People in the News

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Thomas Brown, director of libraries at Bluefield State College and Concord College, is the recipient of the West Virginia Library Association's annual Dora Ruth Parks Award. He was honored "in recognition and appreciation of nine years of outstanding service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia."

Jerry D. Campbell, Duke University vice-provost for library affairs and university librarian, was installed as the new president of the Association of Research Libraries at its meeting in October. Campbell currently serves as a member of the Research Libraries Group Board of Directors, and as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Council on Library Resources.

William C. Highfill, dean of libraries at Auburn University, received the Alabama Library Association's Eminent Librarian Award at its convention in Orange Beach. The award is given to a professional librarian who has worked in Alabama for at least ten years, has served in a leadership role, and has made an enduring contribution to the field of library service.

Doug Lehman, district director of library technical services for Miami-Dade Community College, was the recipient of the 1994 Special Achievement Award presented by the Florida Association of Community Colleges Learning Resources Commission. The award is given annually to the learning resources staff member who has gone beyond normal effort to promote learning resources and libraries in Florida's community colleges. Lehman has done much to promote the use of developing technology in community colleges' libraries and learning resource centers.

John David Marshall, professor emeritus at Middle Tennessee State University, was presented the 1994 Rothrock Award by the Southeastern Library Association. The award is given for exceptional contributions to library development in the Southeast.

Richard A. Matzek, director of the Lorette Wilmot Library at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York, has been awarded this year's "Spirit of Librarianship" award by the Academic and Special Library Section of the New York Library Association. This award is presented annually to the section member who best exemplifies the true meaning of spirit in approaching librarianship.

Arolana Meissner, Alfred University librarian and director of Herrick Memorial Library, has been elected president of the South Central Research Library Council's Board of Trustees. Meissner celebrated 20 years of service to Alfred in 1993. She is a graduate of Ripon College who received her MLS from the University of Maine at Orono.

Appointments

Ann Biggs-Williams has been appointed head librarian at Jefferson Davis Community College (JDCC) in Brewton, Alabama. Biggs-Williams previously served as assistant librarian at Jefferson Davis State Junior College and acting head librarian at JDCC. She earned her MLS from Florida State University.

Paul Coleman, former library director at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan, has been appointed university librarian at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. A graduate of Denison

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University, Coleman earned his MLS from Louisiana State University, and a master's in geography from the University of Massachusetts. Before joining Adrian, he served as temporary supervisor of cataloging, circulation, and interlibrary loan at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado; assistant librarian for reference and instruction at North Adams State College in Massachusetts; and reference librarian at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. He has published articles in the Review of Congress and Law Making and Research Strategies.

P. Alston Jones Jr., head librarian at Elon College in North Carolina, has been named library director at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. A graduate of East Carolina University, Jones received his master's from Drexel University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has also served as head librarian at North Carolina Wesleyan College; senior searcher and bibliographic assistant at Temple University; and library service assistant at the University of Pennsylvania. A member of ALA and ACRL, Jones currently serves as chair of the College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

Judith G. Robinson has been named director of the Mooresman Memorial Library at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. Robinson has served as associate director for administrative services at the Falk Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. She also worked at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the University of Virginia, and at the Tompkins-McCaw Library at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Jack A. Siggins has been appointed university librarian at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Siggins served for ten years as deputy university librarian at Yale University. He also held positions at the libraries of the University of Maryland, the University of Chicago (UC), and the Library of Congress. A graduate of Princeton University, Siggins received his MLS from UC.

Sharon West has been named director of the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). Most recently, West oversaw the development of SLED, Alaska's on-ramp to the Information Superhighway. She also served as head of reference and instructional services at UAF, and as a librarian at Texas Tech University.

Steven M. Backs has been named reference librarian at North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Susan Bevan is now associate librarian at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Rosario Cabrera has been appointed Latin American cataloger at the University of Kansas Libraries.

Thomas L. Carter is the new associate dean of library services at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.

Zaida Diaz joined the Penn State University Libraries as assistant librarian in general reference.

Mark Dibble has been appointed information services librarian at Valdosta State University, Georgia.

Allison Dillard joined the Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois, as a senior index for Africana cataloging.

Julie Fox is now a temporary information services librarian at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library.

Meg Frazier is now coordinator of library services at DePaul University's South Campus Library, Oak Forest, Illinois.

Elizabeth E. Fuller is now a librarian at the Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia.

Paul George has been appointed associate librarian for research services at the Law School Library of Harvard University, Cambridge.

Wendy Van Wyck Good has been named curator of collections at the Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia.

Cynthia "Tia" Gozzi is the new associate director of the J. Murrey Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

JoAnn Griffin is now head of circulation at Stanford University, California.

Angela Hall has been appointed information services librarian at Valdosta State University, Georgia.

Karen S. Ingish has joined C. Berger and Company, Carol Stream, Illinois, as technical services director.
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Amos Lakos has been named coordinator of management information services at the University of Waterloo Library, Ontario.

Mary MacWhitney has joined the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library as director of serials.

Colleen Martin has joined the University of Manitoba Libraries as reference librarian.

Daniel James Martin has been appointed chemistry librarian at the University of California, Davis, General Library.

Janet Mendoza-Lindsey has been named public services librarian at Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Bill Poluha is the new reference librarian in the Medical Library at the University of Manitoba’s Bannatyne Campus.

Maureen Puffer has been named catalog librarian at Valdosta State University, Georgia.

Joan Reyes has joined the Penn State University Libraries as access services librarian.

Philip Schreur is the new head of music technical services at Stanford University, California.

Lisa D. Smith has been named physical and life sciences cataloger at the North Carolina State University Libraries, Raleigh.

Peggy Sullivan has been appointed as an associate at Tuft & Associates, Inc., Chicago.

Gary E. (Max) Yela has joined the Golda Meir Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as special collections librarian.

Retirements

Judith Armstrong has retired after 25 years as director of the Walker and F. W. Olin libraries at Drury College, Springfield, Missouri.

Mel Klatt, library director at Elmhurst College in Illinois, retired in December after 20 years of service. Before joining Elmhurst, Klatt had served as assistant dean of the Graduate School of Library Science at Rosary College, director of libraries at the University of Denver, and head of acquisitions at the University of Illinois, Chicago. In 1994 he was named Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries.


Deaths

George M. Cunha, director emeritus of the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts, died in late November at the age of 82. Cunha became the center’s first director in 1973. Before that he served for 26 years as a Navy pilot and underwater weapons specialist, retiring in 1963 with the rank of captain, and becoming chief conservator at the Library of the Boston Athenaeum. He was a fellow of the American Institute for Conservation, the Royal Society of Arts (London), the Society of American Archivists, and the Pilgrim Society.

Donald C. Davidson, former head librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), died in December at the age of 82. Davidson joined UCSB as head librarian in 1947.
and developed the collection into one of the largest research libraries in North America. During his tenure, the library's collection grew from 30,000 volumes to 1.3 million. Soon after joining UCSB he supervised the construction, layout, and design of the new library, making use of the user-friendly open-stack concept not widely accepted in the 1950s. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Davidson earned a master's and doctorate in history from the University of California, Berkeley. He began his career at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, then served for six years as library director at the University of Redlands. Davidson retired from UCSB in 1977. The library was officially named the Donald C. Davidson Library in 1993.

Pauline Tina Lesnik, former head of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' Acquisitions Services Department (1987–1993), was killed in a car accident in December at the age of 46. During her tenure at the Smithsonian, Lesnik served as acting librarian of its STRI Branch in Panama for six months before being airlifted out at the time of the coup. She began her career as librarian for South Asia in the Oriental Division of the New York Public Library. Later she served as head of resources at the Law Library, and head of gifts and exchange at Columbia University. A graduate of Douglass College of Rutgers University, Lesnik received her MLS and a master's in South Asian languages and civilization from the University of Chicago. She was a member of ALA and ACRL, serving on committees of the Asian and African Section.

A. Chapman Parsons, former executive director of the Ohio Library Association/Ohio Library Trustee Association (OLA/OLTA), died December 1, 1994. Parsons earned his bachelor's in education from West Virginia University and his MLS from Western Reserve University. He began his career as county librarian at the Martins Ferry Public Library, then served at the Gallia County District Library, Rio Grande College Library, and the Alliance Public Library. He joined OLA/OLTA in 1964 and retired from there in 1987. An active member of ALA, Parsons was also a member of the Ohio Historical Society and the Press Club of Columbus.

Alfred G. Trump, director of libraries at South Dakota State University (SDSU) from 1948 to 1977, died in November at the age of 87. Trump received his bachelor's degree in 1929 from the University of Chicago, then earned a bachelor's and master's in library science from the University of Michigan in 1933 and 1938. Before joining SDSU, he served as librarian at the Michigan State Law Library and at Virginia Junior College in Minnesota. A past-president of the South Dakota Library Association, Trump also served on the ALA Council, and was active in the MPLA, which honored him in 1974 with its Distinguished Service Award.

Rose L. Vormelker, former librarian of the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Cleveland News, died in November at the age of 99. Vormelker received her library science certificate from Western Reserve University in 1919. She started as a reference librarian for the Detroit Public Library, then in 1923 was hired to work in the Science and Technology Department at the Cleveland Public Library, where she also spent many years as director of the Business Information Bureau. In 1941 the Special Libraries Association summoned Vormelker to New York to edit lists of research materials useful to the defense program. The lists became the first volume of Special Library Resources. In 1942, when the Roosevelt Administration wanted to set up war and defense information centers in 4,000 libraries, Vormelker was drafted for the job. After retiring in 1962, she was appointed assistant professor of library science at Kent State University and was inducted into the Special Libraries Association's Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the Ohio Library Hall of Fame in 1974 and the Graphic Arts Hall of Distinction in 1982.

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- National Archaeological Database (NADB), administered by the National Park Service and housed at the University of Arkansas, has two parts. NADB-Reports contains citations to reports of cultural resource management and other research in the United States. The second part provides information on the Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). NADB may be reached by telnet: telnet nadbcast.uark.edu (login nadb) or from such gophers as Anthropology and Culture (Rice University) and the Southeastern Archaeology Gopher (Ecolab Gopher, University of Georgia).