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Notes From The Chair

ALA Annual 2011 brought librarians back to a new New Orleans. I have attended three ALA conferences or meetings in New Orleans. My first was pre-Katrina and it was festive, fun and busy. The second was the first post-Katrina conference held while the city was still heavily damaged. People were glad to see us, but the memories of the damage and the emptiness of the city, stand out more than any fun I might have had. This year's Annual Conference in New Orleans looked and felt a great deal different from last time. There were tourists everywhere and the lines at Café Du Monde were really long.

The big WGSS events of the conference were the program, "21st Century Scholarly Communication: Conversations for Change," which I am sure attendees were talking about long after the program; and the social hosted by the Newcomb College Center for the Research of Women at the Vorhoff Library at Tulane University.

This spring I attend the ACRL 2011 conference, "A Declaration of Independence," in Philadelphia. As a first time attendee at ACRL I was thrilled to see WGSS members I knew and to meet so many members I didn't know. One of the coolest aspects of the

ACRL conference was the "Dinner with Colleagues." WGSS had a larger than expected turn out for dinner at Mixto. It was a great opportunity to meet new members and put a face to the emails while sipping Mojitos. Pictures from the dinner are available on the re-launched WGSS Facebook page. There was also work at ACRL. A number of section members participated in panels and contributed paper sessions, including Carrie Kruse, Beth Strickland and Heather Tompkins.

Since our last newsletter the Publications Committee not only released our official logo, they published the new section brochure. Special thanks to Nina Clements, Publications Chair and Dawn Mueller from ACRL for getting the brochure done in time for Midwinter 2012 and Jennifer Mayer for selecting such a great group of photographs for the brochure. Stop by the ACRL booth in the exhibit hall, the WGSS Membership Meeting or All Committees Meeting to pick up a copy in Dallas.

For everyone heading Dallas for Midwinter, don't just plan for the inclement weather delays at DFW, but plan to attend Jennifer Mayer's discussion on "Subject Librarians: Current and Future Directions" at a new time, 10:30am on Monday. Those of us who like to sleep in can rejoice. (continues, pg. 2)

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Notes From The Chair (continued)

And finally, special thanks to Jane Nichols, Past Chair for all of her help in getting me up to speed and Jennifer Mayer, Vice-Chair, for keeping me from falling behind

Pamela Mann
2011-2012 WGSS Chair
Reference, Instruction & Outreach Librarian
St. Mary's College of Maryland

From the Editor

Please join me in welcoming our new WGSS Assistant Newsletter Editor, Lea Susan Engle!



Lea Susan Engle is an Assistant Professor and Learning and Outreach Librarian at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She holds a B.A. in Women's Studies from the University of Maryland College Park and earned an M.S. in Information Studies and an M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies from The University of Texas at Austin. Lea is a self-proclaimed library evangelist and is dedicated to promoting the library and its services in unorthodox ways and venues. She views access to information as a basic human right and believes information-literacy skills are the cornerstone of a healthy democratic populace. Lea is the library liaison to the University's extended-orientation program, Fish Camp; Residential Life; the Writing Programs Office; and Women's and Gender Studies. Her rather lofty goal is to ensure that all 39,148 undergraduate students attend an information session with a librarian before graduation.

Committee Reports from ALA Annual, New Orleans June 23-28, 2011



INSTRUCTION

The Instruction Committee discussed the draft information literacy standards for women's and gender studies. Next steps will involve revising the standards to make them more specific to the field of women's and gender studies (for example, incorporating information about feminist pedagogy and information literacy, and noting how the interdisciplinary nature of women's and gender studies can shape the research process). After revising the standards further, the committee will send the draft to the WGSS members, NWSA, and other groups for feedback.

*Submitted by Sharon Ladenson
Committee Chair
Michigan State University*

RESEARCH

The Research Committee is in the process of revising and updating the Research Agenda for Women and Gender Studies Librarianship. The first draft was discussed at Annual. The revised section headings are: database coverage of women and gender studies materials, discovery and subject access, users, collection development and evaluation, women's

archives and special libraries, scholarly communications, information literacy and women's studies in higher education, feminism and librarianship, and the history of women in librarianship. If you would like to contribute suggestions for research questions in any of these areas, please contact Jennifer Gilley at jrg15@psu.edu. The Committee also discussed incorporating the new gender studies focus into our bibliography of research, and into our research agenda, and we will be working on that in the next year.

*Submitted by Jennifer Gilley
Committee Chair
Pennsylvania State University*

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee met on-site during Annual 2011 in New Orleans. The meeting minutes are on the ALA Connect WGSS Publications page. The section name change to Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS) meant a new logo for our section. The publications committee worked with Dawn Mueller from ACRL who created some excellent logo options. Thank you, Dawn! The section members' vote revealed a clear winner and we implemented the new WGSS logo right away.

The publications committee also revised our section brochure content. In addition to the section name change, we updated other information, changed the images and included new quotes in the brochure. Thanks to the WGSS membership and executive committee for reviewing the draft. Nina Clements (Publications Chair as of July) has the new brochures, so please contact her if you want copies.

Newsletter editor Marissa Ball gave our online section newsletter a great new look and format. As of July, Beth Strickland is now the lead newsletter editor, and Lea Engle is assistant editor. We also welcomed new committee member Laura Bonella to Publications.

A new position approved by ACRL is the WGSS blog editor. Marissa Ball is now serving in that capacity. Our blog, which also has a fantastic new look, is here: <http://www.acrl.ala.org/WSS/>

*Submitted by Jennifer Mayer,
Committee Chair
University of Wyoming*

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Committee Reports from ALA Annual, New Orleans (continued)



MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee met at Annual and discussed revisions to letters sent to new, reinstated and dropped members. The committee is spending the time between Annual and Midwinter revising these letters to encourage feedback and participation in WGSS. Bea Calvert, Women & Gender Studies Librarian at Vorhoff Library, graciously offered the Library and Newcomb Archives as the site for the WGSS Annual social. The social included a tour of the Library, with a behind-the-scenes look at the facility, in addition to wonderful refreshments.

*Submitted by Juliann Couture,
Committee Chair
Arizona State University*

NO COMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED:

AWARDS
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES &
ACCESS
NOMINATING
PROGRAM PLANNING



Submit a proposal for ACRL 2013: Imagine, Innovate, Inspire Indianapolis, April 10-13

Session formats

Proposals are sought for a variety of formats including contributed papers, cyber zed shed presentations, panel sessions, preconferences, virtual conference webcasts, workshops, poster sessions, and roundtable discussions.

How to submit

Proposals must be submitted via the Program Proposal Form, available online: www.acrl.org/acrlconference.

Deadlines

May 11, 2012: Proposals for contributed papers, panel sessions, workshops, and preconferences
November 9, 2012: Proposals for cyber zed shed presentations, poster sessions, roundtable discussions, and virtual conference Webcasts.

Questions?

Conference website:
www.acrl.org/acrlconference

Contact:
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Highlights From Annual!



Kay Cassell Wins Career Achievement Award

Kay Cassell, director of the MLIS Program at the School of Communication and Information, Library and Information Science Department at Rutgers, was awarded the ACRL/WGSS Career Achievement Award at this year's annual conference.

Kayo Denda, former chair of the Awards committee, and former chair of WGSS, was quoted as saying about Ms. Cassell during the ceremony, "She expanded library collections on women's issues and material authored by women and created frameworks to develop programming



Pictured: Kayo Denda & Kay Cassell
Photo courtesy of Connie Phelps

for women and girls in public library settings. Her exemplary research bridges theory and practice, a core goal of feminist librarianship, inspiring numerous libraries and librarians in public and academic settings all over the world."

Ms. Cassell was awarded a plaque and a \$1,000 cash prize provided by ABC-CLIO. Congratulations!

Annual Program Focuses on Scholarly Communication

The annual program this year provided a venue for librarians to discuss the important topic of scholarly communication and the Open Access



Pictured: Jane Nichols & Sherrie Barnes
Photo courtesy of Connie Phelps

movement. The panel, made up of Jane Nichols, Sherri Barnes, Danielle Hidalgo, Jennifer Laherty, and Martin Brennan, brought attention to how changes in the field are impacting librarians' roles. The impact of these changes were considered from the perspective of feminist librarians and other stakeholders.



Pictured: Danielle Hidalgo
Photo courtesy of Connie Phelps

* Awards report was adapted from the announcement made by ALA Editor-in-chief David Free. Original document is on the ALA website: <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6409>:

Highlights From Annual!



Fourth Annual Poster Session

The Research Committee of WGSS was honored to host a diverse group of researchers at our fourth annual poster session during the WGSS General Membership Meeting at ALA Annual in New Orleans. The accepted posters and presenters are listed below, and their presentation materials are available online at <http://www.libr.org/wss/committees/research/postersession/index.html>.

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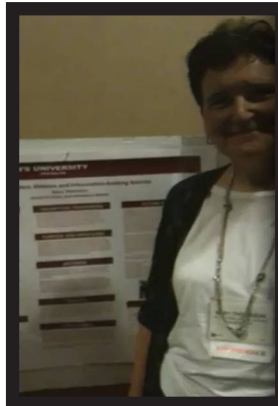
Kayo Denda, Head, Margery Somers Foster Center & Women's Studies Librarian
 Rhonda Marker, Repository Collection Librarian
 Li Sun, Metadata Librarian

Serving LGBT Library Users in a "Post-gay" World

Matthew Cizek, Head Librarian
 Penn State Shenango

Students' Perceptions of Instructor Quality by Gender: An Analysis of ratemyprofessor.com

Rachel Williams, Ph.D. student, SLIS
 University of Wisconsin
 Michelle Dillon, Instructor of Anthropology
 Washington State University



Pictured: Mary Thomason
 Photo courtesy of Mary Thomason

Lucy Vidal, Information & Communication Director, Center for Women's Global Leadership
 Alicia Graham, Research Associate
 Kirsten Canfield, Research Associate
 Center for Women's Global Leadership
 Rutgers University Libraries

The Recovery of the Newcomb Archives and Nadine Vorhoff Library

Beatrice Calvert, Librarian
 Nadine Vorhoff Library
 Mary Allen Johnson, Archivist
 Newcomb Archives

*Submitted by Caitlin Shanley
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga*

Female College Student Athletes and Online Information-Seeking Sources

Mary Thomason, Ph.D. student
 Texas Woman's University

WGSS Social 2011

The social this year was hosted by the Newcomb College Center for the Research of Women at the Vorhoff Library at Tulane University. Members had the opportunity to socialize and look at a number of rare materials.



Connie Phelps looks at issues of Newcomb student papers

Photos courtesy of Susan Wood



Heading to Midwinter? Preliminary WGSS Schedule

Saturday, January 21, 2012

General Membership Forum 4:00–5:30pm

Social 6:00–8:00pm offsite

Sunday, January 22, 2012

2012 Conference Planning–Anaheim

8:00–10:00am

2013 Conference Planning–Chicago 8:00–10:00am

All Committees Meeting 10:30am–12:00pm

Executive Committee 4:00–5:30pm

Monday, January 23, 2012

Discussion Group “Subject Librarians: Current and Future Directions” 10:30–12:00pm

(Note: the discussion group is a little later than previous years)



Also, our ALA hosted section page is now:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/resources/leadership/sections/wgss/acr-wgssec.cfm>

Information provided by Jennifer Mayer

Member Updates

Bea Calvert: Published a concise history of Zines within the textbook, “Doing Feminist Theory” (Ox. P., 2012).

Yadira V. Payne: Winner of the 2011 Georgia Library Association McJenkin-Rheay Award. This award honors an early career librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the GLA.

Yadira V. Payne (and research team): Won the Georgia Library Association’s Ebsco Award for their paper, “No Melting Pot: Results and Reflections From the 2011 Southeastern Federal Depository Coordinators Salary Survey Project”.

Yadira V. Payne, Camilla Baker, and LouAnn Blocker: co-presented a paper titled “Reimagining, Repurposing, Reinventing: Using LibGuides for Instruction and Outreach” at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy September 23rd in Savannah, Georgia.

Carol Smallwood: Edited, Writing and Publishing: The Librarian’s Handbook (ALA, 2010). Her forthcoming works include: Women on Poetry: Tips on Writing, Teaching and Publishing by Successful Women Poets; (TBA, McFarland); Women Writing on Family: Tips on Writing, Teaching and Publishing (Key Pub. House, 2012); Compartments: Poems on Nature, Femininity and Other Realms (Anaphora Literary Press, 2011).

Susan Wood: Presented her work on subject research guides at the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium Meeting in Jackson in October. In her talk, “Building Bridges with Online Library Guides,” she focused on building and renewing positive relationships with faculty across the university through the creation and marketing of subject and course-specific online guides.

WGSS Member Profiles

Zola Mumford

Student Media Production Center Coordinator/Librarian
North Seattle Community College Library

Education:

B.A. Communications, Antioch College
Certificate in Distance Learning & Design, Univ. of Washington Ext.
MLIS, University of Washington

Current position:

Student Media Production Center Coordinator/
Librarian, at North Seattle Community College Library. I have also worked as the Curator of the annual Langston Hughes African American Film Festival, a program of Seattle's Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, since 2003. My professional background includes archival research, film preservation, and film and video production. Personal interests include history, the arts, literature, technology, speculative fiction and science fiction, urban farming, and other community development projects.

What have you read recently?:

Recent reads include Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Daniel Okrent's *Last Call, The Dragon and the Stars*, edited by Derwin Mak and Eric Choi; and *Diwata* by Barbara Jane Reyes. My most recent publication is "The Politics of Steampunk: Panel Report and Reflections", published in *The WisCon Chronicles, Vol. 5: Writing and Racial Identity*, edited by Nisi Shawl (Aqueduct Press, 2011).

Why did you join WGSS?:

I have been interested in women's history since girlhood. Since June 2011 I have served as the web page coordinator for the Women and Film WSS Links page (<https://sites.google.com/site/wsslinksfilm/>).



Mary Thomason

Retired Librarian & PhD Student
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

Current position & Education:

Having over 30 years in the library field, I am now a volunteer in my church library. I worked primarily as a school librarian though I was also a public library director and math teacher. I'm currently working toward my doctorate at Texas Woman's University.

What did you enjoy at annual this year?:

I was thrilled to be invited to present my poster at the June WGSS session. My poster was entitled, "Female college student athletes and online information-seeking sources". It was a pleasant time chatting and exchanging views and I received many helpful and positive comments. Everyone was kind and gracious.

Why did you join WGSS?:

I joined WGSS because I have a strong passion for women's equity.



Welcome New Members!

Ronald Aldridge	Amanda Glassman	Caron Rollins
Gina Bastone	Megan R. Griffin	Ailya Joan Elizabeth Rose
Cassandra Berman	Sara Harwell	Gretchen Sneff
Leigh Bertman	Carey W. Heatherly	Anne T. Switzer
Stephanie Braunstein	Antoinette M. Jaycox	Connie Thomas
Lavonda Broadnax	Anna Jones	Mary M. Thomason
Kathryn Brooks	Trina Jones	Shaunda Tichgelaar
Susan L. Bucks	Sandra F. Kitain	Amy Tims
Matthew P. Ciszek	Leslie Lewis	Sarah E. VanGundy
Flor Cubero	Janet E. Lexow	Miranda Webster
Jessica Dame	Michelle Martinez	Lynn Ellyn Welch
Laura Lohr Dziekonski	Rochelle Graves Mckoy	Natasha R. White
Angela Ecklund	Stefanie R. Metko	Rachel D. Williams
Katrine Eik	Katy J. Morgan	Meredith Anne Wisner
Kathy Enger	Zola Mumford	Amanda Youngbar
Betty S. Evans	Katherine Ralson	