Professor Emerita, 2008 – School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida. Alumni, 1994 – Florida State University.

Anna H. Perrault, *University of South Florida*
The Florida State University
School of Information Studies

Annual Convocation & Homecoming Celebration

Saturday, November 15, 2003
Room 006, Louis Shores Building
Ten o’clock a.m.
Our 2003 Distinguished Alumna

Alumna Anna H. Perrault is the recipient of the School's Distinguished Alumna Award for 2003. Dr. Perrault, who graduated from the School with a PhD in 1994, is a Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida. She holds an M.A. in English Literature and an M.S. in Library Science from Louisiana State University.

In the course of her career Dr. Perrault has become widely known for bibliometric research in academic library collections for which she has won numerous awards. In addition, she has maintained a full service record, most notably as President of the Louisiana Library Association, ALA Councilor, and Director of Beta Phi Mu International. She is currently serving as vice-president and president-elect of Beta Phi Mu.

Previous Distinguished Alumna Award Winners:
2002: Jacqueline D. Montgomery
2001: Bernadette Roberts Storck
2000: Althea Jenkins
1999: Michele Newberry

2003 Outstanding Faculty Award

Assistant Dean for Administrative Services and Faculty Administrator Robert F. Brooks is the recipient of this year’s Outstanding Faculty Award. Whether at the School or in the Air Force, where he served for 22 years, Dean Brooks believes that leadership is always fundamentally the same.

The role of the leader, he says, is to recognize the value of members of the organization — their knowledge, skills, abilities, and desires — and bring those values, and an appreciation of them, to the awareness of the other members. It is no surprise that Dean Brooks, whose interests are information, communication, management, and leadership, believes in moving an organization towards a participatory style of shared leadership.

Dean Brooks sees the need to shift from teaching students large amounts of information (the “what” of information) to teaching them how to inform themselves (the “how” of information). He sees information as both that which is already in existence, such as in the form of a published document, and that which is in creation through conversation or internal dialogue. He believes the recognition of these states and processes is essential to managing the ever-expanding amount of information available and tapping into the collective knowledge of the organization.

Previous Outstanding Faculty Award Winners:
2002: Melissa Gross/Jeef Shim
2001: Eliza Dresang

Berry presents Lazerow Lecture

J ohn Nichols Berry III, editor in chief of the Library Journal for almost 35 years, today presents the 2003 Lazerow Lecture “Who are the Patriots Anyway?: The US Patriot Act and the Public Library Mission.”

An editor, writer, and lecturer, John sees himself as first and foremost a librarian; a librarian fortunate enough to be in an editorial position with a bully platform to discuss important ideas in the world of information, yet nonetheless a librarian. Proud of his years of work in both public and academic libraries, he exhorts and celebrates the role of the librarian as the last bastion of those championing the free flow of information.

John believes that information is not merely a commodity, but a public good. In times when the marketplace is seen as the solution to our problems, information professionals must make sure that information is free of charge, accessible, and unsuppressed. Our society’s government, industry, and citizens all function better when they are fully informed.

Grateful that technology has given us greater access and ability to disseminate information than ever before, John emphasizes that we must prevent information from being locked up, privatized, or monitored. He feels that, in the end, technology itself will liberate us from any restraints on the flow of information. After all, information always eventually escapes from that which seeks to restrain it, and everything works better when it does.

2003 Outstanding Staff Member

Database Administrator Robyn Gerry Pavan, our Outstanding Staff Member for 2003, is a member of the School of Information Studies Database Services Group. In addition to administering our database management system, Robyn designs and develops databases to fit our school’s unique needs. She handles information requests that require interfacing with various data sources, supports and participates in application development, and willingly acts as a resource for all members of our school’s community.

Robyn earned her MS in Library Science from FSU and her BA in History and Religion from Bowdoin College. She illustrates the diversity of our profession by coupling a background in and love for librarianship with a passion for database management which blossomed during her graduate studies.

Previous Outstanding Staff Member Award Winners:
2002: Ellen Habib
2001: Stephanie Maata-Smith
Jane B. Robbins  
Dean, Professor, Associate Director of the Information Use Management and Policy Institute  
Jane B. Robbins earned her PhD from the University of Maryland and her MLS from Western Michigan University. During the course of her professional career in library practice, she has held positions at the Library of Congress, Northwestern University and The Wyoming State Library. Her teaching areas are research and evaluation methodologies and management.

Kathleen Burnett  
Associate Dean for Technology and Instructional Development and Associate Professor  
Kathleen Burnett earned her BA in German Literature from the University of California, San Diego and her MLS and PhD in the History of Printing and Publishing from the University of California, Berkeley. Her professional career includes experience as a rare books cataloger, women’s studies librarian, children’s librarian, reference librarian, and as a business librarian.

Don Latham  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor  
Don Latham earned his PhD in English from the University of Georgia and his MS and Specialist degrees from FSU. He teaches Technical Communication, Information Graphics, Information Sources and Services, and Information Needs of Young Adults. His research interests include information literacy, LIS education, and information services for youth.

Robert F. Brooks  
Assistant Dean for Administrative Services and Faculty Administrator  
Robert F. Brooks earned his PhD in Communication from FSU and MA in Communication from the University of Oklahoma. He retired from the Air Force in 1996 after 22 years of service. His teaching interests are in management, leadership, and research methods. He has developed a model of information interaction and is currently testing its application to predicting success in online learning.

Full-time Faculty

Brian Arbogast de Hubert-Miller  Assistant In Information Practice  
Benjamin Keith Belton  Assistant Professor  
John Bertot  Associate Professor  
Robert Brooks  Faculty Administrator  
Darrell Burko  Assistant Professor  
Gary Burnett  Assistant Professor  
Kathleen Burnett  Associate Professor  
Maria Chavez-Hernandez  Associate In Information Studies  
Anthony Chow  Research Associate  
Charles Conaway  Associate Professor  
EBiz Dressung  Assistant Professor  
Bill Dulaney  Assistant In Information Practice  
John Gathogi  Associate Professor  
Marcella Genz  Assistant Professor  
Melissa Gross  Assistant Professor  
Thomas Hart  Professor  
Miseok Heo  Assistant Professor  
Corinne Jörgensen  Associate Professor  
Peter Jörgensen  Assistant Professor  
Michelle Kazmer  Assistant Professor  
M. Bowie Kotria  Associate In Information Practice  
Don Latham  Assistant Professor  
Paul Marty  Assistant Professor  
Charles McClure  Francis Eppes Professor  
Ryan Miller  Assistant In Information Practice  
David Miner  Assistant In Information Practice  
Claudia Montague  Instructor Librarian  
Daniel Phelps  Assistant In Information Studies  
Aimee Reist  Associate Librarian  
Jane Robbins  Professor  
Wonsik “Jeff” Shim  Assistant Professor  
Alan Stromberg  Associate In Information Studies  
Wayne Wiegand  Assistant Professor  
Michael Workman  Assistant Professor  
Dangzhi Zhao  Visiting Assistant Professor
National Award goes to Alumna

In mid-March, alumna Ann Parham was named the 2002 Federal Librarian of the Year by the Library of Congress' Federal Library and Information Center Committee. Ann, who graduated with a Master of Science degree from the School in 1974, was recognized for her work in managing the worldwide US Army Library Program, creating a professional library development system, and for her efforts in returning the library to the Pentagon following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack (during which Ann sustained injuries).

Following the attack, the Pentagon library was moved to an external location that was inconvenient for its users. Ann lobbied and advocated in support of others for the return of the library to the Pentagon. As a result, a small reference center was set up in the Pentagon within six months. The main library re-opened in a temporary building several months later. We, at the School, honor Ann for her ongoing service to others.

Welcome to Library Quarterly

Although the practice of librarianship has traditions that date back thousands of years, research in the field began only in the last century-and-a-half. During that time, no publication has played a greater role in forging and reflecting the research discourse of library and information studies than Library Quarterly.

Begun in 1931 at the University of Chicago, Library Quarterly remained on the University of Chicago campus until 1991, when it moved editorial offices to Indiana University. After five years these offices shifted to UCLA, where LQ remained until this year. With the October 2003, issue, however, the Quarterly moved to the FSU, supported by the School of Information Studies, and co-edited by our faculty members Dr's. John Carlo Bertot and Wayne A. Wiegand.

John and Wayne outlined plans for a new editorial direction in their successful bid to bring LQ to campus. On the one hand, they noted their desire to continue to encourage "the user in the life of the library" perspective that would increase the understanding of the evolving nature of libraries and librarianship. On the other hand, they wanted to break new ground by focusing some research attention on "the library in the life of the user" perspective and thus position the journal to become a site for pioneering research.

John Bertot is an Associate Professor of Information Studies and Associate Director of the Institute for Information Policy and Management. Wayne Wiegand is an F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies, and Professor of American Studies. Also on the LQ staff are Dr. Marcella Genz, Assistant Professor of Information Studies who will take over as Book Review Editor; Harla Frank, who will serve as Editorial Assistant; and Colette Drouillard, an Information Studies doctoral student who will assist Ms. Frank. Information Studies faculty members who will serve on the Editorial Board include Jane Robbins, Charles McClure, Eliza Dresang, and Melissa Gross.