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University Librarian's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share this redesigned University Librarian's Letter for the fourth quarter of the recently concluded FY 2010-11.

In assembling the information and writing this letter, I was again reminded of what a wonderful organization the George Mason University Libraries really is. The items reported herein are a true reflection of the widespread and continually strengthened dynamism, professionalism, expertise, creativity, and dedication of the librarians and library staff in all corners of our library system.

On behalf of the university's students and faculty, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a very successful past academic year! I also congratulate all of our colleagues noted in this quarterly report for their contributions and achievements.

And, very special thanks to the (now) nine members of the Libraries' Advisory Board for all they do, individually and collectively, for the University Libraries and George Mason University.

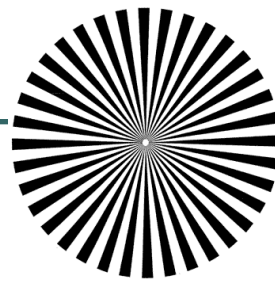
With Best Wishes.

University Service Awards

On April 6 & 7, 2011, eighteen University Libraries and ITU-ASD staff members were recognized for their years of service to George Mason. All combined, the result is 195 years of staff contributions to the University. Congratulations and thanks to one and all!

Myra Crosen	ITU-ASD	30 years
Steve Dang	Serials, Fenwick	25 years
Cynthia Bentley	Circulation & Reserves, JCL	15 years
Eve Mercer	Serials, Fenwick	15 years
Bill Perrin	Circulation, Fenwick	15 years
Bobbi Ritz	ITU-ASD	15 years
Chan Chet	Digital Programs & Systems	10 years
Karen Jacobs	Acquisitions & Gifts	10 years
Susan Stockwell	ITU-ASD	10 years
Jake Weiner	ILL & Document Delivery	10 years
Steve Gerber	Liaison Librarian	5 years
Chris Magee	Reference, Fenwick	5 years
Meghan O'Malley	Acquisitions & Gifts	5 years
Joyce Price	Acquisitions & Gifts	5 years
Jean-Richard Rosemond	Circulation & Reserves, JCL	5 years
Andrew Stevens	Digital Programs & Systems	5 years
Josh Wall	Circulation, Fenwick	5 years
Xiuping Yang	Acquisitions & Gifts	5 years

Focus on: University Libraries Advisory Board



Meet the Advisory Board

In October 2009, the University Libraries established its first Advisory Board. Membership continues to grow. In addition to financial support, members provide a strong, community-based foundation for donor outreach, and related initiatives. Current membership includes:

- **Catherine A. Baum, BS '81, Chair**, VP Sales & Marketing, Waterford Development
- **Kenneth M. Budd, BA '88, MA '97**, Executive Editor, *AARP The Magazine*
- **Matthew C. Chorley**, Senior Director of Operations, American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)
- **Janet O. Cochran**, Retired, Manager of Medical Information Services, Pracon, Inc.
- **Daniel Fulton, MBA '99**, President, Fulton Research, Inc.
- **Carol C. Henderson**, Retired, Executive Director, Washington Office, American Library Association
- **Michelle S. Lee**, President and CEO, STG International, Inc.
- **Randolph H. Lytton**, Associate Professor, History & Art History Department, George Mason University
- **Len Scoggins**, Regional Manager, Barnes and Noble College Booksellers

Message from the Advisory Board Chair

I'm happy to announce that Mr. Matthew (Matt) Chorley has agreed to serve on the University Libraries' Advisory Board. Matt is the Senior Director of Operations at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Manassas, Virginia. He received graduate training in Virology, Immunology and Epidemiology from the University of Wisconsin. Matt earned an MBA from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. Prior to beginning his industrial career, Matt taught Molecular Biotechniques to graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota.

ATCC is a nonprofit biological resource center and research organization whose mission focuses on the acquisition, authentication, production, preservation, development and distribution of standard reference microorganisms, cell lines and other materials for research in the life sciences. It is located adjacent to George Mason University's Prince William Campus. Welcome, Matt!

- Catherine Baum, Chair, University Libraries' Advisory Board

Advisory Board Meeting Notes

The Advisory Board held its Spring 2011 meeting on April 29, with its Chair Cathy Baum presiding. In addition to its regular business, the Board heard several presentations by Mason librarians and staff to better acquaint the members with the programs and services of Mason Libraries.

- "Research Portals" by **Victoria Shelton**, Life Sciences Liaison Librarian, Mercer Library, Prince William Campus
- "Mason Archival Repository Service (MARS)" by **Joanna Lee**, Digital Repository Services Librarian, Digital Programs and Systems Division
- "Benchmarking the Mason Libraries" by **Christopher Dixon**, Assessment, Planning & Organizational Development Coordinator, Office of the University Librarian

Board members concluded their session by visiting Special Collections & Archives. **Jordan Patty**, Processing Archivist/Librarian & Interim Head, **Veronica Fisher**, University Records Manager, and **Bob Vay**, Digital Collections Archivist, offered brief overviews of the collections and answered questions.

Promotions & Reappointments

Effective July 1, 2011, in-rank promotions and term reappointments are authorized for the following Professional Faculty in the University Libraries.

Promotions

- **Ian Fairclough**, Cataloging and Metadata Services Librarian, Librarian III
- **Claudia Holland**, Head, Copyright Resources Office, Librarian III

Reappointments

- **Joe Becker**, Head, Serials Unit, Technical Services Group
 - **LeRoy LaFleur**, Head, Arlington Campus Library
 - **Dorothy Lockaby**, Head, Access Services
 - **Meghan Manahan**, Director, Technical Services Group
 - **Janna Mattson**, Social Sciences Liaison Librarian, Mercer Library
 - **George Oberle**, Head, Johnson Center Library
 - **Jordan Patty**, Processing Archivist/Librarian, Special Collections & Archives
 - **Nathan Putnam**, Head, Cataloging and Metadata Services Department
 - **Jenna Rinalducci**, Art & Visual Technology Liaison Librarian
 - **Beth Roszkowski**, Public Policy & Management Studies Librarian, Arlington Campus Library
 - **Jackie Sipes**, Instructional Design Librarian, Educational Services
 - **Jen Stevens**, Humanities Liaison Librarian
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Johnny's Gone for a Soldier

During this quarter, several University Libraries staff focused on the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in a variety of ways.

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries' ([ASERL](#)) Cooperative Digitization Project, *Civil War and the American South: Primary Source Materials from the Region's Leading Research Libraries* is a collaborative website to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the start of the American Civil War. The site currently links to some 9,000 unique, primary source materials contributed by 24 member institutions. George Mason has digitized and added 121 items to this notable and growing digital research collec-

tion. A team effort throughout, the following staff made Mason's contribution possible: **Jordan Patty**, **Bob Vay** and **Greta Kuriger**, Special Collections & Archives, and **Joanna Lee**, Digital Programs and Systems.



Brilliant Charge of United States Cavalry Through The Village of Fairfax Courthouse, On May 31, 1861. *Harper's Weekly*, p. 377. Virginia Civil War Archive, Special Collections & Archives, George Mason University.

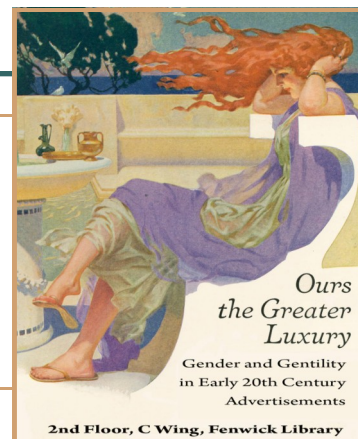
Special Collections & Archives staff **Greta Kuriger**, Processing Specialist and **Bob Vay**, Digital Collections Archivist, were invited to contribute to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's *Pushing the Envelope BLOG*. Their guest blog "[Writing Home: One Couple's Letters from the Civil War](#)", May 5, 2011, highlights *The Milton Barnes Papers (1853-1891)* in SC&A.

Lindsay Hiltunen, Gifts Coordinator, Technical Services Group, was awarded a scholarship to attend the Civil War Trust Annual Conference, May 19-22, 2011. The theme for this year's conference was "[To the Gates of Washington: The Battles of Manassas](#)" and was held (appropriately) in Manassas, Virginia.

[Audio file from [American Song](#), a Mason Libraries Resource]

On Display

Ours The Greater Luxury: Gender and Gentility in Early 20th Century Advertisements On exhibit March through June 2011, Special Collections & Archives. Through copy and imagery, the ads demonstrated important changes affecting the traditional societal roles of men and women in the early half of the 20th century. Exhibit curators: **Leah Donnelly, Veronica Fisher, Hillary Gatlin, and Greta Kuringer.** [An abbreviated digital version of the exhibit is online in SC&A's Virtual Exhibit Hall.](#)
[Image courtesy of Special Collections & Archives]



SNAPS & SCRAPS – Preserving Special Times for all Time On exhibit April through July 2011, Fenwick Library, Wing A. Displays highlighted information on the best procedures to maintain and preserve a photo and scrapbook collection, and to mount a digital preservation project. Curated by **Lene Palmer, Deb Hogan, Nikki Bhumarom-Gilbert, and Shannon Regan.** [Image courtesy of Deb Hogan]



Days of Future Past

How to Preserve Fragile Books, Family Papers and Photographs



On April 28, University Libraries celebrated Preservation Awareness Week by hosting a workshop on preserving personal memorabilia. Coordinated by **Lene Palmer**, Collection Development & Preservation Librarian, the workshop featured Collections Conservator Bryan Draper from the University of Maryland. Mr. Draper discussed techniques and materials used in proper storage and conservation of books, documents and photographs. His talk included examples of materials, storage enclosures and slides of conservation projects. Following the presentation, participants had the opportunity to have personal items evaluated.

[Images courtesy of Jamie Coniglio]



Research & Scholarship

Steve Gerber, Performing Arts Liaison Librarian, was appointed the new book review editor for *Music Reference Services Quarterly* (Haworth Press, Binghamton, NY), starting with volume 15, Fall 2011.

LeRoy LaFleur, Head, Arlington Campus Library, began PhD studies in managerial leadership at the Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Simmons College, Boston MA in June 2011.

Dot Lockaby, Head, Access Services, authored the chapter, "Managing the Performance of People Who Do Not Report to You" in *Middle Management in Academic and Public Libraries*, Tom Diamond, ed. Santa Barbara, Calif. : Libraries Unlimited, 2011, pp. 39-52.

Lauren Shutt, GRA, SC&A and **Sean Tennant**, GRA, SC&A had their article, "Posters of the German Democratic Republic at George Mason University" published in *Theatre Survey* (52:1, May 2011, pp. 159-163).

Jen Stevens, Humanities Liaison Librarian, participated in a Mason graduate Folklore field work project in collaboration with the Library of Congress' American Folk Life Center. Research was conducted for the Columbia Pike Documentary Project (a major street in Arlington that begins near the Pentagon, which has undergone substantial redevelopment and major demographic shifts). Findings were presented at the Arlington County Central Library; the event was attended by Arlington County officials as well as the general public. Anticipated further work on this project will involve Jen, **Joy Suh**, Government Information & Geographic Information Systems Librarian, and Professor Debra Shutika, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, who will manipulate and present data generated through the duration of the Columbia Pike documentary project.

April Kelly, Reference Assistant, Arlington Campus Library, received the Master of Library Science degree from the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, May 2011.

Brian Brodeur, Educational Services Program Assistant, will begin PhD studies in English and Comparative Literature as the *Elliston Fellow in Poetry* at the University of Cincinnati. As part of this fellowship, he will teach undergraduate-level courses in English Composition, Literature, and Creative Writing. A noted poet, Brian received an MFA in creative writing from George Mason University. Brian's fellowship begins in Fall 2011.

Katherine (Megan) McDonnell, Circulation Assistant, Fenwick Library, has been accepted into the Master of Science program of the School of Library & Information Science, Catholic University of America. Megan starts her studies in Fall 2011.

Professional Organizations & Associations

Chris Dixon, Assessment, Planning and Organizational Development Coordinator, Office of the University Librarian, was appointed to the Education Committee's Measurement, Assessment & Evaluation Section of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), a division of the American Library Association. His term is for two years, 2011-2013.

Ian Fairclough, Cataloging and Metadata Services Librarian, Technical Services Group, was elected to OCLC's Global Council Member Delegates from the Americas Region for a two-year term, 2011-2013.

LeRoy LaFleur, Head, Arlington Campus Library, was elected Vice-chair/Chair-elect of the Law & Political Science Section, Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL).

Kathy Perry, Director, The Virtual Library of Virginia, received the Virginia Library Association's Presidential Citation on April 8, 2011. The citation recognizes Kathy's "... 17 extraordinary years of creative, passionate, and dedicated leadership ..." in coordinating and overseeing VIVA's growth into one of the nation's strongest and most successful state-wide partnerships in higher education.

John Zenelis was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) for a two-year term, 2011-2013.

Fenwick Fellow Lecture

The annual Fenwick Fellow Lecture, held on April 8, 2011 in the Gold Room, Johnson Center, featured the 2009-10 fellowship recipient, Dr. Jennifer Barnes Bowie, Assistant Professor, Department of Public & International Affairs, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Bowie presented the initial results of her Fenwick fellowship research topic – *Decision Making on the Courts of Appeals: Can Judges Predict the Likelihood of En Banc Review?* The well-attended lecture provided the audience with a most interesting and stimulating discussion of her research findings. The 2010-11 Fenwick Fellow, Dr. Michael Chang, Department of History, will present his lecture in Spring 2012.



[Image courtesy of Lori A. Wilson, George Mason University]

Professional Development News

On June 16, 2011, Mason's Human Resources & Payroll Office recognized faculty and staff participants in its professional development and training programs during the past fiscal year. "Graduates" from the Libraries and ASD-ITU are:

Customer Service Certificate

- **Pamela Bowden Dahlhauser**, Cataloging & Metadata Services
- **Shannon Hogya**, Mercer Library

- **Kelly Jeon**, Johnson Center Library
- **Allison Meyer O'Connor**, Johnson Center Library
- **Bobbi Ritz**, ASD-ITU
- **Beth Roszkowski**, Arlington Campus Library

Customer Service Certificate - Subject Matter Expert

- **Michael Perini**, Reference Department, Fenwick Library

Advanced Customer Service Certificate

- **Ruth Bueter**, Johnson Center Library
- **Allison Meyer O'Connor**, Johnson Center Library

New Supervisor Series

- **Kathleen Kehoe**, Development/Office of the University Librarian
- **LeRoy LaFleur**, Arlington Campus Library

Notes from Spain

Cristina Bibian Mateo, Technical Services Librarian, Biblioteca de Filosofia, Geografia i Història, Universitat de Barcelona, spent six weeks in the University Libraries in Spring 2011, working with librarians and staff in Technical Services, Collection Development and Digital Programs & Systems on projects, and exploring topics relating to the development of digital libraries. Since her return to Barcelona, she has sent several notes to the University Librarian.



Indicative of Cristina's thanks and appreciation from her time with us were the following expressions: "It was a great experience!!!" "... I can't for get my days in George Mason University." "... my neuron is working 100% ordering all the information [you and your colleagues] provided me with." "I often remember my days there as a great experience and I appreciate the care provided." "I send greetings from Barcelona. The city is wonderful this season though these days we are a little bit worried about our economic situation."

Special thanks to **John Walsh**, **Meg Manahan**, **Kathy Perry**, **Deb Hogan** and the many others (including those who organized social activities) across the Mason library system for making Cristina's "advanced internship" at Mason successful and memorable.

[Image courtesy of Deb Hogan]

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Seasonal Sight

Mason may not have a College of Agriculture (yet!), but the Fenwick Library Ag Experiment Station is ready for research! Gardener-in-Charge Deb Hogan, Executive Assistant to the University Librarian, migrated this annual effort front and center from its previous location (one of the brick planters near the Fenwick “patio”) with marked results: a sunny sidewalk, lush with the promise of pumpkins to come.

[Image courtesy of Deb Hogan]



“Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

~ Henry James



Summer's Bouquet

Miriam Schapiro. 1957. Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Image from Art Museum Image Gallery, a Mason Libraries Resource