

ARL ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008–09

Thomas C. Leonard, the Kenneth and Dorothy Hill University Librarian and a Professor in the Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, began a one-year term as ARL President on October 16, 2008, during the ARL Membership Meeting. He succeeds Marianne I. Gaunt, University Librarian, Rutgers. Gaunt continues to serve as a member of the ARL Board of Directors and Executive Committee as Past President. Also on October 16, the membership ratified the Board of Directors election of Brinley Franklin, Vice Provost, University Libraries, University of Connecticut, as ARL Vice President/President-Elect.

Three new Board members were elected by the membership to serve three-year terms: Colleen Cook, Dean of University Libraries, Holder of the Sterling C. Evans Chair in Librarianship, Texas A&M University; James Mullins, Dean of Libraries, Purdue University; and Sandra G. Yee, Dean, University Library System, Wayne State University.

Continuing members of the Board are: Barbara I. Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee; Carol A. Mandel, Dean of the Division of Libraries, New York University; Dana C. Rooks, Dean of Libraries, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair, University of Houston; Winston Tabb, Sheridan Director and Dean of University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University; Karin A. Trainer, University Librarian, Princeton University; Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University; Charles B. Lowry, ex officio, Executive Director, ARL; Sarah Michalak, ex officio, University Librarian and Associate Provost, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and James Neal, ex officio, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University.

ARL TRANSITIONS

Boston College: Thomas B. Wall has been named University Librarian, effective March 1, 2009. He is currently Associate University Librarian and Director of Public Services at Duke University.

National Agricultural Library (NAL): Peter Young resigned as NAL Director to take the position of Chief of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress. Eleanor Frierson, NAL Deputy Director, was appointed NAL Acting Director. Both transitions were effective October 31, 2008.

ARL STAFF TRANSITIONS

Henry Gross joined the ARL staff as Applications Developer, Statistics & Measurement, effective October 28, 2008. Henry holds a degree in computer science from Carleton College.

OTHER TRANSITIONS

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):

Chairman Bruce Cole announced his departure from NEH to become the President and CEO of the American Revolution Center, effective January 2009.

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Elias A. Zerhouni stepped down as NIH Director in October 2008.

HONORS

Donald H. Dyal, Dean of Libraries, Texas Tech University, was confirmed by the US Senate in July 2008 as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB). He will serve in the position through 2013.

Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), received the 2008 American Society of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Award of Merit at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in October 2008.

GRANTS

In celebration of their groundbreaking Social Entrepreneurs Series, FRONTLINE/World, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, selected 50 public and academic libraries to receive grants of \$500 plus supporting program materials. The grant funds will promote the screening and discussion of one the series's short documentary films on innovative social entrepreneurs around the world. Three ARL libraries were selected to receive the grant:

Case Western Reserve University
University of Florida
Florida State University

MEMORIALS

Jerrold Orne, 1911–2008

Jerrold Orne died July 13, 2008. He was University Librarian at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill from 1957 to 1972 and a faculty member of the UNC School of Library Science. During his tenure as University Librarian at UNC, he served on a number of ARL committees.

Vern Mathew Pings, 1923–2008

Vern Mathew Pings died November 3, 2008, at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was at Wayne State University for 25 years, first as a medical librarian and later as Director of Libraries 1971–82, where he was active in local and regional interlibrary cooperation. As an ARL member representative for over a decade, Pings helped direct the Association's efforts to encourage development of an electronic network in support of interlibrary loan.