



Charlotte R. M. Derksen



Michael M. Noga

**Charlotte R. M. Derksen**, head librarian of the Branner Earth Sciences Library and Map Collections (emerita) at Stanford University until 2004, and **Michael M. Noga**, earth and planetary sciences librarian and collection manager for science at MIT, received professional awards at the 2005 annual meeting of the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS). Derksen was presented with the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes significant contributions to the geoscience information profession. At Branner, Derksen instituted instruction, database searching, and extensive collection development programs, and added map catalogers and geographic information systems experts to the staff. Since her retirement from Stanford, she has been working on indexing projects for the database GeoRef. Noga was presented with GSIS's 2005 Best Paper Award for his publication "Conference proceedings in Geoscience journals: What's the use?" published in volume 34 of the *Geoscience Information Society Proceedings*. Noga's study examined citation frequencies of conference papers published in earth science periodicals and monographic proceedings and compared their usage to that of research articles. Noga is active in GSIS and the Western Association of Map Libraries.

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## Appointments

**Gladys Smiley Bell** has been named director of Hampton University's William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library. Bell has served as the interim library director since 2004 and as assistant director for public services prior to that position. She has previously worked in libraries in New York, Washington, D.C., and Ohio. Bell was recently honored with the 2005 Demco/Black Caucus of the American Library Association Excellence in Librarianship award. She is cochair of the first ever Joint Conference of Librarian's of Color and is active in local and national library organizations. Bell has served as an elected ALA councilor-at-large and as past president for the ALA's Black Caucus.

**Tula Giannini** has been named dean of the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at Pratt Institute. Giannini, who served as acting dean for the year prior to her appointment, introduced courses taught on location such as "Museum and Library Research" at the Watson Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and "Science Museums and Libraries" at the American



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Museum of Natural History. Her work was instrumental in securing an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant for \$591,207 for a project with the Brooklyn Historical Society to support archives training for SILS graduate students. She initiated the Pratt school's first international program, a summer institute in Florence, Italy, and launched an Archives Certification Program registered with New York State's Department of Higher Education. Giannini has taught at Rutgers University, Long Island University, and the Catholic University of America, where she headed the program in archives and

special collections. Her other positions have included curator of the collection of musical instruments at the Library of Congress and head of collection management at Adelphi University.

**Sherle Abramson-Bluhm** has been appointed head of monograph acquisitions at the University of Michigan Library.

**Jim Agee** is now technical services manager-acquisitions/serials at the University of Northern Colorado's James A. Michener Library.

**Shantel Agnew** is now a minority librarian resident at the University of Tennessee.

**Kristine M. Alpi** has been appointed associate library director of the Samuel J. Wood Library and the C.V. Starr Biomedical Information Center at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

**Nathan E. Bender** is now head of special collections and archives at the University of Idaho Library in Moscow, Idaho.

**Aslihan Ashley Bulut** is now a reference librarian in Columbia University's Law Library.

**Dennis T. Clark** has joined the Texas A&M University Libraries as head of reference.

**Donia Conn** has been appointed head of conservation services at Northwestern University Library.

**Gregory Gossellin** is now head of library information technology support services at Northwestern University Library.

**LaVerne Gray** has been appointed a minority librarian resident at the University of Tennessee.

**Jennifer Green** is the numeric and spatial data librarian at the University of Michigan Library.

**Victoria Heiduschke** has joined the staff at Illinois State University as a preservation librarian.

**Christina Hoffman** has joined Texas A&M University Libraries as the undergraduate specialist librarian.

**Terry Kirchner** is now director of access services at Columbia University.

**Janice Lathrop** is the new reference librarian at Anne Arundel Community College.

**Tina Mason** has been appointed manager of preservation services for SOLINET (South-eastern Library Network).

**Patricia Pettijohn** has been appointed collection and technical services librarian at Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg.

**Mark Puente** is now a minority librarian resident at the University of Tennessee.

**Jeff Ridinger** has accepted the position of access services librarian at Illinois State University.

**Roberta B. Schwartz** has been named technical services manager/acquisitions librarian at Bowdoin College Library.

**Susan Singleton** has been appointed assistant vice president and executive director of CARLI, a newly formed academic and research library consortium that provides services to more than 180 member institutions throughout Illinois.

**Walter Slater** is now Slavic cataloger at the University of Michigan Library.

**Shilo Smith** has been appointed instructor of library science and reference librarian at Valdosta State University.

**Jennifer Turner** is now the technical services coordinator at the Luise V. Hanson Library at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa.

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**Sarah Wenzel** has been named head of reference programs in the humanities and history divisions at Columbia University.

**Brandy Whitlock** is now the instruction librarian at Anne Arundel Community College.

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## Retirements

**Nicholas C. Burckel**, dean of libraries at Marquette University, has retired. Before joining Marquette ten years ago, Burckel was the associate dean of libraries at Washington University in St. Louis. His career as library administrator, archivist, and historian included serving as fellow and president of the Society of American Archivists, president of the Midwest Archives Conference, board member of the Center for Research Libraries, presidential appointment to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and editorial board member of *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*. Burckel is the editor or coauthor of six books, more than a dozen articles, and 100 reviews in archival, library, and history journals. In 2002, Burckel received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and, in 2003, he received the Wisconsin Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award.

**Laurence Miller**, executive director of libraries at Florida International University, has retired. He had held this position since January 1981. During his tenure, the libraries more than doubled in size. Two library building projects were complete, a five-story addition to the library at University Park and a new library building serving Biscayne Bay Campus.

**Eleanor A. Wilson**, director of library collection development at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, has retired after nearly 25 years of service. Wilson held the positions of acquisitions librarian, director of library public services, and interim director.

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## Deaths

**Ilene Rockman, 55**, manager of the information competence initiative for the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) system, passed away on November 26 from nonsmoker's lung cancer. Rockman worked at CSU for more than 30 years as librarian, faculty member, and administrator at California State Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo and CSU-East Bay before joining the CSU Chancellor's Office in 2001. Rockman was active nationally and locally as a speaker, author, and consultant and held leadership positions in ALA, ACRL, and RUSA.



**Ilene Rockman**

She received the ACRL Instruction Librarian of the Year award in 2005 and the ACRL Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian award in 2003. She was the editor of and contributing author to *Integrating information literacy into the higher education curriculum* (Jossey Bass, 2004). She served as a consultant to the Educational Testing Service on the development and implementation of a new performance-based test to assess higher education students' information and communication technology literacy skills. She also served as editor-in-chief of *Reference Services Review* and was on the editorial boards of *American Libraries*, *Library Administration and Management*, the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, *Reference Quarterly*, and *Library Hi Tech*. In 2005, she received the Leading Editor award from Emerald Publishing Company of the United Kingdom for her 20 years of editing *Reference Services Review*. *rw*

### Correction

In the November 2005 issue (page 751), Linda Watson was erroneously listed as having been appointed director of Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Virginia. Her appointment was at the University of Minnesota. The editors regret the error.