

Nataly Blas is now the 2012–2014 diversity resident at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro libraries.

Arcot Rajasekar, professor in the School of Information and Library Science and chief scientist at the Renaissance Computing Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will lead one of eight research teams that have won a Big Data grant—a new federal funding initiative that aims to improve the tools and techniques needed to access, organize, and glean discoveries from huge volumes of data. The National Science Foundation (NSF), with support from the National Institutes of Health, awarded the eight research teams about \$15 million six months after the White House announced the Big Data Research and Development Initiative. Rajasekar is principal investigator for a three-year project, “DataBridge—A Sociometric System for Long-Tail Science Data Collections.” The \$1.5 million project funded by NSF will use sociometric networks similar to LinkedIn or Facebook but on a larger scale to enable scientists to find data and like-minded research.

Appointments

Sharon Bostick has joined the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) as dean of libraries. As the chief administrative officer of IIT’s libraries, Bostick’s responsibilities include the coordination and oversight of all library operations and services. Bostick previously served as dean of university libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Prior

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to that, she was director of libraries at the University of Massachusetts-Boston and has also served as an independent consultant for libraries and higher education focusing on assessment, innovation, and accessibility. In addition to presenting at numerous national and international conferences, Bostick has also written extensively on academic library consortia in the United States and information-seeking behavior in university students. She is coauthor of the book *Library Anxiety: Theory, Research, and Applications*.

Beatriz Betancourt Hardy has been appointed the dean of libraries and instructional resources at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. Since 2006, she had served as Marian and Alan McLeod Director of the Special Collections Research Center at the College of William and Mary. She previously was the France-Merrick Director of the Library of the Maryland Historical Society.

Rosemary M. Magee, vice president and secretary of Emory University, has been named director of the university’s Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL). Appointed vice president and secretary of the university in 2005, Magee has worked closely with Emory trustees and the president in developing and strengthening governance processes across the university and in setting the agenda for the future. She is a member of various universitywide committees and chairs the Creativity and Arts Initiative of the University Strategic Plan. Previously, Magee served as senior associate dean of Emory College where she also chaired the Steering Committee for



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the Arts at Emory. An artist-in-residence at both the Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in Ireland, Magee has published essays, reviews, and short stories in a variety of journals and literary magazines. Among her publications are articles on several of the writers closely associated with MARBL, including Flannery O'Connor, Salman Rushdie, Alice Walker, and others. She also has edited two volumes, both published by University Press of Mississippi: *Conversations with Flannery O'Connor* and *Friendship and Sympathy: Communities of Southern Women Writers*. Magee will continue to serve as secretary of the university for the coming year in order to identify a new vice president and secretary of the university.

Debbie Sibley has been appointed director of libraries at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans. Sibley has worked at the LSUHSC Library since April 2007 as associate director and since July 2008 as interim director. Prior to arriving in New Orleans, Sibley worked at Thomas Jefferson University as deputy university librarian, University of Massachusetts-Worcester as deputy director and associate director of the Regional Medical Library, and at LSUHSC in Shreveport as the collection management librarian. Her first library position was library associate, evening supervisor at the LSUMC Library in 1978.

Courtney Cunningham is now reference librarian and emerging technologies specialist at Franklin & Marshall College.

Sai Deng has been appointed cataloging/metadata librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries.

Anne Elguindi is now the associate director for the Virtual Library of Virginia.

Bethany Harris has been named research librarian for Health Sciences at the University of California-Irvine.

Jason Imbesi is now music librarian at the University of Michigan Library's Music Library.

Kelsey Keyes is now librarian/assistant professor at Boise State University's Albertsons Library.

Sarah Loudenslager is now business/instruction librarian at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland.

Nandita Mani is now liaison librarian at the University of Michigan's Taubman Health Sciences Library.

Timothy McGeary has been appointed head of library systems at the University Library of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Elizabeth Ramsey is now librarian/assistant professor at Boise State University's Albertsons Library.

Giselle Simón has been appointed conservator (senior librarian), Preservation and Conservation, at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Rob Van Rennes has been named interim head of acquisitions at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Christopher Woodall is now technology librarian at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland.

Michael Wright has been appointed interim associate university librarian for Collections and Scholarly Communication at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Molly Olney-Zide is now content services librarian at Franklin & Marshall College.

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Retirements

Kathryn DeGraff has retired as head of Special Collections and Archives at DePaul University after 40 years of service. Both the founding head of Special Collections and Archives and DePaul's first university archivist, DeGraff oversaw the integration of individual collections held at DePaul into a center for research and teaching in areas such as local history, Vincentian Studies, and the study of social justice. Over the past 20 years, DeGraff established enduring collaborative efforts with members of the community through the Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative and with teachers and students through the development of an active instructional program that was recognized upon her retirement with the naming of an undergraduate research award given by the Department of History in her honor.

Sid Huttner, senior librarian, Special Collections and University Archives, at the University of Iowa Libraries, has retired.

Susan Marks, director of Human Resources and Diversity Programs at the University of Iowa Libraries for the last 11 years, has retired after 40 years of service. Most of her career was spent managing the Libraries' Circulation/Access Services department. Marks conducted many national searches for librarians and other staff positions and was skilled at advising supervisors and staff on more effective and sensitive ways to manage personnel challenges. She was an active member of the Libraries' Administrative team and the campus human resources group. Marks is a strong advocate for diversity, and she contributed to the library profession at a national level.

Edward Shreeves, associate university librarian, Collections and Scholarly Communication, at the University of Iowa Libraries, has retired after 23 years of service. Under his tenure, more than 2.5 million volumes were added to the libraries. Thousands

of electronic publications were also made accessible to the campus. Shreeves is well-respected nationally for his knowledge of collection development, commitment to open access, and understanding of complex issues pertaining to scholarly publishing. Shreeves frequently was "in charge" of the University Libraries in the absence of the university librarian and was an adjunct faculty member in the School of Library and Information Science.

Deaths

Mary M. Doak, 91, retired librarian at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), has died. At the UNL Love Library, Doak was a librarian from 1946 to 1986 in various positions, including social studies librarian, public service librarian, chair of Humanities and Social Services Department. Doak retired as chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department with rank of professor. She also received special recognition as NE-JMRT Mentor of the Year and an admiralship in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. Doak was a member of ALA, UNL Emeriti Association, and University Place Art Center.

Elsie Viktoria Anna Von Raison Thomas 91, has died. In 1954, Thomas began working part-time for the University of Nebraska as a library specialist, and she began full-time employment in 1955. She remained in the employ of the university, working at both Donald Love Memorial Library and C. Y. Thompson Library for the next 37 years, finally retiring in 1992 at the age of 72. During her tenure, Thomas would often have students over for meals or have them stay at the house while the dormitories were closed for the holidays or the summer. Her last assignment was in the Special Collections of the University Archives, where she cataloged and translated the collection of Latvian President and Prime Minister Karlis Ulmanis, who attended the university. *ZZ*