

ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter Newsletter

President's Report

Greg Szczyrbak, Millersville University

ACRL National Conference. It was great to see so many of you at the National Conference in Baltimore. How lucky we were to have such a great conference so close to home. Our chapter reception was a great success and lots of fun. Sarah Penniman was in attendance to accept her stipend award – read her intriguing essay in this issue. Although the next national conference (2009) will be across the country in Seattle, the following (2011) will be right here in the chapter service area – Philadelphia! What an opportunity and honor it will be to host the national conference.



Greg Szczyrbak and past president Kris Mudrick enjoying the ACRL/DVC event at the ACRL National Conference in Baltimore

ACRL/DVC Fall Program. Since our Spring program this year was replaced with a social gathering at the National ACRL Meeting in Baltimore, our Fall program will be the first we've had in a year and I think it will be worth the wait. While we all instinctively recognize the value of our libraries, students sometimes need more convincing. Our Fall Program, *Finders, Seekers, Info Keepers: Connecting with Today's Students*, will provide both a useful current overview and practical advice for communicating our value to students. Lynn Silipigni Connaway from OCLC will set the stage with an overview of research about the preferences of information seekers. Then Marie Radford of Rutgers will follow up with practical strategies for reaching out to various campus constituencies. The afternoon will feature what has become our traditional panel presentation of local

experts. So, please join us on Friday, November 2 at the Graduate Business Center of West Chester University.

Chapter Activities. This year, as in all years, we have some new board members, and will be looking for more. In this newsletter, you'll find information about our board of directors as well as a call for volunteers to serve on the nominations committee. We continue our noble activities supporting future librarians through the mentoring program, stipend award and the Rush at Rush professional association information night.

An Invitation. Thanks for your membership and participation. The chapter couldn't survive without the thankless and tireless efforts of numerous volunteers – the board, mentors, and the nominating committee to name a few. So, please continue to support the chapter through your participation at events, suggestions for future programs and, of course, membership dues. Thank you.

- Greg Szczyrbak

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Success of Mentoring Program Depends on Volunteers

Katherine Furlong, Lafayette College

"Having a mentor and someone to talk to gave me more confidence in my skills and my mentor was... very, very helpful."--- Drexel University student

The ACRL/DVC Mentoring Program is entering its seventh successful year. Library science students living or studying in the chapter area are paired with practicing academic librarians, who serve as mentors in the student's area of interest. Both mentors and their mentees report positive experiences in the program, and last year, over a dozen area library school students were paired with mentors.

While mentors from previous years are almost always willing to continue serving, it is always helpful to have additional potential mentors. I am happy to volunteer as a first-year mentor in ACRL/DVC's program, and hope that others will join me. Some students request specific areas of interest, so a strong program requires mentors from a variety of libraries and backgrounds. The program has paired students with librarians in several interest areas, including technical services, access services,

archives, information literacy, and business librarianship. We depend on having a full roster of available mentors in various area of specialization.

To indicate interest as a student, please send me an e-mail with your name, full contact information, the name of the institution you attend, your geographic location (if different from your school), and the area of academic librarianship in which you are interested.

To volunteer as a mentor, please contact me via phone or e-mail and indicate your name, professional title, and full contact information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Delaware Valley Chapter at 2007 ACRL National Conference

Pat Newland, West Chester University; photographs by Pat Newland, Ann Upton, and Scott Vine



On March 30, 2007, more than 50 people met for food, fun and fellowship when the Delaware Valley Chapter hosted a happy hour in conjunction with its annual business meeting during the ACRL Annual Conference. Chapter members and guests met from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Potomac Room of the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel very conveniently located adjacent to the Baltimore Convention Center.



Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, dropped by, as did Pam Snelson, ACRL National President (and DVC member), accompanied by Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director of ACRL.

During the business meeting, election results and the Student Stipend Award winner were announced. Newly-elected board members for 2007/2008 are Katherine Furlong (Lafayette College), Vice President/President-Elect, Dolores Fidishun (Penn State Great Valley), Director-at-Large, and Susan Markley (Villanova University), Secretary. Bruce Gottschall (Kutztown University), outgoing Director-at-Large, will assume new duties as Webmaster and Archivist. The 2006/2007 Student Stipend Award was presented to Drexel M.L.I.S. student Sarah Penniman. Sarah's application essay, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: The Ethics of Weeding," appears on the following page.

Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres (a selection of American and imported cheeses, fruit, crackers, and breads), a carving station (pepper-crusted beef tenderloin with horseradish sauce, rolls, and condiments), and a cash bar, plus the chance to win a variety of donated door prizes including an iPod shuffle. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to catch up with or meet others from the chapter's service area.



ACRL/DVC 2007 Student Stipend Winner's Essay

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: The Ethics of Weeding

Sarah Penniman, Ursinus College

Climate change. Emissions reductions. Alternative energy sources. These and other buzzwords now fuel many news broadcasts, boardroom discussions, and dinner table debates. Across the country and around the world, efforts to "go green" are increasing: car manufacturers are experimenting with hydrogen cells; IKEA is charging customers for plastic shopping bags; and individual households are changing light bulbs and opting for energy-efficient appliances. Libraries also have an ethical obligation to aid the environment, but budget constraints frequently preclude the construction of green buildings and the adoption of green power sources. What can underfunded academic libraries do to help? The age-old "reduce, reuse, recycle" mantra suggests many affordable options for the disposal of weeded discards: by placing materials into the hands of those who will reuse them, libraries can reduce the amount of refuse that finds its way to landfills.

Traditional disposal methods for weeded items are certainly still viable: listserv offers are pretty fast and painless; campus-wide giveaways generally garner good publicity; and donations to local organizations tend to improve town-gown relations. Thanks to the Internet, libraries can also sell materials on sites like Amazon or send discards to social ventures like Better World Books. By expanding their outreach beyond their immediate communities, libraries can more easily locate those who would love to claim the castoffs.

Although most staff members view weeding as an unfortunate nuisance, the entire process has strong ethical underpinnings. Academic libraries must withdraw unused and



Sarah Penniman

tattered items in order to maintain the health of their collections, which need to reflect the curriculum goals and research aims of the faculty and students. When carts of discards begin to clog work areas, librarians should not be discouraged. Instead of questioning past acquisitions decisions, they should ask, "How can we help these materials to find new homes?" In essence, "green weeding" is an extension of resource sharing, as libraries effectively extend the educational life and worth of each discard that makes its way to an interested individual, a community affiliate, or an organization like Books Through Bars. In an era of information access and increased environmental awareness, choosing to trash unwanted items is simply unethical.

New ACRL Publication on Student Information Use

Just in time to get you psyched for the ACRL/DVC 2007 fall program on students and their information-seeking behaviors, ACRL has published *Studying Students: The Undergraduate Research Project at the University of Rochester*. This book provides a view into the groundbreaking application of ethnographic tools and techniques to the understanding of undergraduate students and their use of information.

The publication describes findings of the work at the University of Rochester River Campus Libraries and provides insight into how academic librarians might use these techniques on their own campuses.

Editors Dr. Nancy Fried Foster and Susan Gibbons have gathered a set of chapters written by their colleagues covering different aspects of the work done in this project. Foster is research associate of Anthropology at the University of Rochester and lead anthropologist and manager of the Digital Initiatives Unit at the River Campus Libraries. She began working with the

University of Rochester Libraries to explore how anthropological methods might be applied to the study of academic library users to enhance the development of library programs and services. Gibbons is associate dean for Public Services & Collection Development at the University of Rochester, River Campus.

Ron Dow, Dean of River Campus Libraries at the University of Rochester, said of the project, "This book recounts the efforts of librarians at the University of Rochester, working under the tutelage of a professional anthropologist, to describe in detail the process students actually employ when writing research papers. The librarians, as an outcome of this study, developed new methods to engage undergraduates around the writing process so that the students might become more adept as researchers and better capable of meeting their faculty's expectations for a research paper submission."

The book has just been published in September 2007 and is available in both a soft-cover print edition and an open access downloadable format. Order Information can be found at <http://www.acrl.org>; select "publications."

Members in the News

Steven Bell, Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University, delivered the keynote speech at the 2007 LACUNY Institute (Librarians Association of the City University of New York) on "Reversing the Technology Ratchet: Using Design Thinking to Align Hi-Tech and Hi-Touch." He presented programs on Web 2.0 this summer at the Library 2.0 Seminar in Columbus, Ohio and at a workshop for the Washington/Greene County, PA District Libraries. Steven also served as program moderator and panelist for the Reference and User Services Association President's Program at the ALA annual conference in June.

Also in June, ALA Editions published the book *Academic Librarianship by Design: A Blended Librarian's Guide to the Tools and Techniques*, co-authored by Steven J. Bell and **John D. Shank**, instructional design librarian and director of the Center for Learning Technologies for Pennsylvania State University's Berks campus.

Catherine Fennell, Vice President for Information Services at Rosemont College, was inaugurated as president of the Catholic Library Association at their annual conference in April. She will serve as president until 2009.

Charles Myers is the new Director of Library and Information Services, and Chair of the Department of Information Science at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP). He joins us from Saint Peter's College in New Jersey where he served as the library director. He previously worked at other university and college libraries in the region, including Arcadia University, Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Pennsylvania. Charles is a past president of the ACRL/DVC.

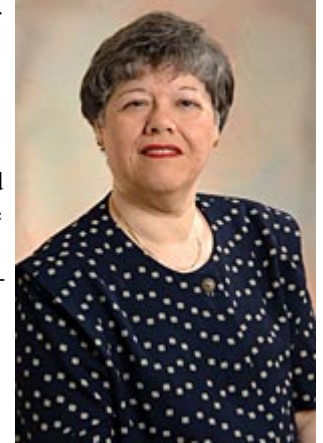
Charles Myers succeeds **Mignon Adams** who retired on July 31st after more than 20 years of dedicated service to USP's students, faculty and staff. Although Mignon has retired from the library, she remains at USP as the Interim Chair of the Department of Humanities.

Meg Spencer, Science Librarian at Swarthmore College, attended a week-long Summer Institute at Occidental College in Los Angeles, as part of a Mellon Foundation grant whose purpose is to recruit undergraduates from diverse backgrounds into the library profession. The theme of the Institute was Leadership and Meg joined students and their mentors from the libraries of Oberlin College, Occidental College, and three historically African American Institutions - Johnson C. Smith University, St. Augustine's College and the Robert W. Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center (which serves Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, and Clark Atlanta University). In addition to discussions, group exercises, interviews, a career panel, and much more, the group visited libraries at The Huntington, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and the Getty Center. The long days were topped off with visits to the Hollywood Bowl, the Griffith Observatory, Santa Monica Pier and a walk down Hollywood Boulevard.

ACRL/DVC Member is President-elect of ALCTS

Dina Giambi, assistant director for library technical services at the University of Delaware Library, has been elected vice-president and president-elect of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS). A major division of the American Library Association, ALCTS was founded in 1957. Giambi will serve as president in 2008-09.

Giambi has been a member of ALCTS since 1989 and has served as chairperson of the group's leadership development committee, chairperson of the acquisitions section and was an at-large member of the board of directors. She received the ALCTS presidential citation in 2005. Congratulations to Giambi, a member of ACRL/DVC since moving to the area in 1992!



Lehigh Welcomes New Librarians, Second CLIR Fellow

In 2006, Lois Fischer Black joined the Lehigh Libraries as Curator of Special Collections. Most recently Lois served as Assistant Head and Curator of Special Collections at North Carolina State University Special Collections Research Center. Previously she held positions in Special Collections at the University of Delaware and at the New York Academy of Medicine. This September, Heather Simoneau joined Lehigh as Business Librarian; she previously worked as Acquisitions Librarian at Northampton Community College and had performed her MLS internship at Lehigh in the Business College.

Also in September, for the second time, Lehigh is participating in the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Fellowship Program, designed to give the "best recent Ph.D. recipients in the humanities a unique opportunity to develop as information professionals and scholars." The Lehigh CLIR Fellow is Lauren Coats, who recently completed her PhD in American Literature at Duke University. While working on her degree, Lauren gained library experience working for the Jay B. Hubbell Center in Duke's Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library. At Lehigh, she will combine her academic background with the opportunities afforded by Lehigh's digital and information resource initiatives.



Check the ACRL/DVC website
www.acrldvc.org
 for information about membership,
 events and chapter governance.

News from ACRL Chapters Council at ALA Annual

***Pat Newland,
DVC Chapters Council Representative***

The ACRL Chapters Council Meeting was held Sunday morning, June 24, 2007, at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C. Introductions and updates on the chapters represented made it clear that ACRL chapters vary considerably in how they are organized, the types of programs they offer, how they are financed, etc. Nora Quinlan, Chapters Council Chair, will discuss with the board the possibility of surveying member chapters on these kinds of issues.

Kara Malenfant, ACRL Scholarly Communications and Government Relations Specialist, reviewed key legislation affecting academic libraries. Of particular importance was the issue of providing public access to federally-funded research, then under consideration by the House of Representatives as a provision in the Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Bill. [The House passed the provision in July.]

Pam Snelson, ACRL President and DVC member, reviewed some of the changes proposed for the ACRL bylaws. One such change is the creation of interest groups. This supports the idea of "communities of practice," which will be more flexible than the sections/chapters structures, though interest groups will not take the place of sections or chapters. For more information on interest groups, see <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/intgrpfaq.cfm>. Changes have also been proposed for how ACRL board members are elected and for the way changes to the association dues take place. The board is seeking the flexibility to raise (or even lower) dues without having to go to the entire membership for a vote. The board would be able to change dues, but only up to a certain percentage (not over the Consumer Price Index (CPI)). If an increase higher than the CPI were needed, the proposed increase would require a vote of the full membership. Two ALA divisions, ALCTS and LITA, already determine dues changes in this manner. Pam noted that revenue is down because ads in print publications are down.

Barbara Jenkins from the University Libraries division reported that UL's Campus Advocacy Initiative has been renamed the Campus Outreach and Advocacy Initiative, to make it clear that the advocacy focused on is not legislative in nature. More information on the initiative is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/marketingyourlib/ulsadvocacytoolkit/ulsaction.htm>.

Chapters Council elections were conducted for a new vice-chair/chair-elect and secretary. Kevin Merriman, Louisiana Chapter and this year's secretary, was elected vice-chair. Judith Pinnolis, New England Chapter, was elected secretary. For the 2007/2008 year, they will be joined by Kathy Parson, Iowa Chapter, Chair, and Nora Quinlan, Florida Chapter, Past-Chair.

TCLC Celebrates Forty Years

The Tri-state College Library Cooperative (TCLC), with 43 member libraries in southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, celebrated its fortieth anniversary at a Ruby Gala held Saturday, April 21. Dozens of TCLC members and their guests gathered at Cabrini College, Radnor, PA to dance to sixties tunes, compete on baby boomer trivia questions, and bid on raffle items. The Ruby Gala raised over \$1,000 for the Sister Mary Dennis Lynch Scholarship Fund, which assists TCLC members with grants for professional development.

Presented at the Gala were TCLC's premier "Spirit of Cooperation" Awards, designed to honor individuals who have given exemplary service to the organization. James L. Sauer, library director at Eastern University, St. Davids, PA, and Kathleen Mulroy, library director at Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, PA, were recognized with these awards for their dedicated committee service, excellent ideas, and hard work.

Founded by twelve library directors in 1967, TCLC has grown to almost four times its original membership. TCLC's mission is to advance and promote the best possible research and scholarship through library cooperation, collaboration, and educational development. Students, faculty, and staff of any TCLC institution have free access to all the libraries in the Cooperative, plus member libraries offer free ILL to one another. In addition, TCLC hosts numerous interest groups and development activities throughout the academic year. Over the last forty years, TCLC has attracted as members college and university libraries both large and small, becoming a primary source of academic library resource sharing and staff development in the tri-state region.

Lehigh University's Linderman Library Reopens after 22-Month Renovation

Lehigh University's Linderman Library reopened on March 19th after a \$19 million renovation and was dedicated at campus ceremonies on May 17th honoring donors who contributed to the project. Lehigh's first library, Linderman was built in 1878 as a memorial to founder Asa Packer's daughter Lucy Linderman. It featured a rotunda with a signature stained glass skylight, a circular stair, and a loggia. In 1929 a large addition, including the splendid reading room and other handsome spaces, was constructed.

The 2007 renovation provides new teaching seminar rooms, a technology classroom, enhanced climate control, improved building access and navigation, upgraded wired and wireless technology, added seating, group studies, additional exhibit spaces, and a café. Architectural services were provided by MGA Partners of Philadelphia. The historic building has approximately 50,000 net assignable square feet and contains the humanities collection of about 250,000 volumes plus 40,000 volumes of Special Collections materials. The remainder of Lehigh's 1.2 million volumes is housed in the E. W. Fairchild Martindale Library and the Library Materials Center on Lehigh's Mountaintop campus.

ACRL—Delaware Valley Chapter Membership Dues Form—Join or Renew Today!

About your membership...

- Your dues are paid for the calendar year noted on your mailing label. If you haven't yet done so, please forward dues through 2007 to Bobbi Jacquet.
- Members whose dues fall into arrears will be removed from the mailing list.
- Dues are payable on the first of the year and your membership is current for one calendar year. Your dues cover the costs of mailing newsletters and program announcements, as well as maintaining our web presence. The Chapter also supports an annual stipend to support the education of future librarians.
- Please notify us of address changes, employment updates, retirements, etc. Help us keep our mailing list current!

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your check, to Bobbi Jacquet, Treasurer. Please contact Bobbi (jacquet@cabrini.edu) with any questions about your membership.

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Nominating Committee Forming

The ACRL/DVC Board of Directors is now accepting volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the spring 2008 board elections!

The Nominating Committee features 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 2008: Vice-President/President-Elect, Director-at-Large, and Treasurer. The Committee shall meet as often as its members deem necessary to perform the Committee's responsibilities.

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

To volunteer, and/or for more information, contact Kristine E. Mudrick, ACRL/DVC Past President, by e-mail to kmudrick@sju.edu or phone 610-660-3215.



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