Capacity Crowd at "Games" Program

Lyn Thaxton

An enthusiastic standing-room-only audience attended “Games Academics Play: Mastering the Social Psychology of Faculty/Librarian Relationships” - the 2002 program presented by the ACRL Education and Behavioral Science Section. Brian Quinn, EBSS Chair presided over the session. The program panel consisted of a variety of faculty members.

Dr. John Budd from the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies of the University of Missouri, Columbia represented the librarian’s viewpoint. Sociology faculty member Dr. Mindy Stombler of Georgia State University, Sociology faculty member Dr. Lars Christiansen of Augsburg College, and Psychology faculty member, Dr. James Emshoff of Georgia State University spoke from their experience as faculty library users.

John Budd set a framework to answer the question, “How do librarians strategize to win?” Budd explained the need to develop a clear understanding of the scholarly apparatus within academic disciplines and to focus on librarians’ specific and unique contributions to the ultimate objects of the “game” - academic inquiry and student learning and development.

Mindy Stombler and Lars Christiansen collaborated on an informal study of their faculty colleagues regarding their relationships with librarians. Overall sources of disconnection include: (1) different functions served (production vs. service); (2) lack of faculty knowledge of librarians’ skills; (3) physical separation; (4) faculty perception that librarians lack knowledge of specific academic areas and their methodology; and (5) information technology that “frees” teaching faculty from dependence on librarians. Suggestions for librarians to overcome the disconnections include: (1) proactive personalized contact; (2) gaining substantive knowledge of academic disciplines; and (3) socializing new faculty members early regarding potential library contributions.

James Emshoff rounded off the panel’s presentation by reflecting the perspective of a “naïve” faculty member who respects librarians and is baffled by the expressed need to improve relationships. He pointed out that faculty members might avoid the library and librarians because of bewilderment at the pace of technological change and reluctance to express ignorance. Emshoff stressed that a focus on the difference...
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From the EBSS Chair  
Kate Corby

EBSS is looking forward to a challenging and eventful year. This is an ACRL year, with the biennial conference scheduled for April in Charlotte. EBSS has a program on the agenda: “Information Literacy for Educators: Models for Integrating Information Literacy Instruction into Pre-Service Education for K-12 Teachers and Administrators.” We look forward to seeing many of our members there.

When I ran for office as EBSS chair, I said that outreach to our membership, especially the “silent majority” whom we don’t see at meetings or on the listserv, would be a priority for me. Sponsoring a program at Charlotte is just one of the ways we’re trying to increase the information and services we provide.

Secretary Judy Walker is working with ACRL to attempt to create a new electronic mailing list that includes all the members of EBSS. This will allow us to distribute a digital version of our Newsletter to everyone with complete coverage of EBSS activities in full color.

Ted Wygant, now past chair of the Publications Committee, has also stepped forward to help us make active membership in EBSS more accessible to members who cannot attend every conference. Ted is going to investigate what the membership thinks would be important elements of participation for a virtual member. He is especially interested in enabling the section to have electronic/remote meetings and will find out what the various committees need in that area. Email may be fine for some projects, but some type of real time interaction, like a conference call, might be important for others. People who have comments for Ted, or who would like to help in this important initiative, should contact him by email at wygant@dbcc.cc.fl.us

As a first step in making our working groups more accessible I asked our Web sponsor and my home institution, Michigan State University Libraries, to create a listserv for every standing committee. These listserv addresses are posted on the Section Committee web pages and provide anyone who can send an email with an opportunity to begin a discussion with any of our committees. I hope librarians with an idea for a project or a concern about an EBSS related issue will use these lists to tap the expertise of our committee members.

The 2003 Annual Conference in Toronto will be a major milestone for ALA simply because of its location outside of the United States. The EBSS program is still in the planning stages but it looks like we will have the good fortune of being able to feature a prominent Canadian scholar on our panel.

Finally I would like to encourage all of our Newsletter readers to become members of EBSS. Right now the economy is not the best and money for travel and professional memberships may be tight. EBSS has seen its membership go down as a result, and we’ve reached a critical point. 1,000 members is a magic number in ACRL. If we fall below that number for long, our annual budget will be sliced dramatically. This would make it hard for us to provide the caliber of programs and project support to our members that we would like to provide. So we need people to stay with us through this rough spot and we’ll do everything we can to see you get your money’s worth.

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“Games Academics Play”  
EBSS Program in Atlanta.
**Former EBSS Chair named Distinguished Librarian**

Barbara E. Kemp, Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of Houston Libraries was named the 2002 EBSS Distinguished Librarian. The award was presented at the EBSS Program in Atlanta, “Games Academics Play,” in front of a packed audience. Brian Quinn, EBSS Chair presented the award.

Barbara Kemp has served on many EBSS committees over the past twenty years and was EBSS Chair during 1991-1992. She is active in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Barbara’s research interests focus on the education of library users. She has published several articles on the topic.

**Barbara Kemp - ALA Representative to IFLA**

Barbara Kemp

For the past several years, I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as the ALA representative to Section V, the Section of Social Science Libraries in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Recently, I have had many questions about how I got appointed and what is involved in this commitment. I hope this brief article will introduce many EBSS members to this wonderful opportunity.

ALA can nominate individuals to serve on the standing committees of IFLA. ALA turns to its divisions and sections to fill these four-year appointments on a volunteer basis. It is important to know that ALA does not offer financial support for travel to the many international destinations where the IFLA conferences are held. When a call went out for volunteers from EBSS to serve in the Section of Social Science Libraries, I was fortunate to have had support from my library (at that time, the University at Albany - SUNY). This support has continued in my current position at the University of Houston.

Typically, the IFLA conferences are slightly over a week in length, with standing committees meeting on the first and last days of the conference. In between there are presentations and workshops sponsored by the various sections and committees. These sessions are particularly helpful to our colleagues from developing nations, who do not have the opportunities provided to us by our many professional associations. There is also an exhibit area. Host cities and countries arrange library tours, receptions, and cultural events that provide everyone with the chance to meet and talk with international colleagues.

Working on a standing committee with other librarians and information specialists from around the world can be quite challenging, as well as very gratifying. With members from Germany, Denmark, and the U.S. making arrangements for a speaker from Japan to come to Israel or Scotland, e-mail is an absolute necessity. “Local arrangements” take on a whole new meaning! Although it sometimes seems that it will take a miracle to accomplish everything, having it all come together is worth all the work. I am enjoying every moment of my appointment and thank ALA, EBSS, and my directors (Meredith Butler and Dana Rooks) for making this opportunity possible for me.

**EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award**

**Charley Thurston**

This award is an excellent way for you to bring recognition to a colleague who deserves praise. The award honors a distinguished academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession.

The committee solicits your nomination of a colleague for the 2003 Award. To see a list of EBSS members and their contributions, go to the EBSS web site and choose Working Documents. To nominate a member choose the Award link.
The EBSS Ad Hoc Historical Textbook and Curriculum Collections Directory Committee has been charged with compiling information for a directory of historical textbook and curriculum collections to be published in 2004. The proposed directory will be useful to librarians, researchers, and the general public by providing information about historical textbook and curriculum collection locations, strengths of historical textbook and curriculum collections, and availability of historical curriculum materials for use in research.

If you have any historical textbook and/or curriculum materials (i.e., K-12 materials published prior to 1980), we would like to include information about your collection in the directory. The survey can be accessed electronically at http://www.uncc.edu/cimc/intro.htm or via the EBSS website. In order to publish the Directory early in 2004, we would appreciate your reply by December 15, 2002.

New EBSS Committees Formed
Kate Corby and Scott Walter

The EBSS Executive Committee authorized the formation of two new section Committees at Annual Conference in Atlanta. They are the Communication Studies Committee and the Higher Education Committee. Lisa Romero, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, has been named chair of the Communications Studies Committee. And Ann Brownson, Eastern Illinois University, has been named chair of the Higher Education Committee.

Communication Studies will provide a base of operations for the Mass Communication community of librarians who serve the communications/mass communications fields (including the areas of communications, media studies, advertising, speech communications, broadcasting, journalism and public relations). Goals for the Committee include identifying best practices and resources useful to those in the community as well as addressing current issues that are salient to the advancement of the field. Activities of the committee will include: evaluation and discussion of resources and services, development of activities and programs to improve skills among librarians, and the coordination of liaison activities with other professional organizations as appropriate.

The Higher Education Committee will be a forum for librarians who serve as liaisons either to academic programs with a focus on higher education or to researchers or practitioners working in the area of higher education. The committee will sponsor programs that discuss collection development resources for higher education, or public service programs aimed at serving the special needs of researchers and practitioners in the area of higher education.

We hope that both of these committees will be able to have their initial meeting at Mid-Winter in Philadelphia. We are looking for librarians who would like an immediate appointment and those who are interested in a traditional appointment to be effective after the Toronto Conference next summer. Our Volunteer Form is on the EBSS Web site.

Historical Textbook Directory to be Published
Judy Walker

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EBSS 2002 Election Results
Brian Quinn

Scott Walter, George B. Brain Education Library, Washington State University has been elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Julie Tharp, Reference, Arizona State University will serve as Member-at-Large. Congratulations to Scott and Julie, and a very special thank you to those EBSS members who were willing to run but were not elected.
News from EBSS Members

Keep up with your EBSS colleagues by reading this column. If you have a news item you would like to see included in the next issue, please email it to Doug Cook, dlcook@ship.edu.

M. Suzanne Brown was recently promoted from Associate University Librarian to University Librarian at the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida. Suzanne also participated in a LAMA/Human Resources Section Roundtable Discussion, at the ALA, 2002 Annual Conference, as an author of the edited book: *Staff Development Handbook: A Practical Guide*. Suzanne authored the chapter “Building Managerial Competencies,” and co-authored, “How to Learn More and Keep Up: A Guide to Bibliographic and Web Resources.” msbrown@ufl.edu

Doug Cook was appointed Library Instruction Coordinator at Shippensburg University Library. He was also elected Chair of the University-wide Faculty Promotion Committee.
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Linda Geller, Education Librarian at Governors State University, earned an M.S.Ed in Information Technology from Northern Illinois University on August 10, 2002. lggeller@ameritech.net

Gerald Holmes, Assistant Reference Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is serving on the Volunteers Sub-Committee for the ACRL 11th National Conference in Charlotte. Gerald also was a member of the panel for the program, “Your Article Has Been Accepted…” during the 5th National Conference of African American Librarians in Fort Lauderdale, Florida held in August. gerald.holmes@uncg.edu

Darlene Nichols was recently invited to teach the “Social Sciences Information” course (SI 674) at the University of Michigan, School of Information in the upcoming Winter term. She is really looking forward to it! dpn@umich.edu

EBSS Appoints Virtual Committee Members

Kate Corby

EBSS has realized the need for appointing “virtual” members to committees. Librarians can make valuable contributions to certain committees despite the fact that they may not be able to attend meetings twice each year as has been typical in the past. The following Virtual committee members have been appointed.

Peg White, will be virtual to Publications, and regular to Psyc/Psyc which meets at the same time

Darlene Nichols, will be virtual to Psyc/Psyc due to child care commitments.

Bee Gallegos, will be virtual to Reference Sources and Services due to family considerations

Soraya Magalhaes-Willson, is a virtual member of the Membership and Orientation Committee due to other ALA commitments at the committee meeting time.

The 23 campuses of the California State University (CSU) system have a new library newsletter, edited by Ilene Rockman of the CSU Chancellor’s Office. The first issue is devoted to information competence and is available from http://www.calstate.edu/LS/A1007.pdf. Upcoming newsletters will focus on e-services and e-resources, special collections, and the library as a place.

Laverna Saunders is the new University Librarian at Duquesne University’s Gumberg Library, in Pittsburgh, PA. (Welcome to PA!) saunders@library.duq.edu

Lorene Sisson and colleague, Susan Kendall, will be presenting in January 2003 at the International Conference on Education, in Hawaii. Their paper is entitled, “21st Century Tools for Meaningful Teaching and Learning – Using Authentic Resources.” They also have a chapter in an upcoming book tentatively titled, Ed.gov:

After a national search, Helga Vissher has been selected as the new Head of the McLure Education Library at the University of Alabama. Helga began working part-time at the McLure Library in 1981. She continued as a full-time librarian in 1994 and received tenure in 2000. Helga replaced Sharon Stewart who recently retired. Helga also received the 2002 Penny Allen Award from the University for her “service and unselfish commitment to students.” Helga is vitally involved in a number of student organizations, including the International Students and Services Committee. (Congratulations, Helga.) hvissche@BAMA.UA.EDU

Scott Walter was appointed Interim Assistant Director for Public Services and Outreach at Washington State University effective as of October 2002. (And may God have mercy on Scott’s busy soul.) swalter@wsu.edu

CNN Center
Conference Program Planning Committee 2002
Penny Beile and Lyn Thaxton, Co-chairs
Major Topics of Discussion
• Last minute details for program – “Games Academic’s Play: Mastering the Social Psychology of Faculty/Librarian Relations.”
• Program was videotaped and will be available via the EBSS web site.
• Program was a rousing success with standing room only attendance.

Conference Program 2003
Karen Bacsayni and Sally Lawler, Co-chairs
Major Topics of Discussion
• Ideas for the EBSS Annual Conference Program in Toronto were discussed.
• Topic planned is “Delivering Health Care Information.”
• Current presentation panel members are Professor Roma Harris who will speak on delivering health care information through rural public libraries in Canada and LaVentra Ellis-Danquah who will speak on delivering health care information through an urban academic medical library in Detroit.

Curriculum Materials Committee
Trish Lenkowski, Chair
Major Topics of Discussion
• Webliography.
• CMC Collections Development Policy.
Major Decisions:
• Affirmation and reassignment of webliography sections and possible addition of new sections.
• Update of CMC Collection Development Policy will be a committee project; an ad hoc committee will not be formed.

Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Award Committee
Tammy Rabideau, Chair
Major Topics of Discussion
• The committee agreed to undertake a thorough review of the charge and procedures for submitting nominations. The completion date is spring 2004.
• We discussed securing corporate underwriting for the award.

Gerontology Committee
Kay Womack, Chair
Major Topics of Discussion
• Planning a discussion group for Midwinter 2003 on the theme of “Long Term Care Issues: Myths and Realities.”
• Contacts have been made to identify speakers for the first hour. Questions and answers would comprise the second hour. One speaker would focus on insurance and paying for long term care; the other would focus on housing alternatives.

Instruction for Educators
Sarah Beasley, Chair
Major Topics of Discussion
• Planned publication of an article on information literacy’s relationships to standards advanced by educational organizations of particular importance to teacher educators and teachers.
• Most of the time was spent editing/drafting/outlining sections and grappling with scope and direction of publication.
Major Decisions
• Aim for two publications:
  • An article to be placed in a teacher education publication outlining/revealing/advocating the assistance that an education librarian can provide in developing their programs especially around the areas of inquiry and lifelong learning specified in various organizations standards.
  • An article dealing with educational organizational standards and reconciling them with information literacy standards. The second article could include sample learning objectives, competencies and activities that teachers and students would be able to use.

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Membership and Orientation Committee
Laverna Saunders and Helga Visscher, Co-chairs

Major Topics of Discussion
• New/revised EBSS membership brochure.
• New leader orientation.
• Letters to new members and to members who do not renew their membership.

Major Decisions
• Seek funding from ACRL for EBSS brochures.

Psychology/Psychiatry Committee
Darlene Nichols, Chair

Major Topics of Discussion
• Update on changes in PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES.
• Discussion of members’ experiences with PsycARTICLES.
• Committee website.

Major Decisions
• Identified core areas to cover for the web site.
• Designated individuals to lead on creating content for web pages.
• Set deadline for draft of core web pages.

Publications and Communications Committee
Ted Wygant, Chair

Major Topics of Discussion
• Membership issues: getting new members for the committee and discussing members who do not attend but are not virtual.
• Electronic Newsletter — Doug Cook is working on publishing it entirely electronically.
• Web site – Kate Corby has been doing a great job of getting things updated. She suggested that all new websites be housed at Michigan State.
• Possibility of a survey for the web page and/or EBSS list on the issue of on-line midwinter meetings.

Major Decisions:
• Discuss with the Advisory Committee the possibilities of a survey about on-line midwinter.

Reference Sources and Services
Roland Person, Chair

Major Topics of Discussion
• Encouraging and supporting ERIC in adding a tag for peer reviewed journals.
• Other areas of discussion included: E-subscribe, PsycARTICLES, use or lack of use of reference collections and other reference sources, textbook collections and problems of acquisition, comparison of journal coverage in various databases.

Major Decisions
• Continue to work with ERIC on peer review tag.

Social Work/Social Welfare
Karen Reiman-Sendi, Chair

Major Topics of Discussion
• Web page project on information competencies.

Major Decisions
• The committee decided to revise all the Information Competency web pages to match the University of Michigan information literacy competencies. Each committee member was assigned a part of the competency hierarchy, for which they will seek out examples that meet each competency objective.

Ad hoc Curriculum Materials Centers Standards/Guidelines Committee
Ann Brownson and Gary Lare, Co-chairs

Major Topics of Discussion
• The first hour of the meeting was an open hearing to discuss draft of CMC Guidelines document. John Mess of SAC had numerous comments about the document that ordered our conversation during the next two hours of the meeting.
• During the second two hours we focused on the continuing debate on quantitative versus qualitative guidelines, and making the guidelines more quantitative by describing ways in which documentation can be gathered to show that the guidelines are being met.

Ad hoc Historical Textbook and Curriculum Collections Directory
Nancy O’Brien, Chair

Major Topics of Discussion
• Review of the responses to the pilot survey of historical collections and modifications resulting from those responses.
• Status of preliminary publication form.
• Survey distribution assignments.
• Timeline for survey distribution.

Major Decisions
• It was decided to revise the survey by July 15; distribute it by August 15; and have a deadline for responses of September 15, 2002.
• Categories of places to distribute the survey were reviewed, clarified and assigned to individual committee members.

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