

News

ARL Transitions

Albany, SUNY: Frank D'Andraia is stepping aside as Dean and Director of Libraries and beginning a transition from practitioner to professor. He will teach in the College of Computing and Information at Albany starting in the fall. Mary Casserly is Acting Dean and Director of Libraries. She was previously Assistant Director for Collections.

British Columbia: Ingrid Parent has been appointed University Librarian, effective July 1. She is currently Assistant Deputy Minister for the Documentary Heritage Collection Sector at Library and Archives Canada.

California, Davis: University Librarian Marilyn Sharrow began a one-year medical leave of absence. During this leave period, the responsibilities of her position are being shared by Associate University Librarians Helen Henry and Gail Yokote.

Library and Archives Canada: Daniel J. Caron was named Librarian and Archivist of Canada, effective April 25. He was previously Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management and Horizontal Integration Sector, Library and Archives Canada. Ian E. Wilson, the former Librarian and Archivist of Canada has retired and now holds the title of Librarian and Archivist of Canada Emeritus as President of the International Council on Archives.

Ohio State: Joe Branin announced his resignation as Director of Libraries, effective late summer 2009. He has accepted a new position as the founding Director of the Library and Museum for King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia, effective September 1.

South Carolina: Thomas McNally was named Dean of Libraries, effective in February. He served as Interim Dean of Libraries since 2007, prior to which he was Director of the Thomas Cooper Library beginning in 2003.

ARL Staff Transitions

There have been three staff developments within the ARL Statistics and Measurement Program: **Kristina Justh** resigned as Customer Relations Coordinator, Statistics and Measurement Program, effective February 12.

MaShana Davis announced plans to resign as Technical Communications Liaison, Statistics and Measurement, effective at the end of the summer;

she has been named a National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow for 2009–10, effective August 31. To take their places, **David Green**, a recent MSLS graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed Library Relations Coordinator, Statistics and Measurement, effective May 11.

Mark A. Puente was appointed Director of Diversity Programs, effective March 16. He was previously Coordinator of Digital Projects and Special/Gift Collections for the Music and Performing Arts Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

Crit Stuart retired as Director, Research, Teaching, and Learning (RTL). Crit is relocating to San Diego to be near his family and plans to be available for short-term consultations. To lead the RTL program, **Karla Hahn** was appointed ARL Assistant Executive Director, Research, Teaching, and Learning. Karla was formerly Director, ARL Office of Scholarly Communication. To lead the Scholarly Communication program, **Julia Blixrud** was named ARL Assistant Executive Director, Scholarly Communication. Julia was formerly ARL Assistant Executive Director, External Relations, and SPARC Assistant Director, Public Programs. These changes in program leadership were effective April 1.

Other Transitions

American Library Association (ALA) Office for Diversity: Miguel A. Figueroa was named Director of the ALA Office for Diversity, effective May 5. Figueroa was previously Network Services Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region, Ehrman Medical Library, New York University Langone Medical Center.

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities: NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges) changed its name to the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), effective March 30.

Digital Library Federation (DLF): The board of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) voted to merge DLF into CLIR as a program of the council, effective July 1. DLF Executive Director Peter Brantley accepted a position as a Director with the Internet Archive; CLIR announced plans to hire a program officer to lead the DLF.

Knowledge River, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science: Sandra Littletree, currently a Fellow at North Carolina State University Libraries, has been appointed Knowledge River Program Manager,

effective June 1. Knowledge River is a program for the study of library and information issues, services, and technologies related to Hispanics and Native Americans.

National Archives and Records Administration: Allen Weinstein resigned as Archivist of the United States, effective December 19, 2008, noting health concerns as the reason for stepping down. Deputy Archivist Adrienne Thomas has been named Acting Archivist until a new appointment is named and confirmed.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): President Obama appointed Carole M. Watson to serve as Acting Chairman of the NEH. She most recently served as NEH Assistant Chairman for Partnership and National Affairs. Watson succeeds Bruce Cole, who resigned effective January 2009.

Honors

Minnesota won an Association of College and Research Libraries 2009 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award, which recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution.

Randy Olsen (Brigham Young) received the inaugural BioOne-SPARC Howard Goldstein Award to Advance Scholarly Communication on April 16 at a special ceremony in conjunction with BioOne's annual meeting of publishers, librarians, and partners. The award was created in 2008 to recognize and encourage efforts to enhance the sustainability of communication within the scholarly community.

Recent Reports from ARL

Transformational Times: An Environmental Scan Prepared for the ARL Strategic Plan Review Task Force, February 2009

by Charles B. Lowry, Prudence Adler, Karla Hahn, and Crit Stuart

<http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/transformational-times.pdf>

Identifies trends that are likely to affect research libraries and the work of ARL over the next several years and considers related challenges as well as opportunities.

The Research Library's Role in Digital Repository Services: Final Report of the ARL Digital Repository Issues Task Force, February 2009

<http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/repository-services-report.pdf>

Identifies key issues surrounding repository development, explores common strategies that libraries are using, analyzes relevant environmental trends, discusses issues where ARL and its member libraries should focus attention, and recommends actions for research libraries to take.

ARL Calendar 2009

<http://www.arl.org/events/calendar/>

May 19–22	ARL Board & Membership Meeting Houston, Texas
July 9–15	ARL at ALA Annual Conference Chicago, Illinois
July 27–28	ARL Board Meeting Washington DC
August 17	LibQUAL+® at Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement Florence, Italy
October 13–16	ARL Board & Membership Meeting Washington DC
December 14–15	CNI Fall Task Force Meeting Washington DC

2010 Meetings

April 27–30, 2010	ARL Board & Membership Meeting Seattle, Washington <i>Note new dates</i>
July 12–14, 2010	National Diversity in Libraries Conference Princeton, New Jersey
October 12–15, 2010	ARL Board & Membership Meeting Washington DC
November 8–9, 2010	SPARC Digital Repositories Meeting Baltimore, Maryland