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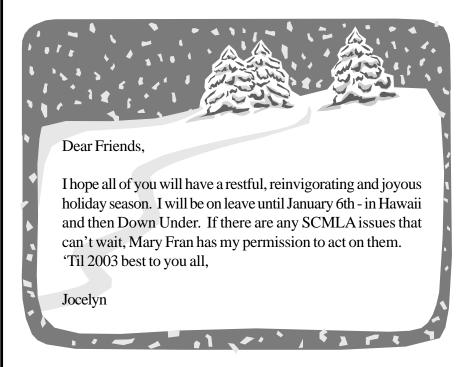
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Message from the Chair

Jocelyn Rankin



Nashville and Beyond

SC/MLA Members —

Many thanks to all our hard working volunteers, committee chairs, committee members, meeting attendees, and all the Eskind library staff for helping to make the Nashville meeting such a success!!! It was a great meeting AND fun too. [See Pat Higginbottom's summary of the meeting on p. 5.]

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Mary Fran Prottsman, our 2003 Program Chair, and the Local Arrangements Committee at Calder Library are already making great progress in planning for next year's meeting. They want your ideas too, so please send program suggestions to Mary Fran at

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Honors and Awards

John Orriola - Winner of Annual Research Committee Award

Winner of Annual Research Committee Award To Study Literature Searching Instruction

To encourage its members to conduct research and apply scientific methods to library decision-making, Southern Chapter annually accepts applications for research awards of up to \$1000 per project. This year's award goes to support the work of **John J. Orriola**, M.A., M.Ed., and his assistant **Ellen E. Stanley**, M.Ed., for their proposal to study Strategic Competency-Based Incremental Literature Searching Instruction for the Medical Student.

John Orriola is Head of Education Services at Shimberg Health Sciences Center Library at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, where he has been employed since 1995. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science. Ellen Stanley is a USF School of Library and Information Science student who will receive her M.A. degree in library science in December 2002.

Below is the information John shared about the project:

Q: What research question are you hoping to answer? We hope to determine how medical students should be taught to search health care literature. We hope to achieve a generalizable, standardized, systematic methodology for attaining or mastering competencies by medical students. It is very exciting to me that the research project regarding discovering and setting forth the criteria to be employed by educators in teaching medical literature searching to medical students is underway at last.

Q: What methodology are you planning to use? The project in part will consist of gathering opinions of medical faculty, curriculum developers and librarians from all across the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. This will be accomplished by means of surveys, per-

sonal interviews, and using both telephone and e-mail contacts. The results will be assembled in a database and distilled.

Q: What preliminary work have you done?

This is an area of interest that I have been involved in for many years. The question of how to search has been at the back of much of my work training students. It has affected how I have been training them as I have tried several approaches over the years. I have read extensively in the literature and examined research by others concerned with the same issues. Most recently I have been extensively examining prior research.



John Orriola

Q: What sparked your interest in this area of research?

Literature search instruction seems reactive in its approach due in part to an emphasis on the tools of access. As databases and providers change, the cycle begins again. On one hand, we demand that our medical practitioners manage the literature domain, but on the other hand, we do not have a comprehensive model based on universal standards to transmit the knowledge.

Q: What impact do you think your research will have for you or for other medical librarians involved in instruction?

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Personals

The Rookie's Honor - My First Southern Chapter Meeting

It's true. I was definitely a rookie at the Southern Chapter MLA meeting. The level of experience and accomplishments that surrounded me were unbelievable! There were a few other rookies like myself observing with our eyes and mouths wide open in awe.

The meeting took place in Nashville, the great, little country-western city. Although I didn't have much desire to leave the fancy Sheraton that housed the meeting, I took a few breaks and saw the city. It was awesome, almost like a country-western Hollywood! Guys sported cowboy hats and boots, and women dazzled with cowgirl hats and sequin skirts. Vanna White was in town filming a commercial! And guess what? I ate at the country's original Houston's Restaurant. And I thought it originated in Houston, Texas. Silly me!

The glitz and glamour were endless! The banquet was held at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. The Southern Chapter's planning committee really outdid themselves. It was practically like an evening ball at the palace of Versailles. With wonderful food, wine, and jazz, we danced into the evening.

Not only was the SC meeting loaded with fun, but it was also an incredible educational experience. The CE classes were so informative and interesting, and in the wonderful setting of Vanderbilt University. The papers, posters, exhibits, and sessions were impressive. Even the business meeting was fun! Medical librarians can be very entertaining and show their country flair. I was so surprised to hear a song performed by Dolly Parton a.k.a. Jane Bridges, Minnie Pearl a.k.a. Anne Robichaux, Tammy Wynette a.k.a. Lynn Fortney, Dale Evans a.k.a. Diane Rourke, Junior Sample a.k.a. Jan LaBeause, Johnny Cash a.k.a. Scott Plutchak, and their roadie a.k.a. Carla Funk.

Southern Chapter truly has an incredible array of people. I'm proud to say that though I'm just a rookie now, I'm in incredible company. For a first MLA event, I would definitely recommend the SC meeting. Southern charm at its finest!

Submitted by Mary Gabriella Cassanova



Mary Cassanova and Janet Fisher

Nashville I in I Autumn II- II SC/MLA II Annual II Meeting II 2002

Of all the meetings I attend, the Southern Chapter Annual Meeting remains my favorite. Not only for the quality of the programming, wonderful locations, and informative continuing education classes but also because there are so many friends in the chapter who have always been welcoming. The 2002 meeting held in Nashville in October was no exception.

Programming

The theme for the meeting was "Libraries Creating One World: Connections, Collaborations, Cooperation." William W. Stead, MD, from Vanderbilt University, was the keynote speaker and he addressed the topic, "New Directions for the Profession." The Cunningham Lecture was delivered by Toni Carbo, PhD, from the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Her lecture dealt with the topic, "Challenges for Librarians Creating One World: Information Ethics and Policy Issues for Medical Librarians." Other programming included a panel discussion on mentoring, 18 contributed papers, and 15 presented posters.

Continuing Education

Seven CE courses were held in Nashville and covered the range of topics from copyright to PDAs to grant writing to molecular biology. Seventy-seven students were on hand to brush up on familiar topics, or like me to dip into an unfamiliar world (I was in molecular biology and genetics!)

Location, location

Nashville was beautiful in October, with moderate temperatures and mostly clear skies. Events were held at the Sheraton, the conference hotel, but also extended to the Vanderbilt Biomedical Library for an open house and tour, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts for the banquet, Radnor Lake for a hike, Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum for a tour

and not to be forgotten, the annual Majors walk around the capital and gardens.

Special Events

As I said, it is the people who make this meeting special. The chapter would not function without those people who serve on the Executive Board, who plan the events, who do the work through the whole year to keep the chapter running. Several people were recognized for their contributions to Southern Chapter this year. **Jan Orick** was named Hospital Librarian of the Year, **Mary Cassanova** was the recipient of the New Member/First Time Attendee Award, and much to my surprise, I was awarded a special service Award for my work on the web site (see p. 6). **Janet Fisher** was honored for serving as our chair for 2001-2002 and a new slate of officers was elected. In grand SC/MLA fashion those responsible for planning the meeting were given their due.

All in all, it was a wonderful meeting yet again. Special thanks go to the Program Committee, lead by **Jocelyn Rankin**, the Local Arrangements Committees, lead by **Nunzia Giuse** and **Marcia Epelbaum** and any and all others who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Submitted by Pat Higginbottom

Membership Award

To decide the winner of the free 2003 MLA membership, a drawing was held during our recent meeting in Nashville. The drawing included the names of all committee participants and officers plus those who volunteered for a committee assignment and were not chosen. **Jeanne Flowers** of Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation in Columbus, Georgia, was selected to receive the free 2003 MLA membership. Congratulations Jeanne!

Submitted by Marian Morris

Resolution Honoring

Patricia Creekmore Higginbettom

at the Annual Meeting of the

Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association Nashville, Tennessee October 20, 2002

Whereas, Patricia Creekmore Higginbottom joined our profession and our chapter a mere ten years ago; and

Whereas, During that short time she has accomplished much and distinguished herself greatly; and

Whereas, These accomplishments include devoted service at Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, from 1993 to the present, and where she now serves as Assistant Director for Information and Instructional Services; **and**

Whereas, These services are not limited to the library, but also include involvement with the Faculty Senate, the Benevolent Fund and the Volunteer Corps; **and**

Whereas, Her accomplishments also include unstinting service to the Medical Library Association, to its Southern Chapter, and to the Alabama Health Libraries Association in a variety of roles with progressively higher responsibilities; and

Whereas, These roles include chairing the Membership Committee of MLA, chairing the Communications Committee of this Chapter, and serving as president of the Alabama Health Libraries Association; and

Whereas, She is a scholar, educator, writer, and presenter, as demonstrated by the classes she has taught, the courses she has attended, the articles she has published and the papers she has delivered; and

Whereas, She has shown a human side as wife to Gary, mother of the twins Julie and Alex, and fanatical follower of the Chicago Cubs; and

Whereas, Most of all, Patricia has proved herself invaluable to the Chapter as the launcher of its web site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That this assembly express to Patricia its grateful and heartfelt thanks for all that she has done in its behalf in the critical area of communication; **and be it also**

Resolved, That appreciation be expressed to her husband and her children for their tolerance of the deprivation they must have endured while she worked on her many projects; **and be it further**

Resolved, That the Chicago Cubs be made to understand that if they lost a game it was due to her preoccupation with matters of a higher calling than watching and cheering; **and be it additionally**

Resolved, That the good wishes of the Chapter accompany her as she relinquishes her assignment, on condition that she help bail out whoever succeeds her; **and be it finally**

Resolved; That Patricia Creekmore Higginbottom be known henceforth as Patricia **Charlotte** Higginbottom - because of the **Wonderful Web that she Wove**.

Images[]from[]Nashville



Nancy Clemmons & Mark Hodges - Radnor Lake Hike



Jocelyn Rankin, Mary Cassanova & Andrew Todd



Hospital Librarians of the Year Past and Present - Jan Orick, Mary Fran Prottsman, Dixie Williamson, Nedra Cook



Pat Higginbottom & Janet Fisher



Poster Session



Southern Bombshells - Dianne (Cowgirl) Rourke, Anne Robichaux (Minne Pearl), Carla Funk (Roadie), Jane Bridges (Dolly Parton), Scott Plutchak (Johnny Cash), Jan LaBeause (Junior Samples), Lynn Fortney (Tammy Wynette)



Susie Corbett, Tracy Powell, Pat Higginbottom



Dancin' at the Banquet



Unique Collaborations Panel - Sandra Franklin, Jan LaBeause (moderator), Kay Due, Jane Bridges, Rita Smith, Nancy Lorenzi, Bobbie Carlson

Honors and Awards

We have been gratified by the attention this project has so far received. There have been several encouraging comments that provide further impetus to continue. Grant monies must be obtained to complete his project, some of which has been provided by SC/MLA. We are hopeful of obtaining the rest of the funds needed to proceed. The greatest challenge may be the process of synthesizing and distilling what we have collected and formulating it in publishable form. We hope that the results of this research will be useful to other medical librarians who train medical students.

To learn more about this research project, please contact John at the address below:

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Submitted by Rita Smith

Thank You

I wanted to say thank you for the Special Service Award given to me at the Nashville meeting. I enjoyed my work on the chapter website and how it allowed me to get to know so many people. The plaque was lovely and I will treasure it and the wonderful proclamation written by Mark. I can now count so many of you as friends and I hope to continue to work with you to serve the chapter for years to come!

Pat Higginbottom

Around[]the[]South

News from Alabama

ALHeLA Achievement Award Presented to Kay Hogan Smith

The Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA) recently presented its 2002 Achievement Award to **Kay Hogan Smith**. The ALHeLA Achievement Award honors an individual for outstanding service to ALHeLA or to the medical library profession; the previous award recipients are **Martha Verchot** (1999), **Judy Burnham** (1997), and **Barbara Doughty** (1994).

Kay has been a librarian for 17 years, first working in public libraries and then in health sciences libraries beginning in 1993. She is currently a Reference Librarian at UAB's Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences; she previously worked as the Medical Librarian at Baptist Medical Center Princeton. Kay has been active in many library associations during her career, including serving as ALHeLA President in 1997 and as current Co-Editor of Southern Expressions for SC/MLA. Her award nomination cited these many associational activities as well as other career achievements, giving special recognition to her work as Coordinator of the Health InfoNet of Jefferson County.

Congratulations Kay!

Submitted by Marian Morris, ALHeLA President



Tracy Powell and Kay Hogan Smith

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Chapter || Council || News

Report from Chapter Council

As this is written, 2002 is rapidly drawing to a close and by the time you read it we will be dealing with whatever the new year has to offer. Hope you had a relaxing holiday and are feeling ready to take on new challenges.

One thing you will want to put on your 2003 calendar is the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) satellite teleconference scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. central time. MLA's Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring this event and it will provide a clearer understanding of how HIPAA will impact libraries and information services. For information about the conference and site registration go to MLANET at: http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/hipaa/Also on MLANET is a new Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) policies and procedures manual. You can download this manual in PDF format at: http://www.mlanet.org/education/chc/

It contains a detailed outline of program requirements and accepted continuing-education activities. It also has details about the number of hours needed at each specialization level.

Deadlines for both the MLA Dental Section's 2003 Harriet L. Steuernagel Award and the MLA Collection Development Section's 2003 Daniel T. Richards Prize are rapidly approaching. Nominations for the Richards Prize are due by January 25th and those for the Steuernagel Award are due by January 31st. Each carries a cash award of \$250 and a certificate that will be awarded during MLA '03 in San Diego. There is a good possibility that both deadlines may have passed by the time you read this, but just in case...

MLA has revised the goals of the new strategic plan based on input from members and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will discuss recommended changes at their winter meeting in Chicago on January 30th so member comments and input will be received up until January 29th. The organization is very anxious to have your participation in this process. The current draft of the plan is available at http://www.mlanet.org/about/planning/draft_plan1202.html

During the annual meeting of the American Medical Publishers Association (AMPA) a seminar on archiving digital information will be co-sponsored by NLM and AMPA. Intended to educate publishers about archiving issues, the seminar is schedule for Tuesday, March 4th. The agenda and registration infromation is available at: http://www.ampaonline.org/fr_welcome.htm

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is seeking proposals for a project to conduct a large national study of the information needs and expectations of users and potential users of online information and the impact of having such information. A single award for up to \$500,000 will be made. IMLS has also posted revised draft guidelines for the Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century grant program on their website. To the explore the site go to http://www.imls.gov/

We close hoping that 2003 will bring peace and prosperity for us all.

Sarah Gable, Chapter Council Representative Jan LaBeause, Chapter Council Alternate

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Coming [] About: [] Designs [] for [] the [] Future, [] Reflections [] from [] the [] Past

SC/MLA Annual Meeting October 9-14, 2003 Coral Gables, FL



${\it Call} \ {\it Ifor} \ {\it IPresentations}$

You are invited to submit proposals for contributed papers and posters for the 2003 Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Coral Gables, FL. "Coming About" is a nautical term which means to turn or change a boat's direction into a more favorable direction. Presentations should relate to the theme of the meeting and should emphasize new directions being taken by information professionals, including distance learning, electronic resources, cultural competency, evidence-based medicine, and outreach.

Proposals should be submitted in the format of structured abstracts (See http://hubnet.buffalo.edu/mla/abstract.html). Each abstract may be up to 300 words in length and must include a list of authors, their institutional affiliations, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers as well as an indication of whether the submission is a Contributed Paper or Poster proposal.

The deadline for submissions is April 2, 2003.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Each paper will be 15 minutes in length. Email abstracts to Lyn Dennison using a Word or WordPerfect attachment.

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MLA Update

New MLA Publishing Format and Proposal Guidelines

The MLA Publishing Program, under the guidance of the MLA Books Panel, introduces the Quick Guide format to showcase current or emerging issues in librarianship. Envisioned as quick turnaround publications, the approximately 100-page, six-by-nine-inch softcover books will assess the current state of the profession. The titles will be copublished with Neal-Schuman Publishers and undergo peer-review by the Books Panel. Quick Guides are not intended to be comprehensive treatments of topics but concise, easy-to-digest books on focused topics. Quick Guides will help capture the immediacy of hot topics and guide readers through the issues.

The Books Panel also announces a change in the proposal process that makes submitting proposals easier for would-be authors. Please submit Quick Guide topics as well as proposals to the new publishing hotline at pubproposal@mlahq.org. Visit www.mlanet.org/publications/books/bookguid.html to view the new easy, two-step proposal guidelines.

Submitted by Sarah Gable

Medical Librarians Play Vital Role in Reduction of Medical Errors

A November 1999 report issued by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) stated that there are approximately one million medical errors each year resulting in 100,000 patient deaths more than from highway accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS. A follow-up report, issued in March 2001, again stated similar results and, the June 2001 death of a woman participating in a medical research study also underscores the need for obtaining the highest quality health information.

In his article, "The Role of Medical Librarians In Reducing Medical Errors," recently published by Healthleaders.com, Past MLA President J. Michael

Homan, AHIP, director of libraries, Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN, highlights the fact that medical librarians are the key to ensuring that clinicians have the accurate and timely Information they need to prevent such tragedies.

Homan also discusses the IOM suggestion that a vast majority of medical errors are system errors and that health care organizations be required to implement meaningful safety programs. "Medical librarians can prove to be invaluable assets," says Homan, who recommends that they be included on such patient or quality assurance committees and teams.

"Medical librarians can indeed change and even help save lives," states Carla J. Funk, CAE, MLA's executive director. "Several studies indicate that the accurate and current information provided by medical librarians can reduce unnecessary tests, procedures, surgery, and most importantly, patient deaths."

For example, in a 1991 study conducted in hospitals throughout the Rochester, New York area, physicians were asked to request from a medical librarian some information related to a current clinical case and evaluate its impact on patient care. Eighty percent of the physicians who participated said that hey would most likely handle some aspect of patient care differently than they would have without the librarian's assistance.

Homan's article, "The Role of Medical Librarians In Reducing Medical Errors," is available at http://www.healthleaders.com/news/feature1.php?contentid=38058.

MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of more than 1,100 institutions and 3,600 individual members in the health sciences information field, committed to educating health information professionals, supporting health information research, promoting access to the

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Pat Higginbottom - NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellow

I am delighted to announce that **Pat Higginbottom** has been selected as one of five NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellows for the coming year. The Leadership Fellows program pairs fellows with senior librarians who will serve as their mentors for the year. Pat has been paired with Judy Messerle, the Countway Librarian at Harvard. Fellows and mentors will participate in a variety of online and in-person activities, including a two-week practicum at the mentor's library. The program to prepare emerging leaders in academic health sciences libraries is jointly sponsored by NLM and AAHSL, offered in cooperation with ARL's Office of Leadership and Management Services. This year is the first of three years that NLM has agreed to support. Complete information about the program is available at http://www.arl.org/olms/fellows/.

2002-2003 NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellows Program Participants

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Director, Health Sciences Library, University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Head Reference Librarian
Cushing/ Whitney Medical Library, Yale University
Mentor: J. Michael Homan
Director of Libraries, Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation

Job Announcements

Alabama

Electronic Resources/Collection Development Librarian: The University of South Alabama Biomedical Library has an electronic resources/collection development librarian position available. The Electronic Resources/Collection Development Librarian manages electronic resources in the Biomedical Library and coordinates collection development. The position reports to the Head of Technical Services.

DESCRIPTION: Full position description available at http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/job.htm.

SALARY: Full-time, 12-month, faculty position with an annual salary of \$35,000 (minimum); appointment rank, tenure status and salary dependent upon experience and qualifications; excellent benefits.

APPLICATIONS: Position available October 1. Review of complete applications will begin Nov 1 and will continue until position is filled. Complete applications must include a resume, a letter of application, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three current professional references. Candidates should submit unofficial transcripts with their application; Official transcripts will be required before appointment is made. Send complete applications to: Ellen Sayed, Chair, Search Committee, Biomedical Library, BLB 326, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688 or sayed@jaguar1.usouthal.edu.

Georgia

MEDICAL LIBRARIAN

Crawford Long Hospital

Educational Information & Media Services Dept.

Full-Time: M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Minimum Hourly: \$15.48 Minimum Monthly:

\$2,683.20

JOB DESCRIPTION: Maintains, selects and organizes resources of the hospital health sciences library for use by physicians, hospital staff, and students. Solicits input from administration, health are providers

Hospital Libraries Committee

Congratulations Jan Orick, Hospital Librarian of the Year!



Thomas Hill and Jan Orick

The Hospital Library Committee is happy to announce that **Jan Orick**, librarian at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN is the Southern Chapter, Medical Library Association, Hospital Librarian of the Year 2002.

Jan was nominated by her colleagues, friends and coworkers. Everyone commented on Jan's enthusiasm, generosity and innovative spirit in supporting patrons, her institution and other librarians. Many of us know Jan from her work with THeSLA (the Tennessee Health Science Libraries Association), serving as Vice President and current President, and her numerous positions on committees in service to the Southern Chapter/MLA. Ms. Orick is a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, MLA and a member of the library science honor society Beta Phi Mu and the leadership honors society Omicron Delta Kappa.

Jan has presented posters and papers at many of the Tennessee Library Association meetings. Ms. Orick was appointed by the Tennessee Secretary of State to the Database Selection Committee for the Tennessee Electronic Library. She is a contributing author for the chapter, "Locating and evaluating medical information on the World Wide Web" in Steen and Mirro's Childhood Cancer: a handbook from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 2000. Ms. Orick presented a poster at the October 2002 Nashville SC/MLA meeting with Brenda Green, "Show me the money: locating resources for HIV/AIDS education funding." During the Hospital Library Luncheon during the same meeting Jan joined the technology round robin to give

us summary results on the use of Ariel by Southern Chapter hospital libraries.

Join us in congratulating this year's Southern Chapter Hospital Librarian of the Year, Jan Orick.

> Thomas Hill, Librarian Hospital Library Committee Chair

MLA HLS Info Tech Discussion Forum

Check out the MLA HLS Info Tech Discussion Forum discussed below. As usual, our own **Addajane Wallace** is leading the way.

Mary Fran Prottsman USAAMC, Fort Rucker, AL

The MLA Hospital Libraries Section Information Technology Committee is proud to introduce a newly-redesigned Discussion Forum available at http://www.georgetown.edu/dml/instruct/hls.html intended to provide an asynchronous venue in which technology issues — particularly those affecting hospital libraries — can be discussed. The Forum requires one-time registration (for the purpose of establishing a username and password), which is free.

Thanks to Georgetown University and Dahlgren Memorial Library for providing the server space necessary to establish this resource — and to Georgetown University's Brian Boston (of Georgetown's Center for New Design in Learning and Scholarship) for his assistance in creating a threaded, sortable database.

Please stop by the new, user-friendly Forum and share your thoughts or questions!

Becky Fisher Chair, MLA HLS Information Technology Comm.

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world's health sciences information, and working to ensure that the best health Information is available to all.

Mentoring: Sharing Experiences for Professional Growth

Mentoring has become a national movement in business and industry as organizations strive to insure recruitment, retention and productivity of talented employees. Librarians who have traditionally sought talented and respected colleagues to share opinions and experiences in an informal manner are experiencing the need to explore more formal approaches to mentoring as we continue to recruit new members to our profession.

This year at the MLA Annual Meeting in San Diego, there will be a three-hour program on Wednesday, May 7 from 9am to 12 noon where members can learn about and discuss how to further develop, implement and maintain mentoring activities in our organization. The committee responsible for planning this program is the first to be composed of members from both Section Council (Stephen Greenberg, Jett McCann, Tovah Reis) and Chapter Council (Irene Lovas, Paula Raimondo, Debbie Sibley).

Consultant Karen Garman, Ed.D., who spoke at the November 2001 joint meeting of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Librarians (AAHSL) and the Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), will set the stage for the program by providing an overview of mentoring. Dr. Garman is a nationally recognized speaker and consultant who specializes in the fields of mentoring, healthcare education, leadership and performance.

To share some of their unique experiences of professional growth, a distinguished panel of health sciences librarians including Sue Trombley, from the Arizona

Health Sciences Library in Tucson, Ruth Holst, currently the associate director, NN/LM Greater Midwest Region, and Rick Forsman, director of the Denison Memorial Library at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center will bring their perspectives of mentoring to the discussion. Sue is a recent graduate, Ruth is at mid-career and a former hospital librarian who has been and has mentored, and Rick is a "senior" librarian who has mentored librarians throughout his career.

A Town Meeting will cap off the morning. This will be the time for everyone to express opinions, to offer ideas and thoughts, and to ask any questions about mentoring. It will be an opportunity for MLA members to hear about the mentoring activities of MLA, its Sections and Chapters, and other professional associations and organizations. The frown Meeting will be the place to continue planning mentoring initiatives for our professional organization.

Before the Annual Meeting, there will be opportunities for you to assist the Committee in planning the Town Meeting. A bibliography of mentoring resources will be posted on MLANet. There will be a place on MLANet to post suggestions, comments and questions to be addressed at the Town Meeting. You also can email any ideas or questions to either trene Lovas (email: Irene.Lovas@cshs.org) or Tovah Reis (Tovah_Reis@brown.edu). Please take this opportunity to participate as the MLA membership continues to develop and implement mentoring activities for future health sciences librarians.

Submitted by Jett McCann

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Mental Health Special Interest Group Website

Carmen Bou Rivera from the University of Miami Pomerance Library & Resource Center (with Rebecca Abromitis, U. Pittsburgh Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, and Amy Brennan, University of Miami) recently published an article on "Building a Web Site for Mental Health Librarians" in the journal, Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian, vol. 21, number 1, 2002, pp. 37-49. The article details the planning, implementation and maintenance involved in the creation of the Medical Library Association Mental Health Special Interest Group web site located at http://www.miami.edu/mhsig. The purpose of this web site is to provide an informational tool for librarians, information professionals, and consumers interested in mental and behavioral health, psychology, psychiatry, and substance abuse. Covering both common sense and technical aspects, this discussion can serve as a potential model for individuals or organizations interested in creating an informative, content-driven web site intended for knowledge professionals. Stages of web site development included are: planning, physical design issues, site contents, content evaluation and credibility, promotion, evaluation of the final product, maintenance issues, and lessons learned.

Submitted by Carmen Bou Rivera

New Internet Journal of Pharmacy at Samford University

Dr. **Bob Schrimsher**, Pharmacy Librarian and Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University, has been appointed as the editor of a new pharmacy journal, The International Journal of Pharmacy Education. Dr. Schrimsher will also serve as the journal's technical editor. Furthermore, Dr. Schrimsher proposed, planned and implemented the journal. The journal will be a scholarly, peer-reviewed and Internet only journal. The URL address for the journal is http://

www.samford.edu/schools/pharmacy/ijpe/index.htm. There will be no subscription fee or password associated with accessing the journal on the Internet. The journal became official in September and several articles have already been submitted for peer-review, but none have been approved and posted on the Internet as of yet.

The journal is soliciting submissions from both the national and international pharmacy community and has a broad focus: clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, drug information, pharmacy education issues, international pharmacy, editorials, commentaries and student papers. In particular, student articles that focus on relevant pharmacy issues are highly encouraged; however, student articles will also be peer-reviewed.

The International Journal of Pharmacy Education has an excellent editorial board with members from the United States, Korea, Wales and the Netherlands. These individuals are listed on the journal's editorial board Web site. As articles are reviewed and approved, they will be published in the journal. It is anticipated that only four issues a year will be published. Submitted by Bob Schrimsher

New Southern Chapter Webmaster

On behalf of the Communications Committee and SC/MLA, I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Webmaster, **Taneya Koonce**. Taneya completed her undergraduate degree at Emory University, and then went on to UNC, Chapel Hill, where she did her MLS. Taneya is currently employed at Eskind Biomedical Library, where she serves as Co-Coordinator, Web Team & Co-Coordinator Information Services. Taneya can be reached at (615) \$\mathbf{D}\$36-3104. Her email address is taneya.koonce@vanderbilt.edu.

Thank you Taneya, for so graciously agreeing to serve as our Webmaster.

Submitted by Lynette Ralph

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POSTERS

Presenters should plan to be available to staff posters during a one-hour poster session. Posters will remain up for viewing for the remainder of the conference. Electrical connections will be available. Email abstracts to Jan Haley [615-222-6658] using a Word attachment.

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Abstract Submission Deadline: April 2, 2003

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Linda J. Walton
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Submitted by Scott Plutchak

Professional Development

SC/MLA Professional Development Committee Asks You to Recommend HOT Topics and COOL Instructors for CE in MIAMI 2003

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Hopkins University

University of South Alabama:

Clista Clanton, recently from the Eskind Library at Vanderbilt, has joined the Biomedical Library faculty as Web Development and Education Librarian. This is something of a coming home for Clista as she lived in Mobile for a number of years as a child/adolescent. Her mother still lives here.

Tom Williams and **Ellen Sayed** attended the Southern Chapter/MLAAnnual Meeting in Nashville where they jointly presented a paper discussing the library's initiatives in outreach to foreign libraries.

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The USA Biomedical Library welcomed a new Southmed member, the law firm of Johnson, Green, Miller, & Gibson of Milton, Florida.

The library received a two-year Digital Library grant from NIH/NLM in the amount of \$133,000. Monies will be used to expand library services to 9 hospitals and 2 medical clinics in 9 rural counties of southwest Alabama. Internet equipment, including computers, will be installed at each site. Access to electronic databases such as MD Consult and others will also be available. **Jie Li**, head of our University Medical Center library is the principal investigator.

For further information on our libraries check out our newly renovated, easier on the eye, and more user-friendly homepage at http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library.

Submitted by Tom Williams

Florida News

University of Florida Health Science Center Library – News

UF's Health Science Center Libraries welcome **Beth Layton** as our new Deputy Director. She held a similar position at George Washington University's Medical Center Library.

Borland Library at UF's Jacksonville Campus welcomes its new librarian, **Adriana Yoshii**. Adriana is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Library and Information Studies. She previously worked as a graduate assistant at UW-Madison Health Sciences Library.

Faith Meakin, Linda Butson, Beth Layton and **Rae Jesano** from UF's Health Science Center Library – Gainesville, and **Sandra Canham** from Borland Library, UF Health Science Center, Jacksonville attended

the Southern Chapter meeting in Nashville, TN, October 17, 2002 through October 20, 2002.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro attended the October 18th meeting of the Florida American College and Research Libraries in Orlando, FL.

Linda Butson was at the statewide AHEC meeting in Coconut Grove, FL. November 6, 2002 through November 8, 2002. Immediately following that meeting she joined **Nancy Schaefer** in Philadelphia, PA for the American Public Health Association Meeting.

Faith Meakin attended the AAHSL/AAMC meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Cecilia Botero, Rae Jesano and Peggy Hsu represented the UF Health Science Center Libraries at the statewide Florida Center for Library Automation Meeting in Gainesville, FL. The implementation of Aleph, the new online catalog for Florida's state universities and community colleges, was discussed.

Librarians from the University of Florida's Health Science Center Library had four posters at Southern Chapter meeting in Nashville:

Linda C. Butson, Deborah Hynes, Sharon Schmidt, Nancy Schaefer. A Guide to Working Smarter: Introducing the Internet to Florida's Health Professionals.

Lynn Dennison, Jan H. LaBeause, Karen W. Rosati, Faith Meakin, BJ Schorre, Walter Morton. LibQUAL+TM Southern Style.

Rae Jesano, Nita Ferree, Pamela Sherwill-Navarro. Transitions: Challenged to Change: Librarians on the Move – From Public and Hospital to an Academic Health Sciences Library.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro, Dwight Bennett, Linda

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Butson. The Development of a Virtual Library Tour: Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville

Linda Butson and **Nancy Schaefer** co-authored a poster Developing Internet Savvy in Florida's Rural County Public Health Workers which was exhibited at the American Public Health Association Meeting.

Submitted by Rae Jesano

University of South Florida

Beverly Shattuck, Rose Bland, Allison Howard, Lee Ann Howlett, and JoElla Young attended the Southern Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting in Nashville, October 17-20, 2002. Allison Howard and Rose Bland co-authored a paper "How Librarians Can Collaborate Together to Publish (and Survive!)" and a poster "Librarians and Vendors Collaborating Together to Measure Electronic Resource Usage".

Congratulations to Education Librarian **John Orriola**, this year's recipient of Southern Chapter's \$1,000 Annual Research Award for his project, Strategic Competency-based Incremental Literature Searching Instruction for the Medical Student. John will have assistance on this project from **Ellen E. Stanley**, who is scheduled to graduate December 2002 from USF's School of Library and Information Science. This SC/MLA grant is the first step in embarking on this exciting research project. Good luck, John and Ellen!

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library celebrated National Medical Librarians Month this past October. Several attractive displays were created to promote the Library's staff and services. Visitors were treated to Halloween candy and chocolate. The successful month-long event was publicized in the Health Sciences Center's newsletter, via email bulletins, and on the Library's website.

Submitted by Karen Keene

Georgia News

Georgia Librarians Will Meet in Savannah

The Georgia Health Sciences Librarian Association will hold its annual meeting in Savannah GA on March 12-14, 2003. The theme is "Cultivating Excellence – Growing as Information Professionals. For additional information, visit the GHSLA web site at www.ghsla.org.

Greenblatt Library Hires Archivist

The Greenblatt Library is pleased to have **Lisa** Westrick join the library faculty as Special Collections Archivist. Lisa has a Masters Degree in American History from State University of New York, Brockport and interned at the renowned Strong Museum in Rochester. She recently served as Curator of the Holland Land Office Museum in Batavia, New York, In her role at the Greenblatt Library, she will be preserving and providing access to the historical collections of the Library which include a 19th century collection of medical texts, a Landmarks in Modern Medicine collection, and various other manuscripts, artifacts, and archives related to the Medical College of Georgia and the history of medicine. Lisa enjoys traveling, and she is a busy "soccer mom".

Submitted by Lyn Denison



Lisa Westrick

Mississippi News

Marcia Ann Glisson, Medical Librarian at Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth, Mississippi, has returned to work two days a week. Marcia Ann suffered a brain aneurysm in April and is still in rehabilitation two days a week. You can contact her at mglisson@mrhc.org or mglisson@avsia.com to wish her well.

Ada Seltzer, Sarah Adcock, Cecelia Delbridge, David Juergens, Mary Lillian Randle, and Gongchao Yang attended the 2002 Southern Chapter meeting in Nashville.

Rowland Medical Library initiated a new program for the 2002-2003 academic year, incorporating evidencebased medicine instruction into the Medical and Dental school's curriculum. In August, a new course entitled "Biomedical Literature Skills for Evidence-Based Medicine" was taught to first year medical students. In September, first year dental students attended "Biomedical Literature Skills for Case-Based Dentistry". Both courses are designed around a clinical case which instructors use as an example on how to find evidence-based information. Students are also required to complete an assignment in which all the questions are centered on a clinical case. New instructional sessions are being developed for second, third, and fourth year medical students, as well as third year dental students. These modules will be integrated into existing courses and delivered as a required class for each course.

Anne Sawyer joined Rowland Medical Library in October as Head of Lending Services. She received her MLS from Simmons College in Boston and a post Masters Credential in Medical Librarianship from the University of California at Los Angeles. Before coming to Rowland, she worked in medical, corporate, and public libraries.

Ada Seltzer, Rama Vishwanatham, Gongchao

Yang, Virginia Segrest, Sarah Adcock, Helvi McCall, John Lucas, David Juergens, Kathryn Hill, Walter Morton, and Anne Sawyer attended the teleconference, "Safeguarding our Patron's Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA Patriot ACT and Related Anti-Terrorism Measures", December 11, 2002. The teleconference was sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association, Association of Research Libraries, Medical Library Association, and Special Libraries Association.

Submitted by Sarah Adcock

South Carolina News

We are pleased to announce that the USC School of Medicine Library is a key partner in a grant recently awarded to Palmetto Health Richland Hospital from the National Library of Medicine to create GeriatricWeb: a geriatric digital library. The grant is part of the National Library of Medicine's Internet Access to Digital Libraries grant program. GeriatricWeb will be a Web portal of geriatric web materials and PDA internet resources, reviewed and indexed with Medical Subject Headings and given quality scores. The target audience will be clinicians. The Principle Investigator on the grant is Dr. Ihab Hajjar, Palmetto Health Richland. Others named on the grant include Ruth Riley, Library Director; Sarah Gable, Associate Director: Victor Jenkinson. Systems Librarian; and Victor Hirth. We are excited about this important collaboration between librarians at the School of Medicine and geriatricians at Palmetto Health Richland.

We hosted a visit of five staff members from the East Tennessee State University School of Medicine Library in December. The staff enjoyed an excellent information exchange as our libraries both operate within the context of a community-based medical

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and students regarding recommendations for orders of library related materials. Develops and maintains contracts with vendors and other suppliers regarding availability and pricing of titles, approval plans, serials and library bindery. Performs bibliographic management by searching, checking the series and name authority files, reviewing cataloging records, editing and creating records as needed. Communicates with other staff including unit supervisors or department heads regarding workflow, special projects, and complex problems. Coordinates the computer and technological projects of the department by participating in a team-based approach to planning and delivering innovative services. Maintains, updates, and edits the library's web page. May train and evaluate students and staff by providing performance feedback for performance evaluations.

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Tennessee

University of Tennessee Health Sciences Library Faculty Opportunities

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erized test scoring services. REQUIRED: Three years' library experience providing services to patrons, 1 year's supervisory experience, or suitable combination of library experience. Minimum salary \$36,000. Gwendolyn D. Jackson, M.S.L.S.

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Priscilla L. Stephenson, M.S.L.S., M.S.Ed., AHIP Chair, Search Committee for Reference Services Librarian, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Reference Services

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Vanderbilt University

Nunzia Bettinsoli Giuse, M.D. was named member to the Board of Scientific Counselors, Lister Hill Center, National Library of Medicine for the term July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005. The Board of Scientific Counselors evaluates the quality of NLM intramural scientists and its programs, and provides suggestions to guide policy and services. The Board is composed of individuals recognized as leaders in the fields of medicine, computer science and information science, engineering, and health professions education

Dr. Giuse has also been elected Fellow in the American College of Medical Informatics for her contributions to the field of medical informatics.



Nunzia Giuse

Submitted by Annette Williams

Rosalind Lett served as an NLM grant reviewer for the Access to Electronic Information Grant applications submitted in September. The review session was held in Chicago on November 14.



Rosalind Lett

Submitted by Martha Earl

Personals

GARMANY, MARY CHANDLER, 78, of Hendersonville, NC died Tuesday morning, December 3, 2002 at Pardee Memorial Hospital in Hendersonville following a lengthy illness. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, she was the daughter of the late Alan Chandler and Marguerite Talbott Chandler. Prior to moving to Hendersonville in 1998, she resided in Orlando, FL for many years. She received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of South Florida. Before retiringlin 1989, she was employed by the Orlando Regional Medical Center aslimanager of the Medical Library. Previously she had been employed by the

Central Florida Museum at the time it was founded. She was a member of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendents. She is survived by her loving family: three sons, George Parker Garmany, Jr. of Boulder, CO, Alan James Garmany and Robert Chandler Garmany, both of Houston, TX; and three grandsons, Richard George Garmany of St. Louis, MO, Jeffrey Todd Garmany of Boulder, CO, and John Chandler Garmany of Houston, TX. Shells also survived by her former husband, George Parker Garmany, Sr. of Houston, TX.

Submitted by Marcia Davidoff

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school environment.

We bid a fond farewell to **Ed Sperr**, Systems Librarian, as he moves northward to Boston. Simultaneously, we congratulate **Victor Jenkinson**, formerly Head of Circulation, on his promotion to the Head of Systems position.

Submitted by Ruth Riley

Tennessee News

Biddanda (Suresh) Ponnappa, Assistant Dean for Learning Resources, Quillen College of Medicine Library, Johnson City, Tennessee, was honored as a Distinguished Alumni at the 30th anniversary celebration of the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences (SIS) in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 14th, 2002. Ponnappa was honored as the alumni for the decade of the 1980's. He presented a lecture on "The 3 P's for a Winning Library Program - People, Product and Process- from a Special Library Perspective". Ponnappa, a 1984 graduate of SIS, was among the first librarians in the country to recognize the benefits of the Internet and was an early instructor in its use.

Submitted by Martha Earl

East Tennesee State University

During its annual awards luncheon on November 21st, the Rural Health Association of Tennessee presented the "Special Exemplary Project for 2002" award to representatives from the medical library at East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

The award recognizes the work of the ETSU medical library in improving access to medical information for health care providers in rural areas across the region. In 2001, ETSU received a grant from the National Library of Medicine that allowed the Quillen College to provide \$100,000 in medical information databases and equipment to 20 rural hospitals and health centers.

Rick Wallace, outreach librarian for ETSU, explained that most of these organizations did not have a medical library, and the practitioners often found it difficult to obtain current clinical data found in medical journals.

Hospitals and health centers selected by the medical library to participate in the project received a new computer with Internet access. This allows health care providers to conduct searches for medically related information by using state-of-the-art databases such as MEDLINE, LOANSOME DOC, and MD Consult.

"Our goal is to give health care providers better and timely access to medical information," Wallace emphasized.

Biddanda Ponnappa, assistant dean and director of the medical library, said, "This honor by the Rural Health Association of Tennessee recognizes the commitment of the Quillen College of Medicine to educate and retain primary care physicians by providing information services to rural areas equal to those in the Tri-Cities. I salute Mr. Wallace and his colleagues for their work and commitment to lifelong learning and the improvement of patient care."

The program was held at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg.

Submitted by Martha Earl

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MLA's Sister Libraries Need Your Assistance

The MLA International Cooperation Section's Sister Library Initiative is assisting the Holberton Hospital Library in Antigua in the West Indies, and also the Medical Research Library of Latvia by encouraging libraries to donate books and journals. We have arranged for free shipping from Southern Florida to Antigua, as well as free shipping from Milwaukee to Latvia.

Would you please check you collection to see if you have any weeded books or journal issues and contact us? We regret that we cannot pay for the shipping costs to the U.S. collection sites.

If you would like to donate books or journals to the Antiguan library in the West Indies, please look at this website which lists exactly what the library needs: http://www.med.yale.edu/library/projects/antigua/request1.html Then contact Daniel Dollar at 203-785-2883 or Daniel.Dollar@yale.edu and tell him what you can provide. Then you need to mail the items to southern Florida, and Daniel can provide you with the address. The much needed items will then be shipped to Antigua at no further cost.

If you would like to donate books or journals to the Latvian library, please contact Donna Flake at 910-343-2180 or Donna.Flake@coastalahec.org. Please provide Donna with a list of what you can provide. She will give you the address in Milwaukee where the items can be sent. The Latvian Library needs books published since 1995 and journals since 1992.

Helping these two libraries would be much appreciated. Library vendors have generously provided equipment, software and online databases for these libraries. U.S. and Canadian medical libraries have donated free interlibrary loans transmitted via DOCLINE and Ariel. A paper on this project was given at the Southern Chapter meeting in Nashville.

Thank you so much.

Donna Flake, chair MLA/ICS Sister Library Initiative

Submitted by Nell Williams

