

Delaware Valley Chapter Newsletter

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President's Report

Rachel McMullin, West Chester University

Fall Program: Globetrotting Librarians: Exploring International Librarianship

To be perfectly honest, when someone first suggested global librarianship as a potential topic for our fall program, I wasn't completely sold on the idea. My first thought was along the lines of "what does that have to do with me and my job?" But other DVC board members talked passionately about the topic and illustrated the many different aspects of international librarianship, and I became convinced that it is actually not only a very interesting topic, but also one that impacts many more academic librarians than I had initially believed.

Then I read the proposals that were submitted and I became truly excited. Suddenly I was thinking things like "what a cool project!" and "I had no idea librarians did that!"

So, I want to strongly encourage each one of you to consider attending our fall program on November 9th at Penn State Great Valley, even if you don't work directly with international students. I think you will find what some of your colleagues have been doing fascinating.

Our presentations for the program come from a range of school sizes (it's not just the big universities who have moved into the global market!) and will cover working with both international students and American students studying abroad, serving as a librarian outside the United States, and forming connections with international libraries. I'm especially looking forward to

hearing from the librarian who served on a ship in the Semester at Sea program—it just sounds so cool!

Other Chapter Business

Bylaws: You should have already received an email about some additions that the chapter needs to make to our bylaws in order to comply with updated rules from the IRS regarding 301(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Chapter members will vote on these additions during the business meeting at the fall program.

Elections: Even though it is early in the academic year, the chapter will soon be starting the process of our annual board elections. The nominations committee will be forming this winter and elections will be held in the spring. If you have interest in serving on the nominations committee or in running for office, please contact Jutta Seibert at jutta.seibert@villanova.edu.

Mentoring and Resume Review: The chapter is always looking for librarians who are willing to serve as mentors or participate in our resume review program. If interested in either program, please contact Tina Hertel at THertel@muhlenberg.edu.

Stipend: Do you know anyone who is currently working on an MLS and wants to become an academic librarian? Encourage them to apply for the chapter's stipend for a future academic librarian! Look for information about the competition to be sent via email in January.

ACRL/DVC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FORMING

The ACRL/DVC Board of Directors is now seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Spring 2013 board elections!

The Nominating Committee is comprised of five Chapter members, including the Past-President as Committee chair, and is charged with identifying Chapter members to be nominated to run for the following positions in 2013: Vice President/President-Elect (3-year term); Director-at-Large (3-year term); and Secretary (2-year term). The Committee shall meet as often as its members deem necessary to perform the Committee's responsibilities. **To volunteer**, and/or for more information, contact Jutta Seibert, ACRL/DVC Past-President, by e-mail at jutta.seibert@villanova.edu

Note: Membership on the Nominating Committee does not preclude status as a candidate, as potential nominees are reviewed and candidates are selected through an anonymous process.



2012 Spring Program Review – “Stepping Out and Stepping Up: Making a Difference on Campus” by Beth Lander

The 2012 spring program and business meeting took place at the Goodstay Center on the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware. After a brief word of welcome from ACRL/DVC President, Jutta Seibert, Margaret Grotti (University of Delaware) gave an update on the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries Initiative (VAL). Grotti noted the current objectives of the initiative: to influence the national conversation and activities that focus on the value of libraries within the larger context of their parent institution; to undertake and support new re-search that builds on proposals in VAL; and to leverage existing re-search to support the development of a bibliography as a supportive resource. Updates on this initiative can be found at the VAL blog.



Representatives from seven college and university libraries outlined steps they had taken to promote the value of their library in the communities they serve. Lisa Stillwell of Franklin & Marshall College discussed how their staff increased visibility and broadened their colleagues' understanding of what library staff can offer after a major reorganization of the library occurred in 2003. Stillwell's talk highlighted the need to get out of the library building; the role of a designated "marketing" librarian; and the importance of immersing library staff in various campus communities. Darren Poley discussed the effects of scholarly outreach at Villanova University. He noted that his library's activities focused on cultural, social and intellectual activities across the campus and included leisure activities for students as well as providing opportunities for spiritual engagement. Maureen Williams (Neumann University) discussed how a renovation project forced library staff to adjust to the loss of one third of their floor space as well as their dedicated computer lab. She described how the campus community perceived the library staff as "victims," due, in general, to a "romanticized" view of the library. To counter this notion, Williams described their proactive effort to re-brand the library through linking the library's activities to those of the larger community. Larissa Gordon and Calvin Wang (Arcadia University) described how all reference librarians, including the Director of the library, have taken on teaching roles beyond the typical information literacy instruction. Librarians at Arcadia have assumed an adjunct role and taught first year seminars and classes in a variety of interdisciplinary topics. These experiences have not only enhanced collaborative activity with faculty across the curriculum, but have also given Arcadia's librarians a chance to see life from the faculty's perspective. Cathy Ogur (Wharton

School of Business, University of Pennsylvania) asked the question, "Where should we go when we leave the library?" After experimenting with engaging both faculty and students outside of the library, Ogur realized the benefits of engaging with students through student groups and campus offices providing student services. She noted the importance of being aware of what is happening on campus, finding out what is important to students through their communications, and using that information as "competitive intelligence." Laurie Rizzo (University of Delaware) discussed how to use special collections to promote the library to the larger university community. She highlighted the importance of an exhibit theme, tailoring exhibits to specific audiences and ensuring a meaningful context for the exhibit as a means of inspiring use of special collections in learning and instruction. Kimberly Grotewold and Erin Dorney (Millersville University) described their efforts to build relationships throughout the campus by getting involved with student organizations. These include collaborating with the Writing Center, the use of student employees in IT, and working with student clubs. They described how to create "intentional" engagement with student groups and stressed the importance of structuring an assessment plan prior to initiating these partnerships.

The annual business meeting was held during the midday break. Election results for 2012/2013 were announced (see p. 3 for current officers) as was the winner of the chapter's \$1000 graduate student stipend. The winner, Mary Marrison, is enrolled at Drexel University and is a library assistant at Swarthmore College. Also announced was the winner of the chapter's legislative stipend to participate in this year's National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. He is Shawn A. Woodson, who works as an Information Assistant for Library Academic Partnerships at Drexel Libraries.



Back Row: Lisa Stillwell (Franklin & Marshall College), Kimberly Grotewold (Millersville University), Calvin Wang (Arcadia University), Darren Poley (Villanova University) and Laurie Rizzo (University of Delaware).

Front Row: Cathy Ogur (Wharton School/University of Pennsylvania), Larissa Gordon (Arcadia University), Maureen Williams (Neumann University), Erin Dorney (Millersville University) and Margaret Grotti (University of Delaware).

Mentoring Matters!

Mentoring matters. It matters because it is a great avenue to seek advice, have a sounding board, and gain confidence, but also because mentoring provides an opportunity for professional growth for both the mentee and the mentor. Mentoring is about having someone to connect with and the ACRL-DVC makes it easy to enter into a mentoring relationship.

Interested in the Mentoring Program, but not sure you may be the best candidate for it? Here are ten tips that can help make mentoring matter for you:

- Communication: It’s important to keep communication open. Be open and honest with each other.
- Relationship: Get to know each other. Learn from each others’ differences and experiences.
- Support: Mentoring is about supporting each other, through guidance, communication, and participation.
- Expectations: Be clear about what to expect from each other. Set goals, both formal and informal.
- Creativity: Be creative in what ideas you discuss and in your interactions with each other.
- Listening: Listen carefully to each other. Be open and receptive to new ideas and new points-of-view.
- Consistency and Reliability: Maintain contact with each other on a regular basis. Be sure to follow-up. Thank each other.
- Reciprocity: The best mentoring relationships are reciprocal! Be open to learning from each other.
- Positivity: Stay positive. Offer and accept feedback as an opportunity to grow and not as a criticism of where you’ve been.
- Fun: Be sure to have fun!

If you believe mentoring matters and would like to participate, either as a mentor or a mentee, visit the ACRL-DVC website for more information (<http://acrldvc.org/mentoring-program/>). For any questions about the Mentoring Program, contact Tina Hertel (DVCmentoring@gmail.com).



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ACRL/DVC 2012 Student Stipend Awardee Essay

By Mary Marissen

It is an intriguing time in academic libraries. The state of scholarly publication is in great fluctuation. Methods of describing library holdings and library catalogs are shifting away from standards created nearly forty years ago and evolving into something new. The Internet has altered the process of inquiry, scholarship and communication. Libraries are now licensers of information almost as often as they are the owners of it. These factors and others are changing libraries and challenging the traditional roles of academic librarians. While some question the relevance of librarianship in this climate, despite shifting ground, academic librarians are needed now more than ever.

Librarians are the professionals responsible for knowing how to navigate all the different methods of access to information across a growing number of formats. They negotiate the space in which a patron's research may lead from traditional monographs and journals, to electronic books and journals, databases, datasets, streamed audio and video resources, and unique materials in special collections.

Academic librarians should be educated in technology as never before. Technological expertise is crucial for responding to the shifting methods patrons use in research. Some libraries have responded to these new patterns by launching single-search-box overlays to their catalogs, or Next Generation catalogs. These catalogs have been designed, built, tested and are maintained by librarians. Librarians are developing new paths through which catalogs are accessible via a variety of devices including hand held devices. Technological expertise is necessary for maintaining the

shifting links to licensed electronic resources and for creating digital repositories. Additionally, librarians need facility with the metadata necessary to ensure that these resources are discoverable.

Academic librarians are institutional resources for the most recent interpretations of the complexities of United States Copyright law. They are becoming experts at negotiating licenses to electronically accessed information and they facilitate communication between content owners and content providers.

In this technological and complex context, Information Literacy programs and Bibliographic Instruction sessions are vital. The role of Librarian as instructor has evolved in order to help patrons maneuver through the magnitude of available information.

As ever, academic librarians are intrinsic to the process of collecting, describing, managing, preserving and providing access to information in order to make it available to scholars who create new knowledge for our culture. Although these daily tasks are transforming in response to change, the future of academic librarianship remains in these core services for this ultimate purpose.

Mary Marissen is a Librarian at Swarthmore College, where she works in both Technical and Public Services, doing acquisitions, cataloging, and regular shifts at the Reference Desk. Additionally, she spends time each week working at the Underhill Music and Dance Library branch at Swarthmore. She is interested in the future of academic libraries, discussions about the value of libraries, and all aspects of music librarianship.



Photo: Mary (right) receives her award from ACRL/DVC current President, Rachel McMullin (left).

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Program Description

Sign up for the ACRL/DVC fall program and explore international librarianship. An exciting roster of local, national and international presenters will share their experience at this year's fall program. Learn more about how librarians collaborate with colleagues worldwide, support international students at home and American students abroad.



Chapter Members News

Jennifer Erica Sweda, University of Pennsylvania, served as editor for the book "Exploring Travel and Tourism: Essays on Journeys and Destinations" published in June 2012 by Cambridge Scholars Publishers. The book "offers a broad treatment of topics in global travel/tourism studies through articles first presented at Travel and Tourism panels at Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association (MAPACA) conferences between 2007 and 2010". Jennifer has been involved with MAPACA since 2008 as chair of the Travel and Tourism Area.

John Baky, Director of La Salle University's Connelly Library, has received the University's 2012 Lasallian Educator Award. This award is given annually at every Lasallian school in the United States to honor the life, vision, and ideals of John Baptist De La Salle. John Baky received this award because of his commitment to the Lasallian tradition of education which has been expressed in multiple ways: he has co-sponsored study trips to Vietnam and assisted in the writing of grants to support various University initiatives ; has shepherded the growth of the Library's Special Collections department such that it attracts scholars from all over the world, and has been instrumental in creating a partnership between the Librarians of the Connelly Library and the University faculty in the development of a writing program.



Library News

A display of **Villanova University** athletic memorabilia, covering decades of athletic history, will be featured on Falvey Memorial Library's first floor until mid-November. In her "Curator's Welcome," Laura Bang, Digital and Special Collections curatorial assistant, says, "Athletics have been a part of Villanova life since its earliest days... As the College [Villanova became a university in 1953] matured, so too did the athletic component."

Although Villanova University was founded in 1842, the earliest objects in this exhibit date from the 1890s: team photographs and an 1892 volume, *Forty-Ninth Annual Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Villanova College*. The catalog is opened to show "Villanova Athletic Association." Bang says this publication "marks the first appearance of the Villanova Athletic Association."

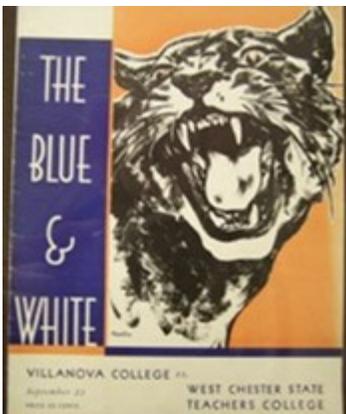


Photo by Alice Bampton; Banner by Joanne Quinn

Scrapbooks of news clippings, programs for athletic events, media guides for women's teams, caps, buttons, photographs, Belle Air yearbooks, a letterman's jacket and much more invite perusal. There is even a partially inflated football (courtesy of Roman Catholic High School) from a 1922 City Championship game between Villanova College and the High School. Villanova lost that contest, 9 to 13!

Although Special Collections sponsors the exhibit, considerable material comes from the [University Archives](#). The University Archives reside in Falvey; the archivist is the Rev. Dennis Gallagher, OSA, PhD.

Laura Bang installed the exhibit with assistance from Michael Foight, Special Collections and Digital Library coordinator. Joanne Quinn, Falvey's design specialist, created the exhibit's signs, including the banner on the library's home page.

THE ACRL/DVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDS YOU!

Have you considered running for the ACRL/DVC Board of Directors? The DVC Board does important work planning the Chapter's twice-a-year programs, producing the Chapter newsletter, running the mentoring program, and awarding stipends to MLS students and legislative advocates.

In addition, we are a fun group of people who laugh a lot, enjoy snacks at meetings, and occasionally go out for a post-meeting lunch! The Board usually meets about ten times a year.

This spring, three Board positions will be up for election:

- Vice President/President-Elect (3-year term)
- Director-at-Large (3-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)

For more information, please contact Jutta Seibert at jutta.seibert@villanova.edu.

ACRL/DVC Board of Directors Member Changes 2012

Thank you to these former Board members for their service:

Marjorie Rathbone, Treasurer
 Jessica George, Director-at-Large
 Larissa Gordon, Legislative Liaison
 Bruce Gottschall, Webmaster
 Kris Mudrick, Newsletter Editor



A warm welcome to these new members:

Tina Hertel, President Elect
 Sheryl Panka-Bryman, Treasurer
 Marc Meola, Director-at-Large
 Kimberley Bugg, Legislative Liaison
 Kristyna Carroll, Webmaster
 Melissa Gold, Newsletter Editor

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Just a friendly reminder that the annual membership year is July through June.

You can find the Membership Dues Form on page 7 of this Newsletter or on the Chapter website.



