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Better be quarreling than lonesome.

Irish Proverb

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Calendar of Events

Meeting Moratorium Week

The first full week of each academic quarter has been designated Meeting Moratorium Week, and insofar as possible meetings should not be scheduled or held during that week. For the remainder of the current academic year, the appropriate weeks will be the weeks beginning March 27 and June 19, 2000.

Faculty Meeting

April 13, 2000 at 3:00pm in 122 Main Library. Agenda items may be submitted to Betty Sawyers, faculty secretary, no later than noon on April 7, 2000.

Exhibits

Ruby Elzy and "Porgy and Bess": American Classics

Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute, 14 floor Lincoln Tower Mondays-Fridays, 9:00am - 5:00pm, until April 14, 2000. Further information is available by contacting the Institute at 614-292-6614 or the theatreinst@osu.edu.

A Tribute to Public Service: The Many Missions of John Glenn

An exhibit presented by The John Glenn Institute and The Ohio State University Libraries September 20 - April 26, 2000. Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, The Ohio State University Libraries.

For other University events, see [OSU Electronic Calendars](#)

Announcements

Changes in OSU Travel Providers

To: Libraries Travelers and Travel Arrangers

The Ohio State University's Travel Office is pleased to announce new designated travel suppliers for University business travel.

Peoples Travel and Uniglobe Travel Designers will become the designated travel agencies for prepaid business travel for University faculty, staff and students on March 1, 2000. The existing agreement with University Travel Management and Uniglobe Priority Travel will expire on February 29, 2000. Contact telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses are listed below.

Peoples Travel
Two Nationwide Plaza
Columbus, OH 43215
614-224-1234 - Telephone
614-249-9628 - Fax

peoples@nationwide.com - E-mail

Uniglobe Travel Designers
3471 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213
614-237-4488 - Telephone
614-237-4516 - Fax

me.traveldesigners@uniglobe.com - E-mail

Additional detailed information will be posted on the Travel Office web site at:

<http://www.busops.ohio-state.edu/travel> for your convenience.

If you have any additional questions, please contact LaTina Moss at 2-2400

Faculty Promotions

- Lisa Pillow was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor with Tenure, effective July 1, 2000.
- Gerald Greenberg was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2000.
- Nancyanne O'Hanlon was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2000.
- Raimund Goerler was promoted to the rank of Professor, effective July 1, 2000.
- Guo-Qing Li was re-appointed for the fifth probationary review.

Joseph J. Branin, Director of Libraries
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For Distinguished Contributions

Trisha Davis, head, Serials/Electronic Resources Department, has been named the 2000 winner of the ALA ALCTS Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award, given annually by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services "for distinguished contributions to serials



Trisha Davis

librarianship, including but not limited to those made within the previous three years, demonstrated by such activities as leadership in serials-related activities through participation in professional associations and/or library education programs, contributions to the body of serials literature, conduct of research in the area of serials, development of tools or methods to enhance access to or management of serials, other advances leading to a better understanding of the field of serials."

The award presentation will take place at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 2000.

A New Non-Roman Language Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Hee-Sook Shin, the new non-Roman language coordinator, started to work, effective Monday, February 21. Please join the department in welcoming our new colleague.

Beverly McDonald, the former non-Roman language coordinator, assumed her new responsibility as the principal cataloger effective Monday, February 21, 2000. Beverly is now responsible primarily for cataloging, problem solving, training, and cataloging documentation.

On behalf of the Cataloging Department, I would like to thank Beverly for her many contributions and constant devotion in managing this section for the past three years.

Magda El-Sherbini

Renovation of the Main Library: Your Input is Welcome

There will be two open meetings about the renovation of the Thompson Memorial (Main) Library. Please plan to attend one of these two sessions in 122 Main Library:

Wednesday, March 8, 1:00 - 2:30pm.

We will seek your ideas about our future Main Library, including:

- what should be our vision of the "library of the future" and how does this affect that vision for this renovation?
- what will be the library's role in teaching and learning in the future?
- what are your ideas for a "new" Main Library?

A renovation project will certainly affect every librarian and staff member. Be sure to attend this first opportunity to share your vision of the future!!

(Refreshments will be served.)

Thank you.
Joe Branin, Director of Libraries

Deadline Extended

The Academic Library Association of Ohio has extended the deadline for presentation proposals for the annual conference to be held November 3 at Ashland University.

The deadline for proposals for presentations is now March 17. Poster session proposals are still due June 27.

Further information about the conference, or to submit a proposal, is available at

<http://alaoweb.org>

or

radcliff@kent.edu

Features

People in Profile: Tschera Connell

For the past eight years, Tschera Connell has been a regular faculty member of the Kent State University, School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), where she has been teaching Organization of Information, Beginning and Advanced Cataloging, Acquisitions, Indexing and Abstracting, and Technical Services. During this time, Tschera was based on Kent State's Columbus Campus, which is located on OSU's campus. Now, Tschera has joined the faculty at Ohio State University, Columbus Campus, where she is the serials coordinator and manages the Acquisition and Cataloging Sections of the Serials and Electronic Resources Department (S/ER).



Tschera Connell

In attending college, Tschera (pronounced "chaira") did something that, if not unique, was certainly unusual. She went to a small, now defunct, liberal arts institution: Mackinac College on Mackinac Island, Michigan. She was in the charter class and one of only 30 graduates! (The school closed after four years.) She adds, "By the way, cross country skiing is great on the Grand Hotel golf course."

Her M.S.L.S. and Ph.D. are from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). A happy aside is that her older daughter, Ruth, is currently working on her masters of library and information science at UIUC.

Tschera has been involved in some research which has attracted media attention. "The summer 1999 issue of Reference & User Services Quarterly (RUSQ) published an article by Jennifer Tipple and I which is titled: "Testing the Accuracy of Information on the Web." In that study we examined 1160 sites that were returned as results from Altavista searches for 60 ready reference questions that had come into a Upper

Arlington Public Library. Of the 1160 sites, 21% were duplicates and another 12% were dead links. Of those remaining (1110), 27% were accurate and 9% were inaccurate. We were unable to find answers for 64% of the questions. The media have been very interested in these results."

When asked "Why are the media so interested in your results?" Tschera responded "I have no hard data to answer your question so my answer is entirely guesswork. I think there are a couple of factors.

The press seems to be interested in the Web in general. Secondly, evaluative data on the Web are rare. Most people have had some experience with the Web, both good and bad. There are numerous predictions that most of our communication in the future will be web based. The study done by Jennifer and me is one of the few that has tried to look at the Web in terms of its impact on end-users. Can an end-user find everything s/he needs on the Web? --not according to the data gathered in this study. How reliable is the information found? It's pretty good. In these relatively embryonic times of Web development, this is news!

As a practitioner, Tschera chief interests in librarianship are in the technical services areas. "My research interests are where technical services and public services meet. Two examples: How can we build some of the expertise of experienced librarians into our interfaces so patrons can get the benefits without having to explicitly learn what we have learned? How do different organizational schemes affect retrieval?"

It was hard for Tschera to answer the question, "What would you become if you weren't a librarian?" She answered, "I very much like teaching. However, I think if I were beginning college today, I would be attracted to computer science, specifically interface research and design." Outside of librarianship, Tschera and her husband have taken lessons in ballroom dancing for the past four years. She also loves gardening: "I find working the garden to be almost an spiritual experience."

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry was "quotha", a word "used to express surprise or sarcasm, after quoting the word or phrase of another." This week's entry is "keel."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries

Laughs

- [Dilbert's Daily Mental Workout](#)
 - [Cartoon of the Day](#)
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Meeting Notes

Human Resources

Vacancies

===Faculty===

Cataloging Department: Cataloger (New Position)

Science and Engineering Library: Chemistry Librarian (replacing Simons)

Science and Engineering Library: Physics/Astronomy Librarian (replacing Mays)

===Administrative and Professional===

Cartoon Research Library: Project Archivist (new position)

===Staff===

Circulation Department: Library Associate 2 50% (replacing Person)

Depository: Library Associate 1 (replacing Weeks)


Director's Office: Office Administrative Associate (replacing Wilhoff) 2nd listing

Education, Human Ecology, Psychology, and Social Work Library: Media Technical Assistant 2 (Replacing Buhrts-Circelli) 2nd listing

Science and Engineering Library: Library media Technical Assistant 2 50% (replacing Jones)

Serials/Electronic Resources: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Cole)

To comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all library vacancies which have been posted,



applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison.

Library personnel may also view University employment opportunities at [OSU Jobs](#)

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