

Claire Germain, Cornell Law School's Edward Cornell law librarian and professor of law, received the Chevalier de La Légion d'Honneur for her efforts in bridging the American and French legal cultures. The award, which originated in 1802 under Napoleon Bonaparte and is considered France's highest honor, recognizes outstanding achievements in military and civil life. The honor was presented to her in Paris by Vincent Lamanda, the Cour de cassation's first president, a title akin to chief justice in the United States, on behalf of the president of the French republic. Germain received the award for her role in enhancing French-American relations and French knowledge of U.S. law by advocating for, assembling, and shipping the 13,000-volume collection of American case law and law journals.

Appointments

Gillian (Jill) S. Gremmels is now the first Leland M. Park director of the Davidson College Library in Davidson, North Carolina.

Frank Mols has been named director of the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania.

Tyler Walters has been appointed vice provost and university librarian at Rice University. Walters helped create an information commons at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library and Information Center in Atlanta, where he was associate director for technology and resource services. He is a principal investigator for one of the eight original National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation

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Program (NDIIPP) partnerships known as the MetaArchive Cooperative, which is building a distributed digital preservation network and an organizational model that is adaptable by many other consortia. He is a founding board member and treasurer of the Educopia Institute, which strives to sustain educational cyber-infrastructure advancement through projects and partnerships. He's also a member of the Library of Congress Sustainability for Digital Preservation Strategic Working Group, which is part of NDIIPP. Before joining the Georgia Tech Library staff in 2002, Walters served as director of the William R. Haselton Library and Knowledge Center at the Institute of Paper Science and Technology in Atlanta.

William H. Walters has been appointed dean of library services at Menlo College in Atherton, California. He previously served in collection development, technical services, and data librarian positions at Cornell University, St. Lawrence University, and Millersville University. Walters holds a PhD from Brown University and was recently elected to Fellowship in the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.

Rick Anderson is now associate director for scholarly resources and collections at the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library.

Sam Anderson has joined the Babson Library at Springfield College in Massachusetts as reference librarian and liaison to several academic departments.

Ramirose Attebury has joined the University of Idaho Library as reference and instruction librarian.

Aaron Bowen has been appointed reference/subject librarian for communications at California State University-Chico.

Kimberley Bugg is now reference librarian at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Faye A. Chadwell has been named associate university librarian for collections

and content management at Oregon State University.

Courtney Chartier is now archives and special collections processing archivist at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Sayed Choudhury has been promoted to associate dean of the Johns Hopkins University Libraries' Digital Programs.

Elizabeth Colson has been appointed reference/subject librarian for sociology and related subjects at California State University-Chico.

Mark Darby is now head of cataloging and metadata services at Temple University.

Sebastian Derry has been appointed media services librarian at Temple University.

Kirstin M. Dougan is now music user services librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Hector Escobar has been named director of education and information delivery at the University of Dayton's Roesch Library.

Kiffany Francis has been hired as metadata librarian at Cleveland State University.

Carla Fredd is now reference librarian at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Camilla Y. Fulton has been appointed digital and Web content librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Jennifer Young Gordon is now the electronic resources librarian at the University of Texas-Dallas.

Randy Gue has been appointed manuscripts archivist (a two-year position) at Emory University's Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library to process the papers of Atlanta businessman and philanthropist Robert W. Woodruff, as well as several other related collections.

James Hahn has been appointed orientation services librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Heghine Hakobyan has been named Slavic librarian at the University of Oregon-Eugene.

Jason M. Hamilton is now workstation and network support research programmer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Bruce Jeppesen is now associate library director at Cleveland State University.

Lisa Johnston has been appointed librarian, physical sciences and engineering, at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Misu Kim has joined the University of Texas-Dallas as media and archives cataloger.

Margaret E. I. Kipp is now instructor at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University.

Laura Wilson Larkin has been appointed special collections conservator at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Bridget Lurette is now archives and special collections processing archivist at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Emma Saito Lincoln is now media preservation coordinator at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Lisa Macklin has been appointed the coordinator of the Intellectual Property Rights Office for the Emory University Libraries.

Bridget Miller has been appointed acquisitions librarian at Duquesne University's Gumberg Library.

Maud Mundava is now reference librarian and Curriculum Materials Center supervisor at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Sally Neal has joined Butler University as assistant dean for public services.

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Michael Page has been appointed geospatial data librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University.

Deborah Raftus has been appointed Romance languages and literatures librarian at the University of Washington-Seattle.

Amy Randolph is now associate director of advancement at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Clara Ruttenberg is the new electronic resources management librarian at the Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries.

Mark C. Scott has been hired as reference librarian at the University of Pittsburgh.

Adam Shambaugh has joined Temple University as business librarian.

Gail Spears is now archives and special collections cataloger at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Gail M. Staines is now assistant provost for university libraries at Saint Louis University.

Alain St. Pierre has been appointed humanities/history librarian in the General Libraries of Emory University.

Diane Turner has been appointed curator of the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection at Temple University.

Liz Uzelac has joined the Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries as instructional services librarian.

Melanee Vicedo is now reference librarian at Atlanta University's Woodruff Library.

Ann Robertson Whitney is now head of systems in the Health Sciences Libraries of the University of Washington-Seattle.

Heather Williams is now copyright specialist and rights management coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University.

Retirements

Richard Golden has retired after 31 years at the General Libraries of Emory University. His passion for and knowledge of music played a large part in building the Emory library's music collection over the years. His expert knowledge of cataloging and authority work in general, but especially in music cataloging, has contributed immeasurably to the quality of both Webcat and Worldcat.

Rebecca (Becky) Johnson has retired from the University of Iowa (UI) Libraries. Johnson had been with the UI Libraries for 37 years, serving in a variety of reference-focused public services positions, most recently as head of reference and library instruction. She was early in recognizing the need to provide library instruction as a component of reference services and helped develop one of the libraries' first instructional modules. *~*

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The "All Databases" link, which is also on PubMed pages, enables users to search across approximately 31 NCBI databases using Entrez, NCBI's specialized search engine. "GenBank" is highly regarded by the scientific community for its annotated nucleotide sequences and its contributions to the understanding of the human genetic makeup and other organism genomes. "BLAST," the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, provides capabilities for comparing nucleotide or protein sequences to estimate genetic, functional, and even evolutionary interrelationships. Another

toolbar feature is "OMIM," the Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man, a database that supplies quick access to gene and genetic disorders information. NCBI also serves as a portal to taxonomic data and free specialized structural and biochemical databases that provide information that may be challenging to find by other means.

"Books" proves full-text access to selected biomedical books and is recommended for academic librarians developing their own print collections. Overall, based on the wealth and quality of information, NCBI is recommended for all academic biomedical online collections.—*Caroline Geck, Kean University, cgeck@kean.edu ~*