Teresa Morris will be the first librarian to chair the Committee on Instruction at the College of San Mateo (CSM) beginning Fall 2011. She will help oversee the academic curriculum, advise the vice president of instruction and the Board of Trustees, and work to support CSM’s educational mission for all students. Morris joined CSM in 2006 as reference and instruction librarian.

Grace Baysinger, head librarian at the Swain Library of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Stanford University, is the first recipient of the Wiggins-Roth Award for Outstanding Service. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of chemical information. Baysinger will receive a $1,000 honorarium and certificate of achievement from the SLA Chemistry Division. Baysinger began her career as a chemistry librarian in 1985 as the head of the Chemistry Library at University of Michigan. Throughout her career, she has developed significant contributions to chemical information reference, including Web guides, tutorials, slides, and other materials. Baysinger is one of only two U.S. librarians currently serving on the Editorial Board of XCITR (Explore Chemical Information Teaching Resources).

Barbara J. Ford, director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received the Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award. This annual award recognizes the work of a current university faculty member who shows exemplary work in teaching, research, and public service in the international arena. Ford was honored for her long and distinguished academic career in developing educational programs for librarians around the world and promoting a global vision of librarianship through her work as president of ACRL (1990–91), president of ALA (1997–98), and as an elected member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Governing Board (2005–09). Ford’s international activities began when she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama and Nicaragua.

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Jacquelyn Slater has been appointed librarian of the Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma.

Steven Escar Smith is the new dean of libraries at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Smith was formerly interim executive associate dean and C. Clifford Wendler Professor of Library Administration at the Texas A&M libraries, where he was also founding director of the Book History Workshop.

Elizabeth Beers is the new Web developer in the University of Michigan Library's Publishing Technology Group.

Bonnie Fong has accepted the position of science librarian for the John Cotton Dana Library on Rutgers University's Newark campus.

Ginny Heinrich has been named reference and instruction/assessment librarian at Macalester College.

Regina Mays has joined the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Libraries as assessment librarian.

Retirements

Cynthia LaGon, librarian at Triton College in River Grove, Illinois, has retired after 21 years of service.

Pat White, archives specialist in the University Archives at Stanford University, has retired. White joined Stanford in 1989. Prior to her time at Stanford, White was senior assistant archivist at the New York Historical Resources Center at Cornell, where she did field work surveying repository holdings.

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In the last several years special collections and archives have assumed a new and more prominent role within our larger host institutions as well as in the wider library community. Once perceived as peripheral to core library services, our collections are now viewed as central. Despite—or perhaps because of—this centrality, we face a perfect storm of increasing needs in a time of decreasing support. How can we keep building and providing effective access to collections that will remain central in the future, fulfilling our obligation to provide stewardship of the cultural record? Join us at the 52nd Annual RBMS Preconference and find out!