Appointments

Patricia S. Banach, former associate director for collection management at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, has been appointed director of library services at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. Banach has been published in Collection Management, the Serials Librarian, and Library Software Review, Information Technology and Libraries. She is the author of "Cataloging at the University of Massachusetts Amhert Library," published in Managing Cataloging and the Organization of Information: Philosophies, Practices and Challenges at the Onset of the 21st Century.

Jerald Albarelli has joined the Oral History Research Office at Columbia University Libraries and Information Services as a coordinator working on the "Telling Lives" project for public schools affected by September 11.

Amia L. Baker has been named information services/instruction librarian in the Walker Management Library at Vanderbilt University.

Bradley Brazzeal has been appointed instructional services librarian at the Mississippi State University Libraries.

Jessica Buehring has joined the library faculty at Mississippi State University Libraries as science reference librarian.

Karen Davidson has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries faculty as an assistant professor, with a joint appointment in the reference and government documents departments.

Kathleen Dreyer has been appointed business electronic services and reference librarian in the Watson Business and Economics Library at Columbia University Libraries and Information Services.

Angi Faiks has joined the staff of the DeWitt Wallace Library at Macalester College as collection management team leader.

Robert Fowler has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries faculty as a monographic cataloger.

Jill Grogg has been appointed serials librarian at the Mississippi State University Libraries.

Jamie Hansen is now special collections cataloging librarian for the University of South Florida Libraries.

Yvonne Jones has been appointed reference librarian in the Olin Library at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

Deborah Lee has been appointed coordinator of the library instructional services department and of the Corporate and Statistical Research Center at the Mississippi State University Libraries.

Naomi Nelson has been appointed coordinator of research services in the Special Collections and Archives Division of Emory University's General Libraries.

Lorel Reinstrom has been named special collections cataloging and music librarian at the University of South Florida Libraries.

Deborah A. Sommer is the new director of the Walker Management Library at Vanderbilt University.

Amy Starecheski has joined the Oral History Research Office at Columbia University Libraries and Information Services as a coordinator working on the "Telling Lives" project for public schools affected by September 11.

Lyle Tate has been appointed the new serials specialist at the Mississippi State University Libraries.

Elizabeth Urbanik is now the serials cataloger at the Mississippi State University Libraries.

Retirements

Phyllis Brown, library specialist for cataloging, has taken an early retirement from the Stanford University Libraries (SUL) after 17 years of service. Following a career in preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade teaching in Massachusetts and the Bay Area, Brown joined SUL in 1987 as a library specialist in government documents, working with foreign government document serials. She gradually assumed more responsibilities and became document serials team leader in 1993. Since 1997, Brown has been library specialist for cata-

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loging, first in the former Serials and Electronic Resources Unit, where she handled serials and video catalogings, and, finally, since October 1999, in the MARC Unit, where she has served as the serials support cataloger for all non-Slavic, non-Hebrew serial titles

Charlotte Derksen, head of the Branner Library, has retired from Stanford University after 23 vears of service. Derksen has been very active and played a leadership role in professional organizations for earth sciences librarians, including the Geoscience Information Society, American Geological Institute, GeoRef, Geological Society of America, Cartographic Users Advisory Council, ALA-Map and Geography Round Table, and the Research Libraries Group. She has published over 20 articles on collection development and public service issues and has won the best paper from the Geoscience Information Society for the past two years. By request from the Geological Society of America, she developed a Web page called "Selected Web Sites for Geoscientists." Derksen compiled information for the monograph "Union List of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks," 5th ed. (1989)—a core title that is purchased by virtually all earth sciences libraries.

John Jax, after 44 years (32 as director), has retired from the library at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Jax first joined the library as an assistant librarian in 1959. In 1971, he was named head librarian and assistant dean for the school of learning resources. During his tenure, the campus library has grown from a collection of over 75,000 volumes to over 225,000. It was also



John Jax

during his tenure that, following the construction of a new \$6.7 million facility, the Stout library became the first in the University of Wisconsin System to have an integrated automated library system. In 1983, the new facility was named the Library of the Year by the Wisconsin

Library Association. Five years later, the Library Learning Center was honored as one of 49 Centers of Excellence in the University of Wisconsin System. Jax has served as president of the Wisconsin Library Association, chair of the Consortium of Hospitality Research Information Services, and chair of the Council of Wisconsin Libraries, and was named Librarian of the Year by the Wisconsin Library Association in 1986. From 1979 to 1980, Jax served as a national delegate in Washington, D.C. for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Anne Rees retired from the Old Dominion University (ODU) Libraries in December 2003. Rees joined ODU in 1978 as a science reference librarian.

Bonnie H. Schuster, professor of library services and systems librarian at the University of Montana-Missoula (UM), retired in December 2003, after a 35-year career in academic librarianship. Schuster began her professional career as a reference librarian at Iowa State University in 1968, and assumed a similar position at Washington State University in 1973. In 1979, she moved to Missoula to become monographic acquisitions librarian at the UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. In 1990, she became UM's interim head of technical services and, in 1991, she was named systems librarian. During her tenure at UM, Schuster oversaw the implementation of two online library management systems and she brought many honors to campus, including being selected in 1985 to assist the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust with its Library and Information Resources Program to improve access to information resources in the Pacific Northwest. Schuster has been active in many professional library associations, including serving multiple terms on the boards of the Montana Library Association, the Pacific Northwest Library Association, the Mountain Plains Library Association, and the user group boards for each library management system.

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