Luiz Mendes, electronic resources librarian at California State University-Northridge, was selected as the Oviatt Library’s Research Fellow for 2009–10. In his research entitled “Learning Object Repository: From Content Creation to Content Organization—Convergence of Communities of Practice,” Mendes will assess faculty’s practices and perceptions related to the creation of learning objects, and participation and contribution to the learning object repository for the organization of learning objects.

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Laurel Whisler has been appointed college librarian of the Russell D. Cole Library at Cornell College.

James Beattie Jr. is now associate director for liaison, education, and interdisciplinary services for the Health Science Libraries at the University of Minnesota.

Jodi Berkowitz has been appointed legacy finding aids archivist in the University Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Anne Beschnett is now liaison and outreach librarian for the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Minnesota.

Cassie Brand has been appointed project associate of “Mapping Special Collections for Research and Teaching at Goucher College” at Goucher College Special Collections and Archives.

Shauna Collier has been appointed librarian for the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Lydia N. Collins has been appointed reference librarian for health sciences, including nursing, at the University of Delaware Library.

Michelle Cronquist has been appointed North Caroliniana cataloger in the University Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Kenneth Giese has joined Goucher College as special collections librarian for the project “Mapping Special Collections for Research and Teaching at Goucher College.”

Eric J. Harbeson has been appointed senior instructor, music special collections librarian, at the University of Colorado-Boulder Libraries.

David Hubbard has been appointed science/engineering librarian at Texas A&M University.

Danielle Kane has been named research librarian for emerging technologies and service innovation at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.
T. Michael Kelly is now head of archives and special collections at Amherst College’s Frost Library.

Jennifer Knievel is now faculty director of research and instruction at the University of Colorado-Boulder Libraries.

Kate MacDougal has joined the University of Michigan Health Sciences Libraries as outreach librarian.

Kevin McDowell has been appointed East Asian research and instruction librarian, Department of Research and Instruction, at the University of Colorado-Boulder Libraries.

Bruce D. Neville is now science/engineering librarian at Texas A&M University.

Jennifer Nutefall has been named associate university librarian for innovative user services at Oregon State University Libraries.

Allison Jai O’Dell has joined Goucher College as special collections cataloger for the project Mapping Special Collections for Research and Teaching at Goucher College.

Sandy Schiefer has joined the University of Missouri as government documents librarian.

Rachel A. Schipper is the new associate dean for technology and support services at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Scott Spicer is now media outreach and learning spaces librarian at the University of Minnesota.

Christine Stachowicz has been appointed head of e-resources and serials management in the University Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Kelly Thormodson has been appointed coordinator of education and research in the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Retirements

Katharine E. S. Donahue, associate director of UCLA’s History and Special Collections for the Sciences, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, retired July 1, 2008. She began her career as a librarian at the Natural History Museum, Los Angeles County in 1970; she became the museum librarian in 1974. She brought the library into the electronic age by working with the University of Southern California to digitize the museum’s rich serials holdings and introduced OCLC in 1979. In 1987 she accepted the position of head of the history and special collections for the Biomedical Library. Over her 20 years, she raised the profile of the collection and expanded its purview from medicine and biology to include the physical sciences. She actively participated in creating Web exhibits and making collections, such as AIDS posters, available on the Web. Her museum experience fostered an interest in exhibits, and over her career she created exhibits large and small. Of particular significance was her participation in the organization and execution of the exhibit The World From Here: Treasures from the Great Libraries of Los Angeles in 2001. Both the exhibit and the catalog of the same name contributed to an expansion of awareness about the richness of the libraries in Los Angeles County. She contributed to the profession in a variety of ways, including co-teaching a class on special collections in the health sciences with Joan Echtenkamp Klein (Alvin V. and Nancy Baird curator for Historical Collections) at Rare Book School, University of Virginia. Donahue is now librarian emeritus and will continue to be involved with UCLA.