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## GLS NEWS

### HR UPDATE

#### **New GLS Human Resources Technician**

by **Sandra Carpenter**

*GLS HR*

Please give a Gelman welcome to Telia Paige. Telia will be our new HR Technician (wage hour) replacing Sarah White. She started working for us on December 2.

Telia is a GW graduate and has worked recently as a Program Assistant for the Multicultural Students Services Center at GW and as an Assistant Coordinator for NOBLE located in Alexandria. She will be involved with People Trak and other projects.

## REFERENCE

#### **New Reference and Instruction Librarian**

by **Judy Solberg**

*Reference*

Laura Maldonado began working on Monday, December 1st as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. Laura brings in experience and knowledge of both reference and instruction to Gelman. She has worked as a Reference Librarian for Instructional Services at Mullen Library, Catholic University since 2001.

One of Laura's major accomplishments at Catholic University was the creation of a standard module of instruction for undergraduates which was approved and adopted by her colleagues. Laura has already been working with GW reference staff and patron as a participant in the Consortium's virtual reference service. She created the VR staff handbook for her colleagues at Catholic University.

Laura will be a member of the Education and Instruction Group and will be contributing to our work with the University Writing program. She will work at the reference desk and will be responsible for overseeing reference collection maintenance. Early in her library career, Laura worked in technical

services and has done cataloging.

Laura also has worked in museums. She has a Graduate Certificate of Museum Studies in addition to her MLS and a BA in Art History. She is a native Spanish speaker.

Laura's desk is in cubicle 10 of Room 104 and she can be reached via GroupWise as of Dec. 1 or by phone at 994-1373. Please join me in welcoming Laura Maldonado to Gelman.

## MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

### WRLC Meeting Summary at The George Washington University

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Attached to this issue of *RT* as **Attachment A** is the December 5, 2003 WRLC Meeting Summary at The George Washington University.

## KUDOS

Mary Faith Pankin, Cataloging Librarian at the Gelman Library System has written the article, "A *Second Grandfather Discovered.*" in Vol. 4, No. 4 (Fall 2003) issue of the *Manuscripts*. (p. 313-323)

## SIMPLE TIPS

**Jack Siggins**  
*University Librarian*



**“Success is a Journey, Not a Destination.”**

## LITERARY HISTORY

- December 18, 1870      **Saki** is born in Akyab, Burma.
- December 19, 1732      In Philadelphia, **Ben Franklin** begins to publish *Poor Richard's Almanack*.
- December 19, 1832      Poet **Philip Freneau**, aged 80, lost in a snowstorm while returning from a tavern, dies near his home in Middletown Point, New Jersey.
- December 20, 1871      In the *Chicago Tribune*, **Mark Twain** compares himself to George Washington: "I have a higher and greater standard of principle. Washington could not lie. I can lie but I won't."
- December 21, 1872      American novelist and short-story writer known mainly for his stories about dogs, **Albert Payson Terhune** is born in Newark, New Jersey.
- December 21, 1940      **F. Scott Fitzgerald**, 44, dies of a heart attack in Los Angeles, leaving *The Last Tycoon* unfinished.
- December 22, 1934      **Wallace Thurman**, dies in New York.
- December 23, 1923      Novelist **Calder Willingham** is born in Atlanta, Georgia.
- December 24, 1863      **William Makepeace Thackeray**, 52, dies of a cerebral hemorrhage at his newly completed home in Palace Gardens, Baywater.
- December 25, 2003      **Isaac Newton**, astronomer and mathematician and the author of *Principia*, is born in Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire.
- December 26, 1891      **Henry Miller** is born in New York.
- December 27, 1904      *Peter Pan* by **James M. Barrie** opens at the Duke of York's Theatre, London.
- December 27, 1938      In Chicago, Illinois, American novelist and playwright, **Zona Gale**, dies.
- December 28, 1935      At 61, **Clarence Day** dies in New York—the same year his *Life with Father* is published.
- December 29, 1937      Don Marquis dies in New York.
- December 30, 1816      Two and a half years after eloping to Switzerland, **Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin** and **Percy Bysshe Shelley** are married, upon learning that Shelley's first wife has drowned herself.
- December 31, 1830      **Alexander Smith**, Scottish poet and writer, is born at Kilamarnock.
- December 31, 1904      Japanese novelist whose realistic stories will deal with urban working-class life, **Fumiko Hayashi**, is born in Shimonoseki.
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