I am pleased to share the following information for the third quarter of FY11:

ADVISORY BOARD

The newest member of the University Libraries Advisory Board is Daniel G. Fulton. Mr. Fulton earned an MBA from George Mason University’s School of Management in 1999. He is president of Fulton Research, Inc. In addition to focusing on new home research, the firm’s areas also include urban infill, redevelopment projects, office, retail, and other institutional and commercial property uses.

The Spring meeting of the Advisory Board has been scheduled for April 29.

PUBLICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & OTHER ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS


At the invitation of the Association of Nordic Music Academies, Steve traveled to Oslo, Norway, where on February 17, 2011 he presented a keynote address, “The Library in the Music Academy of the Future: Role, Challenges, Possibilities.” This was part of the association’s winter assembly, hosted by the Norwegian Academy of Music. The association consists of music conservatories in eight Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

Jen Stevens (Humanities Liaison Librarian) is serving as Series Editor for the Author Research Series of Libraries Unlimited (an imprint of ABC-CLIO), Santa Barbara, CA & Oxford, England. To-date four monographs have been published under Jen’s editorship by various authors (Fantasy Authors: A Research Guide; Science Fiction Authors: A Research Guide; Women’s Fiction Writers: A Research Guide; and Romance Authors: A Research Guide).

In January 2011, LeRoy (Lee) LaFleur (Head, Arlington Campus Library) was awarded a Master of Science degree in Organization Development and Knowledge Management, School of Public Policy, George Mason University.

At Drexel University’s recent conclusion of winter term, Leah Donnelly (Research Services Coordinator, Special Collections & Archives) was awarded a Master of Science in Library & Information Science by the university’s College of Information Science and Technology.

During the late March - early April 2011 biennial conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries in Philadelphia, George Mason University was well represented by a contingent of fifteen librarians in attendance, including six colleagues who were active contributors:

**Chris Dixon** (Assessment, Planning and Organizational Development Coordinator) and **Craig Gibson** (then Associate University Librarian/RIO) presented a referred contributed paper: “New Metrics of Engagement for Academic Libraries.” An article providing highlights of the conference in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* devoted a paragraph to Craig’s and Chris’s presentation, See: [http://chronicle.com/article/College-Librarians-Look-at/126975/](http://chronicle.com/article/College-Librarians-Look-at/126975/)

Their paper in .pdf is also available in the conference’s proceedings, See (3/31/11, 8:40-9:00 AM): [http://s3.goeshow.com/acrl/national/2011/conference_schedule.cfm](http://s3.goeshow.com/acrl/national/2011/conference_schedule.cfm)

**Claudia Holland** (Head, Copyright Resources Office) and **Joanna Lee** (Digital Repository Services Librarian) contributed a poster presentation: “Building RPM* with BibApp … *Research Profiles @ Mason). See attachment.

**Scott Watkins** (Head, Educational Services Unit) and **Jackie Sipes** (Instructional Design Librarian) presented and demonstrated one of their on-line projects: “Library Jargon Translator.” The live tool can be found at: [http://library.gmu.edu/education/jargon_translator](http://library.gmu.edu/education/jargon_translator)

**Theresa Calcagno** (Volgenau School of Engineering Liaison Librarian) and **Jessica Bowdoin** (Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery Librarian) presented “Tackling Textbook Requests: Using ILL Data and Liaison Services to Serve Patron Needs” at the 2011 International ILLiad Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, March 24, 2011.

I would like to congratulate all of our colleagues for their academic, scholarly and professional achievements!

**IN THE ASSOCIATIONS …**

**Meghan Manahan** (Director, Technical Service Group) was appointed to serve on the Transforming Collections Task Force, Association of Library Collections and Technical Services, American Library Association. The task force will work on ALA’s 2015 strategic plan 3rd goal area (transforming libraries).

**Jenna Rinalducci** (Art and Visual Technology Liaison Librarian) was selected to participate in the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Immersion Program (Teacher track), July 24-31, 2011, in Seattle.

As reported in the last University Librarian’s Letter, **Betsy Appleton** (Electronic Resources Librarian) is serving as an American Library Association Emerging Leader for 2011. See ALA’s official announcement at: [http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/ala/betsy-appleton-2011-alcts-emerging-leader](http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/ala/betsy-appleton-2011-alcts-emerging-leader)

**Margaret Lam** (Physical Sciences Liaison Librarian) received a competitive grant of $1,000 (one of four awarded) by the Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics Section of the Special Libraries
Association (SLA). Margaret plans to apply the grant toward her attendance of SLA’s conference in June 2011 in Philadelphia, PA.

Congratulations to Meg, Jenna, Besty and Margaret for their selection and participation in these nationally visible endeavors!

ITU EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jamie Coniglio (Head, Fenwick Library Reference Department) was named the February 2011 ITU Employee of the Month. At a ceremony on February 10th in Mason Hall, Vice President Joy Hughes presented Jamie with the award denoting this ITU-wide distinction.

Congratulations to Jamie, along with our thanks and appreciation for her creativity, innovations, and notable contributions to our services!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES … HIGHLIGHTS

A ManassasPatch article, “Theater of the First Amendment Presents Live Wire,” includes information about the Federal Theater Project (FTP) collection, and notes that while “… [it] was on loan at GMU from the Library of Congress until its partial return to the Library in 1994 …[parts] of the collection currently is housed in GMU’s Special Collections in Fenwick Library.” The work of the now deceased Mason faculty member Lorraine Brown on the FTP, along with current work of Mason College of Visual and Performing Arts faculty members Rick Davis and Howard Kurtz are highlighted in the article as well. See: http://manassas.patch.com/articles/theater-of-the-first-amendment-presents-live-wire

The Mason Wire (for Members of the Proud Patriot Society), a Web publication of the George Mason University Alumni Association in its January 2011 issue highlighted Robert Vay, Digital Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator, and his ongoing work documenting Mason’s history. See: http://www.icontact-archive.com/hebB53wE3nTQAqecDwdOUpIX3bQI4KvTx

Mason Spirit’s online blog on February 16, 2011, featured a story, “Hot Shoppes and the Mighty Mo Live! (In Photos, At Least),” about the J. Willard and Alice Mariott (yes, of the Marriott Hotels fame) founded Hot Shoppes restaurant chain in Washington, DC metro area. The rise and the fall of Hot Shoppes are photographically documented in the Oliver Atkins and Charles Baptie collections in SC&A. See: http://spirit.gmu.edu/2011/02/hot-shoppes-digital-scrapbook/

UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA VISITOR

As noted in the last University Librarian’s Letter, Cristina Bibian Mateo, Technical Services Librarian, Biblioteca de Filosofia, Geografia i Història, Universitat de Barcelona, arrived at Mason on March 15 and will be at the George Mason University Libraries until the end of April. During her visit, Cristina will work with librarians and staff in Technical Services, Collection Development, as well as Digital Programs and Systems on projects, and explore topics relating to the development of digital libraries. Cristina’s training exchange at Mason Libraries is underwritten by the regional government of Spain (Catalonia) as part of a program to promote the agenda of the European Union on mobility of workers of public institutions.
Already Cristina has had a busy schedule, attending state-level meetings (SCHEV-LAC and VIVA Steering Committee) and a meeting in Austin, TX (International Coalition of Library Consortia), as well meeting with many library departments and visiting the libraries in the Mason library system.

Bienvenida, Cristina!

NEWS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Truman Scholarship Award:

Alexandra (Alex) Tyson, former student assistant in the Collection Development and Preservation department (January 2010 - January 2011), was selected to receive an award by the Truman Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship award, up to $30,000 in funding, is for students who plan to pursue graduate studies in a public service field. Alex, a junior majoring in global affairs and government and international politics, won this national competitive and prestigious award from a field of more than 600 applicants; some 65 are selected annually. Alex’s award is the fourth ever given to a Mason student by the Truman Scholarship Foundation. See Mason Gazette story at: http://news.gmu.edu/articles/5878

Bound for doctoral studies:

Eron Ackerman, Graduate Research Assistant in Special Collections & Archives, will be studying in the Ph.D. environmental history program at the State University of New York - Stony Brook in September 2011.

Sean Tennant, Graduate Research Assistant in Special Collections & Archives, was accepted in the Ph.D. classical archaeology program at the University of Virginia for Fall 2011.

Our warmest congratulations to Alex, Eron and Sean, along with our best wishes for continued success!

John Zenelis
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