Bonnie Biggs, assistant to the dean, coordinator for public services, and university coordinator for arts and lectures at California State University in San Marcos, has been elected president of the American Indian Library Association for 1998-99.

Victoria Hanawalt, college librarian at Reed College in Oregon, has been elected to the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) Board of Trustees. Also elected to the OCLC's Users Council Executive Committee were Betsy Wilson, associate director of libraries for Public Services at the University of Washington, for vice president/president-elect. Larry Alford, senior associate university librarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Kristin Senecal, head of technical services at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, were both elected as delegates-at-large.

Charles B. Lowry, dean of libraries at the University of Maryland in College Park, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Research Libraries Advisory Committee of OCLC. The appointment runs from July 1998 through June 30, 2001. The advisory committee helps OCLC better understand the needs and future direction of academic research libraries. Although a portion of committee meetings is devoted to briefing committee members on developments at OCLC, the major purpose is for OCLC to gain feedback from committee members.

Jerry D. Saye has been named Outstanding Teacher of the Year (1997-98) in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). A student nomination for the award mentioned that Saye maintains a collegial relationship with students and views himself as a facilitator in the learning process, not simply a source of technical information. "I was extremely touched that students had selected me," said Saye. "Their standing ovation was the most special moment in my teaching career."

Appointments

James Benson has been named dean of the university libraries at St. John's University. Benson will continue as director of the division of library and information science. He has been a faculty member of the university's graduate school of arts and science since 1983 and director of the library and information science program since 1993. He received his B.A. from the University of Kansas and earned his MLS and Ph.D. in library service at Rutgers University. Prior to coming to St. John's, Benson held various academic positions throughout the country. His first post was as a reference and circulation librarian at Texas Southern University. He later served as reference and government documents librarian at Southwest Texas State University before becoming visiting associate librarian at California State University in Chico. He subsequently took the position of assistant professor at the graduate school of library services at Rutgers, then became associate professor in the graduate school of library service of the University of Alabama.

Sarah Mort Cron has been named dean of academic information services and director of Kent Library at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. Cron was most recently head of access services at the University of Northern Iowa. Before her service there she was an assistant professor in the graduate library school at the University of Arizona. She has taught at Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science and served as head of media services and audiovisuals at Southwest Missouri State University. She earned a doctorate and a specialist's degree, both in library and information science, from Indiana University. Cron holds an MLS and a B.A. in English from the University of Iowa.

Roman V. Kochan is now dean of library services at California State University in Long Beach.
Beach (CSU). Kochan's appointment was the culmination of a 26-year career during which he held several other positions, including director of technical and support services, deputy director, and acting director of the library. He also served as assistant vice president of CSU’s Division of Administration and Finance for over five years. Kochan earned his B.A. in Social Sciences and M.A. in History from the University of Manitoba; his degree in library and information science is from the University of British Columbia.

Harriett MacDougall has been named director of the Einstein Library at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During her 20 year career at NSU, she was assistant and later associate director of the Einstein Library. MacDougall received the 1997 Southeast Florida Library and Information Network (SEFLIN) Vista Award in recognition of her support of the mission of the multitype library network.

Daniel Ortiz has been appointed director of the Morton R. Godine Library at Massachusetts College of Art (MCA). Ortiz received a B.A. and MLS from the University of Puerto Rico and a doctorate of arts in Library and Information Sciences from Simmons College in Boston. He comes to MCA from the University of Massachusetts in Boston, where he was associate director of libraries, and prior to that position, science librarian. From 1984 to 1991, he worked as assistant head of the science library and as collection development officer at the Rio Piedras Campus at the University of Puerto Rico Library System. He is a member of several professional organizations including the ALA, the Sociedad de Bibliotecarios de Puerto Rico, and was vice president of the Asociacion de Egresados de la Escuela de Bibliotecologia. He is also a founding member of the Reforma chapter of Puerto Rico, an ALA affiliate. Ortiz is also the treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Oficina Hispana, a community-based job training agency in Boston, and has served as the Oficina’s Board Secretary.

Carroll Varner has been named director of Academic Library Services at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Varner will be the chief administrator of the million-volume Joyner Library, which is nearing completion of a $30 million expansion and renovation. Varner, who had been at Illinois State since 1989, holds a bachelor’s in political science from the University of Tennessee, an MLS from the University of Denver, an MBA in management and finance from the University of Nebraska, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Illinois State.

Edward A. Warro has been appointed dean of libraries at Loyola University in Chicago. Warro, who has held several positions in Loyola’s library system for the last 17 years, has been acting dean for the past year. He received his A.B. with high distinction in French Literature at Dartmouth College and earned his MLS at Simmons College in Boston. He worked as an acquisitions librarian at Simmons and served as chief acquisitions librarian at Southwest Texas State University. “Ed brings to Loyola a wealth of experience in libraries knowledge about the role of technology information transmission and a proven record of leadership at Loyola,” said Larry Braskamp, Loyola’s senior vice president for academic affairs.

Mona Bell has been named catalog librarian at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Margaret Breen has been appointed coordinator of monographic acquisitions at the University of Delaware Library in Newark.

Deborah Campana is now conservatory librarian at Oberlin College in Ohio.
Elaine Cline has been appointed librarian of the National Air and Space Museum Branch at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

Steven L. Davis has been appointed assistant curator of the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Sharon Epps has been appointed coordinator of circulation/reserve at the University of Delaware Library in Newark.

Joan F. Ferguson was appointed North Carolina Collection Cataloger at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Guy Frost has been appointed information services librarian at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Rhonda A. Fuhrmann is now reference librarian at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Jessica George is now education librarian at Millersville University in Pennsylvania.

Donna L. Gilton received tenure and was promoted to associate professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

Marilu Goodyear has been appointed associate vice chancellor for information services at the University of Kansas Libraries.

Alan Grosenheider has been appointed international studies cataloging librarian at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Billie Hackney is now cataloging services librarian at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Carl Jones has been appointed head of the library systems office at the MIT Libraries.

Joan Kolias has been appointed information technology librarian for collection services at the MIT Libraries.

Amy Lewontin has been appointed library technology consultant to the Metrowest Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Firouzeh Logan has been appointed coordinator of suburban campus library services at the DePaul University Library in Chicago.

Cheryl McCarthy received tenure and was promoted to associate professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

William Meloy has been appointed distance learning/education librarian at Cleveland State University Library.

Jonathan Miller has been promoted to deputy director of the library at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

Nina Davis-Millis has been appointed information technology librarian for public services at the MIT Libraries.

Teresa Morris has been appointed to the Pauline A. Young Residency at the University of Delaware Library in Newark.

Ramona Niffenegger has been appointed social science librarian at the Louisiana State University Libraries in Baton Rouge.

Amanda Y. Oates has been appointed archivist of the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Allison Pirri has been appointed reference librarian at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

Linda Pitts is now serials services librarian at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Barbara Prior has been appointed art librarian at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Robert Renaud is now associate dean of information services at Connecticut College in New London.

Tim Salm has been appointed instructional designer at the DePaul University Library in Chicago.

Kristina L. Shanton has been appointed Music/Theatre Arts librarian at California State University in Long Beach.

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Daniel J. Slive has been appointed rare books librarian for the UCLA Library.

Barbara Stevenson has been appointed external relations specialist at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Eva Stowers is now science reference librarian at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Roberto J. Tejada is the new assistant curator of the Wittliff Gallery of Mexican & Southwestern Photography at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Mary Thompson has been named public services librarian at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Diane Vanderpool has been appointed head instruction services librarian at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

David Ward has been named reference/instruction librarian at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Brian Warling is now design coordinator for the California Digital Library.

Steven Weaver has been appointed reference librarian at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina.

Michelle White has been appointed information services librarian at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Douglas M. Wilcox has been appointed automated systems librarian at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Retirements

Boris Chumakov, reference librarian and bibliographer, retired from York University (YU) in North York, Ontario, Canada. His 28 years of service included positions as assistant reference librarian, reference librarian, education bibliographer, and foreign humanities bibliographer from 1972 until his retirement.

James A. Damico, director of university libraries at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, has retired. His 37 years in the library profession have included administrative positions at the University of Southern Mississippi, Rice University, Brown University, and the University of Dayton. While at Southern Mississippi, he also taught courses at the graduate library school. Prior to his academic experience, he served eight years in special libraries. He served as a member of the SOLINET Board from 1985-88, and he was a member of the committee that formed the data elements for the OCLC catalog system. Damico received a B.S. in Business Administration from C. W. Post College of L.I.U. and his MLS from Rutgers University.

Eileen Daniel, reference librarian at the Frost Library, retired from York University in North York, Ontario, Canada. In her years of service since 1990, Daniel has been head of the reference department of the Scott Library and reference librarian.

Sarah B. Jubinski, has retired as dean of learning resources for Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, after more than 29 years of services.

Robert L. Klassen, director of library programs at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, D.C., has retired after 39 years of library service. He began his career as a librarian at the California State Library, then left to head the Fresno (California) Pacific University Library to help in its first-time accreditation for two years, and returned to the state library where he spent seven years. Klassen joined the U.S. Department of Education (then the Office of Education in HEW) in 1968. From 1982-95, he served as director of the LSCA state library grant programs. Since 1995 he has been the director of all federal library grant programs in the U.S. Department of Education. He managed the transfer of the New Library Services and Technology Act Programs to IMLS, where they operate with a congressional appropriation of $146.3 million in the current year.

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