

Rajwant Singh Chilana, associate professor of library administration and South Asian Studies librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has been conferred with the 2005 Punjab National Librarian Award for his outstanding contributions to librarianship. Chilana has published six books, more than 35 research papers, and close to 20 book reviews, and he has worked in various libraries in the United States, Canada, and India. The award was presented to Chilana at the Satinder Kaur Ramdev Memorial Trust for the Advancement of Librarianship at the India International Centre in New Delhi.

Appointments

Janice Simmons-Welburn has been named dean of the university library by Marquette University. Simmons-Welburn had been



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associate dean at the University of Arizona Libraries since 2003. Between 1990 and 2003, she held several positions at the University of Iowa Libraries, including director of central public services, director of human resources and central processing, and head of information and instructional services. Earlier, Simmons-Welburn held positions at New York University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Indiana University, Princeton University, Indianapolis-Marian County Public Library, and Bishop College in Dallas, where

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she began her professional career. Simmons-Welburn is currently on the editorial board of *portal: Libraries and the Academy* and is vice chair/chair-elect of ACRL's University Libraries Section.

Marianne Afifi has been appointed associate dean of Oviatt Library at California State University-Northridge.

Ron Brashear has joined the Chemical Heritage Foundation as head of the Othmer Library.

Sam Byrd is now digital repository librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University's James Branch Cabell Library.

Adriana Cuervo has been named assistant archivist for music and fine arts at the Sousa Archives and Center for American Music at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

James Galbraith has been appointed head of collection management at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

Linda Hasman has been appointed senior assistant librarian in the Health Sciences Library at the University of Buffalo.

Carissa Holler is now business and finance information librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Monica McCormick has been appointed to the new position of director of digital publishing at North Carolina State University.

Anne C. Osterman has joined American University Library as reference and instruction librarian.

Leslie Rios is collections management librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Anne E. Robbins has been named law acquisitions librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Margie Ruppel is the reference and interlibrary loan librarian at the University of Southern Indiana.

John Vickery has been appointed collection manager for the humanities and social sciences at North Carolina State University.

Elizabeth Vihnanek has been named head of reference and research services at Old Dominion University.

and served on dissertation committees in the Rutgers School of Communication, Information, and Library Science.

Retirements

Nelson Ling-Sun Chou, head of the East Asian Library at the Rutgers University Libraries, has retired after 35 years of service at Rutgers and 44 years of service as a professional librarian. When the East Asian Library was established at Rutgers in



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1970, Nelson became its first head. Over his career, Nelson served as a reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, editor of a Chinese-language monograph series on library and information science (published in Taipei in 1991), a member of the

advisory board of the *Journal of Information, Communication, and Library Science*, co-editor of the "Council of East Asian Libraries" newsletter, and chair of the council's subcommittee on library technology. Nelson was a visiting professor at the National Central University in Taiwan, a lecturer at Hunan Medical University and Zhejiang University in China,

John D. Haskell Jr., associate dean and director of Manuscripts and Rare Books at the College of William and Mary, has retired after a 41-year career in librarianship. For 27 years Haskell served in a variety of administrative positions at William and Mary. He was the first library director (1965–69) and the first staff member appointed at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He compiled the Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire volumes of the *Bibliographies of New England History* series. He was a member of the ACRL Publications Committee (1979–83) and chair of the ACRL Library Development Officers Discussion Group (1994–96) and the History Section of RUSA (1999–2000). He is a trustee of the Manuscript Society and has served as its president (1996–98).

Deaths

Jean Sayre, associate university librarian and director of the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa, died January 28 after a lengthy illness. Sayre began her duties at Hardin in January 2002, after serving in administrative positions in health science libraries around the country, most recently as associate director of



Jean Sayre

the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region. During her tenure at Hardin, and as an adjunct faculty member of the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing, Sayre reorganized the staff, administered a high-profile grant that resulted in the creation of the Iowa Public Health Information Web site, spearheaded a major remodeling project, and

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raised the profile of the library throughout the health campus. All of these efforts have strengthened the library's role as the primary health information resource in Iowa and as a nationally recognized leader in innovation and service. Sayre was a respected and revered colleague who took a special interest in

acting as a mentor to new librarians. She held numerous offices within the Medical Library Association and was recently honored with an "Improving Our Workplace" award from the university, as well as a special citation from the governor honoring her "work for the state of Iowa." ❧


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sources for these topics of investigation. Depending on the topic, archives are available as far back as 1997.

Site searching is available, allowing users to more easily locate topics of interest. Some projects provide more specialized search options; for example, the lobbying project allows searching by company, lobbyist, lobbying firm, or agency involved. The sitemap link provides a complete list of reports and resources.

The center's reporting strength lies in its continuing investigation of ongoing issues, with updates collected in a single thread. Topics discussed may evolve over a period of several years, yet this resource provides a single point for tracing the history of any given subject.


This site is highly recommended for those interested in investigative journalism and issues in contemporary politics.—*Ford Schmidt, Willamette University, fschmidt@willamette.edu* ❧




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