

## ARL MEMBERSHIP CONVENES

On October 15, ARL President Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers) convened the 153rd ARL Membership Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, with 108 member libraries represented. The two-day program featured remarks by two provosts, by ARL directors, and by other librarians who participated in one of ARL's leadership development programs: Leadership and Career Development Program (LCDP) and Research Library Leadership Fellows (RLLF) Program.

### Diversity in Higher Education & LCDP Anniversary

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Provost Bernadette Gray-Little opened the meeting with keynote remarks on diversity in higher education. Weaving her personal educational experience into the larger picture of change for US higher education, she made a compelling case for the cumulative impact of many steps, even modest ones, that aim to increase diversity of the student population and the faculty and research library workforce. Her remarks were followed by a panel convened by Karin Trainer (Princeton) celebrating the 10th anniversary of ARL's LCDP. Speakers included LCDP alumni Anthony Smith (Miami), Aisha Harvey (Duke), and Jeannie An (McMaster)—who described the impact of the LCDP on their views about leadership roles as well as the future of research libraries—and Nancy Baker (Iowa) and Vivian Lewis (McMaster)—who addressed the positive experience of sponsoring or serving as a career coach for an LCDP participant. The panel concluded with a salute and standing ovation for Jerome Offord for his leadership of ARL diversity initiatives over the past five years. A reception followed where Marianne Gaunt offered a toast celebrating past and future LCDP participants and sponsoring libraries.

### The Future for the Work of Extended Arguments

ARL's Scholarly Communication Steering Committee sponsored a program featuring James J. O'Donnell, Provost, Georgetown University, who, both as humanist and provost, considered the recent evolution of the role of monographs, particularly in validating the quality of scholarship. O'Donnell emphasized that the real issue for the future of monographs continues to be clearly

identifying the best works to be published. The long-term trend of scholarly publishers placing increasing weight on works that appeal to broader markets has worked against the needed focus on quality, he argued, and newer issues, such as debates around the application of network technologies and business models, further distract attention from the core issue of rewarding quality work.

### Leadership Roles in Research Libraries

Nancy Cline (Harvard) convened a program with Nancy Eaton (Penn State) and Martha Bedard (New Mexico) reflecting on the strategic issues and success factors associated with executive leadership of research libraries. The three directors, each at different points in their own careers as ARL library director, commented on the need and options for nurturing succession planning in the ARL community. They highlighted the distinctive role of ARL's Research Library Leadership Fellows (RLLF) Program, in which they had each been involved as either sponsor or participant, citing the importance of being introduced to the complexity of leadership roles in a large research institution. The panel was followed by concurrent discussions led by the current RLLF fellows.



Eleven LCDP alumni attended the 153rd ARL Membership Meeting (left to right): Allison Sutton, Anthony Smith, LaVentra Danquah, Jerome Conley, Karen Downing, Corey Murata, Aisha Harvey, Nevil Prendergast, Vicky Coleman, Patrick José Dawson; accompanied by: Charles B. Lowry (ARL), Karin Trainer (Princeton), DeEtta Jones-Young (ARL consultant), Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers), Jerome Offord (OCLC, formerly ARL); not pictured: Jeannie An. Copyright © 2008 Frank Sciorba Photography

### E-Science: Trends, Transformations & Responses

Wendy Lougee (Minnesota) convened a panel to review the future of e-science and implications for library support. Speaking from the view of a multi-agency federal program, Chris Greer (NITRD) gave a preview of how future scientists will conduct their research, emphasizing the distributed, collaborative, and data-intensive nature of their work. Biologist William Michener (New Mexico) illustrated the trend lines with a case study from the multi-decadal research undertaken by the Ecological Research Network. Rick Luce (Emory) summarized past motivations of library collaborative actions and concluded, "the next phase requires an expanded mission of shared purpose" and "a shift from a focus on products (e.g., reference) to process (e.g., team science)." The points raised by the panelists were elaborated the following day in a separate ARL/CNI Forum, "Reinventing Science Librarianship: Models for the Future." *Audio and slides of the panelists and the full forum are on the ARL Web site at <http://www.arl.org/resources/pubs/fallforumproceedings/forum08proceedings.shtml>.*

*Membership Meeting background papers and speaker slides are on the ARL Web site at <http://www.arl.org/resources/pubs/mmproceedings/153mm-proceedings.shtml>.*

## ARL ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008–09

**T**homas 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.