People in the News

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Stephen P. Harter, of Indiana University’s School of Library and Information Science, is the recipient of the third Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) Citation Research Grant. Harter received a $3,000 grant for his research proposal, which assesses the feasibility of doing traditional citation analyses on the Web. Harter has been an active researcher in library and information science since the early 1970s, principally in problems related to information storage and retrieval. He has published two books and several dozen research papers. With the help of another grant, Harter began studying electronic journals in 1995, and that project resulted in a study that used ISI citation data to evaluate the impact of 39 e-journals on scholarly communication.

John V. Richardson Jr., a UCLA associate professor, has been awarded a research grant supporting his study of the early history of Russian library education. Richardson will use the $3,000 grant to conduct research in Moscow and St. Petersburg this summer. He will examine the development of Soviet education for librarianship between 1917 and 1928 and will focus on such influential and pioneering women as N. K. Krupskaya, wife of Vladimir Lenin, and L. B. Hamburger-Khavkina. Krupskaya established Russia’s first formal school for librarians located in St. Petersburg. Hamburger-Khavkina created short-term institutes in Moscow. “I hope to shed new light on the role of libraries in society with this cross-cultural study,” Richardson said.

Appointments

Jean M. Alexander has been appointed head of the Hunt Library Information Center at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dawn Anderson was appointed the new Romance and German Literatures librarian for the University of California, Irvine.

Patrick M. Bickers was appointed monographic acquisitions librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

John D. Blackwell has been appointed reference librarian/collections coordinator at Brandeis University.

Elaine Blattner has been appointed director of library development at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Randall H. Bowman has been appointed reference librarian at the Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Christine Conroy has been appointed head of cataloging in the Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Library at Boston College.

Jane Devine is the new architecture/art librarian for the Notre Dame University Libraries.

Valerie Edwards has been appointed electronic database services librarian of the Florida International University Libraries at University Park Campus in Miami.

Stephen F. Elfstrand has been appointed automated systems librarian of the McIntyre Library at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

Leila Fernandez has been appointed reference librarian at the York University Library in North York, Ontario, Canada.

Paul Gahn has been appointed music librarian at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Carol Anne Germain has been appointed networked resources education librarian at the University of Albany, SUNY.

Andrew Gulati has been promoted to reference and instruction librarian at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Sandy Gurshman has been named manager of content development for Dawson Information Question, Inc.
Jonathan Helmke has been appointed reference librarian at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lia Hemphill is now head of collection development for the Einstein Library at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Jeffrey Horrell was appointed associate librarian for collections in the Harvard College Library.

Jan Johnson is the new nursing librarian at the University of Manitoba Libraries in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Stacey Kimmel is the new team leader for student and general services in Lehigh University’s Information Resources Client Services Group in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

James Kuhn IV has been appointed head of technical services at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Michell LaVoie has been appointed assistant librarian in the Health Sciences Library at the University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Diane Lewin has been appointed director of the field sales group at R. R. Bowker in New Providence, New Jersey.

Bonnie Marshak has been appointed acquisitions and serials librarian at Nova Southeastern University.

Ed McBride is the new sales manager of the Southwest Region for R. R. Bowker in New Providence, New Jersey.

Robin McElheny has been appointed associate archivist for programs in the Harvard University archives.

Leah McGinnis has been appointed electronic reserves librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Scott McLaren has been appointed reference librarian at York University Library in North York, Ontario, Canada.

Warren Murphy has been appointed systems officer at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Peggy Mullaly-Quijas has been appointed assistant director for the health sciences libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Greg Pronevitz was appointed regional administrator for the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Nancy Radonovich has been appointed interlibrary loan reference librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

Linda B. Ritter has been appointed head of access services at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

Scott Seaman has been appointed associate director for administrative services at the University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries.

Tim Shearer is the new web access librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Priscilla K. Shontz is now the hospital librarian at Driscoll Children’s Hospital Library, a branch of Texas A&M, in Corpus Christi.

Mary Paige Smith has been appointed assistant university librarian for technical services at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Jill Snider has been appointed manuscripts processing librarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Janet Taylor was appointed systems librarian in the Office for Information Systems at the Harvard University Library.

Sally Weston has been named instructional coordinator at the Kresge Business Administration Library at the University of Michigan Business School.

Hugh Wilburn has been appointed librarian of the Frances Loeb Library and assistant dean for academic services at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University.

Tim Zou is the new access services librarian at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Call for participation deadline nears**

We’re on the fast track for change as we are “Racing Toward Tomorrow” at the ACRL 9th National Conference in Detroit on April 8–11, 1999. **Deadline** for panel and paper proposals is **June 15, 1998**. For details about preparing a proposal and additional information about the conference, visit ACRL’s Web site at http://www.al.org/acrl/prendex.html, or call (800) 545-2433, ext. 2514, or e-mail at acrl@ala.org.
Retirements

David Aamodt, a team leader in the Central Processing Services Department at the University of Iowa libraries, retired on January 30 after 33 years of service to the university libraries. Aamodt's expertise in the area of bibliographic control helped to provide accurate and efficient access to the libraries' resources.

Lawrence Dowler, associate librarian for research and instruction at the Harvard College Library, has retired. Before his 15-year career at Harvard, Dowler spent 12 years in the Yale University Library. Starting at Yale in 1970 as supervisor of processing in manuscripts and archives, Dowler rose steadily to become assistant head, acting head, and head of manuscripts and archives, finally becoming associate librarian for manuscripts and archives. At the time he left Yale, he was also serving as acting director of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. His most recent publication, Gateways to Knowledge: The Role of Academic Libraries in Teaching, Learning, and Research (MIT Press), is becoming an oft-quoted sourcebook for library planners. Dowler received his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Maryland.

Marie C. Ellis, English and American Literature bibliographer at the University of Georgia Libraries, retired in December 1997 after 32 years of service as an academic librarian. She began her professional career in 1966 as a reference librarian at the Earl Gregg Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. In 1970, she joined the staff of the University of Georgia Libraries as a science reference librarian and later served as interlibrary loan librarian for three years and head of the reference department for eight years before becoming a bibliographer in 1984.

Loren Forbes, educational media coordinator in the Information, Research, and Instructional Services Department, retired on January 23 after 41 years of service to the University of Iowa libraries. Formerly in continuing education in the Audiovisual Center, Seashore Hall, where he became an expert at identifying and locating films for faculty and students, Forbes was employed by the university libraries in 1994.

Myrtle Nim retired after 33 years of service to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She began her career in 1964, and in 1978 she was appointed music librarian. In 1991 she took on additional responsibility as librarian liaison to the drama department and continued to support the music department.

Earl Rogers, university archivist for the University of Iowa Libraries, will retire on May 31 after nearly 28 years of service. A prominent bibliographer in the field of agriculture, Rogers was responsible for pre-
serving and making available for researching the noncurrent records of the University of Iowa.

Deaths

Mary Helen Mahar, executive director of the American Association of School Librarians from 1954 to 1956, died on March 23. From 1956 until her retirement in 1978, she held various administrative school library positions in the U.S. Office of Education and was the chief of School Media Resources Branch at the time of her retirement. Mahar was responsible for the development and implementation of rules and regulations for Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the definitions she developed for school library resources, personnel, and programs are still used throughout the profession today. In 1981 she received the American Association of School Librarians President's Award for distinguished service to the school library profession.

Marion McGill Smith, 84, of the Stanford Business School's J. Hugh Jackson Library died at her home February 28 following a brief illness. Smith became director of the business school's library in 1957, adding not only to its collection of books and documents, but also increasing library services and improving the physical surroundings. During her tenure, the collection grew from 24,000 books and documents housed in cramped quarters on the main quad, to 250,000 volumes spread over three stories in the current business school building. Smith received her AB from the University of Montana in 1938 and moved to Washington, D.C. where she did graduate work. She became the head librarian for the National Labor Relations Board and later was named the Washington editor for the Research Institute of America. She was named acting director of the Jackson Library in 1953 for one year and then was circulation chief of all Stanford libraries before being named permanent director of Jackson.

Arthur Curley, a past president of the ALA (1994-95) and the ARL (1996), died March 31 after a lengthy illness. A native of Boston, Curley served as director of the Boston Public Library from 1985-96. An active member of ALA for more than 30 years, he served in various capacities, including member of the Council, the governing body (1970-74, 1981-87), and the Executive Board (1983-87). He served as deputy director of the New York Public Library: The Research Libraries and held directorships at the Cuyahoga (Ohio) County Library, the Montclair (New Jersey) Public Library, the Palatine (Illinois) Public Library, and the Avon (Massachusetts) Public Library. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Michigan and Rutgers University Graduate Schools of Library and Information Science. Curley received his bachelor's in political science from Harvard University, MLS from Simmons College, and a doctorate of human letters (Hon.) from the University of Rhode Island.

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