

**Marianna Tax Choldin**, the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Distinguished Professor at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, has been selected as the sixth recipient of the *Library Quarterly* award for excellence in refereeing. The criteria are promptness, depth of analysis, and constructive criticism. Choldin was selected from more than 100 peer referees who read manuscripts in 2000.

**Connell B. Gallagher** has received the New England Archivists' (NEA) Distinguished Service Award. Gallagher has served as director of research collections at the University of Vermont (UVM) since 1992. Previously he served as head of special collections, university archivist, and curator of manuscripts at UVM. He also served as staff archivist for U.S. Senators Robert Stafford and Patrick J. Leahy (1988–89). Gallagher is the author of numerous publications, including "A Repository Archivist on Capitol Hill" and "Problems of a Collection Development Archivist." He was honored by membership in national library science and history honor societies, as a fellow of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences, and by UVM with a Faculty Development Award. He is a former president of the Vermont Library Association, and has chaired the Manuscripts and College and University Archives Sections of the Society of American Archivists. A member of NEA since 1973, he has served the organization in a number of capacities, including a term as president (1983–84).

**Alfred Kagan**, African studies bibliographer at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, was selected as the 2000 Conover-Porter Award finalist for outstanding achievement in Africana bibliography and reference works. *Reference Guide to Africa: A Bibliography of Sources* (Scarecrow Press, 1999), written by Kagan and his predecessor Yvette Scheven, provides a unique bibliography of the most important resources for African study. The award, presented bienni-

ally by the African Studies Association, was established in 1980 to honor two Africana librarians, Helen F. Conover of the Library of Congress and Dorothy B. Porter of Howard University.

**Mary Reichel**, president-elect of ACRL and university librarian at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, has been named the first Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor for Library and Informational Studies. The professorship was estab-



Mary Reichel

lished through a gift to the university from Irwin and Carol G. Belk of Charlotte and matching funds from a state program designed to attract and retain exceptional faculty. "Truly one of the keys to lifelong learning is the ability to use and evaluate information resources and to gain a love of new ideas and reading," said Reichel. "This professorship will allow the library to increase this kind of impact." Reichel was named university librarian at Appalachian in 1992. She has also held positions at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, SUNY Buffalo, Georgia State University, and the University of Arizona. She received the Miriam Dudley Instruction Library Award in 1999.

**Jane N. Ryland**, membership consultant, Internet2, and a higher education technology consultant, was elected to the OCLC Board of Trustees. Ryland was president of CAUSE from 1986–98.

**Christina Woo**, social sciences librarian at the University of California, has received the CARL (California Academic & Research Libraries) Member of the Year Award. Woo has been a CARL member since 1987. From 1997 to 1999, she was the editor of the quarterly *CARL Newsletter*.

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## Appointments

**Keith Cottam** is now dean of libraries at the University of Wyoming. He had been director of libraries there since 1983.

**Beth Ashmore** is now instruction librarian at Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library.

**Jean Bischoff** has been appointed to a three-year term as a project archivist with the Dole Collection at the University of Kansas.

**Paul Callister** has joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as law reference librarian.

**Karen S. Chafin** is now a catalog librarian at the University of Virginia College at Wise.

**Susan Clark** has been appointed user education coordinator/reference librarian in the Odegaard Undergraduate Library at the University of Washington in Seattle.

**Julie M. Cook** is now engineering information services librarian in the Engineering Library at the University of Washington in Seattle.

**Jonathan Dembo** has been selected as head of special collections at the J. Y. Joyner Library at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

**Brenda Ellis** is now reference and instruction librarian at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont.

**Susan Gardner** has joined the reference staff at J. Y. Joyner Library at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

**Paul Healey** is now head of public services for the Law Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Peter Hook** has joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a law reference librarian.

**David Hursh** has assumed the position of head of the Fletcher Music Library at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

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**Jim Kent** is the new coordinator of Media-Microtext Services at Stanford University.

**Kevin Medows** is now the visiting assistant music librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Amy Murphy** has joined Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library as a serials cataloger.

**Christopher Prom** is now assistant university archivist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Laverna Saunders** has been named interim academic vice president at Salem State College.

**Malgorzata Schaefer** is now coordinator of Instructional Services at Stanford University.

**Douglas Stehle** has been appointed head of reference at Southwest Missouri State University.

**Scott Walter** has been appointed head of the George B. Brain Education Library at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

**David Ward** is now assistant undergraduate librarian for reference services at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Jane Williams** is now foreign, comparative, and international law librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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## Retirements

**Bonita Bryant**, assistant director of collection development, has retired from the University Libraries at the University at Albany, after 20 years of service. She began her library career in 1967 as a library assistant at the Sandia Corporation Technical Libraries in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She joined the University at Albany Libraries in 1981 as an associate librarian and achieved tenure and the rank of librarian shortly thereafter. During her tenure as assistant director, she was responsible for a successful reorganization of the Libraries' Collection Development Division, as well as the guidance and leadership of bibliographers in the selection of electronic resources. She provided the necessary leadership for the development of the Libraries' Preservation Program. Her activities also included the publication of a number of jour-

nal articles, active leadership of national and regional collection development committees, and numerous memberships in national and local professional organizations.

**Pamela J. Cravey**, most recently head of access services at Georgia State University's Pullen Library, has retired after 32 years of service to four university libraries. Awarded emerita status, she has started a consulting business and has written *Protecting Library Staff, Users, Collections, and Facilities* (Neal-Schuman, forthcoming).

**Carol Parke** has retired from the Syracuse University Library after serving 14 years as associate university librarian for public services. She also worked in libraries at the University of Delaware, where she was an assistant director, and at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she was head of reference and interim director. Parke's first academic library position was at Yale, where she was a reference librarian, and later, head of government publications. Between 1977 and 1984 Parke was also a visiting lecturer at the School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her first career position

was as an assistant children's librarian at the New York Public Library. A life member of ALA, Parke was active in the ACRL heads of public/reader's services discussion group. She was also active in the Research Libraries Group Shared Resources Program.

**Lois Sher** has retired after 20 years of service to the Engineering Library at the Stanford University Library (SUL). She began working as head of circulation in 1980 and was promoted to operations manager, where she responsible for the day-to-day operation of the library in addition to assisting with reference services. Sher served on many SUL committees including NOTIS Circulation Implementation, president of SULSA (now SLSA), Unicorn Workflows Circulation Planning and Implementation, the Binding Task Force, and numerous search committees. One of Sher's achievements was the organization and implementation of NOTIS Circulation in the Engineering Library.

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## Deaths

**Douglas Birdsall**, 53, associate dean of the University Libraries at Texas Tech, has died. His administrative duties included the recently completed, 17.5 million dollar renovation of the university library. The Tech library was also accredited as a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) under his leadership. He began his career as an assistant professor at Idaho State University in 1979. He then moved into library administration at North Dakota State University in 1984 and to Texas Tech in 1989. He has had articles published in a variety of library journals including the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, and *College and Research Libraries*. He was a member of the TTU International Affairs Council and the Academic Council, and had served on the TTU Research Council. ■



Douglas Birdsall