Lindsay Hansen, music and media librarian at California State University (CSU)-Northridge’s Oviatt Library, has been named the university’s first research fellow. Hansen was chosen as a research fellow for the upcoming 2008-2009 academic year. The title of Lindsay’s research project is “Behind Closed Doors: Production and Promotion of Popular Music in the German Democratic Republic.” Lindsay will travel to the former East Berlin and conduct research at the Humboldt University Library into East German popular music of the 1970s. She will also interview influential and knowledgeable music producers, musicians, and scholars in this field about the political and cultural hurdles bands and composers faced in the Communist German Democratic Republic to have their music published and performed. Lindsay will publish a treatise on her findings.

Appointments

Roberta Astroff has joined the University of Texas-San Antonio as head of collection development for the John L. Peace Library.

Jeffrey Barton has joined the Princeton University Library’s Rare Books and Special Collections Department as cataloger for the Cotsen Children’s Library.

Doug Boyd has been named director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky.

Linda Drake has been named director of library personnel at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Heather Ball Gendron has been named art librarian for the Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Todd Hines is now assistant economics, finance and data librarian at the Princeton University’s Firestone Library.

Petrina Jackson has been appointed head of instruction and outreach at the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia.

Kenton Jaehnig is now supervisory archivist for the Lowell Weicker Papers project in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia.

Beth Ann Koechel has been appointed curator of the Women Veterans Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

David Magier is assistant university librarian for collection development at Princeton University’s Firestone Library.

Ann Miller has been named head of metadata services and digital projects at the University of Oregon Libraries.

Karen Munro has been appointed head of the University of Oregon Portland Library and Learning Commons.

Frederic Murray has been appointed head of instructional services at Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s Al Harris Library.

Linda Oppenheim has been promoted to industrial relations librarian at Princeton University’s Firestone Library.

Janetta Paschal has been promoted to head of library technical services at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

Michael L. Taylor is now assistant curator of books at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Alan Unsworth has been named to a one-year appointment as general reference librarian at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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Clifford Wulfman is now library digital initiatives coordinator Princeton University's Firestone Library.

Retirements

Janet L. Flowers retired April 1, 2008, as head of acquisitions at the University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill Library on the anniversary of her 38th year of employment with the library. Her first professional position was as reference librarian at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She joined UNC as romance languages cataloger in 1970, becoming assistant head, then head, of bibliographic searching before her appointment as head of acquisitions in 1982. During her career, Flowers published widely on topics related to general management and management of the acquisitions process. Her article, Operational Efficiencies in Acquisitions to Minimize the Impact of Budget Cuts upon Library Materials Budgets (The Bottom Line, 2003) won the Highly Commended award from the Literati Club in 2004. A member of the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), Flowers served most recently on ALCTS’s Education Committee (2001–03) and Technology Committee (1996–2000). She was also cochair of the ALCTS Vendors of Library Materials Discussion Group (2001–02) and most recently presented the paper Managing the Acquisitions Workflow of Monographs to that group in 2006. As a member of the North Carolina Library Association, she chaired its Library Administration and Management Section (1992–94) and also served two terms on the NCLA Executive Board (1992–94 and 1995–97). She was a member of the Carolina Academic Library Associates Steering Committee and was a member of the steering committee overseeing a reorganization, now in process, of the library’s technical services operations.

Craig Likness, director of collection development at the University of Miami Libraries, in Coral Gables, Florida, has retired. He joined the faculty in October 2000 serving first as head of archives and special collections. He also served as subject liaison librarian for History, Religious Studies, and Classics at Miami. For the previous 24 years, Craig was employed at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, first as humanities librarian, subsequently adding the responsibilities of head of collection development, and for the last nine years serving as assistant library director for public services and collections. He began his career in librarianship with one-year appointments at Rockford College (Illinois) and the Technology Applications Center at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Craig served three two-year terms on ACRL’s Choice editorial board, including one term as chair. With colleagues from WESS, he has contributed annually since 1991 to a Choice published list entitled Significant Scholarly Titles.

Deaths

James Harvard Ovitt, 51, government data librarian at the University of North Carolina-
Chapel Hill, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 20. Ovitt became government data librarian in 2005 after serving as a reference librarian and a student assistant at UNC’s Davis Library. Before entering the field of librarianship, Ovitt spent nearly 20 years in the media industry in New York as a producer and director of documentary and industrial films. He was a member of ACRL and the Government Documents Round Table. He was also a member of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) and of NCLA’s Government Resources Section.

James Harvard Ovitt

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Why Files articles vary in length and coverage; many include bibliographies and suggested literature for further reading, and links to related topics. There are fun interactive animations that help articulate specific concepts, such as the double rainbows phenomena and how the atmosphere influences baseball games. Overall, this Web site is suggested for educators of grade school through undergraduate. John Repplinger, Willamette University, jrepplin@willamette.edu