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## President's message

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Greetings! This has been an eventful year for the chapter. Here are some of the highlights!

The 2003 Annual Meeting was held September 19-23 in Indianapolis and was hosted by the Indiana Health Sciences Librarians Association. The meeting attracted approximately 168 meeting attendees, not including attendance at continuing education classes. Program topics included leadership, geographic information systems, HIPAA, Civil War medicine, managing electronic journals from the viewpoints of a hospital librarian, an academic health sciences librarian, and a vendor respectively, and a physician's view on the library's role in knowledge management and decision-making in health care. The Greater Midwest Region's Technology forum covered the topics of information access in a firewalled environment, and wireless access. Conference participants had opportunities to network, hear contributed papers, interact with poster presenters, visit 21 exhibit booths, and receive updates from the Greater Midwest Region, National Library of Medicine, and the Medical Library Association. Medical Library Association President, Pat Thibideau attended the meeting and also led the discussion for the MLA Publishing Forum on Scholarly Publishing. The forum was an opportunity to get member input on the issues of journal pricing, archiving issues, open access and scholarly publishing.

The chapter's annual business meeting is traditionally held at the annual meeting and is not to be missed. The chapter is in good financial shape, and a task force will be appointed to investigate annual meeting financing, including the possibility of lowering the annual meeting costs to members. Chapter membership

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Special recognition goes to Phyllis Nathan, Annual Meetings Committee Chair. Phyllis retired earlier this year, but stayed on to finish updating the program planning guide, which had not been updated in over ten years, and continued to serve as an advisor to the chapter's conference planning committees.

The Awards Committee bestowed two \$500 scholarship awards to the annual chapter meeting. The awards went to Rich McGowan, Academic Resident Librarian and Deidre Rawls, Visiting Information Services Librarian, both at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago. The Education Committee recently completed a survey of members regarding potential continuing education topics. The survey was placed on the chapter website <http://www.midwestmla.org>. The Technology Committee had a busy year re-organizing and updating the website, and invites suggestions and ideas from the membership. As mentioned before in previous *MIDLIN*E issues, the chapter newsletter is now distributed electronically.

Special thanks to all of the highly qualified professionals who ran in this year's election - the chapter is appreciative of your talents and willingness to serve. The Nominating Committee chair, Sue London, announced the following election results at the business meeting:

- President-elect Sheryl Stevens, Raymon H. Mulford Library, Medical College of Ohio,
- Secretary Theresa Arndt, Taubman Medical Library, University of Michigan,
- Treasurer Chris Shaffer, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa,
- Representatives-at-large:
  - Barb Bartkowiak, George E. Magnin Medical Library, Marshfield Clinic
  - Sandra DeGroote, Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago
  - Julie Schneider, Middleton Health Sciences Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - Joan Zivich, Lacera Memorial Library, The Community Hospital
  - Chapter representatives to the Medical Library Association Section Council are Carole Gilbert, Helen L. DeRoy Medical Library, Providence Hospital & Medical Centers and Pam Rees, State Library of Iowa.

Each year, the chapter board selects a potential nominee to the Medical Library Nominating Committee. This year's nominee is Logan Ludwig, Health Sciences Library, Loyola University Medical Center. His name will be submitted to MLA Chapter Council and the MLA Section Council, who in turn will select six names from the pool of potential candidates. The six names will go on the MLA ballot, to be voted on by the MLA membership to be on the MLA Nominating Committee.

The newly elected chapter officers will begin their terms starting January 1, 2004, replacing outgoing board members. While the outgoing board members were recognized at the annual business meeting, I'd like to thank them again for their hard work during the year. Outgoing board members are: Secretary Sandra Martin, Parliamentarian Donna Barbour-Talley, and Allan Barclay (also a member of the Technology Committee), Leeila Bina, and Lorna Springston, Representatives-at-Large, and MLA Chapter Council Representative Barbara Knight. Outgoing Representative-at-Large Nancy O'Brien returns to the board as 2004 Nominations Committee Chair. Jim Lander will be leaving the board after admirably fulfilling his three-

year commitment, which ends this year as Immediate-Past President. His insight and knowledge of chapter culture will be missed.

This is my last newsletter message as president of the chapter, and I would like to thank the membership, for this leadership opportunity. I am looking forward to working with all the 2004 board members and continuing to serve the chapter in the capacity of Immediate-Past President. The next issue of *MIDLINE* will feature a message from 2004 President Melinda Orebaugh.

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## Customized Internet-based training for rural hospitals

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In the immortal words of Robert Burns, "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley." I borrow this line from his famous poem "To A Mouse" to apply it to my experience with Internet-based training in rural hospitals. What I had envisioned for these training sessions turned out to be something completely different from what actually transpired due to individual learning cultures at each institution.

I am an outreach librarian at the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) where I cover a fifteen county area with about fourteen small rural hospitals. In 2002, we embarked on Project LINK (a Library Information Network in Kentucky), which was a National Library of Medicine (NLM) funded program that enabled us to install a computer workstation with Internet access at each of our hospitals. These computers were to be used primarily by hospital and medical staff as they search for health information on the Internet. After installation, I worked with the local site liaison to provide group training on NLM electronic resources such as PubMed, MEDLINEplus, clinicaltrials.gov, and the NLM Gateway.

My intentions had been to conduct hour-long online group demonstrations at each hospital. Knowing how difficult it is for employees to leave their unit, desk or department, I became totally flexible and left it to the site liaison to schedule the time for the training session, its length, and its format. They usually had an idea of what type of training sessions had been successful in the past, so we tried to duplicate these, hoping to maximize attendance. It was interesting to note the different training preferences from hospital to hospital.

Over the next six months, I completed 44 training sessions. Of these, twenty were hour-long group sessions; 24 of them were one-on-one individual demonstrations, varying in length. Several hospitals preferred hour-long group sessions, whereas others had me come and stay at the computer all day so that employees could stop by for an individual session when they had a chance. In those cases, it helped to have announcements made throughout the day to remind folks that I was there. Freebies helped, too. We had a mouse pad printed up with several URLs of NLM's online products. That helped spread the word more than any announcements or fliers could have done.

Several hospitals scheduled separate training for physicians. In addition, physicians tended to not attend regular training sessions where staff were present, so I performed multiple training sessions for different user populations at more than one institution. The amount of space or technology available at the facility also dictated the type of training I performed. At one rural health clinic, we all gathered around the computer because there was no room for a screen and projector. So I did several small group sessions one after the other. Also, the current census, any staff shortages or illnesses, emergencies, etc. impacted how many attended. Whenever possible, I tried to work within their time frame. One hospital scheduled me to come during the 7am to 3pm shift with the hope that not only would I reach the people within that shift, but that people would stay after 7am as they came off their shift or would come early before their 3pm shift started.

Although the training sessions differed greatly from hospital to hospital, what remained consistent with each session was the content of the training. Although I doubt that it was Robert Burns who said it, it is true that "there's more than one way to skin a rabbit." By customizing my training sessions to the hospital's individual culture of learning, I found a larger and more receptive group.

*This article is a companion piece to an article co-authored with Winn Theirl, UK Medical Center Library, and published in the September 2003 issue of MLA News*

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## Profession loses valued member

Members of the Medical Library Association were deeply saddened to learn that Barbara Van Brimmer passed away October 9 after a short battle with cancer. An active and valued member of MLA and the Midwest Chapter, Van Brimmer was an Associate Professor and curator at the Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University.

In a eulogy for her colleague delivered October 14, Susan Kroll, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Director, Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University, said, "Barb accomplishments are so impressive that she was to be nominated for promotion to full professor in the upcoming year. I am saddened that she will not be able to receive the honor she so deserved. She leaves a professional legacy with ten journal articles, several books and book chapters, twenty-five presentations, and ten awards and grants. Barb leaves a legacy of service as chair of the Medical Library Association's History of Health Sciences Section and president of both the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association and Central Ohio Health Sciences Library Association. She served on 50 university committees and 30 other committees both local and national. Through her leadership in these organizations, Barb has touched many peoples lives and developed many friends who I know are here today."

The family suggests contributions to the Barbara Van Brimmer Scholarship Fund to be established at the Prior Health Sciences Library. A copy of the memorial card is available at [http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/Lib\\_Info/Newsnotes/Barb\\_Van\\_Brimmer.pdf](http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/Lib_Info/Newsnotes/Barb_Van_Brimmer.pdf)

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## Continuing education survey results

**By Carol Jeuell, Midwest Chapter Education Committee Chair  
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In the Summer 2003 issue of *Midline* <http://midwestmla.org/midline>, the Education Committee invited members to participate in a continuing education survey. The survey is posted on our chapter website at <http://www.midwestmla.org/ce/cesurvey.htm>. It was conducted from August through September 2003. The objective of the survey was to determine which courses had the most interest from members. Additionally, the survey allowed us to gather new ideas for future courses. We would like to thank the 172 respondents who filled out the survey. The results of the survey have been forwarded on to the planning committees for future annual meetings.

Current continuing education opportunities may be found on the Education Committee's page on the MC/MLA website at <http://midwestmla.org/ce/>.

### Courses with highest interest

Preliminary results indicated that the following subjects were among the most desired topics for continuing education courses. Over 50% of the respondents were interested in the following courses.

- Electronic resources - managing electronic resources
- Electronic subscriptions - managing electronic subscriptions
- Evidence based medicine - interpreting evidence based medicine statistics
- Evidence based medicine: quality filtering & critical appraisal
- Knowledge management
- Library budgets: how to do more with less
- Marketing your library
- Online surveys and quizzes
- PubMed - keeping up with PubMed
- Research - conducting research
- Writing a research article

#### Updates and vendor presentations

The following updates and presentations were among the most desired:

NLM/GMR update

Vendor displays & presentations

MLA update & poster sessions

#### Courses with high interest

49% to 32% of respondents indicated an interest in the following areas as topics for continuing education courses.

Change management

Consumer health/patient education

Cultural and ethnic health

Difficult people - how to handle difficult people

Digital slide library – creation and management

Distance education technologies

Electronic document delivery

Grant writing

Management for new managers

Managing the boss

Negotiating with vendors

Nursing and allied health

PDA hands-on workshop

Presentations: planning to present; presentation skills

PubMed LinkOut

Reference management software

Teaching adults

Transitioning to new career opportunities

Web page - advanced web page development

Web page development - basics

Wireless computing

Workstation management & troubleshooting

#### Respondents' suggestions for future courses not mentioned in the survey

Perhaps the most interesting part of the survey were the suggestions listed by members. Respondents listed the following topics that were not listed on the survey but that were desired as possible future topics for continuing education courses.

Benchmarking your library

Business plan – writing a plan; how to do strategic planning within an institution or corporation

Cataloging and technical services topics – not often addressed

Cataloging electronic materials

Collection development for the small or medium hospital library

Collections - Special collections – Archives

Collections – development of web-based health & medical information; doing more with less money

Complementary and alternative or integrative medicine research; web-based resources

Computer technology (PC tablets); virus attacks

Copyright in the digital environment, scholarly communication, & intellectual property- full day class

COUNTER, the standardization of online use statistics

Consortiums – strategies for creating and building collaborations; negotiating licenses

Consumer health resources – web-based resources; support the CHIS program

Digital curriculum materials – development and management

Electronic licensing – what to watch for, buzz words, strategies for dealing with vendors

Evidence based medicine – the basics

Informal brainstorming on various topics; roundtable discussions on selected topics

Interlibrary loan topics; problems and issues; Docline and/or QuickDoc - concerns and issues

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations - preparation

Journal clubs - how to set up them up and keep them going

License negotiations; take the copyright class to the next level; consortium building & licensing

NCBI – genomic databases

Nursing & PDA's

OpenURL – what is it and why should librarians care about it?  
Outreach – how to develop a program  
Performance improvement - ideas for goals and objectives for libraries  
Planning library staff positions for electronic duties and needs  
Portals – creating and using portals  
Presenting skills - how to hold the audience's attention at a conference  
Professional activities of MC/MLA members – roundtables to highlight publishing & funding projects to encourage professional development among members  
Project management  
Servers - securing your library's server; computer security practices in general  
SLA courses – offer SLA courses for MLA credit instead of reinventing the wheel and vice versa  
Serials management; facilitating communication with serial vendors/agents, software mgt. etc.  
Student assistants – working with them; developing meaningful training  
Technology and services - forum for ideas on new technology and future library services

I would like to thank the members of the Education Committee, Linda O'Dwyer (webmaster), Natalie Norcross, Frances Cockrum and Rhona Kelley for their suggestions and to Sandy DeGroote who developed the survey site and compiled the results.

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## **Kronick Traveling Fellowship Jury seeks applications**

Are you working on or planning a project that would be enhanced by visiting other health sciences libraries? If yes, please consider applying for a Kronick Traveling Fellowship through MLA. The fellowship is a new award established by Virginia Bowden to provide support for travel and research in the field of health sciences librarianship.

One grant of \$2,000 will be awarded to cover expenses involved in traveling to three or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada to study a specific aspect of health information management. For example, a benchmarking project, a management survey, a staff development program, or a work flow analysis could qualify as long as at least three different libraries are involved in the project. The Kronick award primarily pays for travel expenses.

Applications are due December 1, 2003. More information about the award and an application form can be found on the MLA Web site <http://mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html>. For additional information, contact Lisa Fried at MLA Headquarters (mlapd2@mla.org or 312-419-9094, extension 28) or one of the members of the Kronick Jury:

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Catherine Canevari (ccanevari@vcu.edu or 804-828-3152)

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## **MC/MLA Contributed Papers Session 3**

**By Fran Brahmi, Curriculum & Education Director  
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Three excellent presentations comprised this inspiring session on forging new roles and partnerships. The group from University of Illinois presented their innovative use of online technology to create courses in evidence based medicine and informatics as an integral part of the School's broader curriculum. Librarians are now able to share lifelong learning techniques with a much wider audience. Their success brought about a change in the "perception of the health science faculty towards the librarian as teacher."

Sara Hook presented her personal journal from dental library director to associate dean at an academic institution. Her candidate portfolio, a specialized resume for her new role, was fascinating. Her advice on setting your goal, articulating the steps to that goal, and the pursuit of excellence was excellent. Coming from her personal experience made the presentation all that more valuable.

La Ventra Danquah's "in your face" approach to self-promotion was outstanding. She referred to planting seeds by cultivating relationships beyond our comfort zone and celebrating library and staff achievements.

The three presentations ended on a very positive note: our future is bright and full of opportunities. We just need to recognize them and seize the day.

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## **2003 Midwest Chapter/MLA annual meeting scholarship winners report**

**By Deirdre Rawls, Information Services Librarian  
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My initial reaction to being awarded the conference scholarship was shock. Once I recovered, I was thrilled. It would be the first time I attended the MC/MLA conference.

Julie McGowan's keynote speech about the future for health information professionals was very enlightening. I particularly liked her remarks about having passion for the profession and being a good leader. I attended three presentations of contributed papers, and I was completely engrossed. There are some librarians and libraries out there that are doing some really cool stuff! I was equally absorbed in the poster sessions. They were all creative and well presented. Finally, the GMR technology forum was very informative. I had little knowledge of firewalls and wireless networks, and the two speakers were able to present these issues in an intelligent and entertaining manner.

The meeting was well organized and much more interesting than I expected. There was a nice balance of business and pleasure. I loved the exhibits at the Eiteljorg museum.

I would like to thank everyone involved, especially those who selected me as one of the recipients of the MC/MLA scholarship. I look forward to attending future conferences.

**By Rich McGowan, Academic Resident Librarian  
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As a winner of a Midwest Chapter/MLA 2003 scholarship, I was able to attend this year's annual conference in Indianapolis. The opportunity to interact with colleagues at the presentations and sessions, as well as informally at special events, truly made me appreciate the value of conference attendance. Thank you very much for this great experience and opportunity.

Even before I had the chance to attend a presentation or session I found myself involved in interesting and intriguing conversations with fellow librarians. There is something inherently engaging about discussing library resources or new projects others are working on, especially in a conference setting. The conference size was conducive to a mixture of formal and informal interactions, and I spoke with many people and brought many ideas back to my library as a result. The exhibits, welcome and keynote addresses, contributed papers and posters, and sessions were all excellent. Each event that I attended and each discussion that I had made me appreciate the willingness of others to share ideas and discoveries. I participated in the poster sessions this year and was excited to discuss my topic with interested colleagues and to hear their feedback and experiences. All of the presentations I attended reinforced my feeling that there are exciting and interesting things currently happening in medical librarianship.

Indianapolis itself was a great location for the conference, and walking around the downtown area as well as to the Eiteljorg was a treat. The Eiteljorg event was a wonderful mixture of art, food and music. I met a number of new people and spoke with others I had not seen in a while at the conference. I was also impressed by the number of librarians who went out of their way to be polite and pleasant to the obviously intimidated professional football players staying at the Omni Hotel. It speaks well of all medical librarians when someone takes the time to put a three hundred pound linebacker at ease with a simple smile or hello in the elevator.

I returned to Chicago with memories of a great experience, a desire to attend next year's conference, and a list of ideas and notes all sparked by my attendance at the 2003 Midwest Chapter/MLA 2003 annual conference. Thank you again for the opportunity to attend; it was a wonderful and informative experience.

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## Photographs highlight conference activities

Provided by Lauren T. Rider, Annual Meeting Publicity/Printing Chair  
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Friends gather for dinner



The business meeting brought membership together

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## Add to Favorites: Welcome to the blogosphere!

Submitted by Clare Leibfarth, *MIDLINE* Contributor  
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In my first column, I mentioned that I check the library blog *LISNews* everyday. Even though my library is a narrowly focused one, I like to keep up to date on what is going on in all of libraryland.

What IS a blog anyway? The word is a contraction of the more descriptive term weblog. A blog is a kind of website that is a lot like an old fashioned diary or journal. Within a standard template, the author or authors add content to the website in the form of entries which are displayed on the webpage in chronological order. Blogs are as varied as the people who write them. Many blogs are personal diaries of thoughts and links to items of interest on the web. Some blogs have a focused purpose, such as political commentary. Some blogs are collaborative, like *LISNews*. With the blogging tools and service providers now readily available on the web, blogging is easy even for technoklutzes like myself.

*LISNews* has a list of librarian-authored blogs: "Librarians, Librarians Everywhere" (<http://www.lisnews.com/article.php3?sid=20030729101438>). Jenny Levine's *theshiftedlibrarian* (<http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/>) is a favorite, with its mix of personal and professional insights. One of her righthand links is to the delightfully militant *Librarian Avengers* "Why you should fall to your knees and worship a librarian" webpage (<http://www.librarianavengers.org/worship.html>) which asserts that "People become librarians because they know too much." See how much fun blogs are!

If you want to learn all about blogs, bloggers and blogging, check out some of these free Internet articles. The best place for a librarian to start is this summer's *WebJunction* article "Blogs for Libraries" by Greg Schwartz (<http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=1432>). Schwartz lists 6 reasons why librarians should blog. (I took this to heart – see below!) The collaborative free encyclopedia *Wikipedia* has a description of blog types and the history of blogs (<http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weblog>) as well as useful lists and links about blogs I found two recent *PC Magazine* articles particularly helpful. "Building Blogs" (<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,1118741,00.asp>) tells all you need to begin blogging yourself. "Blog On" (<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,1217255,00.asp>) reviews online blogging tools. Dave Pollard in the blog *How to Save the World* provides a detailed description of the "blogging process" including a flow chart (<http://blogs.salon.com/0002007/2003/07/30.html#a346>).

As I was researching this article, I realized that the best way to learn about blogs is to do blogging myself. So, just for fun, I started my own library-related blog: *Sensible Shoe Librarian* (<http://sensibleshoelibrarian.blogspot.com/>) which I invite you all to visit! The title refers to my practical work shoes, black SAS "Free Time" oxfords. I used the free services of Blogger – which means that Google advertisements are displayed at the top of the webpage. I have enjoyed using the blog as a "diary" of my

research for this “Add to Favorites” article and will add to it as I research future articles. The blog entries research for this “Add to Favorites” article and will add to it as I research future articles. The blog entries share more links to useful resources about blogs and blogging that might interest you. So visit *Sensible Shoe Librarian* as a supplement to this article. I promise to even tell you what RSS feeds are.

I’m sure that as you start browsing the blogosphere, you won’t want to stop. It’s a big, blog world out there – Enjoy!

Do you have useful, fun and interesting Internet sites that you frequent? Please share YOUR favorites with me! Just send me a quick email note ([LEIBFARTH@exchange.oucom.ohiou.edu](mailto:LEIBFARTH@exchange.oucom.ohiou.edu)) so I can include them in a future “Add to Favorites” column here in *MIDLINE*.

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## New member profiles

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**Alison Aldrich** is a Health Sciences Librarian at the Fordham Health Sciences Library, Wright State University, where her responsibilities include reference, instruction, and collection development in pharmacology/toxicology and several clinical areas. She also is a member of the Wright State University Libraries’ Web team. Aldrich, a Lagrange, OH native, is a 2003 graduate of the School of Information at the University of Michigan. She received her undergraduate degree in psychobiology from Hiram College, Hiram OH, in 1998.

**Nancy Allee** is Director of Informatics, Public Health Informatics Services & Access (PHISA), at the University of Michigan. As the library administrator for PHISA, she oversees the public health library, the informatics division, and web services. Her professional interests include public health informatics and retrieval and evaluation of health information on the Internet. She adds, “With Patricia Anderson and other colleagues at the University of Michigan, I’m working on a soon-to-be-published reference book entitled the *Medical Library Association Encyclopedic Guide to Searching and Finding Health Information on the Internet*, a joint publication of the Medical Library Association and Neal-Schuman.”

**Mark Berenson** is Education Librarian at the Galter Health Sciences Library, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, where he works with other members of the Education Team in the design, planning, and delivery of instruction, including classroom instruction, one-on-one consultations, and creating web-based user guides and interactive tutorials. He also is responsible for providing reference assistance and outreach to faculty, students and staff of the medical school and affiliated hospitals. When asked about his professional interests, he wrote, “Being new to health sciences librarianship, there is a lot of ground to be covered. Right now I’m trying to concentrate my efforts on EBM, bioinformatics, and important resources in the basic sciences. I’m also excited to be working on web-based instruction projects involving the use of interactive technologies like Flash and Camtasia.” Berenson, a Waukegan, IL native, received a BA in English from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and an MLIS from Dominican University.

**Peg Burnette** is a Reference/Systems Librarian at the Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria, College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago. She states, “Half of my job is devoted to the installation and maintenance of the library’s hardware and software, and maintenance of the library’s web site. The other half of my job is to provide reference service and instruction. The third half of my job (ha ha) is supervision of Interlibrary Loan.” Burnette received an undergraduate degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Her professional interests include PDAs in medicine, technology and e-learning, and consumer health. This native of northern Virginia has lived in Peoria, IL for twenty-five years. Her hobbies and interests include “reading, hiking, music, interior design, painting, food and wine and good friends, and, as of three weeks ago...knitting!”

**Jametoria Burton** is a Reference Librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries, where she wears many hats: faculty liaison, American Studies Selection Coordinator, College Transition Library Co-Coordinator, and Adjunct Instructor. Her duties also include research and user instruction, and she serves on the Libraries’ Instruction Services Committee. She has an undergraduate degree in English with a minor in Secondary Education from Spellman College in Atlanta, GA, and an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island. Her professional interests include consumer health information. The Philadelphia, PA native states, “Librarianship is my second career after ten years of being a social worker having worked for a variety of

non-profit human service organizations. I am so thrilled to bring my skills, talents and experience to the field of librarianship, not only for my own professional growth, but also for the enhancement of the profession and to know that my work as an aspiring medical librarian can bring help and resources to others in need. Librarians should be recognized as the "information specialists" given our skills and expertise in locating all types of information in helping all types of patrons. Mentoring is also another important part of my life philosophy. As librarians in a profession constantly in flux, we must give back to those following in our footsteps to help ensure the future of our beloved profession and to ensure that valuable knowledge is transferred to the new generation of librarians bridging both the traditional and (technological) non-traditional aspects of our field." Her personal interests and hobbies include vocal music, MIDI keyboard music, scrapbooking, reading, biking, and spending time with her husband and daughter. Burton adds, "My husband and I are the proud owners of a great little dog named Lulu who we adopted through our local animal shelter. We both strongly believe in saving the lives of dogs, which can be the best house pets anywhere. My 8 year-old daughter, an aspiring veterinarian, frequently says that if everyone would just adopt one dog, there would be no need for animal shelters."

**Terrance Burton** is the new Director of the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was previously the Health Sciences Library Director at West Virginia University. Burton received his MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1988, and has an undergraduate degree in Theatre Arts and History from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, and an MFA in Theatre Design and Technology from the University of Georgia. His hometown is McHenry, IL. His hobbies include teaching marching to bands and to the Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps of Milwaukee, WI.

**Deborah Lauseng** is an Information Services Librarian at the Taubman Medical Library of the University of Michigan. Her main responsibilities include reference, instruction, serving as the Nursing Liaison to the University of Michigan's School of Nursing and the University of Michigan Health System's nurses, and working on HealthWeb's Nursing page. She is interested in nursing informatics and public health. Lauseng has BS in Biology and Sociology from Adrian College. In 1987, she received her AMLS from the University of Michigan's School of Library and Information Studies. This "life-long Michigan resident" says that she has resided in the west, east, central, and northern ("i.e., the UP!") sections of the state. She collects Fenton and Jefferson glass "for fun," reads mysteries to relax, and states that "for the anthropologist within" she enjoys "learning about learning about people, places, and culture of the Civil War era." She adds, "My first five years as a librarian were in a hospital library (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor) where I gained a wide variety of experiences. Since then, I have been in academic libraries-Public Health Library and Taubman Medical Library-at the University of Michigan. Presently I am part-time in both libraries. My husband, Cameron, and I enjoy living in the country, especially with plenty of room for our three boys (ages 11, 8, and 4) and two dogs."

**Deirdre Rawls** is a Visiting Information Service Librarian and Visiting Instructor at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois, where her duties include reference services and bibliographic instruction. Her main professional interest is consumer health. A Chicago, IL native, she graduated in 2001 from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Rawls was one of the recipients of this year's Midwest Chapter/MLA conference scholarships. She states that she has "no real hobbies, just to have as much fun as possible in my free time."

**Daneen Richardson** is a Reference Librarian for the Graham Hospital School of Nursing Library, Graham Hospital Association, where she has worked for ten years. She provides bibliographic and database instruction to and interlibrary loan and reference services for students, faculty, physicians, hospital staff, and community members. Richardson is a native of Canton, IL. She received a BA in English from Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL, and her MLIS from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. She wants to thank "the Alliance Library System for their foresight and perseverance in bringing a MLIS program to downstate Illinois." She adds, "I enjoy working with my patrons in a one on one reference interview or instruction as well as instructing a group. I want to always have patron contact; I would die a slow miserable death if I was banished from my patrons. I am excited that I have completed my MLIS! I am looking forward to new adventures and options that are now available because I have obtained this degree." Richardson enjoys reading, especially fiction. She states, "Now that I have finished school I have more time to play and read to my four year old daughter, Nataleigh. We are talking over the possibility of adopting a retired racing greyhound."

**Greg Shymko** is Technology Coordinator at the NN/LM Greater Midwest Region and is located at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Library of the Health Sciences. He states, "I take care of the computing, technical and web development needs in the GMR office, act as the state contact for Illinois and Iowa, and provide technical advice and consultation for network members in our region." His professional interests

include Web development, digital archiving, geographic information systems, and public access to government information. He graduated from the University of Washington's Information School and also has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. A native of Fairport, NY, Shymko says his hobbies consist of "the four B's: bicycling, blackjack, baseball, and bourbon." He adds, "I'm a newbie in lots of ways. I'm new to the Midwest Chapter, new to the GMR, new to the health sciences, and I'm returning to librarianship after spending five years doing academic computing support work. Prior to that I was an academic reference/systems librarian. It's good to be back in the fold."

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## **Guard appointed to chair National Library of Medicine's Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee**

Roger Guard, assistant senior vice president, UC Medical Center Academic Information Technology & Libraries, and associate dean for Information Systems, UC College of Medicine, has been appointed to chair the Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee through June 2004.

The committee is responsible for evaluating and making funding recommendations on grant proposals to the National Library of Medicine's major extramural programs, including research grants, Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems grants, Information Systems grants, Internet Access to Digital Libraries grants, training grants, and publication grants. Prior to his appointment as chair, Guard had served as a member of the committee for three years, including one year as chair of the Networked Information Access Subcommittee.

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## **Community partnership for cancer information**

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The UIC Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria is the recipient of a \$10,000 Outreach Award from the Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The project period is April 2003 – July 2004. The Library, in collaboration with the Cancer Center for Health Living, a community agency that supports the psychosocial needs of cancer patients, will promote the use of quality cancer and wellness information.

The Library of the Health Sciences will present classes on how to find reliable cancer information at the Hult Health Education Center, Friendship House, and Neighborhood House to underserved populations such as low-income, teens, seniors, and Hispanics. MEDLINE*plus*, cancer.gov, Seniors.gov, and ClinicalTrials.gov will be among the resources introduced.

The partnership hopes to foster referrals between the complementary collections of the Library of the Health Sciences and the Cancer Center for Healthy Living. A small collection of materials from the two libraries will travel to these community agencies to provide information at the point of need.

Contact Jo Dorsch, [jod@uic.edu](mailto:jod@uic.edu), for further information.

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## **Dorsch named to Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Leadership Fellows Program**

Jo Dorsch, Health Sciences Librarian, UIC Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria, has been accepted as a Fellow in the National Library of Medicine/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Leadership Fellows Program.

The program recognizes emerging leaders in the medical library profession and fosters and supports the development of leaders "through a broad approach to education, mentoring and career guidance." The one-

year program accepts up to five fellows and includes online coursework, a yearlong Fellow/Mentor relationship, a site visit to the Mentor's home library, and Leadership Institutes at the annual meetings of the American Association of Medical College and the Medical Library Association. Dorsch's Mentor will be Susan Starr, director of the biomedical library at the University of California at San Diego.

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