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## From the President

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Pick up a copy of the most recent TIME/Princeton Review College Guide 2000. In the section on "Choosing" the college that's right for you, the authors go through essential criteria for evaluating a college. Under "Technology," the authors begin, "Computers are a necessity in the modern workplace." In contrast, here is the section for "The Library" verbatim (which is last in the list of selection criteria): "The raw number of books in a college's library won't affect your education. Too many people make too big a deal of it. Today students use the Internet and interlibrary loans to do the research for their papers. So if your school doesn't have the volume you're looking for, the odds are

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## Focus on People

### BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Pat Denholm**, formerly at Essex County College, is now Assistant Director of the Sidney Silverman Library.

### CALDWELL COLLEGE

**Lynn Randall**, Director, is serving as Chair of NJLA's Elections and Nominating subcommittee. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact her. Open positions include Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large.

### COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

**Ann Kelsey**, Associate Director, Learning Resource Center, delivered a paper entitled "The Role of the Digital Library in Support of Distance Learning: Remote Opportunities," co-authored with **Dr. John M. Cohn**, Director of the Learning Resource Center, at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on New Information Technology held at the National Library, Taipei, Taiwan in August.

### DREW UNIVERSITY

**Anne Noss** has been appointed Adjunct Librarian, and is serving as the Library's Web manager. Anne has worked for ten years as the Documents Assistant at Drew, prior to her appointment.

**Charles Courtney**, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Drew University was appointed Acting Director of the Library in July, following the resignation of the previous Director, Deirdre Stam. Dr. Courtney has served on the faculty of Drew for thirty-five years, bringing a valuable depth of institutional experience to his appointment.

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you'll be able to find it easily elsewhere. These days there's little reason to set foot in the library at all, except to escape a noisy dorm."

There are many ironies here, of which I'm sure you are aware: e.g., if the academic library is nonessential, then where are we getting these interlibrary loans from? Clearly, there is a need for action in academic libraries to help preserve the collections that we have and to continue to maintain the academic integrity of our collections as they grow into the future.

At the dawn of the new millennium, academic librarians are facing many challenges such as this. Here's the good news: you don't have to face them alone. The NJLA College and University Section and ACRL NJ Chapter has a dedicated and active membership. You will find that it is a good place to start when you want to work with other librarians on projects of interest. Volunteer for a committee. Come to a workshop and bring a fellow librarian. I'll be looking for you there. ♦



## FOCUS ON PEOPLE continued

### FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

**Patricia O'Brien** has accepted a new position as Deputy Network Administrator for the Morris Automated Information Network (MAIN). Formerly, she was Assistant Director for Technical Services at the Friendship Library, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham/Madison Campus.

### MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

**Marilyn Jack Brown**, Senior Library Assistant in the Multimedia Resources Department, is the 1999/2000 President of the New Jersey Association of Library Assistants. **Jacquelyn Cress** resigned as Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Online Searching and will be relocating to Tampa, Florida, joining Hillsborough Community College as a reference librarian.

**Mark van Lummel** resigned as Evening Reference Librarian and is now Coordinator of Instruction

at Indiana University-South Bend. **Pauline Yeh** retired in June as Assistant Director for Technical Services.

### PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Ruth Hamann**, Reference Librarian, and Nancy Olivetti, Assistant Professor of ESL presented a workshop at the NJTESOL-BE Spring Conference in May. Entitled "Making Connections: ESL and Information Literacy," the workshop focused on the hands-on activities they designed to help students develop the understanding of concepts and competencies required for the effective use of computerized periodical indexes.

### RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN CAMPUS

**Julie Still**, Multimedia Instruction Librarian, won the NJLA/ACRL Research Award for the best published research by a New Jersey librarian in 1998. The award was for her article "The Role and Image of the Library and Librarians in Discipline-Specific Pedagogical Journals," which was published in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship* in May 1998. Her article was also named by the ALA Library Instruction Roundtable as one of the twenty best articles of the year on library instruction. The award was presented by the Research Committee at the College and University Luncheon during the annual NJLA conference. The Seton Hall University Libraries provided a certificate and cash honorarium for the award.

### UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Two part-time reference librarians have joined the staff. **Auroraterre Lee** will be doing reference and instruction at the Elizabeth and Cranford campuses. She is also a subject specialist at Reed-Elsevier. **Anne Marie Civinskis** was previously Reference/Periodicals Librarian at The College of St. Elizabeth.

**Margaret Deng**, Branch Librarian, took part in the Association of College and Research Libraries first annual Institute for Information Literacy in July. ♦

## Around the State

### BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Sidney Silverman Library has begun to participate in the BCCLS Reciprocal Borrowing Program this past summer. BCCLS cardholders can now borrow a limited number of items from the library.

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## NEW PUBLICATION ON TAP

Karen Novick, Director of Professional Development Studies at SCILS, Rutgers University, is reviving *New Jersey Libraries* as a journal to be called *Atlantic Libraries*. Karen Novick gave us some insight into the new publication as follows.

*"Atlantic Libraries* (the working name at this point) is still in the planning stages. What we hope to create is a publication that will be of interest to people in all types of libraries in New Jersey and at all administrative levels. We believe we can create such a journal by including some articles that address issues of concern to all of us as well as regular columns devoted to each type of library. So, for example, there would be an Academic Libraries column each issue, which could address issues like electronic reserves, training and managing student workers and other topics of interest to academic libraries. While the journal as a whole will not be peer-reviewed, we intend to make peer review an option for individual articles."

Anyone who might be interested in working on *Atlantic Libraries* should contact Karen at (732) 932-7169 or email her at <[knovick@scils.rutgers.edu](mailto:knovick@scils.rutgers.edu)>.

## AROUND THE STATE continued

### *BERGEN COUNTY C.C. continued*

The Library is currently implementing their new Innovative Interface Millennium Integrated Library System. The Library previously had a NOTIS system. The Library will be migrating over late fall with full implementation of all modules by February 2000.

This past summer the Library completed a project under the direction of Serials Librarian Joan Cohen to shift its periodicals holdings to open stacks to increase patron access to materials.

### CALDWELL COLLEGE

Jennings Library opened its new instruction classroom in September. All PCs are Internet-accessible and connected to the College's network as well as to the various VALE databases for teaching purposes. Mary Ladany has assumed responsibility for instruction in the library.

The Curriculum/Education Department Lab has been expanded with additional PCs and software. This lab is the result of an AT&T grant. Jennifer Blythin is responsible for this facility.

### GEORGIAN COURT COLLEGE

The library of Georgian Court College, opened in 1993, finally has a name! On September 12, 1999, the college held a ceremony naming the library in honor of the late Sister Mary Joseph Cunningham, a member of the college's sponsoring organization, the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey. Sister Mary Joseph, a former Vice-President for Business Affairs at the college was also an alumna, graduating in 1953.

At the same ceremony, the NASA Educator Resource Center was named in honor of the late Sister Mary Nicholas Farley, RSM, alumna (class of 1947) and chair of the Physics Department for over 30 years. For more information about the services the NASA ERC offers educators visit the website at:  
<http://www.georgian.edu/nasa/index.html>

### MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Montclair State University's Sprague Library will extend its semester hours until 12 Midnight, Mondays - Thursdays and will open at 12 Noon on Sundays.

### UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Over the summer all of the library's workstations migrated to an NT environment. All library workstations now have Internet access and faculty and staff can access library databases over the campus network. ♦



## In Memoriam

**Dr. Stanley D. Nash**, Head of Reference and Anglo-American History Selector at Alexander Library, Rutgers University, died on September 7, 1999, after a long illness. Stan began his Rutgers career in 1986, after previously working at William Paterson College and New York University. He earned the Ph.D. in History from NYU in 1980, and the MLIS from the Palmer Graduate School of Long Island University in 1984. At Rutgers, he served for many years as Instruction Coordinator at Alexander Library. He was a Fellow of University College, Senior Class Advisor and representative of the College in the University Senate. Twice he was invited to teach senior seminars in the Rutgers History Department. He was an active member of ALA and NJLA, and was awarded the 1994 NJLA College and University Section's Distinguished Service Award.

Stan was a dedicated scholar, publishing widely in diverse areas, including the history of crime and the police in the United Kingdom, historical bibliography, library instruction, and the impact on and use of electronic technology in reference and instruction. He was the principal creator of an award-winning web page on British and American History, and despite his illness he had been able to complete the initial stages of an extensive bibliographic and encyclopedic database on the history of the British police.

Stan was also a mentor for academic and public librarians across the state of New Jersey and across the nation because of his scholarship, his superb reference librarianship, and his remarkable skills as an instructor, but even more because of his passionate commitment to public service. He was, in every way, a true model of what librarians can and should be. He was a witty and generous friend, a wonderful colleague, and a loving father and husband. His friends are setting up a scholarship fund for his children, Hayley and Michael, and details on how to contribute will be forthcoming shortly. ♦

*contributed by Kevin Mulcahy, Rutgers University*



## Call For Papers: Research Forum

The Research Committee of the College and University Section, New Jersey Library Association seeks presenters for the Research Forum to be held at the NJLA spring conference (April 26-28, 2000). New Jersey librarians who are involved in, or have participated in, any type of research project are invited to give a brief summary of the project during the Forum. To be eligible, request a submission form or send name, address, and brief summary of project to:

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Deadline for submissions is February 15, 2000. Those selected for presentation will be notified by March 15, 2000. ♦



## Joint Symposium Held

The ACRL/NY and NJ chapters held a joint symposium on Friday May 14, 1999 at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, on the theme of "Librarians and Leadership: The Role of Librarians in Higher Education." The two keynote speakers were Nancy Kranich, Associate Dean of the New York University Libraries and the newly elected president of the American Library Association, and Chuck Broadbent, Director of Information Technology at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

The keynoters spoke in the first half of the program and were introduced by Luis Rodriguez, (then) president of the New Jersey Chapter. Nancy Kranich's presentation was entitled "Staking Our Claim in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Emerging Roles for Librarians" and stressed the need for librarians to provide services that enhance teaching and learning. Chuck Broadbent spoke on the topic "Leadership in Information Technology: Challenging roles for librarians" and discussed the culture of IT and librarian's roles within that culture.

Lois Cherepon, from St. John's University, a past president of the New York Chapter, moderated the afternoon panel. Sharon Bonk, the library director at Queens College, spoke about the need to update the assessment tools that we use to reflect the changes in the kinds of services we provide. Natalie Borisvets, Head of Public Services at the Dana Library, Rutgers (Newark) spoke about her experiences on the University Senate and the importance of librarians taking an active role at their institutions. John Buschman, Department Chair and Collection Development librarian at Rider University discussed intellectual freedom issues.

The symposium was co-chaired by Luis Rodriguez, (then) president of the New Jersey chapter, and Karen Venturella, a past president of the New York chapter. It was made possible due to the work of members from both the Metropolitan New York and the New Jersey chapters of ACRL. Joint committee members from the Metro New York Chapter included Lois Cherepon (St. John's University), and Marilyn Rosenthal, Marsha Spiegelman and Bellinda Wise (all from Nassau Community College.)

Joint Committee members from the New Jersey Chapter included Maureen Gorman (The College of New Jersey), Stan Nash, Kevin Mulcahy, and Jeris Cassel (all from Rutgers), Jean Schoenthaler (Drew University), and Elaine Risch (Ramapo College). ♦



## Nominations and Applications for 1999 Research Award

The Research Committee of the College and University Section, New Jersey Library Association seeks nominations and applications for its annual Research Award to honor the best published research completed by a New Jersey librarian. All types of research published in 1999 will be considered—books, journal articles, bibliographies, non-print materials, and technical reports. There is no restriction on the subject area so long as a New Jersey librarian is the author or co-author. Doctoral dissertations and Master's theses are not eligible for the award, but publications based on them will be considered. The Research Award will be presented at the NJLA spring conference (Cherry Hill, NJ, Apr. 26-28, 2000). Seton Hall University Libraries will provide an honorarium to the winner.

Individuals may nominate themselves or a colleague. Send letters of nomination and copies of publications by February 15, 2000, to:

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**NEWSLETTER NOTES:** With this issue, we welcome **Heather Craven**, a new co-editor of the newsletter. Heather is a reference librarian at County College of Morris. Former co-editor **Pamela Holmes**, Head of Technical Services at Union County College, is stepping down in order to devote time to her doctoral studies at Drew University. Many thanks and best of luck to Pamela!

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