

People in the News

Pam Spiegel

Greg Byerly and **Marilyn Gell Mason** received the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) Silver Award during the Ohio Library Council (OLC) Conference in October. The awards honor noteworthy and sustained contributions to libraries and information services at the local, state, and national levels; 25 Silver Award winners were named in 1996. Mason is director of the Cleveland

Public Library and was recognized for her skillful work advocating libraries. Byerly is an assistant professor in the Kent State School of Library and Information Science. He has also served as a school librarian, a reference librarian, and head of systems at Kent State. His greatest contribution to Ohio libraries was his leadership in the development of Ohio's three major library information networks: OhioLINK, INFOhio, and OPLIN, the Ohio Public Library Information Network. Byerly was also inducted into the OLC's Hall of Fame in October.

Eleanore O. Hofstetter, associate dean for library service at Towson State University (TSU), has received TSU's 16th annual President's Award for Distinguished Service to the University. Hofstetter joined the library staff in 1966 as head of the Reference Department, and served as associate director for public services from 1967 to 1995. She served twice as acting director of the libraries and was elected to two successive terms as chair of the University Senate. A recipient of last year's Martinus Nijhoff West European Specialists Study Grant (presented by ACRL), Hofstetter is coauthor (with Michael T. O'Pecko) of *The Twentieth-Century German Novel: A Bibliography of English-Language Criticism, 1945-1986*.



**Eleanore O.
Hofstetter**

Jose-Marie Griffiths, chief information officer and executive director of the Information Tech-

nology Division at the University of Michigan, has been nominated by President Bill Clinton for appointment to the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). Her nomination will be forwarded to the Senate for confirmation. From 1980 to 1989 Griffiths was with King Research in Rockville, Maryland, first as a senior research associate, and later as vice-president

for information systems: planning, design, and development. Her honors include research awards from the Special Libraries Association (1995) and the American Association of Information Science (1990), for which Griffiths served as president in 1993.

James P. Quigel, labor archivist in Special Collections and University Archives at Rutgers University, has received the Arline Custer Memorial Award for 1996 from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. The award, which honors the year's most outstanding archival publication, is in recognition of Quigel's work as guest editor for a special issue of the *Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries*, which focused on consumerism, labor, and labor education at Rutgers.

Katina Strauch, librarian at the Robert Scott Small Library of the College of Charleston, has been named South Carolina Librarian of the Year. Strauch was recognized for her active role in the field of library science. "Katina has become a widely recognized leader in collection development and acquisitions librarianship," said Robert Neville, assistant dean for technical services. Strauch organized the first "Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions" sixteen years ago. The annual meeting now draws more than 400 participants. In 1989 she founded *Against the*



Katina Strauch

Grain, a newsletter aimed at promoting communication between librarians and publishers. She has written or edited 16 books and has served on the editorial boards of *Choice* and the *Acquisitions Librarian*, and as editor of *South Carolina Libraries*.

Appointments

Margo Crist, assistant director for public services at the University of Michigan, has been named director of libraries at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Crist previously spent 20 years in Massachusetts working at the Boston Public Library and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System. An active member of ALA, Crist served on the ALA Executive Board and currently serves on the ALA Chapter Relations Committee and the ACRL Nashville National Conference Executive Committee.

Donald E. Riggs, dean of the University of Michigan Library for the past six years, is now vice-president for information services and university librarian at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Previously, Riggs served for nearly 12 years as dean of University Libraries at Arizona State University. His ALA activities include serving as president of LAMA (1994–95), two terms on the ALA Council, and as founding editor of *Library Administration & Management*. In 1991 he received ACRL's Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award, and he is currently editor of ACRL's *College & Research Libraries*.



Donald E. Riggs

James Estrada has been named university librarian and executive director of academic computing at Fairfield University in Connecticut. Previously, Estrada served as assistant director for regional campus libraries and director of the H. B. Trecker Library at the University of Connecticut. Before that he held positions at Yale University, the University of Connecticut Health Center, and the Connecticut State Library. A member of ALA, ACRL, LAMA, and LITA,

Estrada has served on several ALA sections and committees and is currently a member-at-large of ACRL's University Libraries Section.

Elizabeth S. Smith has been appointed dean of University Libraries at Rider University. Previously, Smith served as dean of learning resources at the Collin County Community College District in Plano, Texas, and as director of the library at Penn State University-Erie. She received her B.A. in English from Muskingum College, her M.S. in zoology from Ohio State University; her MLS from Case Western Reserve University; and her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Florida.



Elizabeth S. Smith

Kevin Aldridge is the new multimedia services coordinator at Christopher Newport University's Smith Library.

Susan Macall Allen has been appointed head of the Department of Special Collections at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Richard AmRhein has been associate dean of technical and automation services at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Margo Arseneau is the new interlibrary loan librarian at the William Russell Pullen Library, Georgia State University.

Julia Blixrud has been appointed senior program officer at the Association of Research Libraries.

Michael Boock has been appointed coordinator of cataloging at the Cleveland State University Library.

Polly Boruff has been named business reference librarian at Old Dominion University.

Maureen Brunsdale has joined Milner Library at Illinois State University as a general reference and documents librarian.

Mary M. Carr has been named assistant dean of instruction for library and media services at Spokane Community College.

M. Christine Chamness is now reference librarian at the University of Wisconsin Center-Fox Valley.

Margaret Critch has been named catalog librarian in the Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Library at Boston College.



Remembering Robert Bingham Downs (1904-1991)

Robert Bingham Downs, 87, library dean emeritus and library school dean emeritus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, died February 24, 1991, of pneumonia.

"As a scholar, information scientist, and defender of intellectual freedom, Robert Downs had few equals. He was a man of vast intellect, integrity and conviction. For myself and for many others he was a distinguished role model and friend who will be greatly missed," said current ALA President Richard Dougherty.

It was during Downs's long tenure as library dean, from 1943-71, that the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign grew to its present position as the third largest American university library and the largest state university library in the U.S. During the height of the McCarthy era, Downs led an effort against what he called "the current wave of anti-intellectualism, manifesting itself in attacks on books, on freedom of speech, freedom of inquiry, freedom to teach and all those rights we have long held to be guaranteed by the 1st Amendment." His strong public statements against censorship, made while president of ALA from 1952-53, led to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1953 "Don't Join the Bookburners" speech.

Downs authored more than 40 books and 400 articles. To the general public, Downs is probably best known for his 1956 best-seller, *Books that Changed the World*, that was translated into 17 languages, expanded and revised twice, and sold several million copies.

Downs was the recipient of numerous awards including the Japanese "Order of the Sacred Treasure" for his work on establishing the Japanese Library School and National Diet Library. ALA honored him with the Melvil Dewey Medal for creative professional achievement and the Clarence Day Award in 1963, saying, "No librarian has reached such a wide audience and no librarian has made a richer contribution to an understanding of books for their enjoyment and for their significance in our time."

A high school dropout, Downs went on to earn a bachelor's from the University of North Carolina and a second bachelor's and a master's from Columbia University. He worked at the New York Public Library, Colby College, the University of North Carolina, and served as the director of libraries at New York University from 1938-43. (C&RL News, April 1991)



Robert Downs

Gail Curran has been appointed systems support librarian at Milner Library, Illinois State University.

Fritz DeBrine is now a librarian in the LAN/PC Management Department at the University of North Texas, Denton.

Diane DiMartino has been appointed acting head of reference at Baruch College.

Jim Duncan joined the University Libraries at the University of Iowa as head of the Information Commons.

Carla Ellard has been appointed reference/electronic resources librarian at the University of Texas-Pan American.

William Gibbs has been named head of media services at Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University.

Pamela Gillespie has been appointed professor and chief librarian at City College, New York.

Edward Gonzalez is a new reference librarian in science and technology at the University of North Texas, Denton.

Gail Gunderson is now government information librarian at Wichita State University.

Patrick Hall joined the University Libraries at the University of Notre Dame as instructional services coordinator.

Robert "Ted" Hampton has been appointed electronic library projects librarian for the General Libraries at Emory University.

Melissa R. Haraughty has been named education/instructional technologies librarian at Cleveland State University.

Janine Henri is now head librarian of the Architecture and Planning Library at the University of Texas at Austin.

Graham Howard has been named reference librarian and social science bibliographer at Queens College.

Tomas Jaehn has been appointed curator for American and British history at the Stanford University Libraries.

Damon Jaggars is now head of reference and information services in the Undergraduate Library at the University of Texas at Austin.

Heather Jagman has been appointed instructional services librarian at Oesterle Library, North Central College.

Karen Jette joined the staff of the University Library at the University of Texas-Pan American as access services librarian.

Peter Keane has been named networked information bibliographer in the Collections and Information Resources Division at the University of Texas at Austin.

Michael Khatib recently joined Milner Library at Illinois State University as psychology librarian.

Amy Leigh has been appointed project archivist for the Theatre Collection in the Houghton Library at Harvard University.

Lissa Lord joined the University Libraries at the University of Iowa as team leader for research services in the Information, Research, and Instructional Services Department.

Jim Loter joined the University Libraries at the University of Iowa as team leader for electronic services support in the Information, Research, and Instructional Services Department.

Karen Lutgens is now general reference and documents librarian at Milner Library, Illinois State University.

Toby Lyles is now a reference librarian in the Minority Research Library Residency Program at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Bruce McClay has been named instructional services/reference librarian at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Peter McCracken joined the staff of academic library services at East Carolina University as a reference librarian.

Renee McKinney is now a reference librarian in the Minority Research Library Residency Program at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Patrick Moriarity has been appointed coordinator of electronic data services in the General Libraries at Emory University.

Peggy Morrison is now head of systems at

the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library.

David Orenstein has been named coordinator of access services at Queens College.

Ward Price joined the University Libraries at the University of Texas-Pan American as instructional services/reference librarian.

Ken Riccardi is now archivist at the LaGuardia Community College Library.

Elizabeth A. Robinson has been named principal rare book cataloger at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

Robert Pierce has been appointed head of the LAN/PC Management Department at the University of North Texas, Denton.

Alyce Scott recently joined the Brookens Library at the University of Illinois at Springfield as head of circulation and access services.

Marlene Slough is the new head of circulation services at Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University.

Gwen Smith has been named assistant curator of rare books and Texana at the University of North Texas.

Paul Soderdahl is now team leader for the Libraries-Wide Information System and Multimedia in the Information, Research, and Instructional Services Department at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Elizabeth Stacey has been appointed associate director of development at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Deborah Stanley is joining the staff of academic library services at East Carolina University as a reference librarian.

Nackil Sung has been named head of library technology services at Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University.

Pamela Waldrep recently joined Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University as head of acquisitions.

Linda E. Williamson has been reappointed U.S. studies librarian at Rhodes House Library at the University of Oxford, England.

Shiela Winchester is now reference librarian and classics, archaeology, philosophy, and religion bibliographer at the University of Texas at Austin.

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Gay Woods is a new reference librarian in science and technology at the University of North Texas, Denton.

Karen Zimmerman is now project coordinator in the Information Technology Learning Program at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Retirements

R. Gerald Bishop, bibliographer in the Collections and Information Resources Division at the University of Texas at Austin, retired at the end of May after 25 years of service.

Mary Brennan-Kerr, deputy assistant director for collections and information resources at the University of Texas at Austin, retired at the end of 1995 with more than 30 years of service.

Jean Herold, reference librarian and business bibliographer in the Reference and Information Services Department at the University of Texas at Austin, retired at the end of August with more than 31 years of service.

Ralph E. Russell, university librarian at Georgia State University, will retire March 1 after serving in that position since 1975. Before that he served as director of library services at East Carolina University, science librarian at the University of Georgia, head librarian at Florida Junior College at Jacksonville, and held positions at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles and Queens Borough Public Library. He was instrumental in establishing the Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) network for shared access to journals. Professionally active, Russell has served on the OCLC Users Council and Board of Trustees, as chair of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, as chair of the SOLINET Board of Directors, and in various capacities in the Southeastern Library Association and Georgia Library Association. As a member of ALA, he has served on the ALA Council and has been



Ralph E. Russell

active in ACRL's University Libraries Section, as well as in ALA's Library Administration and Management Association. He was named ACRL's 1996 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year.

Wilson D. Snodgrass retired at the end of January as associate central university librarian and director of processing services at Southern Methodist University (SMU). He joined the staff at SMU as a cataloger more than 37 years ago. He spent much of the last year serving as acting systems librarian. A member of ALA, ACRL, and ALCTS, Snodgrass served on ACRL's Chapters Council, the Research Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, which he chaired in 1986-88.

Deaths

Julie J. Boucher, associate director of the Library Research Service at the Colorado State Library, died in a mountain climbing accident in October. She was 33. Boucher was with her husband climbing Mount Toll near Brainard Lake when they fell about 300 feet. Both were killed. The freak accident was apparently caused by a spontaneous rock slide. Boucher was an outspoken opponent of censorship who served on the Colorado Library Association's (CLA) Executive Board and on its Intellectual Freedom Committee. CLA has renamed its Intellectual Freedom Award the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom, and has established the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Fund for Intellectual Freedom. Contributions can be sent to CLA, P.O. Box 140355, Edgewater, CO 80214.

Joseph N. Whitten, who taught library science at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science on the C. W. Post campus of Long Island University from 1970 to 1988, died in October at the age of 78. In a long career, Whitten taught at Cooper Union in Manhattan from 1953 to 1960, then joined the staff at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx, where he designed the school's library. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in library science from George Peabody College and Columbia University, respectively, then received his doctorate in higher education from New York University in 1958. ■