

Patricia M. Battin, retired president of the Commission on Preservation and Access, was



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one of eight individuals who received the 1999 National Humanities Medal. The medalists are "distinguished individuals who have set the highest standards for American cultural achievement," said William R. Ferris, chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which sponsors the

award. Battin was recognized for organizing and leading a national campaign to save millions of disintegrating books published between 1850 and 1950. And she galvanized congressional support for a national program to microfilm these brittle books, thereby preserving their content as a significant part of the record of American civilization. She was also instrumental in the formation of a European Commission on Preservation and Access, which addresses the problems of decaying books in European libraries. As co-editor of a 1998 book about the impact of information technology on education (*The Mirage of Continuity: Reconfiguring Academic Information Resources for the 21st Century*), she argues that customized teaching and learning via the computer represent a new learning paradigm that will change the nature of universities in the digital age.

Stephen P. Brown, catalog librarian at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana, has been selected by the Association of Christian Librarians as the 1999 recipient of the Emily Russel Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Christian librarianship.

David J. Cohen, dean of Libraries and Academic Information Services at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, is now a SOLINET delegate to the OCLC Users Council. He has been a member of the OCLC Users Council from the South Carolina Library Association

and has served SOLINET as chair of the Board of Directors. **Douglas K. Lehman**, director of Technical Services at Miami-Dade Community College in Florida, and **Elsie Stephens Weatherington**, director of Library Services at Virginia State University, will serve SOLINET as alternatives on the OCLC Users Council.

William J. "Bill" Kopplin, head librarian and Periodicals and Microforms Unit and Assistant for Operations in the Reference and Information Services Department at the University of Texas at Austin, has won a 1999 Librarian Excellence Award.

JoAnne Newyear-Ramirez, assistant head librarian in the Collections and Information Resources Division at the University of Texas at Austin, has won the 1999 Librarian Excellence Award.

Mary Westermann-Cicio, assistant dean of the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University, was honored by the Beta Mu Chapter, Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honor Society at St. John's University. Westermann-Cicio received the chapter's Golden Anniversary Award in recognition of her contribution to the profession of library and information studies. She also received the provost's Certificate of Recognition, which honors C. W. Post staff members who go above and beyond their job descriptions to bring positive change to the campus.

Appointments

Patricia Senn Breivik has been appointed dean of the university library at San José University. Breivik brings a wide range of experience to her new position. At Wayne State University, she administered five libraries, a graduate library and information science program, the university press, faculty development, and



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Media Services. Prior to Wayne State, she served as associate vice president for information resources at Towson State University in the University of Maryland System. A leader at the state and national levels, she currently serves as chair of the National Forum on Information Literacy, and is a past-president of ACRL. Breivik is co-author of *Information Literacy Revolution in the Library*, which won the 1990 G. K. Hall Library Literature Award. She was also honored as an ACE (American Council on Education) Fellow in 1990.

Donna Cohen has been named director of the library at Rollins College. She had been director of the Department of Acquisitions at Rollins since 1986.

Carol L. Dickerson has been appointed library director at Colorado College. She had been the director of the Walker Management Library at Vanderbilt University since 1985.

Anita Evans has been appointed director of Murphy Library at the University of Wisconsin (UW) in La Crosse after serving as interim director since July 1996. Before joining UW in 1987, she held positions in the libraries at Michigan State University and Oklahoma State University.

Robert P. Holley has been appointed interim dean at Wayne State University (WSU). He had served as associate dean of the WSU Library System since 1998. Before being appointed associate dean, Holley had been director of the WSU Library and Information Science (LIS) Program for five years. As



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director, he helped lead the LIS Program to a reaccreditation in 1996 and a top 20 placement in the 1999 *U.S. News* ranking of the best library schools in the nation. Prior to this position, he was associate dean at WSU from 1988 to 1993.

Michael Koenig has been appointed dean of the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University. An experienced educator, corporate manager, and information systems designer, Koenig entered the world of academe as an associate professor at Columbia University's School of Library Service, where he developed an information science program. He later served as dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. Koenig is coeditor of the book *Knowledge Management for the Information Professional*. He also serves on 12 editorial boards and has produced scores of publications in peer-reviewed journals.



Michael Koenig

Tom Moritz has been named director of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. He had served as academy librarian at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco for 12 years and prior to that had been Fisheries-Oceanography librarian at the University of Washington and Friday Harbor librarian. He is past president of the International Association of Marine and Aquatic Science Libraries and Information Centers and is currently chair of the Information Management Task Force for the World Commission on Protected Areas of the World Conservation Union.

Susan Barnes Whyte has been appointed library director at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. She has worked at Linfield since 1990 in Reference Instruction and Distance Learning.

Edward Adams Jr. has been appointed Public Services librarian at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Angela Reaux Akinniyi has joined Louisiana State University as a cataloging librarian.

Judith Albert is now reference librarian at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Rick Bean has been named director of Library and Research Services for Keller

Graduate School of Management in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Keith Belton is now manager of SOLINET's Digital Library Services program.

Amy Beth has joined Queens College as substitute assistant professor and coordinator of Access Services.

Kelly Blessinger is Social Sciences/Geographical Information Systems librarian at Louisiana State University.

Julia Blixrud has been appointed assistant director of Public Programs with Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition.

Diane M. Brown has been named director of Member and Educational Services with SOLINET.

Todd Butler is the new Technical Services librarian at Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Washington.

Linda K. Colding has been appointed reference librarian at the University of Central Florida Library.

Karla Davis is now reference librarian/archivist at Auburn University.

"Liz" Miyuki E. DeHart has accepted the position of head librarian at the Marine Science Library at the University of Texas at Austin.

Marcy Downs is now Reference and Technology librarian at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

Jane Duffy has been appointed librarian in charge of library operations at St. John's College Library and Fr. Harold Drake Library at St. Paul's College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Gary Frost has been appointed conservator at the University of Iowa.

Ronald Gilmour has joined the University at Albany, SUNY, as Science Reference Libraries/Information consultant.

Luis A. Gonzalez has accepted the Andrew W. Mellon Post-doctoral Fellowship as Latin American Studies Research librarian at Duke University.

Joan Hignett is now acquisitions librarian at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Jenifer Holman has been named periodicals librarian at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

Donna Hopkins is the Engineering/Patents librarian at Louisiana State University.

Milan R. Hughston has been appointed chief of Library and Museum Archives at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, New York.

Damon Jaggars has joined the University of Texas at Austin as head librarian of the Undergraduate Library Services division.

James Jenkins has been appointed Social Sciences Reference librarian at Auburn University.

Peter Kargbo has joined Texas Tech University as user instruction librarian.

Blythe Lee has joined Amigos Library Services as Field Services officer for Imaging and Preservation Services.

Avril J. Madison has been appointed assistant university archivist in the Special Collections, Manuscripts and University Archives at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Susanne Markgren is now a full-time temporary reference librarian in the undergraduate library at the University of Texas at Austin.

Thomas G. Matney has been appointed director of Media Services at the University of Oregon.

Robert McDonald has been appointed Social Sciences reference librarian at Auburn University.

Nanette Miller is now head of Reference at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

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Glenda Neidecker has joined Texas Tech University as Education/Human Sciences librarian.

Kathy Payne is now assistant director of Information Services at the Auraria Library in Denver, Colorado.

Mark Robertson is now reference librarian/psychology specialist librarian at York University in Ontario, Canada.

Emily Robison is the political papers archivist in Special Collections at Louisiana State University.

Trish Rosseel has accepted a position as program officer for Distance Learning at the Association of Research Libraries Office of Leadership and Management Services.

Carrie Russell has been appointed copy-right specialist for ALA's Washington Office division.

John Smith is now reference librarian at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Sandra Stewart has been named executive director for Library Development and Public Affairs at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Susi Swis has joined Texas Tech University as Economics/Business librarian.

John Taube has been appointed director of Library and Instructional Technologies at Hagerstown Community College in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Marc Truitt has been named head of the Systems Office at the Linda Hall Library.

Kathryn Venditti is now reference librarian at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Jian (Jan) Wang has been appointed serials cataloger at Portland State University.

Jody Warner is now reference librarian at York University in Ontario, Canada.

Susan F. Whitt has joined the staff of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as Reference/Instructional Services librarian.

Clay Williams has joined Hunter College at CUNY as assistant professor and coordinator of bibliographic instruction/reference librarian.

Cindi Wolff has been hired as Government Information/Microforms coordinator at Louisiana State University.

Janet Yanosko has been appointed librarian at the University of Michigan in Dearborn to establish a Peer Information Counseling program.

Retirements

Kevin Lin, head librarian of the East Asian Library Program, has retired from the University of Texas at Austin after 25 years of service.

Ann Neville, head of Access Services, undergraduate library, and coordinator of Services for Users with Disabilities, has retired from the University of Texas at Austin after 29 years of service.

Ronald A. Seeliger, reference librarian and bibliographer in the Reference and Information Services division, has retired from the University of Texas at Austin, after 42 years of service.

Deaths

D. W. Schneider, associate dean for Public Services at Louisiana State University (LSU) died on July 12, 1999. He was on the faculty at LSU for 24 years, beginning as associate director for Public Services in 1975. In 1977, he served as acting director, and he held the post of interim director of libraries from August 1990 to July 1991. Schneider was active in numerous library and university-wide groups, ALA, ACRL, and LAMA. Dean of Libraries Jennifer Cargill said, "D. W. Schneider will probably best be remembered for his commitments to public service and sharing library resources statewide. He was one of the leaders involved in creating the statewide library network, LOUIS/LLN." Schneider spent many hours working on grants to fund the developing network and, most recently, providing library resources for distance education. ■

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