Appointments

Clara A. Ogbaa has been named the new director of library services at Gateway Community College in New Haven/North Haven, Connecticut. Ogbaa is returning to Gateway, where she worked as a full-time librarian on the North Haven campus from 1995 to 1998 and part-time on the Long Wharf campus from 1998 to 2003. In the interim she has served Texas State University as head of the reference department at the Alkek Library. Ogbaa previously worked at Southern Connecticut State University’s Buley library for several years, culminating in her appointment there as coordinator of library instruction. She coauthored the chapter “Implementing Virtual Reference on the Fly: Staff Motivation and Buy-In,” in the recently published book Virtual Reference Service: From Competencies to Assessment (Neal Schuman, 2008).

Steve Alleman is the new head of collections in the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

Laura L. Carroll has been appointed manuscript archivist in the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library at Emory University.

Katie Clark has been appointed associate dean for public services and collection development at the University of Rochester’s River Campus Libraries.

Matthew Conner is now instruction/reference librarian in the General Library’s Instruction Services Department at the University of California-Davis.

Erik Estep has accepted the position of North Carolina Collection reference librarian for Joyner Library at East Carolina University.

Gretchen Gueguen has been named digital initiatives librarian for Joyner Library at East Carolina University.

Jonathan Haupt has been appointed music and media librarian for the Hamon Arts Library within the Central University Libraries at Southern Methodist University.

Jennifer Kolmes has been appointed director of the Center for Information Processing for the Central University Libraries at Southern Methodist University.

Tony Lin has joined the Hawaii Business Research Library on Maui as the research and cataloging librarian.

Carol Macheak, former interim head of reference at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock’s Ottenheimer Library, has been appointed head of reference.

Catherine Steffens, former catalog librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries, is now database manager and bookkeeper at Nathaniel’s Hope, a nonprofit organization for children with special needs.
Melissa Torres is now catalog/metadata librarian at Fondren Library at Rice University.

Laila Miletic-Vejzovic has joined the University of Central Florida as head of the special collections and university archives department.

Linda Wen has been appointed head of information technology/systems librarian at the Ottenheimer Library at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

Laura Wright has been appointed reference librarian at Valdosta State University’s Odum Library.

Markus Wust is now digital collections and preservation librarian at North Carolina State University.

Retirements

Jeanne Sohn, director of library services at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), has retired after nearly 19 years of service. Before becoming director at CCSU, Sohn served as the assistant dean for collection development and later as associate dean of libraries at the University of New Mexico (1981–89). She began her career as the literature and communications bibliographer and then the head of collection development at Temple University’s Paley Library (1971–81). She was active in ALA, serving on the Executive Committee of ACRL’s University Libraries Section and on the Executive Committee of the College Libraries Section, and was one of the founding members of the Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group. Within ALCTS she was elected to the Executive Committee of the Resources Section and was chair of the Collection Management and Development Committee. Sohn served on many other committees of ACRL and ALCTS, as well. In addition, she was active in the Connecticut Library Association, the New Mexico Library Association and the Pennsylvania Library Association. In 1993 she was appointed to the CT Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Library, and served for a number of years as an accreditation team member for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Deaths

Tejinder (Ted) S. Sibia, retired (2005) head of the biological/agricultural sciences reference department at the University of California-Davis General Library, has died.

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