

Simmons College has awarded **Miriam Drake**, dean and director of libraries at Georgia Institute of Technology, the degree of Doctor of Library Science, honoris causa, in recognition of her professional vision, scholarship, leadership, and the impact she has made on higher education and the field of library and information science. In 1994, she served as president of the Special Libraries Association, an international organization of 15,000 members. Drake is a member of numerous editorial and college advisory boards, and she has received many honors including the ALA's Hugh Atkinson Award, the Library Automation Pioneer Award, and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Indiana University.

**David Flaxbart** and **Ernestine Potter**, librarians at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin, have won 1998 Librarian Excellence Awards from UT's General Libraries. The awards carry a \$1,000 stipend. Flaxbart has served as head of the chemistry library since 1992. He has been cited on several occasions for his attention to user services and for the creative use of the new information technologies to provide fresh sources of information to students and faculty. Potter is head librarian of the General Libraries Cataloging Department, a position she has held since 1974. Harold Billings, director of General Libraries, said that Potter, "has helped guide a staff through the transformation from traditional cataloging practices to the introduction of metadata cataloging and other means of bibliographic control in a completely new digital information environment." Potter has been recognized by her colleagues on numerous occasions by election to major committee assignments.

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## Appointments

**Karyle Butcher** has been named the Oregon State University librarian and will continue to direct the Valley Library services and technological evolution during one of its largest peri-

ods of expansion in the school's history. Butcher, who has filled this position for the last two years on an interim basis, was also chosen as the 1998 Oregon Librarian of the Year—the only time a librarian from a university has received this award. She will be recognized with an endowed chair as the Donald and Delpha Campbell University Librarian and named deputy associate provost of information services. Butcher received an MLS degree in 1965 from the University of Southern California, and during her career she has worked in a variety of library service and management positions at both public and university libraries.

**Olivia M. A. Madison** has been appointed dean of library services at the Iowa State University (ISU) Library. Madison has been at ISU for 23 years, where she has served as associate director for public services and collections, assistant director for public services, head of the cataloging department, head of the monographs department, and head of the serials cataloging sections. Madison received a bachelor's in history from ISU and an MLS from the University of Missouri at Columbia. Active in a wide range of campus and professional organizations, including serving as the president of the ISU Faculty Senate and the chair of the IFLA Standing Committee on Cataloging, she currently chairs the ALCTS Committee on Budget and Finance. She has published and given papers in the area of bibliographic standards development.



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**Gerald Munoff** has been appointed university librarian at the University of California, Irvine. He was most recently deputy director at the University of Chicago Library and prior to that served as deputy state librarian and deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. He received

his MLS from the University of Kentucky and bachelor's from Antioch College. Munoff is active in a wide range of academic and professional organizations, including ACRL and ARL, and is a founding member of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI).

**Gilda Baeza Ortego** has been appointed dean of library and information technology at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. She has served on the ALA Committees on Status of Women in the Profession and the Committee on Education. From 1994-95 she was president of the National REFORMA (an ALA affiliate of Hispanic Librarians). In 1996 she was a recipient of a Silver Medal from the U.S. National Commission on Library and Information Sciences. She earned a bachelor's from Texas Woman's University, an MLS from the University of Texas, and is completing a Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies from Texas Woman's University.

**David M. Pilachowski** is the new college librarian at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Prior to this he was director of libraries at Denison University, head of reference services at Colgate University (1985-91) and later assistant university librarian for public services. Pilachowski also served as acting university librarian and associate university librarian at Colgate, where he worked with the university on all phases of library administration. From 1977 to 1981, he was reference librarian at the University of Vermont. Pilachowski received his bachelor's from the University of Vermont in 1971 and his MLS from the University of Illinois in 1973.

**Robin Wagner** has been appointed director of library services at Gettysburg (Pennsylvania) College. Wagner was appointed interim director of library services at Gettysburg in July 1997. As interim director, Wagner led the reorganization of the library, hired new staff and professional librarians, and developed numerous outreach programs. From 1994 to 1997, Wagner served as leader of the delivery



Robin Wagner

team of the information resources division of the college. Before joining Gettysburg, Wagner served as reference librarian, and later associate librarian, at Franklin & Marshall College. She also worked as director of records and research for the development office at Franklin & Marshall. Wagner earned a bachelor's degree in history, magna cum laude, from Dickinson College; an MLS from the University of Kentucky, and a master's degree in liberal studies from Dartmouth College.

**Althea Aschmann** has been appointed principal cataloger at the University Libraries of Virginia Tech.

**Roberta Astroff** has been appointed humanities librarian and the subject specialist for classics, religion, Jewish studies, Spanish, and Latin American Studies at Penn State University in University Park.

**Susan Sykes Berry** is the new health sciences library instruction reference librarian at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

**John M. Bewley** has been appointed senior assistant librarian in the music library at SUNY, Buffalo.

**Mary Brennan** has been named serial coordinator at the University Libraries of Virginia Tech.

**Ladd Brown** is the new acquisitions librarian at the University Libraries of Virginia Tech.

**Sharon W. Bullard** has been appointed administrative services/personnel librarian at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**Mary Burgess** has been appointed clinical medical librarian at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

**Josephine Crawford** has been appointed systems librarian at the Bio-Medical Library of the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Eric Delozier** has been appointed reference librarian at Penn State, Harrisburg.

**James M. Evans** has been appointed coordinator of technical services/head cataloger at Grambling (Louisiana) State University.

**John W. Felts** has been appointed networked information services librarian at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**William K. Finley** is the new head of special collections at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**Maureen E. Hady** has been appointed serials librarian/assistant head of acquisitions at

the Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries in Richmond.

**Terri-Leigh Hinkle** has been appointed acquisitions librarian at the Simmons College Libraries in Boston.

**Gerald V. Holmes** has been named assistant reference librarian at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**Bruce Jeppesen** has been appointed library systems coordinator at Cleveland State University Library.

**Timothy Johnson** has been appointed curator of special collections at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Lorraine Knox** is now head of the Science and Technology Department at the Iowa State University Library in Ames.

**Johnnie Love** has been appointed curriculum development librarian at the Texas A & M University Libraries.

**Judith Markowitz** has been appointed reference librarian at the Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**Scott Marsalis** has been appointed information services librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Katherine McCready** has been appointed reference librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Samuel J. McDonald** is the new Webmaster for the Rutgers University Libraries.

**Terry Metz** has been appointed interim director of administrative computing at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

**Barry K. Miller** is the new special projects librarian at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

**Heather S. Miller** has been appointed assistant director for technical services and systems at the University Libraries of the University at Albany, SUNY.

**Andrew C. Morton** has been appointed head of access services at Virginia Commonwealth University's health sciences library.

**Shane Nackerud** has been appointed Web services coordinator at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Victoria M. Peters** has been appointed regional manager (for the Southwest) for Blackwell's Book Services.

**Edward J. Rock** has been appointed reference librarian at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio.

**Phyllis L. Ruscella** has been appointed associate director for public services at Georgia State University.

**Judith C. Russell** has been named deputy director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS).

**Gwen Schagrin** has been appointed reference librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**Jane Schillie** has been appointed college librarian for the College of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences at the University Libraries of Virginia Tech.

**Nan Seamans** has been named director of University Libraries Media Services at Virginia Tech.

**Judith Senkevitch** has been appointed associate dean of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Library and Information Science.

**Martha M. Smith** is now an assistant professor at Long Island University's Palmer School of Library and Information Science.

**Paul Thomas** has been appointed head librarian at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

**Mark Towner** has been appointed assistant director of the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts.

**Sunny Worel** has been appointed reference librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

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## Retirements

**Judith Fortson** has completed her career at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Since her arrival in 1983, Fortson has held positions of increasing responsibility, including head of library preservation services and, since 1991, head librarian of the Hoover Library. Among her accomplishments, she was responsible for building the preservation program into a nationally recognized program and instrumental in implementing the program to microfilm the Soviet Communist Party Archives in Moscow. Her publications, including her 1992 book *Disaster Planning and Recovery*, made her a leading authority in that field.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Herman** has retired after 14 years as rare book cataloger at the Getty Research Institute Library in Los Angeles. Previous to this position, she served in the university research library at UCLA. She also worked with AACR2 and AACR2R committees, especially in regard to MRDF (chapter 9) rules. Herman has been active in the ALA, principally ALCTS, serving as its ALA Council representative and on a variety of committees. She received her bachelor's from UCLA and her MLS from the University of Southern California School of Library Science.

**Dorothy Hagen Kettner**, librarian at Fergus Falls (Minnesota) Community College, has retired after 30 years of service. She was one of two librarians who began the library at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, where she was for seven years prior to her job at Fergus Falls. Her career spanned the introduction of computers, and she went from the use of punch cards to PALS (Project for Automated Library Systems) full online circulation; she was on PALS Deans and Directors for 15 years.

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## Deaths

**David Jackson**, head of the North Carolina State University (NCSSU) Libraries' Special Collections Department died August 14, 1998, at the age of 32. Jackson joined the NCSSU Libraries in January 1995; he was also an alumnus of NCSSU, holding a master's in public his-

tory. He received a bachelor's in history from Kenyon College. Jackson helped to found and implement the NCSSU Libraries' North Carolina architectural archive and develop the library's new special collections department. He also initiated the use of digital technologies to make the department's holdings accessible over the Internet. Additionally, Jackson directed major exhibits honoring NCSSU's World War II classes and former School of Design professor George Matsumoto. The family has asked that donations in his memory be made to Preservation North Carolina, 101 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27605.

**Johannah J. Sherrer**, director of the library at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, since 1993, died September 12 of melanoma. Sherrer served as coordinator of reference services and collection development at the University of Northern Colorado from 1979-85 at which time she was promoted to director of public services. From 1986-93 she served as head of reference at Duke University. She began her career in 1970 at the University of Dayton, first as reference librarian, then as head of reference. Sherrer served as chair for the ALA Professional Ethics Committee, 1997-98. She was committed to user-centered, state-of-the-art public service and was a prolific writer and speaker on the subject.

**Francis Brooke Whiting**, retired UCLA librarian, died July 27, 1998, at the age of 79. A graduate of the University of Virginia, Whiting began his UCLA Library career in 1951 as a principal library assistant at the William Andrews Clark Library. In 1956 he left UCLA to attend Columbia University's School of Library Service, where he earned his master's in 1957 while working as an editorial assistant for *Encyclopedia Americana*. He then returned to UCLA as the literary manuscripts librarian in the Department of Special Collections at the University Research Library, subsequently became curator of rare books and literary manuscripts, and in 1971 was named assistant head of the department. He retired from UCLA in 1983 after more than 32 years of service. ■

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