

# SENYLRC Matters

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## SENYLRC Celebrated its 41st Annual Meeting on June 6

By John Shaloiko

The Danny Kaye Theater at the Culinary Institute of America was the site of SENYLRC's 41st Annual Meeting. Over 90 people attended the event which concluded with a wonderful lunch at the St. Andrews Café.

Executive Director, John Shaloiko, opened the meeting by welcoming Dr. Peter Rainsford, Vice President of Academic Affairs of the CIA.



Director John Shaloiko & President Muriel Verdibello



Dr. Rainsford, Vice President of Academic Affairs, CIA



Barbara Liesenbein, incoming 2008/09 President



Susan Stessin-Cohn

Dr. Rainsford described the academic programs at the CIA and the various culinary positions that the students can be hired upon graduating. Muriel Verdibello, Board President, opened the business meeting and was followed by Director John Shaloiko who presented his Annual Report.

The highlight of the Annual Meeting was a presentation by Susan Stessin-Cohn, Archives Specialist at the Historic Huguenot Street. Susan presented a very moving story about what she uncovered in researching the Hudson River Valley Heritage online exhibit, "The Missing Chapter: Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley." After her presentation, Susan received a heart warming standing ovation.

## SENYLRC Board of Trustees, 2008-2009

At the SENYLRC Annual Meeting held this past June at the Culinary Institute of America, it was announced that the following people were elected to the Board of Trustees. Elected to a first term are **Bruce McMillan** who is the Project Archivist at The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; **Jon Grennan**, Director of the Sullivan County Community College Library and **Mary Ellen Leimer** of the Office of Human Resources, Newburgh Enlarged School District. **Muriel Verdibello**, Director of the Newburgh Free Library was re-elected to a second term.

The Officers of the Board, which comprise the Executive Committee, include new Board President **Barbara Liesenbein**, Director of the Library at Dutchess Community College. The Vice President is **Jeffrey Katz**, Director of Libraries, Bard College; Secretary is **Lynn Miller**, Director of the Sullivan BOCES School Library System; Treasurer is **Stuart Moss**, Director, Health Sciences Library, Nathan S. Kline Institute; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer is **Josh Cohen**, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System; and Immediate Past President is **Muriel Verdibello**.

Other board members include **David Barnhart**, representing the research community at large; **Danielle Boyea**, Director, Ulster BOCES School Library System; **Barbara Durniak**, Electronic Reference Services Librarian, Vassar College; **Judith McGrath**, Middletown Thrall Library; **Mary Jo Russell**, Manager of Library Research Services, Vassar Brothers Medical Center; and **Marjorie Young**, Librarian, Sojourner Truth Library, SUNY New Paltz.

## Vassar College Library Receives Award

By John Shaloiko

At the recent American Library Association Conference this past June in Anaheim, California, Ron Patkus, Associate Director of the Libraries for Special Collections, accepted an award from the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ALA's Division, Association of College and Research Libraries. The category of the award was "Inexpensive Printed Catalogs" for the Vassar College Library publication, **Mapping America: 500 Years of Cartographic Depictions**.

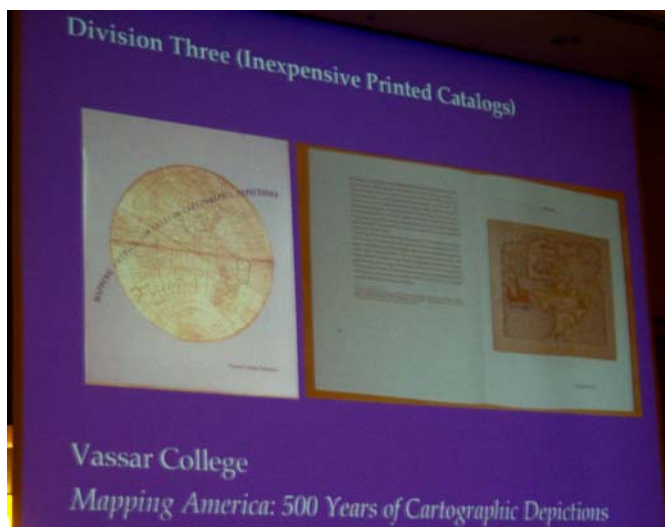
Ron Patkus states in his introductory essay that "While conceding that the holdings here do not

have the breadth or depth of collections in larger institutions, viewed as a whole, the collection of atlases and maps that has been assembled by the library is a valuable resource that continues the Vassar tradition of learning by 'going to the source.'" A special aspect of "Mapping America" is that students and faculty - not only librarians - have played an important role in its creation. The Awards Committee stated that the catalog has been well designed and produced at relatively little cost, and represents one ideal of the exhibition catalog, as a permanent contribution to the institution's own resources for making the best use of its collections - and as a signpost for others.

Congratulations, Ron!



Ron Patkus being congratulated by Richard Noble, Brown University, Chair of the RBMS Exhibition Awards Committee



### **Adrienne Turner, Intern at SENYLRC**

By Jennifer Palmentiero

The staff at SENYLRC were thrilled to have an intern working here this summer. Adrienne Turner is pursuing her MSLIS with a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Digital Libraries at Syracuse University. She spent 150 hours at Southeastern this summer working on a digitization project.

Adrienne's interest in library and information science began as an undergraduate student at the University of Oregon where she studied History and Economics. Much of her research at the U of O was done using collections that are typically difficult to access including archival and special collections and a lot of material on microfilm. Adrienne believes that access to information is at the core of democracy and she became interested in learning various approaches to make valuable library resources more accessible.

Adrienne spent the summer creating metadata for maps from three 19<sup>th</sup> century atlases from Rockland, Sullivan, and Greene Counties. She also created metadata for maps from the 1891 *Atlas of the Hudson River Valley from New York City to Troy*. All of these maps



can be browsed or searched through Hudson River Valley Heritage [www.hrvh.org/exhibit/atlas.htm](http://www.hrvh.org/exhibit/atlas.htm). Adrienne said that the experience helped her gain a deeper understanding of metadata in the real world. She was able to apply the theory she has learned in her coursework towards making decisions that will help users discover and access these valuable maps. She also enjoyed learning more about metadata in a collaborative environment.

"It was a pleasure to welcome Adrienne to the SENYLRC staff for the summer," said John Shaloiko. "She did a fantastic job working with Jennifer and Tessa on the 19<sup>th</sup> century atlases and we were pleased to offer her this experience. She will make a fine addition to the staff of any library."

Adrienne lives in West Point where her husband,

Nathan, plays the tuba in the U.S.M.A Band. In her free time Adrienne volunteers for the Newburgh SPCA where she walks, trains and rehabilitates dogs to prepare them for adoption. Adrienne and Nathan have three dogs of their own: Mike, Claudia, and Dink. Other interests of Adrienne's include quilting, reading, and attending concerts. Adrienne will graduate from Syracuse University in December and then she hopes to find a job in a research library.

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### **Think MISP When Looking for Hard to Find Medical or Health Care Information**

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

SENYLRC's Medical Information Services Program (MISP) is part of a state-wide, legislated program to provide improved access to current, up-to-date medical information for all New Yorkers through libraries. While acute care hospitals, their health care providers and patients, are the primary beneficiaries; all health care students and professionals as well as consumers may benefit from the resources and services provided.

In SENYLRC's area of service, MISP funds interlibrary loans for clinical and consumer health information, helps support electronic resources for hospital libraries, and provides library staff medical information education and training. MISP provides access to medical information for sources not owned by a requesting institution or library at no cost to the library or the requesting patron. All types of libraries – hospitals and other specials, academics, publics and schools – are eligible to submit requests to SENYLRC for referral to participating libraries in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM).

To promote the value and benefits of this program, SENYLRC has created an "informational toolkit". Academic and special libraries will receive the toolkit this month. Public libraries and schools will receive the toolkit later this fall.

The MISP outreach to libraries will also include a yet-to-be scheduled series of free continuing education events and workshops on the free quality medical information resources sponsored by the National Library of Medicine – such as PubMed and the NLM Gateway, Medline Plus and other consumer health resources for genetic and mental health information.

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## Grant Opportunities

Several grant programs are available this fall that could fund projects for libraries and cultural heritage organizations. This may be an opportunity to fund a digitization project or to fund the preservation of materials from your collections.

### Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial (HFCQ) Grant Program

Applications will be accepted through September 3, 2008 for HFCQ grant projects located entirely within NYS, within the Champlain Valley, the Hudson Valley, the New York Harbor vicinity (including the five boroughs) or more specifically within the confines of the following counties: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Essex and Clinton. The HFCQ grant program specifically seeks to achieve or support the following or similar types of projects: museum and/or cultural institution exhibits; music and performing arts performances; sporting and/or outdoor events; films and documentaries; educational and/or curriculum projects; or publications and book projects. Applications are available on-line and can be downloaded and filled in at: [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). On homepage, please click on Quadricentennial Events and then "Quadricentennial Grants."

### CLIR Requests Proposals for Hidden Collections Grant

Washington, DC--The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has opened the application period for its new grant program, Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives. Information about the program and links to the online application and guidelines are available at the following URL: [www.clir.org/hiddencollections/index.html](http://www.clir.org/hiddencollections/index.html). The deadline for completed applications is September 2, 2008.

### Bank of America/IMLS American Heritage Preservation Program Statewide Planning Grants

Deadline: September 15, 2008. Bank of America is partnering with the Institute to provide grants to small museums, libraries, and archives. The grants will raise awareness and fund preservation of treasures held in small museums, libraries and archives.

Eligibility: Institutions that fulfill the general criteria may apply. See program guidelines for special conditions of eligibility for this program. [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov). For more information, contact Christine Henry, Senior Program Officer, at 202/653-4674 or [chenry@ims.gov](mailto:chenry@ims.gov).

### New York State Library Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Announces Grant Writing Workshops.

Grant Application Workshops will be conducted by the New York State Education Department, New York State Library, Division of Library Development, Conservation/ Preservation Discretionary Grant Program to assist prospective applicants in planning their 2009/2010 applications.

This year the Conservation/Preservation Program will be moving to a web based application. It is important that applicants attend this workshop to learn more about how this application will work.

The purpose of the New York State Discretionary Grant Program is to encourage the proper care and accessibility of research materials in the State, to promote the use and development of guidelines and standards for conservation/preservation practices, and to support the growth of local and cooperative preservation programs.

The workshop is offered at no cost to participants. To obtain workshop locations, dates, and registration form, go to the website at: [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/regform.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/regform.htm).

### NEH Planning and Implementation Grants

The Division of Public Programs at the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities funds humanities projects that are intended for broad public audiences at museums, libraries, historic sites and other historical and cultural organizations.

New application guidelines are now posted on the NEH Web site at [www.neh.gov/](http://www.neh.gov/).

Grants support interpretive exhibitions, reading or film discussion series, historic site interpretation, lecture series and symposia, and digital projects. NEH especially encourages projects that offer multiple formats and make creative use of new technology to deliver humanities content.

Applications will also be accepted at both deadlines for Interpreting America's Historic Places grants, which promote public understanding of American history through interpretation of significant American places. Deadlines: August 27, 2008 and/or January 21, 2009.

**Annual Dennis O'Keefe Memorial  
Lecture at SUNY New Paltz,  
September 17**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library, this annual event honors Dennis O'Keefe, long-time staff member of the Sojourner Truth Library. Dennis, who graduated from New Paltz in 1973, was a very special person who positively impacted the lives of thousands of New Paltz students, faculty, staff and community members. Dennis had worked at STL for 23 years, starting in 1983 until his sudden death in 2006. In addition to his services as a staff member of the Sojourner Truth Library, Dennis also served with the New Paltz volunteer fire department for 25 years. An article in the New Paltz Times after his death describes "O'Keefe as one of those people who helped define New Paltz – an invaluable human resource. He was a friend to all, enemy to none, and a one-of-a-kind New Paltzian through and through." At last year's autumn lecture, he was described as "a polymathic intellectual, interested in nearly everything. He wanted to know everything, or about everything, without the least trace of intellectual snobbery or ivy-tower vanity." The Annual Lecture is dedicated to his memory and will celebrate an aspect of his wide range of interests and contributions.

The September 2008 Lecture will feature O'Keefe's friend and colleague, William B. Rhoads, Professor Emeritus of Art History, SUNY New Paltz whose talk is titled, "The Changing Image of Education at New Paltz, 1828-2008". The lecture takes place Sept. 17, 2008, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. in Lecture Center 104, SUNY New Paltz, located adjacent to the Sojourner Truth Library. The event is free & open to the public. Light refreshments will follow.

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**People and Libraries in the News**

**Gerlinde Barley**, SUNY New Paltz, was honored with a State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence at the May 18 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony. The Excellence in Librarianship Award acknowledges Lynn's exceptional service to the Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz for more than 38 years. Upon her recommendation for the award, the campus nomination committee noted, "She has modernized reference and instructional services to meet the complex needs of the contemporary library user. User education, user-centeredness and staff

development have been her highest priorities during many transitional periods of the growing computerization and curricular reform."

**Denise A. Garofalo** has joined the staff of Curtin Memorial Library at Mount Saint Mary College as Systems and Catalog Services Librarian. In this position, she will manage the library's integrated system, direct all cataloging activities, and will be a leader in the library's technology initiatives. Denise previously served for 6 ½ years as Library Director at the Astor Home for Children and as Systems Manager at the Mid-Hudson Library System.

**Timothy Domick** is the new Director of Library/Learning Resources of the Rockland Community College Library. Previously, Tim was the Director of the Sussex County Community College Library in Newton, NJ ('06 – '08), and previous to that, was Assistant Director of the Sussex County Community College Library ('05 – '06).

**Sister Estelle Marie McKeever**, OP of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, Newburgh, NY died July 31, 2008. She was the Library Director and Librarian at Mt. St. Mary College (1975-1988; 1989-2001) and she continued to work in the Library until her retirement. The Southeastern New York Library Resources Council had the pleasure of having Sr. Estelle as a Board member from 1979 - 1988. While on the Board she served as Secretary. Her term on the Board expired 1989, but she left early to enjoy a sabbatical in Rome, Italy from 1988-1989. Sr. Estelle was a wonderful person and very instrumental in promoting and advancing the mission and services of Southeastern.

**Jesse Caudill**, who left his position at Nyack Hospital last year, is returning to the library world in August as Director of Library Services at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Connecticut Medical School. He will manage two hospital libraries, New Britain General and Bradley Hospital. The recently merged hospital has nearly 3,000 employees and 500 physicians among its two campuses.

**Gregg Kiehl** is the new director of the Tompkins Cortland Community College Library. SENYLRC area library staff may remember Gregg as Education Specialist/Librarian for the IBM Mid-Hudson Valley Library for over four years until 2004 when he left the area for SUNY Cobleskill's Van Wagenen Library. He served there as Senior Assistant Librarian and Head of Circulation/Interlibrary Loan.

**Jeffrey Cannell** was appointed Acting State Librarian following the retirement of Janet Welch in June. Jeffrey Cannell has served as Deputy

Commissioner for Cultural Education since his appointment in March 2007. The New York State Library, the State Archives, the Office of Educational Television, and the New York State Museum comprise the Office of Cultural Education.

During Cannell's tenure as Deputy Commissioner, the legislature approved new funding for public library construction grants, increased aid for library systems, and increased school library materials aid.

Mr. Cannell has led development of a plan to establish safe and secure storage for New York's historic and cultural treasures and has worked to secure funding for curriculum based education programs in Museums and other cultural institutions. He has worked with the Board of Regents to expand the NOVELny pilot project into a Statewide Internet Library.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education, Cannell was Director of the Albany Public Library and had an extensive career in library administration. A search is currently underway to permanently fill the position of New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries.

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### MedlinePlus an Even Better, Free, Multilingual Resource for All Libraries

MedlinePlus now includes health information in multiple languages – 40 of them – from Amharic, Arabic, and Armenian to Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese and 34 in between!

Searchable by language or by health topic: Examples – *Advanced Directives* – in Chinese, Simplified; Chinese, Traditional or Spanish;

*Newborn Screening* – in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marshallese, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

Earlier this spring, the following changes appeared for the MedlinePlus Health Topic pages.

- Each page will now display a photograph or illustration.
- A brief summary of each disease or condition will also display at the top of the page. Composed by experienced medical writers and reviewed by NLM staff, the summaries are based largely on NIH and other government information. They are written at an *easy-to-read level and include links to related topics*. Summaries will

appear on about half of English pages but all English and Spanish Health Topic pages will include a summary in the near future.

- *Synonyms* will appear right under the health topic name.
- A new category, labeled *Start Here*, will link users to overviews and important information for first-time visitors.
- A *centrally-located Table of Contents* will divide the MedlinePlus categories into six boxes to show users everything on the page at a glance.

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### Upcoming Conferences in NY State

The Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association (UNYOC) will hold **UNYOC 2008: Across the InfoGorge**, their annual conference in Ithaca from Wednesday, October 22 through Friday, October 24. For additional information, go to the UNYOC website at [unyoc.mlanet.org/](http://unyoc.mlanet.org/).

Go to the Nylink website [nylink.org/](http://nylink.org/) for additional information regarding the **New York State Resource Sharing Summit** to be held on October 23 and 24 at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY.

The New York Library Association (NYLA) **Annual Conference and Trade Show** will be held in Saratoga Springs from Wednesday November 5 through Saturday, November 8. The theme this year is *Connecting, Collaborating, Cooperating*. Full information is found on the NYLA website at [www.nyla.org/](http://www.nyla.org/).

