A View from the Chair, Fall 2008

Looking Back to Look Ahead

Shortly after I was honored by being elected to serve as CLS Vice Chair/Chair elect in 2007, I was scanning the local newspaper and an obituary captured my attention. I am a transplant to my current city and state. I usually do not know the local people who might be remembered in this column. What caught my eye was the phrase “a past president of the American Library Association.”

“Wow,” I thought, “Just thirty minutes away had resided a past ALA president.” I further read that James E. Bryan 3rd, age 97, had been the longest continuous mem-

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ACRL @ Midwinter

Going to Midwinter? Looking for a chance to brush up on some skills? Check out these ACRL Preconferences to be held Friday, January 23, 2009 in Denver, CO.

Bring it on Home! Creating Custom Search Plug-ins for Your Library (1-4:30 p.m.)

Do You Q? Looking at Your Users in a New Way! (1-4:30 p.m.)

Nobody Told Me I’d Have to Teach! Strategies for the Accidental Librarian (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

More information about the content and cost of these and other Midwinter professional development opportunities is available at http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/meetings.cfm.

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ber of the American Library Association at the time of his death. He had joined when Herbert Hoover was president of the United States. He was ALA president from 1963-1964. He retired in 1972, probably never imaging that he would then live for another thirty-five years. I could not help but reflect on what a missed opportunity I had to meet and perhaps learn from this former library leader, assuming his health would have permitted such a contact. This brought me to thinking about how we can make sure that the College Libraries Section is not missing an opportunity with its membership. How do we retain our legacy of experience and incorporate our wisdom into the work of the Section as we move forward in our present and future?

Retiring?

Luckily for our membership, College Libraries Section has a listserv for retired directors (retcollbibdir@ala.org) and one for all other college library retirees (clsretirees-l@ala.org). Subscribing to college library retirees is very simple (these directions may also be found at http://lists.ala.org/wws/help/user#subscribe):

• Send a message to sympa@ala.org from the address you want to subscribe to the list.

• In the subject line of your message, type in: subscribe nameofthelist Firstname Surname (replace 'nameofthelist' by the name of the list you want to subscribe to and indicate your own first and last name).

• Leave the message body blank.

After this, you will receive a message telling you whether your request was accepted: if the subscription to the list is subject to any approval, the list owner may choose not to subscribe you. If so, do not send several other requests, as the result will remain the same. Instead, try sending a message directly to the list owner (nameofthelist-request@ala.org) to explain why you want to subscribe to the list.

The list for retired directors is a closed list. To subscribe to it a person has to either be retired as a college library director or have announced his or her pending retirement. Contact Larry Hardesty directly at libdirmentor@frontiernet.net or call him at 308-233-3573. He is the listserv manager and, as such, adds new members to the list.

There are numerous benefits for retiring colleagues to consider when joining the appropriate list. These include: membership in a community of those with common experiences; keeping in touch with colleagues and friends that you may no longer see at conferences; and maintaining a connection where you may be reached when your wisdom is sought. These are just a few of many reasons I invite you to consider as you ponder participation in these listservs. There is another good one...

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Another Fabulous Feast!

Anaheim 2008

In 1999, the College Library Section began its Friday Night Feast at Dickie Brennan’s Steakhouse in New Orleans. Since then, CLS members, new and prospective, and some spouses have enjoyed feasts in Chicago, San Francisco, Atlanta, Toronto, Orlando, Washington, D.C., and now at Anaheim’s Mr. Stox, a well-known old-style southern California steakhouse.

Mr. Stox provided a lovely venue for our event, with ample food, drink, live piano music and even livelier conversation. Six new CLS members received complimentary dinners and enjoyed the chance to meet others more familiar with this event.

Taylor & Francis and Serials Solutions provided generous funding for this event which cost only $20 per person. Taylor & Francis, as the new owner of Haworth Press, has funded this feast for many years. Paul Deamer, Manager of Marketing and Communications, affirms the importance of this continued relationship with CLS. One of the many journals published by Haworth Press is College & Undergraduate Libraries. Editor Christopher Millson-Martula of Lynchburg College is always looking for contributions!

Peter McCracken represented Serials Solutions in its second year of sponsorship. Many CLS members are clients of Serials Solutions. Peter is a librarian, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, and knows the value of libraries in people’s lives. He is also an Oberlin graduate and so enjoyed talking with Ray English, college librarian at Oberlin, at the Friday Night Feast.

Forty-nine members attended Friday Night Feast this year, a bit lower than the fifty-two that attended last year’s event in D.C. Comments received about the feast raved about the quality of the food and the genial company. It was one of our best ever.

We look forward to the next Friday Night Feast in Chicago in July 2009.

Yours in food and drink,

Susan Barnes Whyte
Outgoing Member-at-Large
Linfield College Library Director

Celia Rabinowitz
Continuing Member-at-Large
St. Mary’s College of Maryland Library Director
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As we all are aware, the wave of retirements is predicted to peak in 2015. The projected loss of knowledge and experience to the profession from this is enormous. Maintaining ties and good communication with those who are no longer actively working in the profession at a day-to-day position will enrich us all. We will need to tap your brain power and by signing up for a listserv you’ll help facilitate that process. Whether you agree to serve as a research coach (http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/collegelibraries/collprogdisc/researchcoach.cfm), a mentor of a new librarian, or as a resource to other college library directors, your expertise gained over a lifetime of service is a valuable resource we cannot afford to be without.

Just Starting?

Whether you are just starting or in the first years of your career, congratulations on deciding to join College Libraries Section. I know our membership committee has welcomed you and informed you of all of the ways you can become an active member. In addition to service as a committee member, we have the tradition of a Friday Night Feast at ALA Annual. I personally invite you to attend and “rub elbows” with the movers and shakers of the Section. You never know what contact you will make and how it will help you in the years to come.

Other ways of being active are:

- Subscribing to COLLIB-L, the Section’s primary listserv: http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/collegelibraries/collibdisc/collibdiscussion.cfm managed by Mike Thompson.
- Visiting our website: http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/collegelibraries/clshomepage.cfm managed by Peter Gilbert. One of its most popular features is the College Library Website of the Month, edited by Alice Crosetto: http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/cls/websiteofthemonth/index.cfm.
- Contributing to our wiki: http://wikis.ala.org/acrl/index.php/CLS, which is in its beginning stages.

What about the Rest of Us?

Communication is essential to our active Section. With a large and diverse membership of 2,883 as of July 2008, it is incumbent upon you to take advantage of and suggest the leadership direction for College Libraries Section. My e-mail address is iherold@keene.edu. I welcome your insight and vision. Participate not only in the avenues suggested above, including Your Research Coach, but also during conferences by attending the discussion groups, joining us for the Feast, sitting in on a committee meeting and contributing your perspective, or, after a conference, availing yourself of a professional development opportunity by viewing a College Libraries Section Webcast. With almost three thousand members, the majority of us will not serve in an elected or appointed position, but we can make a difference in highlighting the needs and strengths of college librarianship.

In Conclusion

At the end of James Bryan’s obituary, memorial contributions were suggested to be made in his name to a public library of one’s choice. I hope that by remembering him today his legacy lives on in an appropriate way. Such reflection causes me to look back as I look ahead at the challenges and opportunities of our profession and, more specifically, the College Libraries Section. While not all may rise to the professional heights of James Bryan, I ask you to ask yourself, what legacies will I leave behind? None is too small of a contribution. I encourage you to utilize the College Libraries Section’s multiple venues for communication, not only to stay in touch, but to learn about the exciting work of the section. I believe we have interesting journeys ahead.

Irene Herold, Keene State College
Registration Now Open for ACRL 2009

Join your colleagues in Seattle, March 12-15, 2009, at the premier professional development event for academic and research librarians and staff. Registration and housing for ACRL’s 14th National Conference is now open!

The ACRL 14th National Conference will challenge you to explore new ideas, engage in new learning, and extend the collective vision of the future of academic and research libraries. ACRL’s celebrated line-up of keynote speakers include Naomi Klein, award-winning journalist, activist, and author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*; Sherman Alexie, prolific novelist, poet and screenplay writer; and Ira Glass, host and producer of the public radio program *This American Life*. In addition to program sessions, the conference will provide time to have fun, share informal conversations, network with colleagues, and explore Seattle. ACRL will offer Virtual Conference presentations and embrace Web 2.0 tools such as podcasts, Flickr, blogs, and more to enhance and expand the impact of the National Conference. ACRL 2009 will also implement more eco-friendly practices than ever before and has invited Robin Chase, Founder of Zipcar and GoLoco to speak about her innovative combination of social networking and transportation. Help us reduce the meeting’s ecological footprint by committing to the Green Pledge when you register for the conference (see p. 8 for details).

Registration materials are online at [www.acrl.org/seattle](http://www.acrl.org/seattle). Discounted housing rates, scholarships, and exciting tour options are also available. Contact [acrl@ala.org](mailto:acrl@ala.org) with questions.

Scholarly Communication Outreach Workshop

Librarians supporting scholarly communication outreach programs want to know how to identify issues that will resonate with faculty at their institutions and how to present those issues in ways that generate positive engagement with faculty. If this describes your situation, you won’t want to miss the new ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication workshop “Scholarly Communication Outreach: Crafting Messages that Grab Faculty Attention,” to be held March 11–12, 2009, in Seattle.

In the tradition of other institute events, this workshop will emphasize active learning and hands-on work by participants, both individually and in groups. Throughout the workshop, participants will have structured opportunities to reflect on how to apply what they are learning to their own institution’s outreach activities, to share information and test ideas and to begin planning for future outreach.

Registration will close on January 1, 2009, unless the workshop fills earlier. The workshop will be limited to 100 participants. Registration for the workshop is a separate process from registration for the ACRL National Conference or its preconferences. Visit [www.arl.org/sc/institute/inst-events/0309workshop.shtml](http://www.arl.org/sc/institute/inst-events/0309workshop.shtml) for additional information and to register.
Kudos

**Kathryn Munson** (Asst. Access Services Librarian, Southeastern Louisiana University) has been selected for the American Library Association's 2009 Emerging Leaders program. She was awarded sponsorship from the Association of College & Research Libraries to participate in this program.

**Karen Jung** and **Kathryn Munson** (SELU) received a grant from the Student Technology Fee to create a student Presentation Practice Studio in Sims Library. The Presentation Practice Studio is a convenient group space on campus where students across a variety of academic disciplines can work individually or in groups to rehearse timing and slide transition or develop oral presentation skills. More information on the studio can be found on the Sims Library website at [http://www.selu.edu/library/directory/media/presentation/index.html](http://www.selu.edu/library/directory/media/presentation/index.html). The Presentation Studio opened for business at the start of the Fall Semester.

**Angela Dunnington** (Library Science 102 Coordinator, SELU) was selected to serve as Chair of the LALINC Information Literacy Committee. She has also been selected as one of 45 participants in the ACRL’s Institute for Information Literacy (ILL) Assessment Immersion Track: Assessment in Practice program to be held in December.

**Ladonna Guillot** (Health Sciences Librarian, SELU) has received a Professional Development Award from the National Network/Libraries of Medicine South Central Region to become certified as a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator administrator.

**Beth Stahr** (Head of Reference) and **Ladonna Guillot** (both SELU) presented a paper at the annual meeting of the South Central Region/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Dallas on October 14 entitled "Innovation and Collaboration to Create a 'Designer' Online Information Literacy Course for RN-to-BSN Students".

**Ladonna Guillot** and **Beth Stahr** presented a poster session at the Thirteenth Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 24, 2008. The poster was entitled "Deer in the Headlights: Customization of an Online Information Literacy Class for Returning Students."

**Eric Johnson** (Library Directory, SELU) is serving on three ALA award committees this year. He is again chairing the 2009 Beta Phi Mu Award Jury, serves as a member of the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable's ProQuest/SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Achievement Award Committee, and is in his second year as a member of the GLBT Roundtable's Stonewall Book Award Jury.


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**Lori Smith** spoke at the University of Louisiana Monroe’s September 25th celebration of their anniversary as both a state and federal depository library.

**Carl DiNardo** published a book chapter titled “Web 2.0: using a wiki to extend learning beyond the classroom walls” in the ACRL publication *Practical pedagogy for library instructors: 17 innovative strategies to improve student learning*. Eds. Douglas Cook and Ryan Sittler.

**Barbara Burd**, PhD, recently accepted the position of Executive Director of the Kimbel Library and Instructional Technology at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC.
Michele M. Reid accepted the position of Dean of Libraries at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Barbara Fister, Julie Gilbert, and Amy Fry wrote and published the article "Aggregated Interdisciplinary Databases and the Needs of Undergraduate Researchers." portal: Libraries and the Academy, 8.3 (July 2008): 273-292.

Catherine Doyle is now Director of the Lorette Wilmot Library and Media Center at Nazareth College in Rochester NY. She was formerly director at Westfield State College in Massachusetts.

Lizah Ismail published an article entitled “Credo Reference” in the July 2008 issue of the Charleston Advisor.

Phyllis Bratton became President of the North Dakota Library Association in September.

Emily Bergman has been re-elected for a second two-year term as Secretary of the Library Leadership and Management Association (formerly LAMA) of ALA.

Brenda Antrim completed an MA in Communication (Critical Studies) out of CSULA in June. Her thesis (‘Dr. Daniel Jackson, Damsel in Distress: Gender Role Displacement in Stargate SG-1’) was nominated by the Communication Department at CSULA for the Western Association of Graduate Schools Master's Thesis Award and the Innovation in Technology Award Competition, 2008.

Steven J. Bell (Temple University) served as the keynote speaker for Indiana University Libraries' Annual Librarians Day Program on May 30, 2008, and delivered the talk “From Encounters to Experiences: Using Design Thinking to Exceed User Expectations.”

Steven J. Bell served as the keynote speaker at the New Jersey Library Association’s “Future Tech for Libraries Symposium” on June 13, 2008. His speech was entitled “Why Are We Doing This?: Designing Future Technology Adoption Into the Business of Libraries.”

Steven Bell was the guest Editor for the July 2008 issue of Urban Library Journal’s special issue on “The Creative Library” (http://lacuny.cuny.edu/ulj/).

Steven Bell, John Shank (PSU) and Greg Szczyniak (Millersville State) co-authored the chapter “Instructional Technologies” in the Information Literacy Instruction Handbook, Christopher N. Cox and Elizabeth Blakesley Lindsay, eds, ALA Editions, 2008.

Ramona Ratliff has earned her MALS from the U of Missouri-Columbia, and has now been added to the faculty of York College (Nebraska) with the rank of Instructor.

Eric A. Kidwell’s proposal for the 2009 ACRL Conference in Seattle has been accepted for presentation. This panel presentation (co-presenters: Shannon Van Kirk, library director at Blue Mountain Community College, and Isabelle Eula, former library director at Qatar Library, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar) is entitled "Advancing Your Claim to Campus Leadership: Reaching the Summit One Toehold at a Time."

Dalia Corkrum (previously Hagan) now serves as the Chair of the LLAMA Building and Equipment Section.

Dalia Corkrum was elected to the position of chair-elect/vice chair of the Orbis Cascade Alliance beginning in July 2009.

Judy Jeng is currently the Chair of LITA Standards Interest Group and Chair-Elect of the New Jersey Chapter of ASIS&T.


Emily Bergman, Head of Collections and Technical Services at Occidental College in Los Angeles, has been elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Southern California Technical Processing Group.

Tiffany A. Hebb and her colleague, Dr. Christopher Bondy, recently won the CSA Sociological Abstracts Discovery Prize for their contribution about "Making Connections."
Take the ACRL Green Pledge

ACRL has composed the following pledge to help guide its members’ actions when planning for and attending the 14th National Conference.

During the ACRL 14th National Conference in Seattle, I will endeavor to...

- **Learn:** Educate myself about the environmental impact of conferences.
- **Inform:** Share information about available green services and programs with colleagues.
- **Think:** Make a sustainable mindset second nature.
- **Act:** Put sustainable ideas into practice. Suggested activities: Take public or shared transportation to and from the airport. Walk or use public transportation in Seattle. Consult the ACRL interactive conference map for local and green restaurants and businesses to patronize. Consult the ACRL conference program to learn which vendors provide sustainable services and practices, and visit them in the exhibit hall.
- **Reduce:** Use digital copies of handouts and presentation materials whenever possible. Turn off lights and unplug personal electronics when I’m not using them in my hotel room. Take shorter showers.
- **Reuse:** Use my ACRL or other reusable mug for coffee, water and other beverages. Participate in my hotel’s towel and linen reuse program if available.
- **Recycle:** All paper materials that I don’t take home from the conference, as well as food and other containers whenever possible.

Look for more on going green in Seattle on the conference website: [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/seattle/seattle.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/seattle/seattle.cfm)  

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