



# Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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## *From the Chair* by Rob Bremer

Our 2009-2010 year nears its zenith ... with our celebration of “Louisiana Libraries: The Heart of Our Communities” at our Association’s Annual Conference on Wednesday-Friday, March 10-12, in the Baton Rouge Hilton Capitol Center!

**Do come ... Don't miss –**

- Wednesday’s Academic Section-sponsored Pre-Conference “Using Open Source Tools to Enhance the Library Experience,” as well as “Louisiana Libraries: Advocacy on the Frontlines” with ALA President Camila Alire and “The FSU Libraries Hurricane Preparedness and Response Website” (both co-sponsored by our Section);
- Any of the ten programs sponsored/co-sponsored by the Academic Section, including: “Accessibility for All: The True Heart of Our Libraries,” “Copyright for Librarians,” “Information Literacy and the Freshman Seminar at ULL,” “Open Hearts, Open Arms: Reaching Out to Our Communities,” “Professional Development for the Underfunded Library Staff Member,” “Scholarly Communication: Sliced, Diced and Re-Assembled,” “Signs of the Times: a Signage Share Session,” “Story-Telling Workshop,” “We Promise Not to Lose Them: Community Involvement in Library Collaboration - A Digitization Project,” and “Your Web Applications on Your Space;”
- Our annual Section Business Meeting on Thursday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m., in the Capitol Center’s King Room ... when the Academic Section’s 2010-2011 Officers will be presented, the 2010 “Outstanding Academic Librarian” will be announced and this year’s “Grassroots Grant” attendee will be introduced and when we shall consider both updating the guidelines for the “Grassroots Grant” and further defining our collaborative relationships with other groups of academic librarians;
- Our annual “Meet-and-Greet” social with the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Capitol Room ... when our ACRL colleagues present their 2010 “Scholar Librarian of the Year” Award and tell us about *Codex*, their new open-access journal;

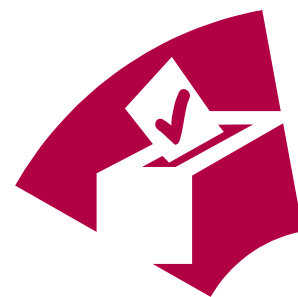
**Do come ... Don't miss –**

*Any of the ten programs sponsored or co-sponsored by the Academic Section...as well as many other meetings, programs, and socials at the 2010 LLA Annual Conference!*

*Rob Bremer  
Academic Section Chair*

As well as many other meetings, programs, and socials ... **and** the fellowship our Annual Conference always brings!

# Academic Section News



## Nominations for Office 2010-2011

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Nicole Morello  
Baton Rouge Community College

### Secretary

Karen Niemla  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

## Committee Appointments

### Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee

Sybil Boudreaux, University of New Orleans, Chair  
Lila Jefferson, University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Shelby Anfenson-Comeau, Louisiana State University Eunice

### Grassroots Grant Committee

Van Viator, Nicholls State University, Chair  
Eric Grunes, Centenary College  
Walt Fontaine, McNeese State University

### Louisiana Libraries Editorial Board

Dayne Sherman, Southeastern Louisiana University

### LLA Conference Planning Committee and ACRL-LA Liaison

Don Smith, University of Louisiana at Monroe

### Notes & Tracings Editor

Susan Richard, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

### Tellers

Betsy Miguez, University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Michele Woods, Xavier University

### Long Range Planning Task Force

Angela Dunnington, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Charlotte Henderson, Southern University



# *Library news from around the state*

## *Louisiana State University*

**Stephanie Braunstein** was elected as the Louisiana Library Association Councilor to the American Library Association, 2010-2013. **Braunstein** published a book review of *The Library Instruction Cookbook* by Ryan L. Sittler and Douglas Cook in *Codex* 1:1 (2010), 123-127: <http://journal.acrlla.org/index.php/codex/article/viewFile/10/35>. *Codex* is the new online journal of the Louisiana ACRL.

**Linda Smith Griffin** has been appointed as the ALCTS-CRS representative to the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), 2010-2012. **Griffin** is the incoming chair of the ALCTS-CCS Heads of Cataloging Interest Group, 2010-2012, and **Griffin** has been selected as a participant in the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education: Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Class of 2010.

**Sigrid Kelsey** served on the Editorial Advisory Board for *Cases on Successful E-Learning Practices in the Developed and Developing World: Methods for the Global Information Economy*, edited by Bolanle A. Olaniran, IGI Global, 2009. **Sigrid Kelsey** and **Angela VandenBroek** wrote "Web-Mediated Resource Distribution for a Library Web Site," *Codex* 1:1 (2010), 49-82. It is available online at <http://journal.acrlla.org/index.php/codex/article/view/14>.

The LSU Libraries is pleased to present an exceptional traveling exhibition developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and made available free of charge to selected libraries. *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine* focuses on the Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science and medicine including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy. The free standing graphic panels will be on display in the lobby of Middleton Library from January 24-March 6, and there are related displays throughout the Libraries. A detailed description can be found on the LSU Libraries web page at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu> or contact **Peggy Chalaron** ([pchlar@lsu.edu](mailto:pchlar@lsu.edu) or 225-578-7068) for more information.

In conjunction with the traveling exhibition "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine," LSU Libraries' Special Collections have mounted "Occult Science and Philosophy in the Renaissance." Curated by **Michael Taylor**, the exhibition explores the real-life history that inspired Rowling. It is on display in the library's lecture hall from Jan. 25 through Mar. 6. Visitors will be able to view original copies of books printed as early as 1536.

The LSU Libraries hosted a successful "welcome home" party for the double elephant folio first edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*, which was treated by Etherington Conservation Services in Greensboro, NC, thanks to a grant from the Coypu Foundation. More than 140 enthusiastic visitors attended the event, held January 23, 2010.



*Checking in. Staff members Linda Griffin, Barry Cowan, and Brad Wiles signed in visitors for the 10 a.m. showing.*



*Staff member Sarah Ferstel (right) pauses so that visitors can admire the white pelican depicted in volume 4.*



*Curator Elaine Smyth answers questions while visitors view volume three.*

The LSU Libraries' Special Collections division launched a new, improved website on January 26, 2010. We welcome your comments on our new look. Check it out at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/>.

On February 22, the LSU Libraries will open a new exhibition entitled "Campus Chronicle: 150 Years of LSU." This exhibition of images and documents from the University Archives and selected manuscript collections is presented in conjunction with the campus-wide commemoration of LSU's Sesquicentennial in 2010. Topics include the military character of the original Seminary of Learning, academics, athletics, student life, the Civil Rights movement, prominent faculty, buildings and more. The exhibition will run through May 29, 2010.

## *Library news from around the state*

### *Southeastern Louisiana University*

**Angela Dunnington**, Coordinator of Library Science, Melissa Goldsmith (Nicholls State University), and Jessica Hutchings (McNeese State University) presented an "Information Literacy Committee Update" at the LOUIS Users Conference in Baton Rouge on October 2. Angela was selected to serve as Chair of the LALINC Information Literacy Committee. Angela also serves as a member of the Online Services Subcommittee of LLA's Long Range Planning Committee.

**Penny Hecker**, Reference/Instruction Librarian, attended ACRL Immersion from July 26-July 31 in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Mary Frances Marx**, Reference/Instruction Librarian published "Dr. Zhou and Beyond, From the Smart Guesser to Content Systems," in the *Charleston Conference Proceedings 2008*, edited by Beth R. Bernhardt, Tim Daniels, Kim Steinle, and Katina Strauch (Series Editor), Greenwood Press.

**Lynette Ralph**, Assistant Director and **Cathy Tijerino**, Head of Cataloging, published an article entitled "Knowledge Management and Library culture" in *College and Undergraduate Libraries*, 16 2009. This article was also chosen as a featured article in the December 2009 issue of *The Informed Librarian Online*. Lynette also published an article entitled "If You Build It They May Not Come" in *Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship*, 10(2), 2009.

**Dayne Sherman**, Coordinator of User Education, published a short story, "One More Disaster," in the Spring 2009 issue of *The Louisiana Review*. **Dayne's**, interview with Tim Gautreaux (Southeastern's Writer in Residence) appeared in Issue 63 of *Image: A Journal of Art and Religion*.

**Beth Stahr**, Head of Reference and Instruction, reviewed *Mississippi Valley Mélange: A Collection of Notes and Documents for the Genealogy and History of the Province of Louisiana and the Territory of Orleans* in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 97, No. 2, June 2009. She also published an article, "SMS Library Reference Service Options" in *Library Hi Tech News*, Volume 26, No. 3 & 4, doi: 10.1108 / 07419050910979955. Beth served on a two-person SMS Text Message Reference Academic Library Panel Session at the Handheld Librarian Online Conference on July 30, 2009. 212 persons attended the session, which also included Alexa Pearce from New York University.

**Beth Stahr** and **Angela Dunnington** served as instructors of "Designing Specialized Information Literacy Courses in Higher Education," an online seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) as part of their eLearning series from October 19 through November 6. The three-week course provided librarians and other information specialists with the tools for developing or expanding subject-specific online information literacy courses at their institutions.

**Mary Lou Strong**, Reference/Instruction Librarian, and **Angela Dunnington**, Coordinator of Library Science, published an article titled "Can u wiki, Flickr, and blog? An Introduction to Social Networking Tools for Your Library," in the fall 2009 issue of *Louisiana Libraries*.



## *Library news from around the state*

### *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

Construction on the Ernest J. Gaines Center, located on the third floor of Dupré Library, is nearing completion. UL Lafayette established the Ernest J. Gaines Center in 2008, and construction began in August 2009. Dr. Marcia Gaudet currently serves as Director.

The Ernest J. Gaines Center is an international center for scholarship on Ernest Gaines and his work. The center honors the work of UL Lafayette's Writer-in-Residence Emeritus and provides a space for scholars and students to work with the Gaines papers and manuscripts. Gaines's generous donation of his early papers and manuscripts (through 1983) and some artifacts to the library provided the foundation for the center's collection. The center also anticipates acquiring the remainder of Gaines's papers.

Along with the Gaines papers and published scholarship, the Ernest J. Gaines Center can also anticipate the donation of extensive papers, manuscripts, and tape-recorded interviews of Gaines scholars. The center will expand the collection on Gaines to include all books, journal articles, essays, interviews, theses, and dissertations on Gaines and his work. In addition, it will include a complete collection of all the published translations of Gaines's writings. It will be the site of the only complete collection of Ernest Gaines scholarship in the world.

Information about the Ernest J. Gaines Center is available at <http://library.louisiana.edu/Gaines/>.



### *University of New Orleans*

The Nippon Foundation, Tokyo, recently selected the Earl K. Long Library as a recipient of their "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan" donation program. **Connie Phelps**, Librarian and Chair, Services Department, wrote the successful application. The books, in English, were selected by experts with extensive knowledge of Japan and provide a basic introduction to contemporary Japan. Earl K. Long Library has gratefully received this collection, which will be used by students and faculty, especially those in the UNO-Japan summer study program. You can view the list of 100 books at:

[http://library.uno.edu/collections/Nippon\\_Foundation\\_Book\\_Donation.pdf](http://library.uno.edu/collections/Nippon_Foundation_Book_Donation.pdf).

One of the most highly prized collections of the Earl K. Long Library is the *Historical Archives of the Supreme Court of Louisiana* (1813-1920). Thanks to a grant of \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, over 20,000 case files from 1813 to 1878 were converted from microfilm and the original fragile paper to electronic files (2.8 million images), which are now available to researchers around the world. The collection includes maps, photographs, surveys, printed briefs, and a wealth of other documentation. Case files are being added to the LOUISiana Digital Library at <http://library.uno.edu/collections/supremecourt.html>. For further information and to access the rest of the collection, contact the Louisiana & Special Collections Department at the Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans, 504-280-6544 or [libspec@uno.edu](mailto:libspec@uno.edu).

**Keith Pickett**, Digital Initiatives Librarian, was elected chair of the LOUISiana Digital Library Committee in October 2009. He will give a presentation titled "Digital Learning and the LOUISiana Digital Library" at the LASL Midwinter Conference on January 30, 2010.

**Sonnet Brown**, Federal Documents Librarian, was selected as a participant in ALA's 2010 Class of Emerging Leaders. The Emerging Leaders program enables newer librarians from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts them on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership. Sonnet's group is working to organize professional development webinars for LearnRT.

To further promote the Census, **Sonnet Brown** is presenting at the Louisiana Association of School Librarians Midwinter Conference. The presentation, *Embracing the 2010 Census: Brought to you by the Letter C and the Number 10*, is designed to show school librarians how they can promote the Census in their libraries. It will also show librarians resources that they can share with teachers, including Census lesson plans and class activities designed for different subjects at various grade levels.

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## LLA Conference

*Hilton Capitol Center*  
**Downtown Baton Rouge**  
**March 10-12, 2010**