



GELMAN NEWS

Eckles Library's New Reference and Instruction Librarian

by **Cathy Zeljack**
Eckles Library / SEEARR

It is my pleasure to announce that Keri-Lynn Paulson joins the ranks of Eckles Library as our new Reference and Instruction Librarian. Keri-Lynn's first day with us was Monday, August 5, 2002.

Keri-Lynn comes to us right out of library school, with a Master of Science in Information Sciences received in May from the University of Tennessee, School of Information Sciences. Keri-Lynn has also earned a Bachelor of Arts from Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, where she majored in English Literature and graduated summa cum laude.

While at the University of Tennessee, Keri-Lynn worked as a graduate teaching assistant and research assistant where she acquired a variety of skills, including designing web-based surveys. At Bryan College, Keri-Lynn was the Interlibrary Loan Coordinator for four years.

Please join us in giving Keri-Lynn a warm welcome to the Gelman Library community.

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Academic Affairs Recognizes Twelve Gelman Library Staff Members for Their Service

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Quadir Amiryar, 25 years
Erica L. Aungst, 5 years
Deborah K. Bezanson, 20 years
Valerie Emerson, 15 years
Peggy S. Enevoldsen, 10 years
Gale S. Etschmaier, 5 years
Hahn T. Huynh-Pham, 25 years
Neg A. May, 10 years
Mary Faith Pankin, 20 years
Huyen "Kim" K. To, 15 years
Ernest F. Valmonte, 15 years
Joyce M. Whitmore, 20 years

Staff Retreat Update

by **David Killian**
Chair – Staff Association Committee (SAC)

What & When

The Gelman Library System annual Staff Retreat will be held this year on Friday, August 23, from 12:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

Where

The Retreat will be held at scenic Fort Hunt National Park, Fairfax County, VA. The Park is located 5 miles south of Old Town Alexandria along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

The site for the event will be Area A (same as last year). The web page for the park, for those interested, is: www.nps.gov/gwmp/fohu.

Transportation

We'll be utilizing both a van shuttle and car-pooling for transportation to the event.

The van shuttle will leave from Gelman shortly after noon. Later in the afternoon, the shuttle will make several runs from the park to the *Huntington Metro Station* (please note: *the shuttle will not return to Gelman*). The return shuttles will run until the last Retreat attendee has left the park. *No one will be left stranded at the event.* Times for the shuttle runs (from Gelman and from the park) will be posted in GroupWise.

Volunteer drivers will be offering car-pooling to the event. Teena Bedola in Admin. Services is keeping a list of drivers and riders. Persons offering to drive or needing a ride should please contact Teena. Drivers are needed, so help if you can. People may, of course, drive themselves: there is plenty of free parking at the park.

For directions to the park, see below.

Food

The principal caterer for the event will be the **Smoke Shack** of Ft. Washington, MD, purveyors of delicious "North Carolina BBQ." The menu we are requesting from the Smoke Shack is the following:

BBQ pork ribs, BBQ beef ribs, fried chicken, grilled chicken, fried fish (whiting), hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, string beans, collard greens, cole slaw, candied yams, corn bread, and peach cobbler.

In addition to those from this caterer, other food offerings will be available. SAC is still working

on the menu: a full list will be announced once it's finalized.

Beverages will be soft drinks and bottled water.

Program & Activities

The main feature of the program will be a staff talent show. Groups, soloists, dancers, comedians, actors and actresses, are all welcome to perform. Check the [Talent Search Announcement](#) posted in each department for further details. To participate in the show, please contact Matthew Tisdale at x4-2937. A raffle with exciting prizes will be held during the program.

A staff softball game will follow the program. A volleyball court will be available. Please contact Matthew for further information.

As you may recall, Fort Hunt is a sizable park with ample space for activities such as Frisbee throwing or playing catch. There is a long loop around the park for walking or inline skating. There is a playground. Retreat attendees are invited to bring board games.

For those inclined towards exploration, the Park is a location of some historical interest, e.g., nineteenth century gun batteries (see the web site for a history of the park). Along-side the park is the GW Parkway bike trail, with a pathway leading down to the Potomac.

Directions

Fort Hunt Park is a 20 to 25-minute drive from Gelman. Probably the easiest route from Gelman to the park is the following:

Go south on 23rd St.

Cross the Arlington Memorial Bridge. After crossing, briefly bear right and take the *second* left, following the brown sign to "Reagan Nat'l Airport, Alexandria, Mount Vernon," to enter the George Washington Memorial Parkway

southbound. In effect, you'll be making a 270° turn to go southbound (left) onto the Parkway.

Shortly after entering the Parkway the road will divide (*careful!*): bear **left** (following the sign to "Reagan Nat'l Airport, Alexandria, Mount Vernon") to stay on the Parkway. Going right will take you to Rt. 395 (not good).

Continue southbound on the GW Parkway (following the brown signs to "Mount Vernon"). The GW Parkway temporarily changes its name to Washington Street through Old Town Alexandria.

Five miles south of Old Town Alexandria along the Parkway, exit to the right at the sign marked "Fort Hunt Road/ Fort Hunt Park." The Retreat will be in Area A (look for the large pavilion).

Fort Hunt is about eleven miles south of Washington, D.C., and, along the Parkway, three miles north of Mount Vernon.

RSVP Form

An RSVP form for the Retreat has been sent out to all staff members. Please help SAC plan for the event by filling out and returning the form to Teena Bedola in Administrative Services by August 9. Thanks.

Can You Come Out and Play?

by **Matthew Tisdale**
GLS – Student Liaison

This year's Staff Retreat at scenic Fort Hunt National Park provides all Gelmanites with an opportunity to be a participant. Whether you sing, love poetry, steal bases, yo-yo, catch fly balls, or dance, the retreat will be just the party for you. In order to participate in either the star-studded Talent Show or the highly uncompetitive softball game, you may sign up by sending a GroupWise to Matthew Tisdale, the Gelman Library Student Liaison and ex-officio member of the amazing

Staff Association Committee, indicating how you're going to participate. The retreat is coming up and August 23rd will be here before you know it so now is the time to start practicing your Moonwalk, hit the batting cages, and sign up for what is sure to be a fantastic day of festivities!

GELMAN HUMAN **RESOURCES UPDATE**

Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment A** for The Gelman Library System's Vacancy Listing.

"Getting my library card was like citizenship; it was like American citizenship."

-Oprah Winfrey-



SIMPLE TIPS

*How to thrive in The Gelman Library System
(or any other organization)*

**"Take Vacations and Long Weekends.
Never Let Vacation Time Expire."**

by **Jack Siggins**
University Librarian

LITERARY HISTORY

Aug. 4, 1821	The first issue of <i>The Saturday Evening Post</i> appears.
Aug. 4, 1873	Author of 168 fairy tales, Hans Christian Andersen dies in Copenhagen at 68.
Aug. 5, 1850	Herman Melville meets Nathaniel Hawthorne at a literary picnic in New Hampshire.
Aug. 5, 1918	Virginia Wolfe writes in her diary of Christina Rossetti : "First she starved herself of love, which meant also life; then of poetry... Consequently, as I think, she starved into austere emaciation a very find original gift."
Aug. 6, 1786	After doing a public penance in a church for the sin of fornication, Robert Burns is released from marriage obligations.
Aug. 7, 1754	To lessen the ill health that has been plaguing him for over a decade, Henry Fielding leaves England for the gentler climate of Lisbon.
Aug. 8, 1809	Japanese writer known for his tales of the supernatural, Ueda Akinari dies in Kyoto.
Aug. 9, 1842	Herman Melville escapes from the Typee Valley cannibals with whom he has spent a month in captivity in the Marquesas Islands.
Aug. 10, 1820	Father of Vietnamese literature, Nguyen Du dies in Hue.
Aug. 10, 1912	At 30, Virginia Stephen married 31-year-old Leonard Woolf at London's St. Pancras Registry Office.
Aug. 11, 1937	Author of <i>Roots</i> and <i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i> , Alex Haley is born in Ithaca, New York.

Aug. 11, 1937	Ernest Hemingway rips open his shirt to display his chest hair and punches Max Eastman in the nose in Maxwell Perkins' office.
Aug. 12, 1827	William Blake dies at 70.
Aug. 12, 1955	Thomas Mann dies at 80 in Zürich, leaving instructions that his diaries be sealed for twenty years.
Aug. 13, 1422	English printer, William Caxton is born in Kent.
Aug. 14, 1925	Journalist Russell Baker is born in Loudoun County, Virginia.
Aug. 15, 1771	Sir Walter Scott is born in Edinburgh.
Aug. 15, 1888	T.E. Lawrence (who will become known as Lawrence of Arabia) is born in Tremadoc, Caemarvonshire.
Aug. 16, 1949	<i>Gone with the Wind</i> author, Margaret Mitchell dies in Atlanta, Georgia at the age of 48.
Aug. 17, 1930	Poet Ted Hughes is born in Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire.

Something to Talk About



Who Was Confucius and Why Do People Still Quote Him?

Confucius (551– 479 B.C.) was a Chinese philosopher whose real name was K'ung Ch'iu; Confucius is the Latinized version. Born into a class of lesser nobility, his father died before Confucius had turned three and he was raised in humble circumstances by his mother. He lived in the middle of China's feudal period, during which there were enormous problems, including famine and poverty, that had been brought on by weak emperors and, consequently, chronic warfare among rival feudal states. Because of his upbringing Confucius possessed a profound sympathy for the common people. In his view, the feudal princes, only interested in their own personal gain, were responsible for the suffering of the people. Confucius set out on a reform mission: through teaching, he would endeavor to train a new generation of leaders.

He assembled a group of intelligent disciples whom he trained in literature, music, human relations, and most importantly, ethics. Confucius believed that government leaders did not have to be experts in administration. Instead, they must be humane, honest, and above corruption and personal gain. Along with his disciples, he taught his students that it is the role and obligation of rulers to secure the happiness for their subjects. Confucius had considerable success in placing his former pupils in positions of government power. When the men who had been trained by him were sent into service, even corrupt rulers valued their honesty.

Confucius' philosophy held that good government could only be achieved by ethical leaders. He also believed that the family provides the model for all

human relations. In time, he became the most revered person in Chinese history, but his teachings are familiar to other cultures as well.

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VACANCY LISTING (Updated 4/8/08)

Req.#	Position Title	Grade	FT/PT	Incumbent	Vacancy Date	Posting Date	Dept.	Supervisor	Status
10309	Library Specialist I	9	FT	Scott Brown	06/01/01	11/21/01	PERI.	J. Whitmore	Recommendation received from hiring supervisor.
10404	Library Specialist I	9	FT	Lesa Miller	04/24/01	12/20/01	ACQ.	D. Rafuson	Applications received and forwarded to hiring supervisor. No activity.
10819	Library Specialist I	9	PT	Nikita Narkhede	06/01/02	06/07/02	ACQ	A. Lloyd	Interviews currently underway.
10840	Library Specialist I	9	PT	Gyoung Sun Jang	05/21/02	06/13/02	ILB	Q. Amiryar	Recommendation received. Awaiting remaining RDF's from hiring supervisor.
10842	Asst. Building Operations Manager	12	FT	George Drivas	02/28/02	06/13/02	BLDG. OPS.	P. Enevoldsen	Interviews underway.

Congratulations to GLS New Hires