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McLemore Awards highlight end of Spring Semester



The Annual McLemore Awards for Library Excellence Banquet was held May 13 at Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson.

The two recipients were Reference Librarian Carol Oshel and Program Manager and Public Relations Coordinator Tom Koch (shown at left flanking Dean of Libraries Larry D. Sall, Ph.D.)

This marked the 20th year for the awards program established by the late Ethel Ward-McLemore, one of the first female geophysicists, who created and funded the employee recognition program at McDermott Library because of her concern about the well-being of libraries and the library profession.

The awards are presented annually to two library staff members in recognition of their outstanding contributions. Recipients receive a gold pin and \$1,000.

Oshel joined McDermott Library in 2002 as a Reference Liaison Librarian. A native of Oxford, England she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1986 with a major in history. She obtained a Mas-

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Associate Director Mary Jo Venetis selected to receive Beta Phi Mu Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

Mary Jo Venetis, Associate Director for Technical Services at McDermott Library, has been selected by the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society (Beta Phi Mu), to receive the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.

Six of these fellowships are awarded each year to library and information science doctoral students who are



Mary Jo Venetis

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DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS - Five of the airmen who flew on the perilous and famous mission over Japan on April 18, 1942 visit the James H. Doolittle Archive in McDermott Library's Special Collections during their annual reunion held this year in Dallas and Richardson. Left to right, Lt. Col. Richard Cole, S/Sgt. David Thatcher, M/Sgt. Edwin Horton, Col. William Bower, and Maj. Thomas Griffin. *(Story, more images on pages 2 and 7).*

Capacity audience enjoys Doolittle Raiders UTD visit as guests of McDermott Library's Special Collections



In one of the most highly successful events organized by the History of Aviation Collection at McDermott Library in recent years, the Special Collections Department welcomed the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association members and guests during their 2008 annual gathering in Dal-

las on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

As a part of their 66th anniversary of the famous Doolittle famous raid on Japan in April 1942, five surviving Raiders, widows of other Raiders and family members visited the Jimmy Doolittle Archive in Special Collections on the third floor of McDermott Library. They also attended an invitation only luncheon in their honor that featured keynote speaker Sam Johnson, U.S. House of Representatives.

In a free public forum, a capacity audience of 500 people jammed the UTD Conference Center. Richardson Mayor Steve Mitchell read a city proclamation declaring April 19 as "Doolittle Raiders Day" in Richardson.

He was followed by Rep. Fred Hill, Texas House of Representatives, who presented Texas state flags that were flown over the Capitol in Austin on April 18, 2008 - the actual anniversary of the raid.

Larry Sall, Ph.D., Dean of Libraries at UTD, then described the events leading up to the Doolittle raid with an presentation titled "Prelude to the Raid."

Author C.V. Glines, historian to the Doolittle Raiders and a regular member of the Special Collections aviation volunteers, spoke about the Raiders Association and its history. He included a video presentation of the late Jimmy Doolittle who gave his personal perspective of the raid.

Raiders Richard E. Cole, William M. Bower, Thomas C. Griffin, Edward W. Horton and David J. Thatcher began a panel discussion about their remembrances of the raid. The audience then had

the opportunity to ask the Raiders questions.

The Raiders and several authors then adjourned to an autograph room in the Conference Center to provide free autographs. The UTD Bookstore sold various books about the Raid, including several by Col. Glines. The Collectors Club of Dallas organized a special envelope featuring the Raiders patch along with a U.S. Postal Service pictorial cancellation that commemorated the day at UTD.

Other key functions during the four-day event, including a banquet and business meeting, were held at The Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field and a luncheon at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum in Addison, Texas. The Frontiers of Flight served as the primary host of the reunion. The 2008 Raiders reunion was sponsored in honor of Major John W. Herbert, U.S. Army Air Forces, World War II. UTD thanked Jan Collmer and Brinker International for support of the April 19th festivities.

The Doolittle collection at UTD features artifacts, papers, books, photographs and personal effects of the general.

This was the second consecutive meeting of the Raiders in Texas. In 2007 the Raiders gathered in San Antonio as guests of the Yellow Rose Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force and the U.S. Air Force.

On April 18, 1942, 80 volunteer aviators led by Doolittle took off in 16 twin-engined B-25B Mitchell bombers from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet on a one-way mission to bomb Japan. The crews bombed targets in Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka and Tokyo in the first American strike on the Japanese mainland. While the damage was minimal, the raid gave America a much-needed morale boost in the bleak early days of World War II.

The reunions began with Doolittle's birthday party he hosted in Florida in December 1945. That event evolved into one of the most elite military fraternities in the world.

Seventy-three raiders survived the raid. Eleven Raiders are still living.

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June's Jalonick Lecture to feature general from Air National Guard

Major General Donald W. Shepperd (shown above) is this year's George W. Jalonick III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick Memorial Distinguished Lecture Series speaker. The lecture will be held on June 21, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the McDermott Library Auditorium. His presentation is titled "Double, Double, Toil and Trouble - Implications of the Modern World (Especially the Mideast) for Aviation."

A reception will follow in Special Collections where patrons can meet Maj. Gen. Shepperd.

Shepperd served as the Air National Guard director at The Pentagon, Washington, DC. He was responsible for formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans affecting the almost 117,000 Air Guard members in 1,300-plus units throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, and Virgin Islands.

He graduated from the 4th class of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1962. After receiving his wings, he was assigned to duty in West Germany and South Vietnam. He joined the Arizona Air National Guard in August 1974. In January 1987, he transferred to the Massachusetts ANG as the air commander of the 102nd Fighter Interceptor Wing. In July 1989, he was appointed deputy director, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau. He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours. He flew 247 fighter combat missions in Southeast Asia.

Maj. Gen. Shepperd retired from the military Sept. 14, 2000, and is currently a military analyst for CNN.

Paul Oelkrug leading Special Collections

Paul A. Oelkrug, C.A., has been named Coordinator of the Special Collections Department at McDermott Library, replacing Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., who left UTD after seven years to become a teaching professor at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla.

Oelkrug was promoted to coordinator of the department by Dean of Libraries Larry D. Sall. He came to UTD in 2002 as a processing archivist. In 2005 he was named Senior Curator of the department.

He earned a degree in history and a master of arts degree in public history with an archival administration certificate at The University of Texas at Arlington.

"Paul's five plus years experience in the department, his archival certification, as well as his other educational accomplishments and experiences make him well qualified to assume his new responsibility," Sall said. "For several years Paul has attended reunions and meetings of the department's important stakeholders and so is already well known to them.

"Reports back from them have been extremely complimentary ensuring a smooth transition from that perspective as well. I am grateful to Paul for his willingness to assume this responsibility and am confident that he will continue the progress that Erik Carlson made in the department."

In 2004 Oelkrug passed the Academy of Certified Archivists certification examination in Boston and became a member of that organization. He is also a member of the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Society of American Archivists, and the Texas Library Association.



Paul Oelkrug, C.A.

Coordinator

Special Collections

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UTD Student Ambassadors provide a helping hand at Doolittle Reunion festivities



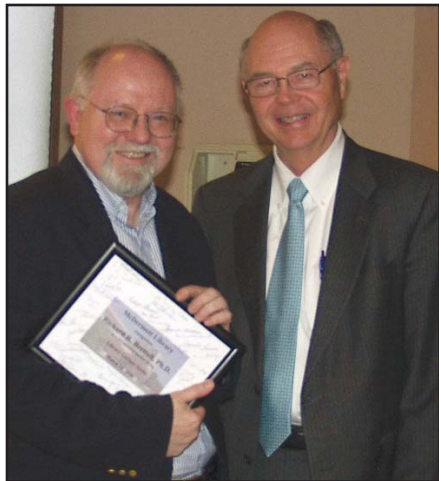
UTD's Student Ambassadors assisted McDermott Library and the Special Collections Department at the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Reunion events on April 19.

During the special luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the McDermott Suite, Liz Schmiedel, Bradley Wallace, Cristina Almeida and Blake Smith served as greeters in the lobby and attended the check-in table.

In the afternoon, (shown above left to right) Molly Wurzer, Michelle Beche and Catalina Cuervo distributed programs and assisted in presenting the Texas Capitol flags to the Raiders and Raiders widows before an audience of 500 people.

The Ambassadors are organized by the Office of UTD President David Daniel. Danielle E. Derbes is the Special Events Coordinator for the President's Office.

Dr. Brettell's presentation on famous British artist draws a library crowd



Dr. Richard Brettell, left, receives a framed certificate from Dean of Libraries **Larry Sall** after his presentation on the **J.M.C. Turner** exhibition at the Dallas Museum of Art during the spring. The 100-seat Library Auditorium was close to capacity on March 24 to hear the UTD professor's expert assessment of the exhibition and of Turner's career. "Professor Brettell is one of the best qualified people in America to address us on the Turner exhibit," Sall said. Brettell is the former Director of the Dallas Museum of Art and is currently the Margaret McDermott Distinguished Chair of Art & Aesthetics in UTD's School of Arts and Humanities.

The Battle of Trafalgar



Famous for his landscapes, Turner (1775-1851) was known as the "painter of light" and "The Man Who Set Painting on Fire."



J.M.C. Turner
Self portrait
1799

The Burning of the Houses of Parliament



PROFILE

JENNIFER GORDON Head of Electronic Resources



Jennifer received a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from The University of Texas in Austin. Received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy/ English from Trinity University in San Antonio. From 2004 to 2007 worked under Library Director Jeanne Pyle in the Robert R. Muntz Library at the University of Texas at Tyler as an Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian and E-Resources Administrator. Her previous experience in the library and information specialist areas came at the Voluntary Hospital Association in Irving, Camp Dresser McKee in Dallas and Nortel Networks in Richardson. She also served as an information specialist and library manager and cataloger at Raytheon Systems Co. She is a Licensed Massage Therapist. Joined the McDermott Library staff in 2007.



NEW ENTRY SIGNS -As a part of a campuswide program to identify buildings and services McDermott Library received new signs at the two public entrances on the north and west sides of the building. The north side entry is shown at left..

ACCESSIBILITY *from page 8*

- Test fonts of our website from different web browsers.
- Check data tables to make sure that they are accessible for text readers.
- Format office documents to have headers and titles.

As the conference concluded and I was through with my training sessions, I realized that *real* accessibility is about fulfilling a user's expectations regardless of his or her ability, and that *most* accessibility principles can be implemented very easily and will not impact the overall "look and feel" of a website.



Technical Services Student Employee Kan Zheng honored as one of the top on the UT Dallas campus



Kan Zheng, second from left, enjoys the surprise announcement that he was one of only five students from the entire campus to be recognized as a "Student Employee of the Year." At left is Debbie Montgomery, head of Cataloging who nominated Zheng, and Sue McInis, Resources Copy Cataloger, and Sylvia Johnston, Reserves Coordinator.

During April Kan Zheng, student worker in the library's Technical Services Department, was honored by the UTD Career Center as one of five students campuswide who received special recognition as Student Employees of the Year. Zheng was second in the overall honors.

Michael Doty, Career Center Director, made the announcement in the Galaxy Room of the Student Union. Nominees were evaluated on these qualities: reliability, quality of work, initiative, disposition/attitude, longevity, adaptability, uniqueness of contribution, and overall rating.

Nominated by Debbie Montgomery, head of Cataloging, Doty read Zheng's accomplishments:

"Kan's quality of work is excellent. He enjoys learning and quickly assimilates what he has learned into practical application. He recently worked on a project merging multiple records. His recognition and identification of these records facilitated a way that these could be corrected.

"This is a function that I can only hope to expect from experienced catalogers. Kan has a natural curiosity that is infectious.

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working on their dissertations. The fellowship carries a cash prize of \$3,000.

Venetis will be recognized at the Beta Phi Mu 60th Anniversary G-ALA at Anaheim CA on June 28 during the annual American Library Association Conference.

Ms. Venetis joined McDermott Library in 2006 and became responsible for all of the library's cataloging and acquisitions functions. Her dissertation is titled "Identification of Remote Leadership Patterns in the Library and Information Science Field." She previously received an Amigos Fellowship Program award of \$1,440 for her dissertation work.

BPM was founded at the University of Illinois in 1948. In 1997 BPM became affiliated with the American Library Association. It is based at Florida State University in Tallahassee FL.

McDermott Library is represented by a considerable number of staff who have earned doctoral degrees - Dean Larry D. Sall, Senior Associate Director Ellen Safley, Callier Center Librarian Allen Clayton, Data Librarian Walter Johnston, and Faizur Rahman, Manager of Library Systems.

Kan has fresh eyes and fresh ideas. He shows his supervisor many shortcuts and keystrokes that are efficient and amazing!

"Kan always treats everyone in the department with respect. He is attentive in his duties and never needs to be prompted to get busy. He interacts with staff from all departments in the library and was recently complimented very highly by the Senior Associate Director for working and completing an urgent special project. The most defining characteristic of Kan is his attitude.

"He possesses an attitude that is unique and cheerful. No matter the task, how many finals or projects he may have, or whatever is going on in his life, he works cheerfully and happily at the job before him."

PROFILE

IRYNA SHEVCHUK Web Services Librarian



Iryna recorded 4.0 GPA in obtaining a Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas in 2007. Received a Diploma of Specialist in Computerized Technologies and Systems of Publishing and Printing Production from Lviv Polytechnic National University in Ukraine in 2003 (GPA of 3.95). Assisted Grapevine (Texas) Public Library staff with cataloging new arrivals and working in the children's area. Translated German, Ukrainian, Polish and Russian books for cataloging in the Rare Book Room at UNT's Willis Library. She worked under Dr. William Moen as a research assistant at UNT. Digitally preserved 2,500 historic photos for Fort Worth's National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. A volunteer for the "Grapefest" and "Main Street Days" festivals in Grapevine. Volunteer webmaster for the Ukrainian American Society of Texas and Saint Sophia Ukrainian Catholic Church. Joined McDermott Library in 2008.

PROFILE

MISU KIM Media and Archives Cataloger



Misu is a native of the Republic of Korea. Received a Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas in 2007. Earned a doctoral degree in English Literature from Texas A&M University in 2004. Received a Masters degree in English Literature from Seoul National University, South Korea in 1992. Taught Composition and Rhetoric and an introductory literature course to freshmen while at Texas A&M. Served as a Graduate Library Assistant at the University of North Texas Willis Multimedia Development Lab. Developed and updated the website for UNT Libraries. Fluent in English and Korean with a reading knowledge of French. Served as an intern at McDermott Library from 2006 until joining the staff fulltime in 2007. She enjoys watching foreign movies/dramas, and "sing-a-songs" with her family.

Students tune in to library's cellular phone incentives

Policing the use of bothersome cell phones to maintain a quiet library environment is a contemporary problem.

For two weeks in the 2008 Spring Semester, McDermott Library staff distributed library mugs, bottled water, flash drives, imported chocolate, Starbucks and Blockbuster gift cards, and packages of G-2 pens to students who were using their cell phones outside the study areas.

It was all a part of the library's Cell Phone Incentive Project conceived by Reference Librarian Hillary Campbell.

"I want to thank the entire library for their enthusiastic assistance with the Cell Phone Incentive Project," said Linda Snow, Head of Reference. "From what I heard, most students were startled, puzzled, and wary for the first few seconds after strangers thrust gifts into their hands. When they read the thank you notes, however, their looks of caution turned to delight."

The project was created to reward students for responsible cell phone use. "We hope those students will pass the news to their friends so as to gently remind others to be thoughtful of fellow students engaging in serious study," Snow added.

"Ultimately it is everyone's responsibility to keep cell phones unobtrusive, so rewards were handed out by staff from every library department. My observation is that it was as much fun to be on the giving end as on the receiving end." Snow added a special thank you for Campbell. "She is responsible for making all of us look like rewarders rather than enforcers for a change."

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ter of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University in 2001. She worked in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University as a teenager and also worked in the J.W. Martin Library at Northwestern State. Prior to joining McDermott Library she was a Reference/Periodicals Librarian and Library Science Instructor at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Carol handles duties such as virtual reference, plans and conducts Task Force Videoconferences, and plans and helps with the UT System Conference and Director's Award for Distance Learning. She participates in the Librarians on the Loose program, creates library advertisements for the UTD student newspaper and PowerPoint slides for the plasma screen message board in the main lobby. She also serves as a liaison for the Jonsson School of Computer Science and Engineering.

She serves on the International Student Services Program, the Web Oversight and OPAC committees, and provides instruction workshops promoting RefWorks.

The 2008 McLemore Awards committee noted that she is a "go-getter" with a "can-do" attitude. She is "very enthusiastic about seeing the library gain a better position in the campus community." In doing so, she "finds new methods to reach out and encourage students to use the library resources more effectively."

Koch came to McDermott Library in 2001 after a career in journalism and public relations. He has been responsible for library publications such as the annual report, newsletter and presentation folders. He produces signs, web pages, and promotional posters for a wide range of library events. He arranges the Library Lecture Series and Library-UTD Mercury Writers Series speakers along with the Annual UTD Faculty Author Reception sponsored by the Office of Provost and Executive Vice President and the Library. He also works with the elite UTD Chess Program to stage the annual ChessFest series of events in the Library.

He monitors and posts PowerPoint images on the Library's continuous plasma message screen in the lobby and provides the after hours voice messages on the telephone. He oversees the six exhibit cases in the library. He also assists Special Collections in organizing major events such as the Doolittle Raiders Reunion, TEXPEX philatelic show, and Jalonick Memorial Lecture. He serves on the University Meeting Planners Committee and the University Communications Council. He prepares library press releases for UTD Media Services.

In announcing the award, Dean Sall said, he "goes the extra mile to work and promote the library and all it has to offer using innovative and creative techniques." He is "cheerful and a tireless worker, never too busy to help or take on any project no matter how big or small."

Also, Sall said, "his hard work has often gone unrecognized because he makes it look so easy. He is often asked to assist other campus departments with their projects."

The 2008 McLemore Committee consisted of Carol McGee and Sue McInis (2007 McLemore winners); Sharon Tadlock, Head of Stacks Maintenance; Jennifer Gordon, Head of the Electronic Resources Team; and Mary Ann Harrison (2006 McLemore winner).



The Silver Goblets of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders were on display at the UTD Conference Center during the Raiders presentation on April 19. Here the gob-

lets are guarded by U.S. Air Force Academy cadets at UTD. The goblets were presented to the Raiders by the City of Tucson in 1959. There is an enscribed goblet for each of the 80 airmen who flew on the daring April 18, 1942 mission. Each year the surviving Raiders hold a solemn ceremony and turn over the goblets of their comrades who have died during the past year. They are kept permanently at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Ohio.



Doolittle Raiders Thomas Griffin, Richard Cole, and William Bower view some of their leader's personal effects during their visit to the James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle Collection in McDermott Library's Special Collections. This case contains the Medal of Honor presented to Doolittle by President Franklin Roosevelt and the Medal of Freedom presented by President George H.W. Bush.

Scenes from Doolittle Raiders Festivities at UTD

At right, long lines formed across the entire Conference Center foyer as admirers and collectors waited for their chance to obtain a prized autograph from the Raiders.

Bottom left - C.V. Glines, historian for the Doolittle Raiders and curator of the Doolittle Archives at UTD, signs a copy of his book about the Doolittle Raid.

Bottom center - Richard Cole, co-pilot for Jimmy Doolittle, studies documents from the Doolittle Archives in Special Collections as his daughter, Cindy, shows an item to an Air Force attendant.

Bottom right - Col. John P. Doolittle, son of Gen. James H. Doolittle, enjoys the festivities.



Web accessibility issues beginning to make sense

By Nadira Zakhidova

On May 6-7 I attended Access U 2008 conference-training in Austin, TX. The conference was organized by Knowbility, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to make technology accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. It was an eye opening event and many things I had been practicing in web design all of a sudden started to make sense. From the first day I joined a web group in our library I heard from Jean Vik, Associate Director, Operating Systems, McDermott Library, about accessibility issues. She suggested certain things to make our website accessible.

What I learned at the conference:

- More than 50 million Americans and 750 million worldwide have disabilities. Among them 76 million U.S. baby boomers, one out of four over the age of 50 and one out of two over the age of 62 have a disability.

Disabilities affected by web design:

- **Visual:** blind, low vision, color blind; **Motor/Physical:** traumatic Injuries, spinal cord injury, loss or damage of limb(s); **Diseases/Congenital Conditions:** cerebral palsy,

muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis; **Auditory Hearing Loss; Cognitive/Learning Disabilities:** ADHD, brain Injury, genetic disorders.

Some design standards which will make life easier:

Elements we already have on our website:

- Cascading style sheets help to separate content from presentation thus providing more flexibility and accessibility of the content

- Alternative text for a textual explanation to non-text content in web pages. That is very helpful for the blind who rely on a screen reader to have the content website read to them.

- We try to name links in a way that they make a sense if the link text is read by itself. Screen reader users may choose to read only the links on a web page. We avoid phrases like "click here" and "more."

- Viscache (a program which you can run on your website to see if it is readable and visible for people with various vision disabilities) found that we have good contrast on our colors which is the most valuable color distinction.

Elements we are working on:

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