

**James G. Neal**, vice president for information services and university librarian at Columbia University, has been elected vice chair of the



James G. Neal

Board of Directors for the National Information Standards Organization (NISO). He will assume the chair responsibilities effective July 2007. NISO fosters the development and maintenance of standards that facilitate the creation, persistent management, and effective interchange of information so that it can be trusted for use in research and learning. Neal previously served as dean of university libraries at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins University. He has served as president of the Association of Research Libraries, on ALA's Executive Board, as chair of the Board of the Research Libraries Group, and on the Board of the Freedom to Read Foundation, among numerous professional and leadership assignments. He is widely active in national and international forums in the areas of copyright and scholarly communication. In 1997, he received the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year award. He has served as a member of the NISO Board since 2004.

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## Appointments

**Paul Albert** has been appointed digital services librarian at the Samuel J. Wood Library and C.V. Starr Biomedical Information Center at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City.

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**Kristin Andrews** has been appointed research librarian for French, Italian, and Classics at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Susan Ariew** has been named research services and collection librarian for education at the University of South Florida Tampa Library.

**Jonathan Blackburn** has been promoted to Florida State University Libraries' Web development librarian.

**Sarah Buck-Kachaluba** is now humanities librarian at Florida State University Libraries.

**Bridget Burke** is the new head of special collections and archives at George Mason University.

**Haiyun Cao** is the new assistant university librarian in the cataloging and metadata department at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Eileen Chandhoke** has been named physical sciences liaison librarian at George Mason University.

**Michele Crump**, university librarian, is the new interim director for technology services the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Barbara DeFelice** has been named director of the digital resources program at Dartmouth College Library.

**Stephen Dew** has been appointed collections and scholarly resources coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

**Kristine Ferry** has been appointed research librarian for business at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Kirill Fesenko** has been named head of the Carolina Digital Library at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Library.

**Jason Fleming** is the new assistant university librarian, technical support librarian in the acquisitions and licensing department at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

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**Lila Fredenburg** is now associate director for administration at Florida State University Libraries.

**Leilani Freund**, associate university librarian is the new chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences Services Department at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Arienne Hartsell** is now instruction/reference librarian at Florida State University Libraries.

**Eileen M. Heeran** has been appointed assistant curator of rare books in Cornell University's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections.

**Yael Herbsman**, university librarian, is interim head of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida.

**Millie Jackson** is now head of collection development at Florida State University Libraries.

**Cynthia Johnson** has been appointed head of Langson Library Reference at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Elizabeth Kirk** has been named associate librarian for information resources for Dartmouth College Library.

**Alicia Korenman** is now humanities librarian at Florida State University Libraries.

**Susan Koskinen** has been appointed to head the Physics-Astronomy Library at the University of California-Berkeley.

**Mary M. LaMarca** has been named library communications and Web manager for the Dartmouth College Library.

**Rong Li** has joined Illinois State University as a Web services librarian.

**Carol McAuliffe** is the new head of the Map and Imagery Library at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Hesham Monsef** is the new spatial and numeric data librarian in the Documents Department's Spatial Data Services Unit at University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Melissa Muth** has been named reference coordinator at University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

**Sarah Patton** is now university dissertations and theses coordinator at George Mason University.

**Claude Henry Potts** has accepted the position of romance languages librarian at the University of California-Berkeley.

**Keith Powell** has been appointed head of acquisitions at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Rebecca Power** is now reference librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

**Brian Quigley** has been appointed to head the Mathematics Statistics Library at the University of California-Berkeley.

**Deborah Rhue** has joined Illinois State University as an instruction services librarian.

**Susan Sanders** is now clinical medical librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

**Karen Schneider** has been appointed electronic resources information manager and acting associate director for technology and research at Florida State University Libraries.

**David Seaman** has been named associate librarian for information management at Dartmouth College Library.

**Holly Tomren** has been appointed electronic resources and metadata cataloger at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Sean Walton** has accepted the position of instruction services librarian at Illinois State University.

**Brian Williams** has been appointed research librarian for criminology, law, and society at the University of California-Irvine Libraries.

**Laura Woodruff** is a visiting assistant university librarian in the Education Library at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library.

**Dongqing Xie** has been appointed ALEPH coordinator for Florida State University Libraries.

**Fu Zhuo** is now library instruction coordinator at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries.

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## Retirements

**Richard "Dick" Christensen**, head of systems at Illinois State University, retired at the end of August 2006. During his 32-year tenure, Christensen held many positions in Milner Library. He helped organize the library's circulation, interlibrary loan, and reserves systems and saw the library through four online catalog systems. Christensen served on many statewide committees helping to shape the Illinois Academic Library Consortium. In 2000 Christensen won the Illinois Library Consortium Systems Organization's Contributor of the Year Award.

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## Deaths

**Ridley R. Kessler Jr.**, 65, retired documents librarian at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), died January 11, 2007, of congestive heart failure. Kessler served as federal documents librarian and regional depository librarian at UNC's Davis Library from 1973 until his retirement in 2003. He also served as assistant head of the library's reference department. Kessler previously held



the positions at UNC of assistant documents librarian (1970–71) and international/state documents librarian (1971–73). Kessler was well known for his extensive professional activities. He was a member of the federal government's Depository Library Council, which he chaired (1989–90). He was a long-time member and officer of ALA's Government Documents Round Table and was active in the documents section of the North Carolina Library Association. Kessler testified before congressional subcommittees in 1991, 1999, and 2000, on behalf of groups including ALA, American Association

of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, Medical Library Association, and Special Library Association. His testimony focused on the services of the Government Printing Office's (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program and the importance of free access to government information. In recognition of his work, Kessler was awarded the James Bennett Childs Award for lifetime contributions from GODORT in 2002. In 1992, he received the CIS/GODORT/ALA Documents to the People Award. In 1990, he was the recipient of GPO's Distinguished Service Award and gold medal, the highest honor that the GPO can bestow upon an individual.

**Audrey Taylor**, director of library services for distance education in the University of Houston System, died November 29, 2006. A librarian in the University of Houston Libraries for more than 35 years, Taylor graduated from the University of Houston, where she had worked as a student employee. After earning a master's degree at the University of Texas-Austin, she returned to the University of Houston Libraries, where she held a variety of positions over the years. A leader on campus, she was also a leader in the profession, particularly in ALA's Black Caucus. ♪

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Researchers will appreciate the no-nonsense layout. Current research dominates the center of the homepage. The left sidebar offers browsing by topic or author. Drilling into topics reveals lists of neat, brief annotated entries with full citations and links to the documents.

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Students and researchers investigating urban environments need to visit this site. It is chock-full of a variety of material and provides multiple, straightforward ways to find it.—*Barbara Valentine, Linfield College, bvalen@linfield.edu* ♪