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Message from the President

Spring is certainly here and with it comes the realization that the 2002 biennial conference, which will be held with our colleagues in the South Carolina Library Association, is just a few months away. I hope that you are planning on joining us for a wonderful time in Charleston, South Carolina, October 24-26, 2002. The Conference will be held at the Westin Francis Marion Hotel and the Lightsey Center of the College of Charleston.

The program is going to be an exciting one with Mitch Freedman, ALA President; Dori Sanders, South Carolina writer and storyteller; and Elliot Engel, noted author and lecturer; as the General Session speakers. And that is just the beginning as this interesting and informative program takes shape. The SCLA/SELA Planning and Local Arrangements Committees are working hard to make this our best conference yet! Additional information will be available soon.

I would like to remind you of the availability of the Gale Group Professional Grants. These grants, made possible through the generosity of The Gale Group, are available to help finance attendance at the SELA Conference for a new professional librarian from each of our member states. The grant is in the amount of \$500. Complete information can be found in this issue and at the SELA website (<http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/grant.html>). The deadline for receipt of applications has been extended to July 1, 2002. Be sure to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for new librarians to receive funding to attend the Conference in Charleston!

Speaking of the SELA website, please note that the URL has changed to <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu>. I would like to thank SEFLIN for hosting our site over the past few years. Our site will now be hosted by the University of Central Florida Library.

The election of SELA officers for the 2003/2004 biennium will be held soon. Please note that biographical information and a statement of professional concern from each of the candidates are found in this issue. Be sure to vote when your ballot is received in the mail.

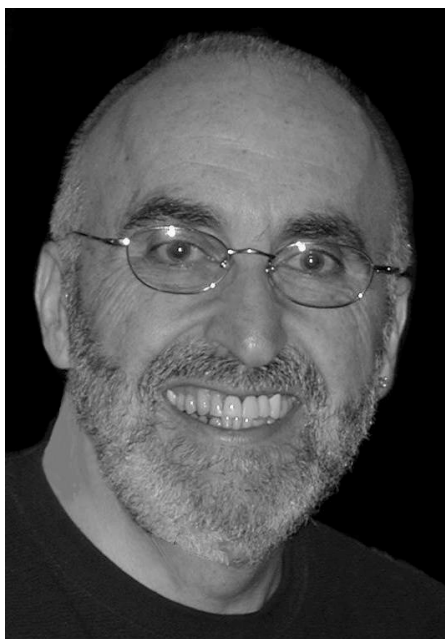
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Freedman, Sanders and Engel to Headline Biennial Conference

The SELA biennial conference is scheduled for October 24-26 in beautiful, historic Charleston, South Carolina and is being held in conjunction with the South Carolina Library Association annual conference. The theme is "Access the Past: Anticipate the Future: 2002". SELA and SCLA are pleased to announce an outstanding lineup of conference speakers. In the opening session, Dr. Elliot Engel will entertain and enlighten with a presentation on the life and works of Charles Dickens. Mitch Freedman, ALA President-Elect, will be our closing speaker at the Saturday brunch and will share the work of a taskforce studying librarian salaries. Dori Sanders, critically acclaimed author of "Clover," will speak at the conference luncheon on Friday. As an added treat, Robert Jordan, New York Times best-selling author of fantasy fiction, and native Charlestonian, will speak Friday afternoon. But that's not all. Program proposals on a variety of compelling library related topics are streaming in from our sections, round tables and committees.

Of course there is Charleston itself. From its beautiful town mansions and outlying plantation houses to its classy restaurants, carriage tours and intriguing boutiques, Charleston offers something for every visitor. In the true spirit of the South Carolina low country, the final highlight of the conference will be an oyster roast on Saturday evening in Marion Square Park across the street from the headquarters hotel. We look forward to seeing you. Additional information about Charleston may be found at <http://www.charlestonchamber.net/home.asp>
-Tom Gilson

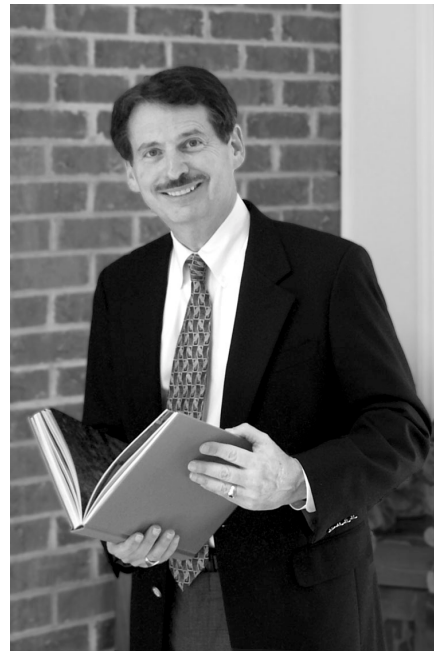


Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman is Director, Westchester (NY) Library System and 2001-2002 President-Elect of the American Library Association. He manages a cooperative library service agency of approximately 50 staff, serving 38 public libraries and a population of 875,000. His position includes the management of technology, bibliographic control, ILL, age level consultation, and a variety of outreach services. Dr. Freedman served as Adjunct Associate Professor, Pratt Institute, SLIS, 1990-1999. For more information on Dr. Freedman see <http://www.mjfreedman.org/>.



Dori Sanders was born in Filbert, (York County) South Carolina. Her father's farm, where her family still raises Georgia Belle and Elberta peaches, is one of the oldest black-owned farms in York County. Her father was an elementary school principal and an author. She attended York County public schools and later studied at community colleges in Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland. In the growing season she farms the family land, cultivating peaches, watermelons, and vegetables, and helps staff Sanders' Peach Shed, her family's open-air produce stand. Dori Sanders is a brilliantly entertaining public reader of her own work. See also: <http://www.algonquin.com/authors/pagemaker.cgi?Sanders^Dori>.

A Native of Indianapolis, **Dr. Elliot Engel** earned his B.A. at Indiana University and his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at UCLA. While at UCLA he won the University's Outstanding Teacher Award. His six books have been published by both British and American presses, and his articles have appeared in numerous magazines, including *Newsweek*. PBS Television stations throughout the country ran his mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens. He has received North Carolina's Adult Education Award and the Victorian Society Award of Merit. Dr. Engel has lectured throughout the nation, in Europe, in Japan, and in Australia and New Zealand. Additional information may be found at <http://www.authorsink.com/engel.htm>.



Robert Jordan was born in 1948 in Charleston, South Carolina, where he now lives with his wife, Harriet, in a house built in 1797. He taught himself to read when he was four with the incidental aid of a twelve-years-older brother, and was tackling Mark Twain and Jules Verne by five. He is a graduate of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, with a degree in physics. He served two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Army; among his decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with "V", and two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry. A history buff, he has also written dance and theater criticism. He enjoys the outdoor sports of hunting, fishing, and sailing, and the indoor sports of poker, chess, pool, and pipe collecting. He has been writing since 1977 and intends to continue until they nail shut his coffin.

Stateside News

Alabama

One Down; One to Go: Mobile's Toulminville Branch Opens

Mobile, AL - Virginia Dillard Smith would have reveled in the opening of the Mobile Public Library's new Toulminville Branch, not because the building bears her name, but because the community turned out to celebrate, to discover, and to enjoy their new library. The branch is in the heart of the Toulminville community at the corner of Stanton Road and Fillingim Street.

For those in west Mobile the wait is also drawing to an end. Construction on the West Regional Library is on schedule for a fall opening. This new facility will have over 100 public access computers, a small coffee shop, a multi-purpose meeting room, story time room, and quiet study area, as well as plenty of comfortable seating.

Florida

Broward County Libraries Division Receives "Test of Time Award" for Main Library

Broward County, FL - The Broward County Main Library, located in downtown Fort Lauderdale and designed by Robert Gatje of Marcel Breuer and Associates in 1982, has been presented with the "Test of Time Award" by the Architectural Institute of America.

The award recognizes the building as "well designed for regional climatic condition" and for its "incredible feeling of space." The award states that "the library stands the test of time because no additions or changes have been made to it that have changed its character."

Carolina Wiebe, President of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of AIA, presented the award on March 28th.

The Main Library has been presented two other awards for its structure:

the Outstanding Concrete Structure Award in Florida in 1985 from the Florida Concrete and Products Association, Inc. and the Award of Excellence, 13th Annual Library Buildings Award Program in 1987, from the American Institute of Architects and American Library Association.

New at Nova Southeastern University

Fort Lauderdale, FL - The newly opened Library, Research, and Information Technology Center on Nova Southeastern University's (NSU's) main campus in Fort Lauderdale is a state-of-the-art, \$43 million facility that will bring vast resources, the latest technology, and a wide array of cultural activities to NSU and all of Broward County. To officially celebrate the arrival of Broward's newest library, NSU hosted a special Grand Opening event on December 8th. The daylong festivities included tours of the library, storytelling by award-winning children's author Bruce Lansky, special performances and exhibits, technology demonstrations, games, and more. "It is thrilling to see our vision become reality, and in an even grander form than we ever imagined," said NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr. "This incredible new library will impact the lives of thousands of people in and around the university and the community."

The Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is an innovative joint-use facility that was created through efforts by NSU and the Broward County Board of Commissioners. At capacity, it will be Florida's largest library, serving the students, faculty, and staff of NSU, as well as residents of Broward County. The five-story, 325,000-square-foot facility will house up to 1.4 million volumes. However, the library will be about much more than books, with space devoted to education, research, cultural events, technology, art, and social interaction. The building features 20 electronic classrooms (including one designed specifically for children); a 500-seat Performing Arts theater; 1,000 user seats with Internet access; 700 computer workstations; a

children's reading area and story room; a Knowledge Navigation Center; multi-media rooms; a music listening room; large museum-like exhibit galleries; a café; and study and meeting rooms. A 1,525-space parking garage that will include spaces reserved for the public is also being constructed as part of the agreement between NSU and the Broward County Board of Commissioners.

For more information about the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, please see the web site: <http://www.nova.edu/library/lritc/>.

Florida State Archives Introduces New Online Catalog System

Tallahassee, FL - The Florida State Archives has announced a new automated cataloging system designed to provide Floridians with easy Internet access to information about the research resources available from the State Archives. The Florida State Archives Online Catalog, available on the Web at <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/rediscovery/>, provides the public and government officials and employees with immediate remote access to current information about archival resources available to meet the research needs of government and private citizens. The Archives Web catalog provides researchers with an unprecedented level of detail about collections in the State Archives, including general descriptions of each collection and listings of the content of each container or folder in those collections.

Ex Libris Wins Florida Universities System

Tallahassee, FL - Officials for the Florida Division of Colleges and Universities (DCU) plan to replace the current Library Management System (LMS) with ALEPH 500 from Ex Libris. Currently all of the libraries use a shared system based on a heavily customized version of NOTIS managed and operated by the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA). This system, more commonly known as

WebLUIIS, currently has the highest transaction load in the U.S. for a single, full-function LMS supporting academic libraries. Catalogs for each university as well as a central union catalog will be created on the new, shared ALEPH system.

The FCLA ALEPH system will link to the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) system (a consortium serving 28 community colleges in Florida) via an overarching union catalog that will also provide for universal resource sharing between the two systems. Implementation of each of the eleven DCU institutions will be phased in over a period of 3.5 years and is anticipated to be complete by summer 2005. The system will support 960 staff licenses, an unlimited number of public licenses, and will run on hardware housed at the DCU's Northeast Regional Data Center.

Georgia

'Unsung Footsoldiers' Focus of Civil Rights Partnership

Athens, GA - The "Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies" and the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia have forged a partnership to chronicle Georgia's rich history in the Civil Rights Movement. The new venture, focusing on "unsung foot soldiers," will establish UGA as one of the premier institutions in the nation for the study of civil rights.

"To document significant, historic events such as these, which have not been previously chronicled, will support civil rights scholarship and contribute to discourses on diversity and equity," said Sheryl Vogt, head of the Russell Library. "Research materials developed through this project will provide a full spectrum of documentation in the Russell Library on civil rights experiences. This initiative is important. It brings these resources together in one repository and fosters collaboration among scholars, archivists, and the community."

The foundation for the project is the award-winning documentary of social work professor Maurice Daniels, "Foot Soldier for Equal Justice: Horace T. Ward and the Desegregation of the University of Georgia." Research from this documentary yielded more than 30 rare interviews of civil rights figures in Georgia and from around the country, including Ward and fellow federal judge Constance Baker Motley, attorneys Donald Hollowell and Vernon Jordan, U.S. Sen. Herman Talmadge and former Gov. Ernest Vandiver. The vision of the "Foot Soldier Project" is to expand this endeavor to collect additional archival and documentary materials that can be used by researchers involved in issues dealing with civil rights, social justice, and policy reform.

In addition to donating to the library the photos, interview transcripts and other materials gathered in the process of creating the documentary, Daniels and other participants in the project have agreed to partner with Russell Library staff in the identification of archival materials, particularly from African-Americans.

UGA Libraries and Art School Receive Mellon Grant to Digitize Photo Collection

Athens, GA - A \$155,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation will assist the University of Georgia Libraries and School of Art in digitizing a photographic documentation of the history of American art and architecture. The collection has been the principal source of images for teaching American art history for more than four decades.

The Mellon-funded project will culminate in providing access to the collection through ArtSTOR, an online database of educational and scholarly images, and GALILEO, the University System of Georgia's online library. "Because these images continue to be critical to the teaching of the arts of the United States, access to digital versions of these images over the Internet would represent a major achievement in support of American art studies," said William Gray Potter, the university librarian at UGA. "It

would significantly enhance the expanding body of digital materials available to teachers, students and scholars working in this field." The project will take about one year to complete.

Emory University receives donation of William L. Dawson Papers

Atlanta, GA - Emory University's Woodruff Library has received a donation of the papers of the distinguished composer and choral director William Levi Dawson, from his nephew Milton L. Randolph, Jr., and his wife Marian. Described as the "Dean of African-American Choral Composers," Dawson is world renowned for his arrangements of Negro spirituals and for his composition of the *Negro Folk Symphony*, premiered in 1934 by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

"The papers document Dawson's varied and distinguished career," noted Randall Burkett, Curator of African-American Collections in the Woodruff Library. "Original musical scores for his compositions, including various drafts and revisions of the *Negro Folk Symphony*, will enable music students to analyze the evolution of his musical style. During 1952-53, he toured West Africa and made dozens of recordings of African dance and musical performances, and virtually all of these are preserved on reel-to-reel tapes in the collection." On the basis of his research during this trip, the *Negro Folk Symphony* was significantly revised and then recorded for the first time.

The collection includes hundreds of recordings from African-American church, high school, college, and university choirs; and a wide array of classical, jazz, blues, and popular music on 78- and 33-rpm phonodisc, as well as reel-to-reel, cassette, and 8-track tape. The book collection includes many inscribed volumes, most notably a first edition of the novel *Invisible Man* by one of his Tuskegee music students, Ralph Ellison.

Manuscripts, photographs, and books will be housed in the Special Collections and Archives Division of Woodruff Library, while recordings will be housed in the Heilbrun Music and Media Library. The papers are expected to be open for research early in 2003. Dawson photos are available on request from Special Collections. For more information on the collection, please contact Randall Burkett at 404-727-0129.

Emory University Acquires Modern Poetry Library of J. M. Edelstein

Atlanta, GA - The Special Collections and Archives Division of the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Emory University has acquired the modern poetry library of the late J. M. Edelstein, a bibliographer, book collector, and scholar. In both its size and rarity, the Edelstein library represents one of the most significant collections of modern American poetry assembled, containing more than 2,000 volumes including a substantial number of fine press works and other rare editions. In assembling a broad spectrum of volumes of twentieth-century American verse, the library contains complete or virtually complete collections of publications by some of the most notable writers in the United States, including Wallace Stevens, James Merrill, Robert Lowell, and Robert Creeley. The Edelstein collection also contains books produced by a number of notable fine press publishers that made significant contributions to the publication of poetry, including Harry Duncan at the Cummington Press and Abattoir Editions, Kim Merker at the Stone Wall and Windhover Press, Claude Fredericks at the Banyan Press, and Jonathan Williams at the Jargon Society.

The Edelstein library adds a substantial new dimension to the Robert W. Woodruff Library's already distinctive collections. Building upon a foundation of significant rare books and manuscripts in modern and contemporary poetry, the addition of the Edelstein collection further

establishes Emory as a center for the study of twentieth century poetry.

Louisiana

Louisiana State Employee Email Reference

Baton Rouge, LA - With the click of a mouse, Louisiana state employees anywhere in the state can now access free information and reference services via email. SEER (State Employee Email Reference) is available at <http://www.state.lib.la.us>. The new reference service is in addition to telephone reference services already offered weekdays.

Mississippi

Southern Culture Center Receives Grant to Compile the Mississippi Encyclopedia

University, MS - The University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture has received a \$50,000 planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to compose the Mississippi Encyclopedia, an exhaustive historical reference book.

"Mississippi is a place with a strong sense of the past to our present and future," said Dr. Charles Reagan Wilson, center director. "Mississippi Encyclopedia will not only provide authoritative information on our state's history and culture, but will help enrich our appreciation for the diversity of our experience."

Featuring listings from Adams County and Alcorn State University to author Stark Young and the town of Zion Hill, the one-volume hardback edition will include some 2,500 entries contained within 800 pages. In addition to text, images, and excerpts from primary sources, the Encyclopedia will feature entries from more than 400 authors. The Mississippi Encyclopedia is set to be published in late 2005 or 2006. An online component of the

resource will offer interactive digital media formats, including text, still images, audio, and video.

North Carolina

UNC Receives \$530,000 Grant for 3D Digital Rare Book Library

Chapel Hill, NC - UNC has received a \$530,000 grant from E.S.P. Das Educational Foundation to produce a three-dimensional digital rare book library. UNC's School of Information and Library Science (SILS), ibiblio.org, and UNC's Academic Libraries will together use the grant money to reintroduce the experience of viewing a book into the digital form. According to Paul Jones, director of ibiblio.org and supervisor of the 3D library project, "The grant gives UNC an opportunity to make some of the great treasures of UNC Academic Libraries available to the people of North Carolina and of the world in new exciting and easily accessible forms."

UNC Charlotte Joins ASERL

Charlotte, NC - The J. Murray Atkins Library of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte recently became the newest member of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL). "We are most pleased to welcome UNC Charlotte to the ASERL family," commented ASERL Board President Stella Bentley. "The UNC Charlotte Library has grown tremendously in recent years and will undoubtedly make great contributions to ASERL's cooperative work."

South Carolina

Library Receives Major American Literature Collection

Columbia, SC - The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library announces the addition to its American literature holdings of a rich new collection featuring works by major 19th-century writers. The collection is coming to the

library through a gift-purchase agreement with Carolina Distinguished Professor of American Literature and former chair of the English Department, Dr. Joel Meyerson. Professor Meyerson, one of the country's leading scholars in 19th-century American literature, has built up the collection over a period of 30 years.

The Myerson Collection brings to the University comprehensive collections of first editions for Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), Theodore Parker (1810-1860), Walt Whitman (1819-1892), and Emily Dickinson (1830-1886), along with manuscripts, letters, proofs, later and posthumous editions, and associated scholarship. With these core collections are smaller collections for lesser-known writers of the Transcendentalist movement, such as Christopher Pearse Cranch (1813-1892), significant groups of early editions from other writers of the period such as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau, Bronson and Louisa May Alcott, Herman Melville, and Harold Frederic, and a seven thousand-volume reference collection of the scholarly publications about the period.

Among the outstanding items in the Myerson Collection are the first edition of Emerson's Phi Beta Kappa Address ("The American Scholar," 1837), and Emerson's corrected proofs for its second edition; Margaret Fuller's own copy of *Woman in the Nineteenth Century* (1845), inscribed by her; the first edition of Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* (1855), making Thomas Cooper Library one of very few to hold both variants of this edition, along with galley proofs and wrapped issues from Whitman's later additions; and Emily Dickinson's first and only lifetime publication in book-form, together with both British and American issues of the first posthumous Dickinson collection. In 2000, the Myerson Collection, totaling more than 11,000 volumes, was conservatively appraised at more than \$750,000.

James Dickey Collection Donated to USC
Columbia, SC - The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library has been given a comprehensive collection of books and other publications by the poet and novelist James Dickey (1923-1997). Dickey taught at USC for three decades as Poet-in-Residence and First Carolina Professor of English.

The collection has been donated by Professor Matthew J. Bruccoli, Jefferies Professor of English and Dickey's literary executor. The collection comprises some 436 first editions, limited editions, proofs, other books, and periodical issues containing Dickey items, many with personal inscriptions, covering the whole range of his career.

Thomas Cooper Library is already home to Dickey's extensive personal library, and selected literary memorabilia are displayed in the James Dickey Seminar Room.

Major Gift Allows Furman to Move Ahead with Library Expansion

Greenville, SC - Furman University officials announced that the school has received a major gift that will allow it to proceed with construction of a new wing to the James B. Duke Library. The gift was provided by Greenville resident and former Furman trustee Mary Peace Sterling. Although the amount of the gift was not made public, university president David E. Shi called it one of the largest in school history. The new, 48,000-square-foot addition to the library will be known as the Charlie Peace Wing. It is named in honor of Ms. Sterling's late father, Charlie Peace, a longtime executive with *The Greenville News-Piedmont Co.*

In addition to the gift, Ms. Sterling will make a \$100 contribution to the library project for every alumnus who makes a gift, regardless of size or purpose, to Furman prior to May 31, 2002. Shi said that "Charlie's Challenge" could generate as much as \$1 million in additional funds for the library.

Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2002. The total cost of the library project, which will include a complete renovation of the original building and an endowment for the new square footage, will be more than \$25 million. In January of 2000, it was announced that The Duke Endowment of Charlotte, N.C. had made a \$10 million commitment to the project.

Virginia

UVA receives rare gift

The University of Virginia Library received rare Declaration of Independence items from collector Albert H. Small, a University of Virginia alumnus and former Board of Visitors member. The gift, which includes an engraved copy of the Declaration of Independence given to the Marquis de Lafayette, is the second by Small from his personal Declaration of Independence collection. In 2000, Small gave a group of early printings of the Declaration from the various 13 colonies. Small has pledged his entire collection to the University, where items will eventually be on prominent display. To learn more about the resources found in Special Collections, visit <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/speccol> or call (434) 924-3025.

UVA Receives \$1 Million Grant

Charlottesville, VA - The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a three-year, \$1 million grant to the University of Virginia Library in support of digital library research and development. The grant will enable the library, in collaboration with a research group at Cornell University, to build a sophisticated digital repository system that will provide streamlined access to the growing collections of electronic texts, digital images, video and audio files, and social science and geographic data sets. For more information about the digital project, visit http://www.lib.virginia.edu/dlbackstage/specprojx_fedora.html

People News

Rachel Augello has been appointed Catalog Librarian in the Wyllie Library at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Rachel comes to UVA-Wise from San Juan College, New Mexico, where she was Reference and Catalog Librarian. She obtained her MLIS from Florida State University, her MA in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Ohio State University, and her BA from Dickinson College.

Mary A. Brown has been appointed Administrator for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Inc. in Clearwater, Florida.

Jack Lynn Calbert, bibliographer and reference librarian at Tulane University Libraries, retired January 31, 2002. Dr. Calbert joined the library in 1991 and during more than a decade of his employment, assisted with the library's collection development policies, approval plans, electronic resources and its gifts program.

Rebecca Campbell has joined the Mississippi Library Commission as Collection Management Librarian effective March, 2002.

Dr. Elfreda Chatman, School of Information Studies, Florida State University who was internationally known for her research on the subject of human information-seeking behavior, has passed away. The school held a memorial celebration on March 22. Meanwhile, those who knew Dr. Chatman are invited to share memories of her in an online memorial guest book at <http://www.lis.fsu.edu/chatman/index.cfm>

Erika Day has been appointed Media Librarian in the Clemons Library at the University of Virginia. Erika was most recently the General Reference Librarian/Media Coordinator in the Edith Garland Dupre Library at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Kathleen Dort has been named manager of the Main Library for Clearwater (Florida) Public Library System. She was formerly assistant director at the Largo Public Library.

Lori Driscoll was appointed October 2001 as Chair of Access Services Department at the University of Florida Smathers Libraries. She was formerly Library Access Services Coordinator at Santa Fe Community College Library.

Todd D. Elliott joined the Tidewater Community College/Norfolk campus Learning Resources Center as a reference librarian in January. He was previously a branch manager for the Norfolk Public Library. An Air Force veteran, Elliott earned his MLIS from the University of South Carolina.

Stephen Enniss, librarian and curator of literary collections at Emory University, has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust Visiting Fellowship to conduct research in the School of Advanced Study at the University of London during the 2002-2003 academic year. The award funds Fellows for a nine or ten-month research residency at the School while they pursue an independent research project. Enniss, whose role at Emory includes developing the University's extensive Irish literary collections, will be working on a critical study of the contemporary Irish poet Derek Mahon.

Brian Erb has joined the faculty as Reference Librarian in the Wyllie Library at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Brian was previously Reference and Catalog Librarian at Farmington Public Library in New Mexico. He received his MLIS from Florida State University and his BA in Sociology from Furman University.

Donald D. Foos died March 31, 2002 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was 73. Dr. Foos began his library career in 1966 with the Alabama Public Library Services. Dr.

Foos also served as Dean and Professor of the Graduate School of Library Science at Louisiana State University from 1971-79, and was Director of the Center for Library and Information Sciences Program at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. His extensive publications and advocacy for people with disabilities led to his work with library services for the aging population. Dr. Foos was selected to represent libraries at the White House Conference on Aging in 1990. He also served as the executive director for the Tri-State Resource and Advocacy Corporation in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Donna Hughes-Oldenburg has accepted the position as Head of Bibliographic Services at the Old Dominion University Libraries in Norfolk. Donna comes to the Old Dominion University Libraries from Sims Memorial Library at Southeastern Louisiana University where she served most recently as Collection Development Librarian. Donna received her MLIS from the University of California and her MA and BA from Hollins College. She completed additional graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Carol Hunter has been appointed Director, Science and Engineering Libraries, for the University of Virginia library system. Before accepting this post, Carol had been the Assistant Government Information Services Librarian since 1998 for the University Library. Hunter received her BA from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and her MLS from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Before coming to the University Library, she was Assistant Department Librarian of Archives and Manuscripts at the Birmingham Public Library, Alabama; head of the New York Region Library of the U.S. Customs Service; and Physical, Social Science, and Engineering Librarian at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Leslie Johnston was appointed the new Director of Digital Services Integration in the University of Virginia Library system. She was previously Head of Instructional Technology and Library Information Systems at Harvard Design School.

Dr. Martha Merrill, Educational Resources faculty member at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, is the co-author of a new resource for school library media professionals. The Dictionary for School Library Media Specialists 2001, ISBN 1563086964 \$40.00 is published by Libraries Unlimited. Mary Maude McCain, retired library media specialist from Mountain Brook Elementary School is co-author of the resource.

Phyllis Ruscella has been hired as the Director of the University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library, and is expected to start in June. Phyllis is currently Associate University Librarian for Public Services at Georgia State University.

Dr. Jerry Saye, a professor at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science (SILS), has received the top teaching award presented by the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). The association's 2002 Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Saye at ALISE's recent annual conference in New Orleans.

Jean Shipman and Andy Morton have won the MCB University Press Outstanding Paper of the Year award for their article, "The New Black Bag: PDAs, Health Care and Library Services," *Reference Services Review*, v. 29, n. 3: 229-37. Each year MCB University Press, the publisher of *Reference Services Review*, bestows one Literati Award for each of its academic journals. Jean is the Director of Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Andy is the Head of Access and Delivery Services at Boatwright Memorial Library at the University of Richmond.

Birmingham Public Library is pleased to announce that **Barbara Sirmans** has been appointed Library Director effective March 2, 2002. She will succeed **Jack F. Bulow** who will retire after 30 years of service. As director Ms. Sirmans will administer a \$13 million budget and will be responsible for a staff of 300 at the Central Library and 20 branch locations.

Bernadette Storck, Administrator for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Inc. in Clearwater, Florida is retiring in May 2002. She devoted twelve years to the creation and support of this vital organization

Clara Swann, Head of the Local History and Genealogy Department for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County (Tennessee) Bicentennial Library, has retired after 31 years of service.

The National Science Foundation has awarded University of Tennessee SIS professor **Dr. Carol Tenopir** a \$251,000 grant for studying electronic journal use by undergraduates. Dr. Tenopir, a long-time and well-regarded researcher of e-journals, is a prodigious researcher in the field of information sciences.

Raquel Von Cogell has been appointed Research Services Team Leader in the General Libraries of Emory University beginning May 1, 2002. She came to Emory in 1997, working in research services,

instruction and collection management. She brings experience in reference at Yale University, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and UCLA. She received her MLS from UCLA in 1994.

Nancy Westrick has been appointed Web Coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University. She received her MS in Library Science from Long Island University and her BA in Secondary Education from Clemson University. Previously she was employed by Oracle Corporation and prior to that by law firms in Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

Anne Whiteside became the Fine Arts Librarian for the University of Virginia Library system. Before joining the UVA staff, Anne was the Visual Resources Librarian at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Dr. Paul A. Willis has been named the new Dean of Libraries at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He is leaving a post as Director of Libraries at the University of Kentucky and will begin work at USC in July.

SELA web site gets a new home!

Your SELA web site can now be found at <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/>. The University of Central Florida Library is hosting the web site effective April, 2002. Curtis Rogers is stepping down after four years as webmaster. THANK YOU Curtis for your service to the association.

Call for Nominations for the SELA President's Award

1. Criteria for eligibility

The President's Award will be made to one person in a biennium and, if no suitable nomination is received, may be omitted for that biennium.

The nomination for the President's Award must be made by a SELA member. The recipient need not be a member.

2. Deadline for submission/nomination of application

The next SELA Conference will take place October 2002. In order to give the committee sufficient time to review nominations, all nominations must be received by **July 31, 2002**.

3. Required information on application

Nominations are to be made in writing to the Chairman of the President's Award Committee. Individuals submitting nominations should send their nominee's name, along with a resume of his or her professional/business and association activities, civic organizations, writings (if pertinent), single events or other honors received. A short statement by the person making the nomination outlining the nominee's significant contribution is also required. Supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, brochures, and letters may be included. Nominations should be mailed to: Samuel F. Morrison, Chair, SELA President's Award Committee, Broward County Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301; Fax: 954-357-7376; email: morrison@browardlibrary.org.

4. History and purpose of the award

The President's Award was established by the Executive Board of SELA in March 1988. President Charles Beard, Vice-President George Stewart, and Executive Secretary Claudia Medori were authorized to judge nominations and to select the first recipient. The President's Award Committee is appointed by the President of SELA and shall include members from a varying number of states in SELA.

The purpose of the President's Award is to honor an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast.

5. Recognition and timing for announcement of the award recipient

The Award will be presented by the Chairman of the President's Award Committee at the general session of the biennial conference. Announcement of the recipient of the Award, with a biographical sketch, will appear in *The Southeastern Librarian*.

Call for Nominations for Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Award

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school, or special library in a Southeastern Library Association member state.

Criteria:

1. Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of the SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs.
2. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made.
3. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program.
4. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.
5. Nomination applications for the award should include the following information:
 - SELA member's name
 - Library's name, address, telephone number
 - Beginning and ending dates of the program
 - Narrative statement describing the program –
its goals and steps to achieve the goals;
special contribution of the program/project
 - Supporting documents related to program publicity

Nomination deadline is **July 1st, 2002.**

Please contact Bob Fernekes, Chair, to submit a nomination or request additional information. Nominations can be emailed, faxed or mailed.

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Call for Nominations for GALE GROUP/SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee Professional Grant

PURPOSE: To encourage professional development and participation by new SELA members. The grant will help finance attendance at the SELA Conference in the amount of \$500 for a new professional from each of the member states.

ELIGIBILITY: All SELA members within their first four years of professional work are eligible. The Committee does not consider geographic location, type of library or position, age, sex, religion, race or national origin. Please do not hesitate to apply for the grant because you feel that you have not done enough as a member of SELA. The Committee is interested in potential for professional development/growth more than past record.

SPONSORSHIP: The Gale Group

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Complete the application on following page and forward to the committee chair. Application deadline has been extended to **July 1, 2002.**

SELECTION: The selection of the grant recipient rests solely with the Committee. Applicants will be notified by August 1. The Committee will consider the following:

- Does the applicant show the ability or initiative to attend SELA conferences if the finances are provided this year?
- How will the applicant use the experience of SELA at their library and in their state association?
- Has the applicant been involved in associations on the state and national level?
- How would the grant opportunity benefit the applicant on the job?
- How might the grant boost the career/contributions of this applicant?
- What contribution is the applicant likely to make to SELA?
- Is the overall presentation/application articulate and cogent?

CONDITIONS OF GRANT ACCEPTANCE: The recipients will be asked to sign an acceptance statement agreeing to the following conditions:

- Recipient will confirm, in writing, with the SELA Committee by September 1 that he/she will attend the SELA conference.
- Recipient will provide confirmation, in writing, from his/her employing institution that he/she has approval to accept this grant and to meet the requirements of conference attendance.
- Recipient will agree to attend certain conference-related functions as requested in advance by the Committee.
- Recipient will agree to keep a daily log or diary in a format requested by the Committee and agree further that this log or diary will be submitted to the Committee and be allowed to be used as a basis for project evaluation and publicity.
- If the recipient is unable to complete the terms of this grant, he/she must notify the Committee and return any funds received under the grant.

Questions regarding the GALE/SELA Professional Grant may be directed to Betty D. Paulk, Chair, SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee. See application for contact information.

Application for GALE GROUP/SELA Professional Grant

Purpose of Grant: Provide financial support to attend the Joint SCLA/SELA Conference at the Lightsey Center, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C., October 24-26, 2002.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a current member of SELA?

(Please enclose a copy of SELA membership card or other verification.)

Present Position Held:

Institution Name and Address:

Title of Position:

Work Telephone:

Immediate supervisor's name, title and e-mail address:

Please answer the following questions, attaching additional sheets as needed.

1. Work experience (Please list in chronological order, most recent first)
2. Education experience (Please list in chronological order, include name of school, highest degree attained, if any, and years of attendance.)
3. Honors
4. Activities in other associations (include dates of memberships, offices held, committees served, etc.)
5. Provide the names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of two professional references - not a member of this Committee.
6. How did you learn about this grant?
7. In no more than one page, justify your need for this grant in terms of your personal and professional development and your commitment to the profession.

Return application by deadline of **July 1, 2002** to:

Betty D. Paulk, Chair, SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development
Committee
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Valdosta State University
Valdosta, Georgia 31698
Email: bpaulk@valdosta.edu
Telephone: 229-333-5870
FAX: 229-259-5055

Nominees for SELA Officers 2003-2004

(Ballots will be mailed to members in next 90 days)

Nominee for Vice-President/President Elect:

Judith Gibbons



Education:

- M.P.A., Kentucky State University
- M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky
- B.A., Pennsylvania State University

Experience:

- Field Services Director, Kentucky Dept for Libraries & Archives 1998-
- Director, Woodford Cty Library, 1984-98
- Adjunct Faculty, University of Kentucky School of Library Science, 1993-1998
- Head, Children's Department, Lexington Public Library Lansdowne, 1980-1984
- Assistant Branch Mgr, Lexington Public Library, Eastland Branch, 1978-80

Selected Professional Activities

ASCLA, Director at Large, 2001 – 2003

LAMA PRMS Section Chair, 2001 – 2002

Secretary, KLA, 1997-1998

Chair, ALA LAMA Public Relations Section Committee, 1996-1997

Chair, KLA Member Services Committee, 1996-1997

Chair, ALA LAMA PRS Recognition Committee, 1996-1997

Chair, SELA/KLA Joint Conference Committee, 1995-1996

Chair, KLA Public Library Section, 1994-1995

Secretary, ALA LAMA PRS Executive Board, 1994-1996

In-Focus Editor, KLA Association Newsletter, 1990-1993

Chair, ALA LAMA Trends Awareness Committee, 1995-1996

Chair, Public Relations Committee, Kentucky Governor's Conference on Library and Information Science, 1990-1991

Chair, KLA Local Arrangements Committee, 1990

Chair, KLA Public Relations Committee, 1987-1988

Statement of Professional Concern: Contemporary librarians are building on tradition while anticipating an uncertain future. Today, there are myriad opportunities coupled with limited resources. Our participation in SELA is an avenue assisting us in dealing with these complexities. In the past, library services were predictable with few options available. Our future can be mapped through participation in SELA's formal conferences and programs enhanced by informal networking and sharing. The association offers a framework for both personal and professional growth. I would be honored to serve as the President of the Southeastern Library Association.

Nominee for Vice-President/President Elect

Judy K. Rule



Education:

- Concord College, BS in Ed. 1966
- Indiana University, MLS, 1967

Experience:

- Director, Cabell County Public Library, 1984-present
- Assistant Director, Cabell County Public Library, 1970-1984
- Coordinator for Adult Services, Cabell County Public Library, 1967-70
- Part-time Instructor, Marshall University, 1968-69

Membership and Professional Activity:

West Virginia Library Association - Secretary, 1969-73; State Chairman of National Library Week, 1973; 2nd Vice-President, 1974; 1st Vice-President, 1980; President, 1981; ALA Councilor, 1984-1990; Chairman, Director's Interest Group Roundtable, 1991-1992.

Southeastern Library Association - Interstate Cooperation Committee, 1975-76; Executive Board, WVLA Representative 1978-1982; Intellectual Freedom Committee, 1983-84, 1988-1990, chairman 1990-1992; Executive Board, WVLA Representative 1995-present.

American Library Association - I & R Services Guidelines subcommittee of Public Library Association; PLA Nominating Committee, 1983 election; PLA State and Regional Affiliates Task Force, 1983-84, Council, 1984-1990.

Public Service:

Quota Club of Huntington, member, 1967-present
Rotary Club of Huntington, member, 1989-
Community Service Roundtable
Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky
Leadership Tri-State, 1990
Leadership West Virginia, 1992
Delta Kappa Gamma, 1989-

Statement of Professional Concern: I believe the Southeastern Library Association provides an important resource to the libraries and librarians of the Southeast. It has the potential of promoting cooperation and communication among its member states in a more effective way than any other organization. The biennial conference is a wonderful opportunity for members to meet their counterparts from other states and develop personal networks that can improve the quality of libraries throughout the area. The conference and spring meetings provide continuing education but regional workshops conducted in every state would be helpful. In order to accomplish any of these goals SELA needs additional members but it is the task of the Leadership to provide the incentive for joining.

Nominee for Treasurer

Diane Baird



Education:

- B.A., 1965, Austin Peay State University
- M.L.S. 1969, George Peabody College
- Ed.S., 1979, Vanderbilt University.

Professional Experience:

- Librarian User Services, James E. Walker Library, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 1991-
- Assistant Director, Warioto Regional Library, Clarksville, TN, 1982- 1991
- Regional Consultant, Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, 1977-82
- Head Librarian, Educational Resource Center, Nashville State Technical Institute, Nashville, TN, 1970-1975

Professional Memberships:

Southeastern Library Association, 1966-present; University and College Section member, Chair, Chair/elect, Secretary. Circulation/Reserves Roundtable member, Chair, Charter member. Committees: Honorary Membership, Honors and Awards, Exhibits - Chair, Membership, Legislative, Public Relations.

Tennessee Library Association, 1966-present; President, Vice President/President Elect, Committees: Conference Hospitality, Legislative-Chair, Nominating-Chair, Marketing, Honors & Awards, Publications, Exhibits-Chair.

American Library Association, 1967-70, 1993-present; ACRL, Public Library Association. Tennessee Mid-State Library Association, 1969-present.

Community activities Clarksville Literacy Council, Charter member-Chair; Clarksville Book/Author Committee, Charter Member-Chair; Tennessee Governors Conference on Libraries, Planning Committee; Delegate Tennessee Governors Conference on Libraries; presenter Murfreesboro Adult Education. Awards Tennessee Library Association Honors Award

Statement of Professional Concern: SELA has the potential to position itself as the catalyst for the future of Librarianship. When we discuss change and declare our acceptance of change we must somehow utilize each component of the change to enhance our profession. Each choice is affected by budget, experience, technology, personnel, geography, communication, expertise, and on any given day the weather. As a regional professional organization SELA addresses common concerns of the membership with workable solutions. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the strength, stability, and collegiality present in SELA and experience the evolution of Librarianship within a supportive professional organization.

Nominee for Treasurer:

Mary Smalls



Education:

- B.S. in Library Science, South Carolina State University (SCSU), 1974
- M.L. in Librarianship, University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, SC, 1975
- S.L. (Specialist in Library and Information Science), USC, 1987

Experience:

Dean, Library and Information Services, SCSU, 1997- present
Media Specialist, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, Orangeburg, SC, 1996-97
Media Specialist, Elloree High School, Elloree, SC, 1994-96
Assistant Dean, Library and Information Services, SCSU, 1989-94
Project Director, Integrated Online Library System, SCSU, 1987-94
Coordinator, Collection Organization (Technical Services), SCSU 1984-94
Collection Organization Specialist (Technical Services), SCSU, 1977-84
Instructor, School of Education, SCSU, Fall 1984 and 1985
Reference Librarian, Voorhees College, Denmark, SC, 1975-77
Instructor, School of Education, Voorhees College, Spring 1976 and summer 1977

Professional Affiliations/Activities:

Member, SCLA, SELA, ALA, BCALA
Member, SELA Planning and Development Committee
Participant, 2001 SOLINET Institute on Collaborative Library Leadership

Statement of Professional Concern: It is of utmost importance that the integrity of SELA is maintained and safeguarded through its financial system. I am committed to fulfilling the position of SELA Treasurer by keeping accurate records, providing updated reports, and foremost being accountable to the SELA membership.

Nominee for Secretary:

Elizabeth M. Doolittle



EDUCATION:

- Spearfish State University, B.S. cum laude, History, 1983
- LSU, M.L.S., 1984

EXPERIENCE:

- Interim University Librarian, Wyndham Robertson Library, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA
- Head, Public Services and Head, Library Electronic Services, Nicholas State University, Thibodaux, LA
- Head of Adult Services, Rosenberg Public Library, Galveston, TX
- Librarian, Thayer Memorial Library, U. S. Army Eng. School, Ft. Belvoir, VA
- Information Specialist at the Department of Housing and Urban Development Library, Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ACTIVITIES:

American Library Association (1983-)
Library Instruction Round Table (1992-1996): Program Committee (1992-1996)
Reference and User Services Association (2001-)
Association of College & Research Libraries (1990-)
College Library Section: Bibliographic Instruction Program Committee (1994-1996)
University Library Section (2000-)
Association of College & Research Libraries/Louisiana Chapter
Secretary/Treasurer (1991- 1994)
Roanoke Valley Library Association (1997-)
Board of Directors (1998-2000)
Vice President/President Elect (2000-2001)
President (2001-)
Southeastern Library Association (1997-)
University and College Section (1997-)
Secretary (1997-1999)
Vice Chair/Chair Elect (1999-2002)
Reference and Adult Services Section (2001-)
Virginia Library Association (1996-)
Continuing Education Committee (1997-2002)
Nominating Committee (2000)

STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONCERN:

Available opportunity for continuing growth and development on both the professional and personal levels is what drives me to volunteer my time to professional organizations. I believe that while the fundamentals of what we do have not changed greatly, the emphasis of what we do and how we do our jobs is constantly changing. The scarcity of in-house training and development programs and the expense and time involved in participating in national programs hinder the ongoing learning necessary to meet the continuing changes. SELA provides a variety of learning opportunities to all members, regardless of library community, library size, or services offered. I believe I have personally gained much from my membership in SELA and consider it a privilege to be invited to serve SELA in the position as secretary.

Nominee for Secretary:

Faith Line

**Education:**

Charleston Southern University, B.S. 1979;
University of South Carolina, M.L.S., 1982
Troy State University, M.P.A., 1994

Experience:

Sumter County Library	1985 - , Director
Pickens County Library	1981-1983, Extension Librarian; 1983-1985, Assistant Director

Professional Affiliations/Activities:

- ALA Member, 1982-
- PLA Member, 1990-
- LAMA Member, 1998-
- LAMA Publications Committee, Virtual Member
- SELA Member
- Exhibits Committee, 2001-
- South Carolina Library Association, 1982-
- Legislative Committee, 2000-
- President, SCLA 1997-1998
- Vice President/President-Elect, 1996-1997
- Public Library Section Chairman, 1995-1996
- Library Administration Section, Chairman, 1989-1990
- Public Services Sections, Chairman, 1985 to 1986
- Association of Public Library Administrators (South Carolina), 1986-
- Chairman, John Cotton Dana Award Committee, 1995 (received award, 1996)
- President, 1994 to 1995
- Vice-President, 1993 to 1994
- Secretary, 1987 to 1988
- South Carolina LSCA Advisory Board, 1987-1990

Statement of Professional Concern:

Libraries and librarians are facing a myriad of challenges, from budget cuts to the Internet. We are constantly having to learn new technologies and meet the growing need for information in our society, all the while doing it with less money and less staff. As librarians we must meet these challenges head on. New technology has to be embraced and encouraged. We must work for continued funding from traditional sources, while also working to raise funding from new sources. Staff members must be encouraged to take advantage of all available training so that they can meet the needs of our patrons. And we must continue to work with policy makers on all levels. Legislative activities affect so many areas of our profession and we must ensure that we are informed about how these activities will affect libraries. Information is the key to our future, not only for our patrons but also for ourselves.

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