**William Baker**, English and American Literature and Language Specialist at Northern Illinois University (NIU), has been awarded a NIU Presidential Research Professorship. He will hold the title of presidential research professor for four years and then the title of distinguished research professor.

**Sheri Downer**, interim dean at Auburn University Libraries (AU), has received the Alabama Library Association's Distinguished Service Award. Over the course of her 25-year career at AU, Downer has made many contributions to the AU Libraries, the Alabama Library Association, and other Alabama library associations and projects. She recently helped write and obtain an Institute for Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, and she was instrumental in developing and funding the Alabama Virtual Library.

Three Wayne State University librarians— Cindy Krolikowski, Fran Krempasky, and Vanessa Middleton—participated in the Michigan Library Association Leadership Academy, a three-day intensive program designed to develop the leadership abilities of individuals within the library workplace.

## Appointments

**Fiona Black** has been appointed acting director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie University.

**Steve LaBash** has been appointed interim director of the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library.

John M. Unsworth has been named dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Unsworth is currently associate professor of English and the director of the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of VirginiaCharlottesville. He will begin his new duties as dean on August 16, 2003.

**Michael Austin** is now assistant processing archivist at Harvard University Library.

**Richard Bleiler** has been promoted to university associate librarian as the humanities reference librarian/liaison for English and German at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

**Kathryn E. Boyd** has joined the University at Albany Libraries SUNY as head of acquisitions.

**Katie Brady** has joined Temple University Libraries as electronic resources librarian.

**Terry Catapano** is now the special collections analyst/librarian in the Libraries Digital Program Division at the Columbia University Libraries.

**Linda L. Chenoweth** has been appointed reference librarian at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

**Rajwant Chilana** has joined the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign as South Asian Studies librarian in the Asian Library.

**Tamar Evangelista-Dougherty** has been appointed project archivist for the David Dinkins Papers in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Columbia University.

**Stephen Fairfield** has been promoted to university librarian II as the reference librarian/liaison for computer sciences, engineering, mathematics, and statistics at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

**Jeffrey Garrett** has been appointed assistant university librarian for collection management at Northwestern University Library.

**Joshua Garris** has accepted the position of reference librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library.

**Tony Harvell** has been named head of acquisitions at the University of California-San Diego.

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**Amy Knapp** is now assistant university librarian at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Kathleen Labadorf** has been promoted to university librarian II as undergraduate services librarian/liaison for Women's Studies at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

**Elizabeth Blakesley Lindsay** is now the head of library instruction at Washington State University.

**Scott Mandernack** has been appointed undergraduate librarian for the Hicks Undergraduate Library collaborating with the Digital Learning Collaboratory at Purdue University Libraries.

**Donna McCrea** has been hired as the university archivist for the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana.

**Mary Person** is now project cataloger at the Harvard Law School Library.

**Karrie Peterson** has been appointed head of government information services at the North Carolina State University Libraries.

**Diane Rein** has been named assistant life sciences librarian/molecular biosciences specialist at the Purdue University Libraries.

**Tracey Rudnick** has been named university librarian III as music and dramatic arts librarian/ liaison to music and dramatic arts at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

**Penny Scott** has been appointed general reference librarian at the Gleeson Library/Geschke Center at the University of San Francisco.

**Jill Sexton** is now systems librarian: integrated library system at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

**Laura Smart** has been named electronic resources catalog librarian at California State Polytechnic University-Pomona.

**Carol Spector** is now government information reference librarian at the Gleeson Library/ Geschke Center at the University of San Francisco.

**Carla M. Summers** has been named head of special collections at the University of Central Florida-Orlando.

**Irina Tarsis** has been appointed curatorial assistant in printing and graphics arts at the Harvard College Library.

Michelle Williams is now serials cataloger at the Harvard University Library.

**Rutherford Witthus** has been named university assistant librarian at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

**Milton Wolf** has been named head of collection management at the University of Central Florida-Orlando.

## Retirements

**Jan Keller,** dean of learning resources at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, California, is retiring in June 2003 after 34 years of service to the college. When Keller began his career at the college, he served as reference librarian and became dean in 1977. He has been active in regional and statewide library/learning resources organizations and is a member of ACRL.

## Deaths

Francie Davis, reference librarian at Dowling College, passed away unexpectedly. She joined the Dowling Library Faculty in September 1995 as electronic resources librarian and library Web master. From 1997 to 2001, Davis served as departmental coordinator. During her eight years in the library, Davis was instrumental in revolutionizing Dowling's access to electronic resources by making them accessible online remotely. She was also active in regional library professional organizations, serving as chair of the Long Island Library Resources Council Annual Conference Committee, copresident of ACRL's Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter and cochair of the chapter's ACRL/ New York Symposium Committee.

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