



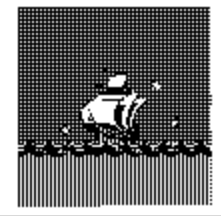
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STAFF HONORS AWARD



REBECCA ROMANCHUK

Library Assistant I
Gifts Unit
Monthly Achievement
March 2002

Rebecca (Becky) Romanchuk is recognized for her outstanding work production, workflow management, attention to details both large and small, and her ability to adapt to differing situations to maximize efficiency in the work of the Gifts Unit. During March, because of space needs, Rebecca was responsible for "rush" processing of the 4,700 volume Megaw Drama Collection.

In addition to handling her usual, substantial workload, Rebecca managed to search hundreds of Megaw titles and create every in-process record for hundreds of titles added to both the Fine Arts Library and PCL. "That she managed to do this while simultaneously maintaining her regular workflow with customary accuracy and efficiency is quite remarkable, and a tribute to her work ethic and unflinching spirit."

Ann Hartness appointed Benson head librarian

Austin, TX (April 10, 2002)-Ann Hartness has been named head librarian of the internationally recognized Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection of The University of Texas at Austin, effective April 1, 2002. Hartness has served as acting head librarian following the retirement of Laura Gutiérrez-Witt in 2000.

In announcing the appointment, Harold Billings, director of General Libraries, commented: "In this, the 75th Anniversary Year of the Benson Collection, Ann Hartness is uniquely qualified to provide strong and seasoned leadership in continuing the distinctive services to Latin American scholarship that the Benson Collection has so long contributed."

Prior to her appointment as acting head, Hartness served as assistant head since 1979, and previously was head of public services of the collection and supervisor of Latin American cataloging. She is internationally recognized as a scholar-bibliographer of Brazilian studies, with numerous publications also on Mexican-American studies, Mexico, Guatemala, and Latin American business.

Hartness's book *Subject Guide to Statistics in the Presidential Reports of the Brazilian Provinces, 1830 - 1889* (Austin: Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1977) provided the basis for two major microfilming projects devoted to preserving and making more accessible significant collections of Brazilian government documents. She continues on the advisory board of the

Digital Core Collection of the Brazilian Serial Documents Project which now guides this effort.

She served as president of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) and has held many other positions in



this international organization. From 1988 - 1990 she served as acting field director for the Library of Congress office in Rio de Janeiro, and was a Ford Foundation professional intern in the Biblioteca Nacional do Rio de Janeiro in 1972-73. She holds two degrees from UT Austin with further graduate work in Latin American studies at Cornell and Tulane Universities.

—excerpt from *General Libraries News Release*

Library Director's Special Staff Honors Awards Announced

I am pleased to announce three very special recipients of Director's Staff Honors Awards for Spring 2002. Although these staff members titles are not in the administrative and professional group, their work is as completely professional in quality and industry as anyone's. Although each of these individuals has been recognized with other Staff Honors Awards, I feel they are deserving of recognition beyond that already accorded them.

Bonny Keyes supervises the Classics Library in a quietly effective way. She consistently garners praise from the faculty with whom she has routine contact, and one of the great concerns of her clientele is that she might move to some other assignment. Her friendly style and usual smile is an asset for anyone who works in public services—and anywhere else, for that matter.

James Kieke, of Administrative Services, is one of the most consistently helpful staff in the General Libraries, always willing to go beyond his

job responsibilities as supervisor of Receiving/Mail/Shipping to assist wherever and whenever there is a need. Although he may modestly assume those traits go unnoticed, his fine work and initiative are greatly appreciated. Jim will push, lift, carry, or direct that work gets done if he spots the need.

Alma Rodriguez has responsibility for managing classified staff recruiting in General Libraries Personnel Services, but her work and contributions generally extend far beyond that particular set of responsibilities. Alma is absolutely masterful at the calm, smooth, and cheerful approach at getting things done. Her management of the annual adoption of needy families by the General Libraries during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday seasons is an example of the University at its best in caring for its community neighbors.

Thanks to these and all staff for their greatly appreciated contributions.

—Harold Billings

Jaggars promoted to deputy associate director, UT Austin General Libraries

Austin, TX (May 6, 2002)- Damon E. Jaggars has been promoted to deputy associate director for Public Services, General Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin, effective April 1, 2002. Jaggars most recently served as Head Librarian, Undergraduate Library Services Division.

In announcing the promotion, Jo Anne Hawkins, associate director for Public Services, and Harold Billings, director of General Libraries, both praised the effective, management-efficient, and user friendly service that Jaggars has provided General Libraries programs since his appointment at Austin in 1995.



Jo Anne Hawkins, in commenting on Jaggars' promotion, said, "Damon's energy, enthusiasm, and vision will be invaluable as we face the challenges and opportunities ahead for the General Libraries. Damon is one of the most outstanding young librarians working in the profession today. We are fortunate that he has accepted this expanded role in the administration and leadership of Public Services."

"The extension of Damon's responsibilities to library-wide services, especially those aimed at undergraduate students, including the nationally recog-

nized information literacy programs that are a hallmark of our Undergraduate Library Services Division, will strengthen instructional programs throughout campus libraries," Billings commented. "Damon has remarkable management skills and is a first-rate innovator and closer," he added. "He will help elevate the necessary ongoing growth of leadership required to meet our public service obligations."

Jaggars represents the General Libraries in several of its resource-sharing memberships, serves as liaison to campus Information Technology Services in shared digital programs, and is a recipient of the Director's Staff Honors Award at Austin.

Jaggars served as coordinator of information technology, Helen T. Arrigoni Library Technology Center, Iona College Libraries, New Rochelle, NY, prior to his appointment at UT Austin. He holds the MLIS from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and a BA in philosophy from the University of California at Davis.

—excerpt from *General Libraries News Release*

Minutes for the May 8, 2002 Department Heads' Meeting

Main Topics Discussed—

- General Libraries budgetary issues.
- Annual evaluation of administrative and professional staff due by the end of May.
- General Libraries exemplary service awards.
- Andrew Dillon appointment as new Dean of GSLIS.

The department heads will next meet on June 12, 2002. To view the meeting minutes in their entirety, please use the following address:

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Professional Staff News

Janelle M. Hedstrom and **Adrian N. (AJ) Johnson** have both accepted positions as Information Literacy Librarian, Digital Information Literacy Office, Undergraduate Library Services Division.

Ms. Hedstrom began her new position on April 22, 2002. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and anthropology from the University of Nebraska and M.L.I.S. from UT Austin. Janelle was most recently reference and adult services librarian, Bastrop Public Library.

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Adrian N. Johnson (AJ) was appointed as Information Librarian, DILO, on March 25, 2002 and had been temporarily serving in the same position. AJ received the Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Trinity University and the M.L.I.S. from UT Austin.

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The Digital Information Literacy Office is moving to a different location in the Undergraduate Library and will have new office and phone numbers within the next few weeks.

Please welcome Janelle and AJ to their new positions on the staff of the General Libraries.

—Peggy Mueller