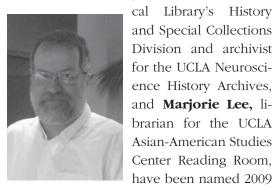
**Russell Johnson**, librarian in the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) Biomedi-



Division and archivist for the UCLA Neuroscience History Archives, and Marjorie Lee, librarian for the UCLA Asian-American Studies Center Reading Room, have been named 2009 Librarians of the Year

Russell Johnson

by the Librarians Association of the University of California-Los Angeles. Johnson was recognized for developing both an interna-

tionally recognized collection of baby books with finding aids and cataloging for the collection, and in conceptualizing the UCLA Library's Neuropsychopharmacology archive as an integrated collection of materials and as a digital archive proj-



Marjorie Lee

ect. Lee was recognized for her outstanding leadership in advising the Library of Congress on establishing a national collection of Asian American archives, in reaching out to the community through significant Asian American cultural events and publications, and in preserving the UCLA Asian-American Studies Center Reading Room collection following a major flood, as well as her scholarly efforts to index the leading Englishlanguage Hmong daily newspaper in the United States.

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## **Appointments**

Lori Mestre has accepted the position of head of the undergraduate library of the Undergraduate Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mestre was the digital learning librarian at the University Library, an associate professor of library administration, and an adjunct associate professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Prior to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mestre spent more than 12 years working at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She has been awarded several grants, written dozens of articles, book chapters, proceedings, and book reviews, and given presentations on topics ranging from digital literacy to diverse online teaching strategies. Mestre is currently writing a book titled Librarians Serving Diverse Populations: Challenges and Opportunities.

**Christopher Schipper** has been named interim director of the San Juan College Library.

Doreen Bradley has been named director of user education initiatives at the University of Michigan's University Library.

**Ash Brown** is now electronic resources cataloger at the University of Michigan's University Library.

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**Martha Conway** has been appointed associate director of the Special Collections Library at the University of Michigan.

**Karen Downing** is now university learning community librarian at the University of Michigan's University Library.

**Karen Jordan** has accepted the position of exchange and outreach librarian at the University of Michigan's University Library.

**Molly Kleinman** is now special assistant to the dean of libraries at the University of Michigan's University Library.

**Melissa Levine** has been named lead copyright officer for the University Library at the University of Michigan.

**Kristin Nielsen** is now the interim head of reference at the University of Georgia Libraries.

**Linda Seguin** has been named systems librarian for the Information Technology Division at the University of Maryland.

**John Weise** has been appointed head of digital library production service at the University of Michigan's University Library.

### Retirements

**Susan Curtis,** head of reference at the University of Georgia Libraries has retired after 30 years of service.

**Louise Hoffmann** has retired as the San Juan College Library director.

### Deaths

Edward Connery Lathem, 82, Dartmouth College librarian (1968–78) and dean of libraries, emeritus, has died. Lathem was editor of works by Robert Frost and others, and an author. From 1976 to 1977, he served as president of the Association of Research Libraries; he was a member of the Overseers Committee to Visit the Harvard University Library (1978–84); and from 1980 to 1993, he was a member of the American Trust for the British Library. From 1985 until the time of his death, Lathem was a trustee of the Dr. Seuss Foundation.

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