

**California State University-Northridge** (CSU) has received \$30,000 from the Augustine Foundation to fund the conservation of the CSU International Guitar Research Archive's (IGRA) collection of music scores. The grant will cover supplies and cost of labor for putting the scores in new archival enclosures, re-labeling them, cataloging the collection, and marking them for storage. The Augustine Foundation sponsors the study and performance of classical guitar.

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## Acquisitions

**Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize-winner and** internationally known Georgia-born novelist

and poet, will place her archive with Emory University. In 1983, Walker became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, which honored her novel *The Color Purple*. She has written most frequently about the struggle for survival among Southern blacks, particularly black women. She also has given literary voice to the struggle for human rights, environmental issues, social movements and spirituality, as well as the quest for inner and world peace. Walker is widely recognized for her thoughtful weaving of realism with love for humanity and human potential. The archive contains journals that she had been keeping since she was a teenager and drafts of her early works of fiction. *zc*

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a day or two a week telecommuting would work great for me.

In the end, I think that this experiment in telecommuting was a success both personally and professionally. My husband and I were able to keep our family together, experience a vibrant city, and continue to further our own professional goals.

Moreover, I demonstrated that telecommuting, either full-time for a limited duration—or for a few days a week on an ongoing basis—is a viable option to consider, one that will provide personal benefit to employees and an increase in productivity for their employers.

## Notes

1. Andrew Pace, “Librarians Not in Libraries,” *Computers in Libraries* 24 (October 2004): 32-35.

2. Will Manley, “Telework, or Watching Television,” *American Libraries*, 33 (April 2002): 124.

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**Ed. note:** Send your news to: Grants & Acquisitions, C&RL News, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: agalloway@ala.org.

3. Bureau of Labor Statistics, “Work at Home in 2004” U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [www.bls.gov/news.release/homey.nr0.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/homey.nr0.htm).

4. For a compelling study on the advantages (to both employers and employees) of policies promoting benefits such as paid leave, childcare, and flexible scheduling, see Barbara Gault and Vicky Lovell, “The Costs and Benefits of Policies to Advance Work/Life Integration,” *American Behavioral Scientist* 49 (May 2006): 1152–64.

5. For information about the USU ADVANCE program, see [websites.usu.edu/advance/](http://websites.usu.edu/advance/).

6. Snappy commentary on the advantages and disadvantages of face to face meetings for librarians can be found from Meredith Farkas, “No more f2f meetings . . . EVER!” Information Wants to be Free, [meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/07/21/no-more-f2f-meetings-ever/](http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/07/21/no-more-f2f-meetings-ever/).

7. For a review of the literature on blurring and a study that examines academic parents who frequently work from home, see Stephan Desrochers, Jeanne M. Hilton, and Laurie Larwood, “Preliminary Validation of the Work-Family Integration-Blurring Scale,” *Journal of Family Issues* 26 (May 2005): 442–66. *zc*