

## CLS Chair's Column, Spring 2005

Recently on Collib-L, our CLS e-discussion list, someone asked why the leaders of ACRL and ALA didn't participate in our discussions. In response, I pointed out that, in fact, a number of the leaders of CLS—and ACRL—do contribute to those discussions. CLS is a remarkably intimate group.

But it's easy when one goes to ALA Annual to get lost in the throngs. When you sit in some big ballroom filled with thousands of people and you're so far from the platform that you need to look at the giant projection screen in order to make out the speakers' features, it's not an intimate experience. Those big events are deceiving.

For me and for many of us, *CLS is* ALA and ACRL.

We've been pioneers. We were the first section in any division of ALA to "just say no" to Midwinter when we decided that there was no need for our committees to meet face-to-face more than once a year. Now other divisions are wondering whether they really need two meetings a year. Several years ago, CLS vice-chair Larry Oberg appointed a new Standards Com-



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## New CLIP Note Publication

The CLIP Notes committee is pleased to announce the publication of the latest CLIP Note series, sponsored by CLS and published by ACRL: *Special Collections in College and University Libraries CLIP Note #35*. It was compiled by Elizabeth A. Sudduth, Nancy B. Newins, and William E. Sudduth and is available from ACRL.

Special collections librarians must balance the need for access and preservation

against the costs of staffing, cataloging and processing, physical space, and archival storage for a variety of formats. Web technologies offer new ways of reaching users, but come with significant costs. This CLIP Note focuses on policy issues facing special collections in college and small university libraries. A total of 146 institutions responded to a survey on special collections practices and provided

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### Special points of interest:

- Check out the *Friday Night Feast* restaurant at [maggianos.com](http://maggianos.com)
- Check the Annual ALA program for final details on *WHEN & WHERE CLS committees and discussion groups will meet.*

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mittee and charged it with developing outcomes-based standards for college libraries. Those standards have now been adopted by ACRL for all academic libraries, including universities, colleges, junior colleges, and community colleges. In the 1990s, at Larry Hardesty's initiative, the Leadership Committee developed the New College Library Directors Mentoring Program, which Larry still runs for us. Larry Oberg and the Communications Committee developed for us one of the first section e-discussion lists, Collib-L. Now every section has one. Our Research Committee has developed a great new program, "Your Research Coach," to match experienced researchers with those who are trying to get started. Once it becomes established, other sections will undoubtedly imitate it. On the other hand, our popular long-standing publication series, *CLIP Notes*, is, as far as I know, still unique in library literature. There are half a dozen other groundbreaking committees and programs I could point to.

Coming up this summer at ALA Annual, we'll be repeating a very suc-

cessful annual event, the idea for which we borrowed from the ACRL Instruction Section: our Friday Night Feast. Again this year, the wonderful folks at Haworth Press have agreed to sponsor the event, which will allow us to give some free meals to first-timers while keeping the cost low for everyone else. This year's feast will be at Maggiano's in the Chicago "Loop." Watch for more details on Collib-L. Also at Annual, don't forget the CLS Program, "Using Technology to Train Academic Librarians as Coaches." In addition, CLS is co-sponsoring a program with the ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section, "Are Subject Librarians an Endangered Species?" We are also a co-sponsor of the ACRL Women's Studies Section program "Getting Published: From Practice to Print." For the first time this year, CLS committee meetings will be held at the same time in the same room. This "All-Committees Meeting" time will enable people to move from one discussion to another,

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## Volunteers needed for CLS Committees

Robin Wagner, vice-chair, chair-elect of CLS is soliciting volunteers for the various committees of the College Libraries Section. Nearly every committee has vacancies and would welcome some fresh talent. This is a great way to get involved and contribute to the profession.

An appointment lasts for two years with the expectation that you will attend the annual meetings. There are also some slots for librarians who wish to be virtual committee members although the preference is for face-to-face participation at ALA annual.

For more information, please check the CLS website or contact Robin Wagner at: rowagner@gettysburg.edu.

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confer with other committees on matters of common concern, and free up members' time for other activities. *Even if you're not on a CLS committee, but especially if you're joining one after Annual, this is an ideal time to get acquainted, find out what's going on in the section, and become an active part of its work.*

My term as chair ends after Annual, and I want to thank especially the CLS committee chairs for their diligent and imaginative work. If I hadn't known it already, my time as vice-chair and chair would have made clear to me that committees do the ongoing work of the section and shape its vision. I want to thank Mary Jane Petrowski, our ACRL staff person, who could not have been more helpful, forthcoming, and competent. And finally, a big welcome to Robin Wagner, current vice-chair/chair-elect, who will be occupying the CLS chair after Annual.

In closing I want to return to Collib-L by urging you to subscribe. The discussions on Collib-L are never dull, always interesting, and marvelously stimulating. It's also where you learn about what's happening in CLS. Please make it *your* list. To subscribe, send the message, "subscribe collib-l your name," to [list-proc@ala.org](mailto:list-proc@ala.org). Don't put anything in the "Subject" line of your message, and don't include a signature.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

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## Mount Holyoke Wins ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

Mount Holyoke College Library, South Hadley, MA, has received the 2005 Excellence in Academic Libraries award in the college category for demonstrating excellence as a team in furthering the educational mission of its college. According to Helen Spalding, chair of the 2005 Excellence in Academic Libraries Selection Committee, Mount Holyoke librarians "exemplify the college library delivering services relevant to the needs of students and faculty in the new century."

Patricia Albanese, chief information officer and director of Library, Information, and Technology Services says: "We are extremely honored to have been chosen by our colleagues for this prestigious award. Mount Holyoke is blessed with an exceptional staff of highly dedicated individuals, focused on enhancing the teaching and learning activities of the College. This honor is a reflection of our deep desire to understand the perspectives and needs of our community and translate them into a set of services and collections that serve them in their roles as students and

scholars."

The award is sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell's Book Services. Mount Holyoke will receive \$3,000 and a plaque, to be presented at an award ceremony held on each recipient's campus. They will also receive special recognition at the ACRL President's Program during the American Library Association Annual Conference on June 27 in Chicago.



## Friday Night Feast in Chicago

Join your CLS colleagues at the annual Friday Night Feast in Chicago, June 24th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. We'll be dining at Maggiano's <http://www.maggianos.com/>

New members are encouraged to attend. Look for more information on COLLIB-L.



## Upcoming Standards Workshops

Bill Nelson, "Assessment in Academic Libraries: Using ACRL Standards for Continuous Evaluation," (with Robert Fernekes), competitive selection, (Preconference to ACRL 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference), Assn. of College and Research Libraries (Minneapolis), April 7, 2005

Bill Nelson, "ACRL Standards: Practical Application for Libraries in Higher Education," (with Robert Fernekes), (Preconference to Southeastern Library Network Annual Conference), SOLINET (Atlanta), May 4, 2005



A group activity session at a workshop for librarians at the University System of Hawaii

Bill Nelson, "ACRL *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education: Practical Application for Academic Libraries*," (with Robert Fernekes), Preconference to Association of Christian Librarians Annual Conference, (Columbia, SC), June 13, 2005

Bill Nelson, "Creating a Continuous Assessment Environment: Practical Approaches for Academic Libraries," (with Robert Fernekes), invited presenters, (Preconference to Canadian Library Association Annual Conference), Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (Calgary, Alberta), June 15, 2005

Bob Fernekes speaking at a workshop for library directors of the University System of Puerto Rico



## Join the Conversation on COLLIB-L

Get involved! Stay informed! Join **COLLIB-L** (the **COL**lege **LIB**rarians List) and participate in a lively dialogue with fellow college librarians. COLLIB-L is the official professional discussion list of the College Libraries Section. The list is owned by ALA and managed by J. Michael Thompson of the University of Houston. COLLIB-L serves as a means of communication for both CLS and for college librarianship in general. Anyone may subscribe and post messages to the list and messages are not reviewed prior to distribution. Recent threads have included discussions on professionalism, the Google digitization project (pros, cons, the French, and everything in-between), collection development in small libraries, Wikipedia, and indicators of information literacy. Make your own opinion known and join the conversation!

To subscribe to the list, send the following command: `sub COLLIB-L Your Name to listproc@ala.org`

## New Features on the CLS Website

The CLS website is an excellent source of information on our organization. You can read committee meeting minutes, get information on our College Library Director Mentor program, or find out about the history of CLS.

We have recently added two exciting new features: a member's profile which highlights the achievements of various colleagues nominated by their peers, and a new "Library Site of the Month" feature which focuses on a particularly outstanding college library homepage.

Currently, you can read an interview with Jules Tate, Director of Library Services, Louisiana State University at Alexandria. Or check out Simpson College at: <http://www.simpson.edu/library>, our "Library Site of the Month" for April. The site was chosen for their effective use of colors and images in a consistent layout. The designs are user-friendly, eye-catching, and aesthetically pleasing. Centenary College of Louisiana: <http://www.centenary.edu/lib>, another recent recipient,

was chosen due to its concise effective overview of information.

The Communications Committee of CLS selects the sites each month, and taking into consideration ease of access, currency, design, and navigation. Member profiles are based on nominations from colleagues, so if you would like to nominate a member to be featured on the CLS website, please send his or her name and contact information to: [pswan@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:pswan@hunter.cuny.edu) or Philip Swan, Hunter College School of Social Work Library, 129 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021.

## CLS Meetings & Programs at Annual

### Saturday, June 25

8:30-11:00 a.m.: CLS Executive Committee I

11:00-12:30 p.m.: CLS All-Committees

### Sunday, June 26

10:30-12:00 p.m.: CLS Program Bits & Bytes

2:00-4:00 p.m.: CLS College Library Directors Discussion Group

2:00-4:00 p.m.: Medium-Sized Libraries Discussion Group

4:00-5:00 p.m.: Program Planning Committees II

### Monday, June 27

11:30-1:00 p.m.: CLS Executive Committee II



## CLIP Notes cont.

sample documents on specific aspects of special collections and archives practice such as collection development, acquisitions, cataloging and processing, reference, outreach, fundraising, and the development of web resources. It includes a selected bibliography. List price: \$27.00 (ACRL members 10% discount).

The committee is always looking for possible topics and compilers. Promising topics for future CLIP Notes include the information commons concept, digital projects, architectural standards, outsourcing of services, and gifts to libraries. If you are interested in receiving CLIP Note surveys or would like to help compile a survey, please contact David Wright at [wright@mc.edu](mailto:wright@mc.edu).



# CLS Programs at Chicago

## CLS Program

*“Bits and Bytes: Using Technology to Train Academic Librarians as Coaches”*

Sunday, June 26th, 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

How can technology be used to train academic librarians as coaches in order to enhance the performance of other academic librarians? Learn about two programs that utilize electronic learning components: Metropolitan Library System’s “Teach\*Model\*Coach” and the Association of Research Libraries’ “Coaching for Performance.”

Program instructors will describe key principles and techniques of effective coaching and their program’s use of technology. Academic librarians will share how this training has affected their professional development and that of their learners.

### Panelists:

- Sonia Bodi, Professor of Bibliography and Director of the Library, North Park University
- Kathryn Deiss, Director of Strategic Learning Center, Metropolitan Library System
- Melanie Hawks, Program Officer for Training and Development Services, Association of Research Libraries
- Julie Hinz, Assistant Director for Public Services, University of Utah
- Moderator: Carolyn A. Sheehy, Clare and Lucy Oesterle Director of Library Services, North Central College



ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section program, co-sponsored by CLS

*“Are Subject Librarians an Endangered Species?”*

Sunday, June 26th, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

In today’s world of rapid technological change, many academic librarians are concerned about maintaining the traditional aspects of our profession. As subject librarians, we may ask ourselves, “what does the future hold for us in academic libraries?” Will our roles and responsibilities evolve beyond recognition or will our traditional activities continue to be important? Join subject librarians from around the country for a fascinating discussion about our current situation and the future of our field.

### Panelists:

- Jane McKeever, University of Chicago
- Darlene Nichols, University of Michigan
- Daniel C. Tsang, University of California, Irvine
- Kara M. Whatley, New York University
- Moderator, Wade Kotter, Weber State University

ACRL Women’s Studies Section program, co-sponsored by CLS

*“Getting Published: From Practice to Print”*

Monday, June 27th, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Have you thought about publishing an article, but don’t think you can do it? Is the presentation you’ve created ready to be developed into an article? How do you know to which journal to send your manuscript? These and many other questions will be answered at the WSS program. The program is designed to be both conceptual and practical. At the end of the program you will be more confident in your ability to become a successfully published author.

The program will feature two well known editors, one in library science, Gloriana St. Clair, founder and former editor of portal: Libraries and the Academy and the other in women’s studies, Teresa Kemp, co-editor of *Feminist Teacher: A Journal of Practice*. The panel speakers will address issues of publishing from the editor’s perspective as well as changes occurring in the publishing world and changes and gaps in research.

## Kudos

**Carolyn Sheehy**, Clare and Lucy Oesterle Director of Library Services, North Central College, Naperville, IL, authored the entry “Dance Companies” in the new *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, University of Chicago Press, 2004. She is also now chair of the President’s Special Committee on Retention at North Central College.

**Risë L. Smith**, Professor and Public Services Librarian, Dakota State University, received the South Dakota Library Association’s 2004 “Librarian of the Year” award. The award recognizes a member of SD Library Association who has made an outstanding contribution to affect and improve library service in a SD community.

**Sarah Johnson**, Librarian and Assistant Professor, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, recently published *Historical Fiction: A Guide to the Genre*, Westport, CT, Libraries Unlimited, 2005, a readers’ advisory guide for libraries. She also began writing a regular column entitled “What We’re Reading” for *Novelist*. In November 2004, Sarah delivered the keynote address “Getting the Job You Want: Tips for Job Seekers” at the ACRL Oklahoma Chapter fall conference, where she also led a breakout session on creating an online presence.

**Steven Bell**, Director of the Library, Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, PA, appeared as a panelist on the nationally-televised satellite teleconference program “Soaring To Excellence” on Friday, November 19, 2004. Soaring To Excellence, originating from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, offers televised training and professional development programs for over 400 library members. Steven spoke about “blended librarianship” as part of a program about the role of teaching in the modern library. Additional information about the program can be found at:

<http://www.dupage.edu/COD/index.php?id=11>. Steven published, with co-author Michael Krasulski, the article “Electronic Reserves, Library Databases and Courseware: A Complementary Relationship” in the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve* Vol. 15, No.1, 2004. Steven also joined the editorial board of *Innovate: Journal of Online Education*.

**William N. (Bill) Nelson**, Library Director, Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia, published “SACS Standards 2004: A Compliance Strategy for Academic Libraries” in *The Southeastern Librarian*, 52, No. 3 (Fall 2004). He also presented a number of workshops with Robert Fernekes on the ACRL Standards, including “Library Assessment in Higher Education: Applying the New ACRL Standards” (Preconference to ALA Midwinter Conference), Boston, January 2004 and “Academic Library Assessment: Utilizing the ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education” (2004), University of Hawaii Library System (Kaneohe, Oahu, HI), October 2004.

**Jennifer Paliatka**, Reference Librarian, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL, has been selected to participate in Synergy 2005: the Illinois Library Leadership Initiative, a year-long program designed to develop future leaders in the library profession and in the Illinois community.

**Anne Garrison**, Head of Reference Services and Humanities Librarian, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA gave a panel presentation entitled “Libraries and Learned Journals in the Digital Soup Together” at the December 2004 Modern Languages Association conference. The panel was organized by the Council of Editors of Learned Journals.

**Janis Bandelin**, Director of Libraries, Furman University, Greenville, SC, was the featured speaker at the institution's fall convocation. Her speech titled "The Year of the Library" was the first event in a series of events to celebrate the completion of the \$25 million expansion and renovation of the James B. Duke Library.

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## Standards for Libraries in Higher Education

In June 2004, the ACRL Board approved the *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*.

These standards supercede earlier separate library standards produced by the CLS, CJCLS, and ULS sections of ACRL. These standards differ from earlier ACRL library standards in four significant respects.

1. They are intended to apply to all types of libraries in higher education, from technical institutes to research universities.
2. The standards and key principles are designed as a tool to help libraries establish individual goals within the context of their institutional goals.
3. They focus on documenting the library's contribution to institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes
4. The standards provide suggested points of comparison for peer and longitudinal comparison, and encourage the development of other meas-

ures. Some measures of quality and quantity are used in this document, as well as questions to provide guidance for assessing each element of library operations and the provision of library services.

We're proud that the 2000 edition of CLS's *Standards for College Libraries*, the first standards to incorporate outcomes assessment, was a model for the new *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*. To see the complete *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*, go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/standardslibraries.htm>.

To learn more about using the new Standards, catch an upcoming workshop (see page 4 of this *Newsletter* for a list).