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GLS NEWS

Special Collections Update

Welcome Our New Head of Special Collections in September

by **Caroline Long**
Administration

Gregory C. Colati will join the Gelman Library System as the Head of Special Collections on September 1, 2004. Prior to coming to GW, Greg worked at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts for 7 years where he served as Director of Digital Collections and Archives and University Archivist. He led the development of the Digital Library (<http://dca.tufts.edu>), resurrected the archives after it had been closed for seven years, and established a University-wide records program. Before Tufts, Greg was College Archivist and Director of the George J. Mitchell Papers Project at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. The Project produced electronic access to information about the collection and digitized some of the Mitchell materials, including photos, audio and video. He was nominated for the Society of American Archivist's C.F.W. Coker Prize for Finding Aids in 1997. Although over 200 years old Bowdoin had no archives when Greg, working with a NHPRC grant, took on establishment of that important activity at the College. His first

professional position was at the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he managed the library and archives.

Special collections/archives work is expensive. Greg has an established record of fund-raising for collections work, having raised over \$1.4 million from such agencies as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the National Science Foundation.

In addition to fundraising and serving as a grant reviewer for several agencies, Greg is active in the Boston Library Consortium, Nelinet, the Society of American Archivists, the New England Archivists, and other organizations. He has presented papers on digitization, digitized collections, finding aids, archives automation, and other topics at many conferences here and abroad.

Before pursuing his library career, Greg taught history in secondary schools and more recently has been teaching in the library school at Simmons.

Greg earned his BA at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, majoring in History, his MA in History at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and his MLS at Simmons College.

Greg will report to Caroline Long, AUL/Collections. His office is in Suite 207, entered via Special Collections

At the east end of the second floor corridor, just adjacent to the elevators. Please extend a warm welcome to this new member of the Gelman Library System Staff!

Kudos

Mary Faith Pankin Receives the 2004 Community Service Award

DCLA's newest award, the Community, the Community Service Award, recognizes members who volunteer their time and library expertise to develop or improve a library service, program, or facility unrelated to their employment. The nomination must demonstrate a significant, long-term level of service and commitment that directly benefited the community in the greater Washington area. This year's award recipient, Mary Faith Pankin, is recognized for her exemplary volunteer work in the Virginia Room Community Archives of the Arlington County Public Library. Since 1987, she has expertly processed dozens of collections ranging in size, subject in size, subject, and material type. Each collection benefited from her attention to detail and exceptional knowledge of archival practices. For a small department with only one full time and one part time member to process collections, having a volunteer with these skills is priceless. Her work allows the library to provide access to historical materials that might not otherwise be available. During the week, she works at The George Washington University's Gelman Library as a cataloger. Mary Faith accepted the engraved plaque that was presented by Awards

(The above article is from the District of Columbia Library Association Newsletter. *DCLA Intercom*, July/August 2004, Volume 34, Issue 1/2, page 4.)

[Editor's note: Congratulations, Mary Faith!
Thank you for helping to secure a historic legacy]

Reference Department Update

Resignation of Avril Cunningham

by Jennifer Nutefall

Reference

It is with the deepest regret that I write to inform you that Avril Cunningham has resigned from the Gelman Library effective July 30 due to extraordinary personal circumstances.

Avril joined the Gelman Library in 2001 and has performed at the highest level of service during her tenure. She was instrumental in starting the pilot for virtual reference, creating the FAW tutorial and a variety of other reference and instruction activities. Her excellent teaching was commented on by many faculty members.

Avril made enormous contributions to Gelman and will be greatly missed.

GLS Human Resources Update

Vacancy Listing

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

Exhibit

August 24 Exhibit Talk by Photographer Barbara Goodbody

by **Erica August**

Administration

Photographer and Mount Vernon College Alumna Barbara M. Goodbody will give a talk about her exhibit *Echoes Across the Himalayas: Tibetan Children in Exile*, on Tuesday, August 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library 2nd floor East Gallery. She will discuss her travel adventures and her inspiration in discovering the Tibetan Homes School for orphans in Mussoorie, India. Her Photography captures the students' peaceful and hopeful lives as Tibetan exiles in India.

The exhibit will be on display at the MLK East Gallery through August 30, 2004. The photographic exhibit, on loan from Barbara Goodbody, was hosted by the Eckles Library at the GW Mount Vernon campus, and was subsequently on display at The Gelman Library. The Gelman Library facilitated the current MLK Library Exhibit and event as a public service. The exhibit will be returned to its origin in Maine in September 2004.

Facilitating this exhibit installation at the central public library is a special Gelman Library System community outreach endeavor. Other recent outreach includes a special Foggy Bottom/West End FRIENDS Library access program at The Gelman Library, as well as special community access to the Gelman Library International Film Series coordinated by Wendell Kellar.

WRLC/Comsortium Update

New University Librarian at Gallaudet University

email from

Sarah E. Hamrick

*Director of Information Services
Gallaudet University Library*

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce my appointment of Mr. David de Lorenzo as University Librarian, effective September 7, 2004. Mr. de Lorenzo brings to Gallaudet considerable experience in managing library, archival, and manuscript collections; managing technology initiatives; writing and managing grants; developing outreach activities; teaching graduate courses in library science; budget management; and library staff supervision.

In his most recent position as Associate Director for Technical Services at the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Mr. de Lorenzo administered all collection management projects and lead its technology initiatives including database management, EAD/TEI encoding, digital imaging, e-text conversion, metadata creation, and Web access. With the reality of shrinking state funding, Mr. de Lorenzo addressed the library's needs through his successful grant writing efforts and foundation funding to augment state and federal funds.

He has also held positions at the Maryland Historical Society, where he was director of the library; at the Harvard Law School as Curator of Manuscripts and Archives; and as the University Archivist at Gallaudet University from 1980 to 1988. He has taught at San Jose State University,

University of Maryland-College Park, and at Gal-
laudet in the Department of Government and His-
tory.

Mr. de Lorenzo has made numerous presentations at
professional conferences, written scholarly papers,
and mounted many exhibitions particularly
related to his work at the Maryland Historical Soci-
ety and the Harvard Law School. In each of his po-
sitions, he has participated
in many professional service and community ac-
tivities. He received his B.A. in History from Wa-
bash College; an M.S. in Library Science from
Simmons College; and holds a J.D. from Southern
New England School of Law.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. de Lorenzo as he
begins his work as University Librarian. I am en-
thusiastic about his arrival and confident
that his talents, interests, and experience will trans-
late into strong leadership for the Library.

Staff Association Committee (SAC) Update

New Officers and the 2004 Staff Retreat

by **Chris Granatino**

Administration

It is with pleasure that I am able to announce the
members of The Gelman Library Staff Associa-
tion Committee (SAC) for 2004-2005.

Chairman - Chris Granatino
Treasurer - Laura Maldonado
Scribe - H. Gerald Phillips
Ex-Officio - Emma Mosby

SAC Members:
John Danneker
Damien Gardner
Jane Mak
Patricia Southard

We are also happy to announce the upcoming
Staff Retreat on the Mt. Vernon Campus! This
year the Retreat will include karaoke competition,
movies, raffles, outdoor games, a dunking booth,
and more! Please mark you calendars for August
20th, from 12 – 5 PM. We hope to see you all
there!

SIMPLE TIPS

*How to Thrive in the Gelman Library System
(or any other organization)*



Jack Siggins

University Librarian

***“Generally, the Fewer the
Policies and Procedures,
the Better!”***



GLS Human Resources Update

New GLS HR Assistant

by **Sandra Carpeter**

GLS HR

We want to welcome Patricia Garcia to the Gelman Community. Patricia is our new HR Assistant. She comes to us from the CPF Corporation in DC where she processed new hires, sick leave and vacations, provided data entry support and maintained personnel records. Patricia is currently enrolled at UDC. She is undecided about her major course of study but has a strong interest in math and human services. She is just completing certification to be a bi-lingual interpreter at Multi Cultural Community Services, where she received a grant to study this class from the Office of Latino Affairs. Patricia is located in room 606E in our new suite of offices on the sixth floor.



Come to an Open House celebrating Human Resources move to the sixth floor. The date is August 18th between 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the conference room on the sixth floor just across from 606C.

GLS Job Vacancy Listing: **Updated August 12, 2004**

Req #	Position Title	Grade FT - PT	Incumbent	Vacancy Date	Posting Date	Department/Supervisor	Status
12935	Library Manager I	12-FT	Rosalyn Metz	06/25/04	07/20/04	USED J. Solberg	Position posted on 07/20/04. Applications or resumes forwarded to hiring supervisor. No Activity.
12936	Library Specialist I	9-PT	Afzal Khan	06/21/04	07/20/04	ILB G. Canner	Position posted on 07/20/04. Applications or Resumes forwarded to hiring supervisor. No activity.
12966	Library Specialist II	11-PT	Vacant	07/30/04	07/30/04	SPEC G. Anderson	Position posted on 7/30/04. Applications or resumes forwarded to hiring supervisor. No activity.

Congratulations to the following GLS New Hires

Req #	Position Title Department	Grade FT - PT	Incumbent	Vacancy Date	Posting Date	Department/Status
12795	Library Manager II SEEARR	14-FT	Aaron Beaver	08/04/04	06/11/04	Congratulations to <u>Oksana Prokhvacheva</u> who accepted the position of Library Manager II, beginning on July 26, 2004. Congrats, and welcome aboard, Oksana!!!
12493	Library Manager I SPEC	12-FT	Bruce Hassell	12/02/02	02/20/04	Congratulations to <u>Richard Mereand</u> who accepted the position of Library Manager I, beginning on July 16, 2004. Congrats and Welcome Aboard, Richard!!!
