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# ULS UNIVERSE

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#### **ULS PROGRAM IN TORONTO**

The Great Debate: The Library As Place

Saturday, June 21, 2003 Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel Dominion Ballroom 1:30pm – 3:30pm



Be it resolved that by 2020, academic libraries will have outlived their need for physical space. In Toronto, ACRL/ULS and the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries will sponsor a **GREAT DEBATE** in which two 2-member teams of U.S. and Canadian academic librarians square off against each other and vigorously debate this timely topic.

If you've been missing **Firing Line** since William F. Buckley retired, you won't want to miss this exciting session, moderated by Norman Horrocks, Scarecrow Press. The **Great Debaters** are Ernie Ingles, University of Alberta; Madeleine Lefebvre, St. Mary's University; Gillian McCombs, Southern Methodist University; and Jim Neal, Columbia University. Kathleen DeLong will serve as timekeeper.

Come and join the fun. No booing or bissing allowed, but be prepared to choose a side, participate in the debate, and support your team!

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#### **ULS ELECTION RESULTS**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Carol Ann Hughes

**Secretary:** Barbara E. Kemp

(2-year term)

**Members-at-Large:** Mary W. George (3-year terms) Barbara Baxter Jenkins



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

ULS had a very busy and successful Midwinter meeting. Our new Membership Committee is working hard and generating numerous ideas on how to involve our members in the Section. The Toronto Program Committee has a wonderful program planned (more on this elsewhere in the newsletter) and the Orlando group has begun planning for their program next year. The Discussion Groups also had successful meetings with lots of suggestions from our members on how to solve problems together, share best practices, and evaluate what we do so we can continually improve our services and programs.

One question that was discussed at Midwinter is whether or not ULS should also publish a print newsletter in addition to our online version. ULS has not previously had a print newsletter; instead we have published ULS news as part of <u>College & Research Libraries News</u>. Please let me know your thoughts on this issue, as the Executive Committee will be discussing this again in June.

It was great seeing so many ULS members at the ACRL Conference in Charlotte. The Conference was terrific, and it was a pleasure to see so many ULS members presenting papers, participating in panel discussions, and leading Roundtable discussions. Even the rain couldn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm for the learning and sharing opportunities that the ACRL national conference presented. If you weren't able to come to Charlotte, think about Minneapolis in 2005.

Stay involved, share your experiences with each other, and let us know how ULS can help you in your work. I look forward to seeing many of you in Toronto!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHAIR/ CHAIR-ELECT

Budget woes got you down? Being forced to do more with less? Need something to get you out of your rut? Look no further. The University Library Section of ACRL is working hard to deliver programs that will recharge your batteries, provide interactions with peers and colleagues throughout the nation for sharing of good and bad times, and the opportunity to get involved in section committees that will give you a chance to make a difference in your own life and that of academic librarians around the nation. The recent ACRL Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, showed what can be gained when we put our minds to it. From the headier intellectual presentations of invited speakers Paul Duguid and President John Shumaker to the nitty gritty poster sessions that were well attended by people willing to share and learn at the same time, plenty was going on. Two of the programs I attended were standing

room only and could have filled rooms twice their size judging by the numbers of disappointed faces I saw peering in and leaving. One of these programs focused on the top issues for academic libraries and the other on strategic budget decision making - indicating the large amount of common ground we have.

It was my aim to say hello to as many ULS members as possible at the conference, and please forgive me if you weren't one of them. An 8am-8pm conference schedule is tough for an oldster like me! Meanwhile, I have been so impressed by the number of committee volunteers I have received. I have filled all our vacant committee slots for the year, and you should all have received your assignments and followed up by sending in your appointment acceptance forms to Mary Jane Petrowski at ACRL (copy to me and your committee chair.) If by any chance you volunteered and never heard from me, please let me know (gmccombs@smu.edu). Occasionally forms get lost in the mail or the ether. Some of you have kindly agreed to wait until next year for the committee of your choice, but others were just glad to have the opportunity to be involved and were willing for me to place them wherever I had a slot open.

I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming year to make sure that ULS remains relevant and committed to YOUR professional development.

Thanks for your commitment and willingness to serve!

Gillian M. McCombs ULS Vice-Chair 2002-03 Dean and Director, Central University Libraries Southern Methodist University

#### **STANDARDS & GUIDELINES UPDATE**

The College and Research Libraries Standards Task Force was appointed by the ACRL board to draft a common standard for all libraries (academic and technical) that are part of ACRL.

The Task Force used the current ACRL "Standards for College Libraries, 2000 edition" as the basis for the new draft standards. The Task Force has produced a draft which is published in the May issue of <u>C&RL News</u>, and will hold an open hearing on the draft at the Toronto conference **Saturday**, **June 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m** in the Rosetti Room of the Delta Chelsea hotel. The draft has also been posted to the new ACRL webpage and can be found under "Standards & Guidelines" at:

http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/Standards and Guidelines/Standards for Libraries in Higher Education.htm

You are encouraged to review the draft, attend the open hearing, and provide comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments may be directed to the chair of the Task Force, Barton Lessin (aa3327@wayne.edu). ULS representatives on the Task Force are Lori Goetsch (lgoetsch@deans.umd.edu) and David Lewis (dlewis@iupui.edu).

#### **ULS MEETINGS IN TORONTO**

# Friday, June 20th

Program Planning 2003 4:30 – 5:30 RAD Pilo	t House
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# Saturday, June 21st

Executive Committee I	8:30-11	SHER Kenora
Campus Admin. & Leadership	11:30-12:30	SHER Kenora
Discussion Group		
Communications	11:30-12:30	REN SkyBox 3
Membership	11:30-12:30	SHER Canadiana
Program Planning 2003	11:30-12:30	SHER Spring Song
Program: "Great Debate"	1:30-3:30	SHER Dominion BR
Nominating	4:30-5:30	SHER Gold Rush
Urban Univ. Libraries	4:30-5:30	DEL Seymour
Discussion Group		

# Sunday, June 22nd

Policy & Planning	9:30-11	ROY Nova Scotia
Program Planning 2004	9:30-11	REN SkyBox 3
Current Topics Discussion	11:30-12:30	RAD Chart Room
Group Planning		
Organization & Bylaws	2-4	NOV Suite 215
Publ. Svs. Dirs. of Large	2-4	DEL Rosetti
Research Libraries		

# Monday, June 23rd

Executive Committee II Standards & Guidelines Review	8:30-11 $2-4$	HIL Tom Thomson MER Hampstead
"Getting the Word Out:	8:30 – 12	MTCC 204

Publishing in Library Science & Women's Studies" (ULS co-sponsor)

#### **Hotel Abbreviations**

DEL – Delta Chelsea

 $HIL-Toron to\ Hilton$ 

MER – Le Royal Meridian King Edward

MTCC – Metro Toronto Convention Centre

NOV - Novotel Toronto Centre

RAD – Radisson Plaza Hotel Admiral

REN – Renaissance at Skydome

ROY – Fairmont Royal York

SHER – Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel

# New Realities, New Relationships Across Borders: ACRL/CACUL Joint Presidents' Program

Monday, June 23, 2003, 1:30PM-4:00PM

ACRL and the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries recognize that globalization and new information technologies present challenges to academic and research communities. Ernie Ingles, Associate Vice President, University of Alberta, will provide a Canadian perspective, framing the issues and providing a context. Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in the keynote address will explore the impact of rapid and dramatic demographic and technological change on libraries and higher education.



#### **ACRL Instruction Section Preconference**

## <u>Planning Instructional Opportunities for Targeted</u> Populations

ALA Annual Meeting in Toronto June 20, 2003, 8:00AM-5:00PM Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville, Forest Hill BR

Today's instruction librarians are confronted with addressing the needs of diverse populations and avoiding a one-size-fits-all approach to instruction. This preconference program will help you develop strategies for meeting that challenge.

The program will focus on targeting outreach and instruction to four specific user groups: Generation Y, distance learners, adults, and international students. We will explore the characteristics of these populations and consider strategies for assessing the particular needs of a group so that instruction can be appropriately customized.

More information is available at: <a href="https://www.ala.org/acrl/is/">www.ala.org/acrl/is/</a> (Click "Preconference Annual '03")

#### **Current Topics Discussion Group at Midwinter**

The Current Topics Group once again focused its forum on the topic of "library as place," looking this time at how the geographic setting of a library can influence the direction and shape of its mission. The title of the session was "The Library as Place and Purpose: A Discussion of How Where We Are Can Help Shape What We Are." Jean Donham, Library Director at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa talked about what it is like to direct a library that has for nearly a hundred years served as both a college and public library. She spoke about the issues and benefits that come from having a combined library and reviewed the long history of the library's combined mission. She accompanied her presentation with a gallery of historic photographs from the college archives. Lance Query, Tulane University's Dean of Libraries, then spoke about "library as place" from the perspective of his involvement in the process of expanding the University's library facility. Mr. Query's comments focused on the theme that planning a library building can act as a catalyst to planning a campus or part of one. Jo Bell Whitlatch, Associate Dean of Libraries at San Jose State University, talked about the city and university's progress toward building the \$177.5 million Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, a shared facility that will serve 3,000 students and more than 900,000 citizens. She described the history of the project and discussed how it will be co-managed by the head of the public library and the university library dean. She noted that the shared facility is being developed as a place for life-long learning and is expected to improve the relationship between "town" and "gown." (Additional background information and a virtual tour of the facility are available at www.newkinglibrary.org). The speakers fielded many questions, especially concerning the management and staffing of combined-use facilities. These questions were followed by a lively discussion in which those in the audience shared their experiences working in multipurpose facilities and serving diverse populations. The speakers and discussion group participants gave vivid and exciting examples of how geographic location can lead to new collaborations and ways of thinking about the mission of the library. Additional feedback and/or suggestions for next year's discussion are welcome and should be sent to Betsy Baker at bbaker@northwestern.edu.

Betsy Baker, Chair

#### **ULS SEEKS NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Are you looking for an exciting professional opportunity and a way to make a contribution to ULS? Do you have editorial and/or desktop publishing skills? ULS is seeking a new editor for the *ULS Universe* to begin in June 2004. Contact Katharine Calhoun at <a href="mailto:katharine.calhoun@library.gatech.edu">katharine.calhoun@library.gatech.edu</a> for more information.



#### MIDWINTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Communications**

The Communications Committee meeting at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia focused on three main topics: the new ULS brochure, the section newsletter *ULS Universe*, and an update of the ULS website.

The ULS brochure is complete and ready for distribution. The Committee discussed distributing the brochure at ULS programs and discussion groups, as well as sending copies to new members, but other ideas are also welcome. Printed on 8.5" x 5.5" cardstock, the brochure features information about how to become involved in ULS, what the section is and does, ULS standing committees, and how to join the section. The Committee extends special thanks to past ULS Chair, Julia Zimmerman, for providing the support of staff in the graphic design process. For copies of the brochure, please contact Bruce Henson, chair of the Membership Committee at <a href="mailto:bruce.henson@library.gatech.edu">bruce.henson@library.gatech.edu</a>. For other information about the brochure, please contact Leslie Madden at <a href="mailto:leslie.madden@library.gatech.edu">leslie.madden@library.gatech.edu</a> or John Lehner at <a href="mailto:JLeher@uh.edu">JLeher@uh.edu</a>.

The ULS website is getting a new look! At the Midwinter meeting, John Lehner and committee member, Doug Lehman, attended training on the new software that ALA and all of its divisions are using for websites. The ULS pages have been converted into the new content management system of the ALA website by Hugh Thompson of the ACRL staff. John and Doug will be updating the site preceding the ALA Annual Conference. Please contact John or Doug (douglas.lehman@uvm.edu) for information about the website.

At the ULS executive board meeting, committee chairs learned that ACRL has approved funding for 2 eight page print newsletters. The Committee discussed the possibility of printing two editions of *ULS Universe*, but the discussion was tabled for a later meeting. Katharine Calhoun has agreed to continue as editor of the newsletter until June 2004. The Committee is seeking a new editor to assume responsibilities at that time. Any interested individuals should contact John Lehner, or for information about *ULS Universe* responsibilities, Katharine Calhoun at katharine.calhoun@library.gatech.edu.

Leslie Madden, Co-Chair

#### Membership

The ULS Membership Committee had its inaugural meeting at the 2003 Midwinter Conference. Past ULS Chair Julia Zimmerman met with the Committee to discuss its background and goals. Membership-related activities have previously been the responsibility of the ULS Communications Committee. After discussion about forming a Membership Committee at a 2001 midwinter ULS Executive Committee brainstorming session, the ULS Policy and Planning Committee recommended establishing a Membership Committee, which was approved by the Executive Board at the 2002 Annual Meeting.

Members of the Committee are Tom Fisher, Sue Rorhbough, Janet Steins, and Bruce Henson. The Committee has sent 448 letters to new mem-

bers since July 1, 2002. Its mission statement is "The Membership Committee serves as a resource for ULS on all issues related to membership by: developing and implementing a continuous recruitment program for new members; encouraging new member participation through orientations, welcome events, and social activities; creating and sustaining an historical list of member participation in the ULS Executive Board and all committees; developing procedures for enhancing retention of members; monitoring statistical changes on membership activity; and developing and maintaining liaison relationships with the ULS Communications Committee and the ACRL Membership Committee."

Bruce Henson, Chair

#### Organization and Bylaws

The Organization and Bylaws Committee's meeting in Philadelphia focused on the ULS Section Manual. The Committee, in collaboration with Policy and Planning, is working on revisions and additions to the manual. These are to be completed prior to the annual conference meetings.

Sybil Boudreaux, Chair

### **Policy and Planning**

The Policy and Planning Committee has begun a revision of the ACRL/ ULS Section Manual to present information about each constituent group in a uniform way and to remove obsolete or extraneous references. This is being done in collaboration with the Organization and Bylaws Committee. In the future, the ULS secretary will be in charge of regular updating of the Section Manual.

Mary W. George, Chair

#### **Program Planning 2003**

The Program Planning Committee met on Sunday, January 26, 2003, from 9:30AM-12:30PM and discussed program arrangements, publicity, and handouts for the ULS program at ALA Annual in Toronto, *The Great Debate: The Library As Place*. Members of the Committee are: Pamela Wonsek and Kathleen DeLong, Co-Chairs; Sharon Bonk; Elizabeth Henry; Bruce Henson; and Rebecca Hankins.

Pamela Wonsek, Co-Chair

#### Standards and Guidelines

Due to the formation of the ACRL Academic Library Standards Task Force, which had its first meeting in Philadelphia, the ULS Standards and Guidelines Review Committee did not meet at Midwinter. However, committee chair Lori Goetsch met with the Undergraduate Librarians Discussion Group to discuss the process for updating the Guidelines for Undergraduate Libraries. Committee member Linda TerHaar will serve as liaison between the Standards and Guidelines Review Committee and the discussion group as revisions progress.

Lori A. Goetsch, Chair

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