

### Appalachian State student employee scholarships

Michal Duffy, Nobuaki Tanaka, and Cam McCarthy were recently awarded fall 2008 University Library Student Assistant Scholarships at the Belk Library and Information Commons at Appalachian State University



Student employee scholarship winners pictured with the supervisor who nominated them. From left to right, Brian Estel, Nobuaki Tanaka, Connie Pendley, Cam McCarthy, Simms Toomey, Michal Duffy and ASU University Librarian Mary Reichel.

(ASU). The scholarships are the product of an endowment created in 2007 to support the education of the 150 student assistants who perform vital library tasks. The library, located in Boone, North Carolina, awarded the first three \$500 scholarships for fall semester 2008.

Duffy is a senior majoring in Spanish working with historic records and photographic materials in the Special Collections Department. Tanaka is a sophomore computer science major who works on the library's Systems and Technology Services team. McCarthy, a junior in physical education and starter on the ASU soccer team, works in the Instructional Materials Center and does most of the delivery of library materials to faculty on campus.

To qualify, students were recommended by their supervisor and completed an application with a brief essay describing how working in the library has impacted their education. Proceeds from the ASU Library's annual Carol Grotnes Belk Library Advisory

Board fundraising dinner support the scholarship endowment.

### NCES academic libraries survey

Every two years, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) collects basic statistical data from college and university libraries. The next Web-based data collection cycle is scheduled for fall 2008. In October, academic library directors will receive a letter containing a registration certificate that shows a user ID and password for their library, and will be asked to indicate a key holder who will use those codes to enter the library's data. The data collection application will be available from November 5, 2008, until February 25, 2009, at [surveys.nces.ed.gov/libraries/als](http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/libraries/als). Results will be tabulated and made available in the NCES Compare Academic Libraries Web Tool, and summary reports containing tables describing academic libraries will be posted on the NCES Web site, as soon as possible following the data collection cycle. Results will be presented by various groupings, such as enrollment size and Carnegie category.

A copy of the 2008 survey form, instructions, and a description of changes from the 2006 survey form are posted on the NCES Web site at [nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/AcaRRQuestDefs.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/AcaRRQuestDefs.asp). An advisory committee of academic librarians works with the ALA Office for Research and Statistics (ORS) to assist NCES with the survey. The ORS Web page contains a list of current members of the advisory committee plus a list of the NCES library representatives in each state at [www.ala.org/ala/ors/statsaboutlib/statisticsabout.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/statsaboutlib/statisticsabout.cfm).

### New online policy research archive

PolicyArchive, the nation's first free, comprehensive online archive of public policy research, recently debuted. The resource is an initiative of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis University

## Registration now open for ACRL 2009

Registration and housing for ACRL's 14th National Conference, to be held Seattle, March 12-15, 2009, is now open!

The conference will challenge you to explore new ideas, engage in new learning, and extend the collective vision of the future of academic and research libraries. ACRL's celebrated line-up of keynote speakers include Naomi Klein, award-winning journalist, activist, and author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*; Sherman Alexie, prolific novelist, poet, and screenplay writer; and Ira Glass, host and producer of the public radio program "This American Life."

In addition to program sessions, the conference will provide time to have fun, share informal conversations, network with

colleagues, and explore Seattle. ACRL will offer virtual conference presentations and embrace Web 2.0 tools such as podcasts, Flickr, blogs, and more to enhance and expand the impact of the conference.

ACRL 2009 will also implement more eco-friendly practices than ever before and will feature Robin Chase, founder of Zipcar and GoLoco, who will speak about her innovative work combining social networking and transportation. Help reduce the meeting's ecological footprint by committing to the Green Pledge when you register for the conference.

Additional information, including registration materials, discounted housing rates, scholarships, and exciting tour options, is online at [www.acrl.org/seattle](http://www.acrl.org/seattle). Contact [acrl@ala.org](mailto:acrl@ala.org) with questions.



Library and the nonpro t Center for Governmental Studies with support from major U.S. charitable foundations. At its launch, PolicyArchive contains more than 12,000 policy documents from more than 220 think tanks and other research organizations. It will house up to 20,000 documents by the end of 2008 and plans to become the largest online repository of public policy research in the world.

The archive enables publishers to upload research and make it freely available to all through the Web. The PolicyArchive site contains summaries and full texts of research, a subject index, an internal search engine, research synopses, and newsletters and e-mail notifications of new research. Future upgrades will feature online communities, user ratings and reviews, personalized bookshelves, and information on researchers and funders.

Access to PolicyArchive is available at [www.PolicyArchive.org](http://www.PolicyArchive.org).

### ACRL looks to *The Desk and Beyond*

Interested in trends in reference services? The recently released ACRL publication *The*

*Desk and Beyond: Next Generation Reference Services*, edited by Sarah Steiner and M. Leslie Madden of Georgia State University, provides a thorough exploration of the present and possible future applications of 11 of the most promising new reference delivery methods.

In order to reflect the growing role of the digital environment while respecting the importance of in-person interaction, many libraries strive to maintain a balance of physical and virtual methods for assisting users. This forward-looking collection is intended to provide inspiration for potential new digital and physical reference services at academic libraries. Each chapter provides an introduction to an innovative service concept and an annotated list of sources for additional research.

To learn more about *The Desk and Beyond*, listen to the ACRL podcast featuring the editors and chapter authors Meredith Farkas (Norwich University), Ross LaBaugh (California State University-Fresno), and Jerilyn Veldof (University of Minnesota) discussing the book along with current and future trends in reference services. The podcast is available

on the ACRL Insider Weblog at [www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/09/05/acrl-podcast-the-desk-and-beyond/](http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/09/05/acrl-podcast-the-desk-and-beyond/).

*The Desk and Beyond* is available for purchase through the ALA Online Store at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org).

### **New RefWorks release**

RefWorks has released of a new version of its Web-based research management, writing, and collaboration service for the academic and research communities. The release includes new features and enhancements, many made in direct response to requests by RefWorks users. A new author linking feature allows researchers to further their research and collaboration efforts by learning more about authors. The author resolver service links author names from the RefWorks database to potentially matching profiles within the COS Scholar Universe database, a multidisciplinary database containing profiles of more than 1.7 million authors, university faculty, and other scholars. Organizations subscribing to the Scholar Universe database will automatically have access to the complete profiles; nonsubscribing organizations are provided with more concise, complimentary profiles.

The new release also includes new features for users with non-English or multi-language bibliographies, include special handling and automatic formatting of ordinal numbers and the ignoring of leading articles in titles when sorting the bibliography, as well

as the ability to customize output styles for formatting in multiple languages. In response to recent changes in publication formats by the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), PubMed ID and PubMed Central ID have been added, and import filters and output styles adjusted to accommodate the new fields. For users with visual difficulties, RefWorks has upgraded its interface to offer greater screen-reader compliance. A global edit feature now enables moving, deleting, or replacing information throughout all references in a user's citation databases.

For more information on the new RefWorks release and features, visit [www.refworks.com](http://www.refworks.com).

### **School desegregation digital collection**

The Old Dominion University (ODU) Libraries are offering a new online digital collection, School Desegregation in Norfolk, Virginia. Primary source materials from the Special Collections of the ODU Libraries document the activities of several prominent citizens in their efforts to reopen six Norfolk public schools closed following protests related to the *U.S. Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education* ruling in 1954.

The collection provides access to nearly 3,000 pages of primary source documents, which include correspondence, news articles, reports, speeches, and legal papers. Oral history interviews with some of the major figures of the time, including Vivian Carter-Mason, Ruth James, and ODU Professor Robert Stern,

### **ARL/ ACRL Scholarly Communication Outreach workshop**

Librarians supporting scholarly communication outreach programs want to know how to identify issues that will resonate with faculty at their institutions and how to present those issues in ways that generate positive engagement with faculty.

If this describes your situation, you won't want to miss the new ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication workshop "Scholarly Communication Outreach: Crafting Messages that Grab Faculty Attention," to be held March 11-12, 2009, in Seattle.

In the tradition of other institute events, this workshop will emphasize active learning and hands-on work by participants, both individually and in groups. Throughout

the workshop, participants will have structured opportunities to reflect on how to apply what they are learning to their own institution's outreach activities, to share information and test ideas, and to begin planning for future outreach.

Registration opened on September 1, 2008, and will close on January 1, 2009, unless the workshop fills earlier. The workshop will be limited to 100 participants. Registration for the workshop is a separate process from registration for the ACRL National Conference or its preconferences.

Visit [www.arl.org/sc/institute/inst-events/0309workshop.shtml](http://www.arl.org/sc/institute/inst-events/0309workshop.shtml) for additional information and to register.

are available, along with a tribute to the Norfolk 17-17 African American students who entered six previously all-white middle and high schools closed by order of the Governor to prevent desegregation.

School Desegregation in Norfolk, Virginia, is freely available at [www.lib.odu.edu/special/schooldesegregation](http://www.lib.odu.edu/special/schooldesegregation).

### **Archivists' Toolkit receives SAA award**

The Archivists' Toolkit, an open-source archival data-management system developed through a collaboration among University of California-San Diego (UCSD) Libraries, New York University Libraries, and the Five Colleges, Inc. Libraries, has received the C.F.W. Coker Award from the Society of American Archivists (SAA).

The Archivists' Toolkit, the first open-source archival data-management system to provide broad, integrated support for the management of archives, is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Project manager Brad Westbrook, head of the Metadata Analysis and Specification Unit at UCSD Libraries, accepted the award on behalf of the project team at the SAA annual meeting August 29, 2008, in San Francisco.

The C.F.W. Coker Award recognizes funding aids, funding aid systems, innovative development in archival description, or descriptive tools that enable archivists to produce more effective funding aids. To merit consideration for the award, nominees must set national standards, represent a model for archival description, or otherwise have a substantial impact on national descriptive practice. Established in 1984, the award honors the memory of SAA Fellow C.F.W. Coker.

The Archivists' Toolkit is available online at [www.archiviststoolkit.org](http://www.archiviststoolkit.org).

### **Expanded ebrary offerings**

ebrary, a provider of e-content services and technology, has announced that it is adding to its selection of more than 170,000 titles with e-books and other authoritative materials from more than 14 new publishing partners. ebrary now provides content from more than 300 publishers of scholarly, trade, and reference content. ebrary's new publishing partners include Ashgate Publishing, Continuum Books, CQ Press, Georgetown University Press, University of Washington Press, University of Al-

berta Press, University Press of Kentucky, McFarland and Co., The International Monetary Fund, Grey House Publishing, Policy Press, Templeton Foundation Press, Smithers Rapra, and Math Solutions. Additional information is available at [www.ebrary.com](http://www.ebrary.com).

### **New home for ALiNUS**

Academic Library Newsletters in the United States (ALiNUS), a directory of more than 600 digital academic library newsletters from institutions offering four-year degree programs, is now hosted at the Colgate University Libraries. Launched in 1999 by Ronald H. Epp, who also served as editor of the project until his retirement as director at the Southern New Hampshire University libraries in 2007, ALiNUS is a collection of ephemeral literature, including What's New features on library Web pages, created to encourage communication and information sharing among academic librarians. Currently managed by Cindy Harper, systems librarian at Colgate, the directory may be searched by institution name or newsletter title. Access ALiNUS at [exlibris.colgate.edu/ALiNUS/](http://exlibris.colgate.edu/ALiNUS/).

### **Texas Tech dean named to NMLSB**

Donald H. Dyal, dean of libraries at Texas Tech University, was confirmed in July as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB). The U.S. Senate confirmed Dyal's appointment to the advisory body, which helps guide general policy and practices of federal grant-making agency the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).



Donald H. Dyal

The NMLSB membership includes the director and deputy directors of IMLS, plus 20 presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services. In addition to policy and practice advising, NMLSB helps select recipients of the National Medals for Museum and Library Service. Dyal will serve in the position through 2013. ¶¶