



Chair's Column by Jud Copeland

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The LLA Conference in Baton Rouge was a very exciting and successful event. I would like to thank everyone who supported the Conference presentations, especially those sponsored by the Academic Section. The Academic Section had its fair share of programs by sponsoring or co-sponsoring 20 presentations. The Section endeavored to support the conference theme – *Louisiana Libraries: Bridging Communities*. In effect, the Academic Section's wide range of topics served as a bridge to those interests found in the Public, Special, and Private Library areas. I want to thank those participants who presented programs during the conference. We had some outstanding programs.

The Academic Section also provided partial funding to support the "Ollie H. Burns Scholarship Endowment Celebration" banquet during the conference. The speaker was Alice Burns Grigsby, Director of El Camino College Library in Torrance, California.

The Academic Section Business Meeting during the LLA Conference was well attended. We discussed possible program ideas for next year's conference and introduced the new section officers for 2007-2008. The officers for next year are:

Chair
Carla Clark, LSU Shreveport

Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Betsy Miguez, UL Lafayette

Secretary
Michelle (Shelby) Anfenson-Comeau, LSU Eunice

*Research fellowships
offered by Tulane's
Latin American Library.*

See page 4 for details.

Special thanks to Carla Clark, our Vice Chair/Chair Elect, for her time and dedication in coordinating a dynamic array of conference programs and to Tony Fonseca, Academic Section Secretary, for his support and assistance with the conference proposals.

Special thanks also to Jeremy Landry, Nicholls State University, and Heather Credeur, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, for volunteering to be on the Tellers Committee for this year. I also appreciated the support of Denise Goetting

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Library news from around the state



Louisiana State University

Kelly Blessinger, Assistant Coordinator of the Reference Department, presented "Geographic Resources on the Internet" at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference in March.

Blessinger co-authored "Analysis of a Decade in Library Literature 1994-2004." *College & Research Libraries* 68 no.2 (2007): 155-69.

Phyllis Kinnison, Political Papers Archivist in Special Collections, was a panelist at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting session entitled "Wheelers and Dealers: Political Papers in Louisiana Archives" on March 22, 2007.

Stephanie Braunstein, Head of Government Documents/Microforms, presented "Running the Rapids: The Challenges and Opportunities of Changing Workflows in Documents Departments," as part of a panel discussion on workflow issues at the Spring Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference in Denver, April 15-18.

Jennifer Cargill is the incoming chair of *American Libraries* Advisory Committee. She has been appointed to the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries [ASERL] Finance Committee.

Cargill was appointed to LSU's Information Systems Priorities & Allocations Committee.

Nancy Colyar is chair of LSU's Infrastructure Task Force, Flagship Information Technology Strategic Plan. She was appointed to LSU's Information Technology Security & Policy Advisory Committee and appointed to the CELT Advisory Council, 2006 - 2009.

Paul Kelsey co-authored "AFCPE's Research Journal Now in Important Indexing and Abstracting Services." *The Standard: Financial Counseling, Planning, Education* (Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Newsletter) 26 no. 1 (2007).

Tara Laver has published part of a chapter, "Letters of William H. Whitney from the Red River Campaign," in *Little to Eat and Thin Mud to Drink: Letters, Diaries, and Memoirs from the Red River Campaigns, 1863-1864*, edited by Gary Joiner. Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2007.

Elisabeth Pankl, Primary Investigator, and **Sigrid Kelsey**, Committee Member, were awarded a \$2500.00 grant from American Library Association's "Let's Talk About It," a reading and discussion program. The grant, which is entitled "Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel," was awarded for 2007-2008.

Elisabeth Pankl & Sigrid Kelsey, LSU, were awarded an ALA's "Let's Talk About It" grant entitled "Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel."



Louisiana Tech University

Peggy Carter, Archivist, was featured in a full page article for the *Ruston Daily Leader* on April 2, 2007. In "Reaching for the Prize: A Passionate Search," Peggy describes her work, her upbringing in Castor, Louisiana, and her children. It was her daughter Miriam who encouraged her to pursue a higher education degree which eventually led to her receiving a MLIS and a post graduate certificate in archival management. Complete with color photographs of the library's archives department, the article provides insight to the collection and should inspire others considering a career in library science.

McNeese State University

Debbie Johnson-Houston is the new Serials Librarian. She previously served as Reference Librarian at McNeese Library since Summer 2006.

Walt Fontane has been hired as new a Reference Librarian.

Tulane University

Jennifer Corbin joined the staff on March 12 as the Reference Librarian/Instruction Coordinator. Prior to her arrival at Tulane, Corbin worked as Reference & Instruction Librarian at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA from 2003 to 2007, and received her M.L.S. from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1999. She recently presented a poster session at the 13th National ACRL Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Lynn Abbott, Library Assistant in the Hogan Jazz Archive at Tulane University, recently published his second book, *Ragged but Right: Black Traveling Shows, "Coon Songs," and the Dark Pathway to Blues and Jazz* (Univ. Press of Mississippi, 2007), co-authored with **Doug Seroff**.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

On April 30, Dupré Library held a celebration to highlight the acquisition of its millionth volume. *The Nature of Things at Lake Martin: Exploring the Wonder of Cypress Island Preserve in Southern Louisiana* by Nancy Camel (Acadian House, 2006) was prominently displayed as the millionth volume, and a new portrait of Edith Garland Dupré, founder of the library, was unveiled. Speakers were **Charles W. Triche, III**, Director of University Libraries; Ray Authement, President of the University; Della Bonnette, Vice President for Information and Technology; Donald Pavy, representing the Dupré family; and Janine Collins, the artist who created Edith Garland Dupré's portrait.

Bruce Turner, Head of Special Collections, mounted an exhibit about Edith Garland Dupré in the library stairwell. Several pieces of Dupré's furniture, donated to the library by family members, were also on display. Music and refreshments added to the festivities of the celebration.

Several librarians participated in the 2007 LLA Conference. **Sheryl Curry**, Head of Internet Access Services, and **Lance Chance**, former Systems Librarian and current Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, presented "Bridging the Gap from Technology to Service: The Changing Role of the Academic Systems Librarian." Presenters for "Publish, Don't Perish! How to Cross that Bridge: A Panel Discussion" were **Denise Goetting**, Head of Cataloging; **Susan Richard**, Head of Reference; **Sheryl Curry**; and **Betsy Miguez**, Reference Librarian.

Sherry T. Broussard is now Head of Special Projects, Services, and Gifts. Her new responsibilities include planning and implementing the Friends of Dupré Library Annual Spring and Fall Book Sales, receiving gifts and book donations, and editing the library's newsletter, *Joie de livres*. The Spring Book Sale raised \$1,028.15.

Denise Goetting participated in the annual "I Love Technology" workshop for public library directors on February 14. She spoke about iLink, e-resources, and WorldCat. The workshop was sponsored by the Bayouland Library System and held at the Lafayette Public Library.



Denise Goetting, Head of Cataloging, catalogs Dupré Library's one millionth volume.

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University of New Orleans

Rodney Clare Jackman recently joined the library as the Information Literacy/First Year Initiative Librarian. She previously worked at the Sims Memorial Library at Southeastern Louisiana University as a reference and instruction librarian.

Christina O'Grady was hired as the new Science Librarian. Tina came to UNO from Catholic University of America where she was employed as the Acting Head of the Science Libraries.

The UNO Student Government recently purchased 204 DVD titles for circulation to the student, faculty and staff population of UNO. Many UNO students who do not have transportation indicated a need for easy access to newly released DVDs. Student Government President Georgios Mazarakis, Dean Sharon Mader, and library staff members Michael Arseneau and Sharon Robinson collectively made this possible. A list of titles is available through a link on the library's website. The collection includes popular television and cable programs as well. To make sure the titles ordered represent student interests, an electronic link for suggestions has been set up on the library's web site as well as a suggestion box placed by the DVD stand for students to use. Its success has involved many people within the library as well as developing a partnership with the Student Government.

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of UL Lafayette. Both Denise and Jeremy were always there to help with certain details of the Academic Section and the LLA Conference.

The Academic Section also thanks Melinda Matthews and Dinah Williams, University of Louisiana at Monroe, for serving on the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Melinda was the Committee Chair. And thanks to Dinah Williams who also served as Chair of the Academic-Thorpe Associates Grassroots Grant Committee. Montié Dobbins was the award winner of the grant.

I appreciate the support and assistance provided to me by Beverly Laughlin and Denise Copeland of the Louisiana Library Association and by the LLA Executive Officers during my term as Chair of the Academic Section.

Be sure to watch for the "call for proposals" for next year's conference in Shreveport. I know Carla, Betsy and Shelby will do a fine job as officers for the Academic Section.

FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED BY TULANE'S LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARY

The Latin American Library at Tulane University is pleased to announce the Richard E. Greenleaf Library Fellowships to support research at the library. These fellowships are made possible through the generosity of Tulane emeritus professor and distinguished historian Dr. Richard E. Greenleaf. Their purpose is to offer researchers who permanently reside in any country of Latin America or the Caribbean short-term residential fellowships to use the resources of the Latin American Library at Tulane to conduct research in any field of the humanities or social sciences. More information is available at: <http://lal.tulane.edu/greenleaf.html>