloging Department.

Laurie Preston is now electronic services reference librarian at Louisiana State University Libraries.

Mary Rausch has been appointed catalog librarian in Bibliographic Services at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Stephanie Schmidt is now the information technology librarian at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Paul Seeman has been appointed librarian at Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center, Lubbock.

Daniel Schwartz is an assistant professor in the Serials Cataloging Department at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Carol Ann Trinchitella is now librarian II at the Technical Services Department of the University of North Texas.

Tsering Wangyal Shawa is now minority resident librarian at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Monica Webster is the new coordinator of library automation at the University of Toledo.

Retirements

M. Elese Colvin has retired from her position as personnel librarian of the Golda Meir Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, after more than 28 years of service.

Margaret Galloway retired from the University of North Texas Libraries last August after 30 years of service.
Dolores Tantco-Stauder has retired from the Notre Dame Libraries. After three years as a librarian at the University of the Philippines, Tantoco-Stauder accepted a graduate fellowship at Syracuse University where she received her MLS. The Notre Dame Library then hired the cataloger in 1957. Then, after serving as chief cataloging librarian at the University of the Philippines (1961–64), she was welcomed back to the brand new Memorial (now Hesburgh) Library to a position split between reference and cataloging. In 1969 she became the libraries’ theology cataloger, the position in which she served until her retirement.

Joseph Huebner, also from the Notre Dame Libraries, has retired after serving the university libraries in several capacities. In 1963 he began his career as a librarian in Memorial (now Hesburgh) Library. From 1967 to 1979 he headed the collection management department, and in 1979 he was appointed fine arts bibliographer and assistant head of collection development. He became head of the Collection Development Department in 1992. In 1993 Huebner was given the Rev. Paul J. Foik Award for outstanding librarians.

Deaths

Fred Glazer, former director of the West Virginia Library Commission for 24 years, died in December of kidney failure. Before coming the West Virginia, Glazer served as director of the Chesapeake Public Library System from 1967 to 1972. Glazer was an ALA member for 32 years; an active member of the ALA International Relations Round Table, serving as chair of the IRRT Publications Committee from 1995–96; and an ALA Library Fellow to Russia, where he worked at the Library of Foreign Literature in Moscow from 1994–95.

(Washington Hotline cont. from p. 197) Court froze the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) use of $23 million in funds collected by Network Solutions through fees for domain name registration. A lawsuit has been filed challenging the fees as an unlegislated tax. The judge, while not deciding on the case itself, has ruled that there is enough merit in the charge to warrant freezing the money in dispute. NGI is affected because those funds were designated by congressional appropriations to be used for NSF’s NGI activities. The $23 million was $12 million above the original NSF request, and, therefore, represents lost opportunity. Unless the agency can reallocate funds, however, the loss of the other $11 million will cut sharply into the base funding for networking at the agency.

For further information about NGI and related programs, contact Rick Weingarten at the ALA Washington Office at (800) 941-8478, or e-mail at rww@alawash.org.

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