Mary Bevis, Professor and Serials and Acquisitions Librarian, received multiple honors at this year’s Alabama Library Association annual convention held in Florence. A Library employee since 1975, Ms. Bevis began her career as a Technical Services Assistant. She holds a B.S. in Business Administration and Economics, received her M.S. in Instructional Media from JSU in 1982, and was later hired as the Serials Librarian. She went on to receive an Ed.S. from the University of Alabama in 1989 and took on additional duties when the serials and acquisitions departments were combined.

Beta Phi Mu, the international library science honor society, selected Ms. Bevis to receive its prestigious Librarian of the Year award. The award is given in recognition of a librarian who is an outstanding leader in the profession and who has made significant contributions to the field of librarianship in Alabama. Ms. Bevis, who was nominated for the award by her colleagues at JSU, is known for her dedication to the field and her consistently demonstrated professionalism. Ms. Bevis has served in leadership positions in various professional organizations and continues to be an active member of the College, University, and Special Libraries Division of ALLA, the Technical Services and Systems Round Table, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, and the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries. In addition to her impressive service contributions, Ms. Bevis has also made significant contributions to scholarly research in the field of librarianship, as her articles in various scholarly journals, including the prestigious Journal of Academic Librarianship, attest.

Mary Bevis was presented with the Librarian of the Year award in front of a large audience at the ALLA convention President’s Reception. She received the Excellence in Mentoring award at the ALLA convention New Members Round Table program on the importance of mentoring.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sonja McAbee and John-Bauer Graham, the Library’s new department heads. The Library recently split into two departments, Public Services and Technical Services. Ms. McAbee, former Head of Library Services and longtime Library employee, is the new Head of Technical Services. Ms. McAbee is well-known throughout the state and is extremely active in professional organizations. Mr. Graham, former Instructional Services Coordinator, has been promoted to the position of Head of Public Services. Mr. Graham has received awards for his numerous publications and serves on the editorial board of the prestigious Journal of Academic Librarianship.

Kudos to Paula Barnett-Ellis, Health Sciences Librarian, and Hanrong Wang, Law/Technology Librarian. Ms. Barnett-Ellis and Ms. Wang were recently awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Publications & Presentations

As usual, the librarians of the Houston Cole Library were busy this quarter publishing and presenting papers as part of their scholarly duties as tenure-track faculty members here at JSU.

Ms. Hanrong Wang co-authored “Cultural Adjustments for International Students in the Houston Cole Library: A Case Study” which was published in The International Journal of Knowledge, Culture & Change. Her research paper co-authored with Ms. Jodi Poe, entitled “Integrating Resources and Services into Distance Education Courses” was presented at the 2006 US-China Forum on Distance Learning held in Troy, Alabama.


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A number of HCL faculty members are active in service to the Alabama Library Association (ALLA). Those recently elected or continuing in office are:

- Jodi Poe is continuing as the ALLA Web Administrator and College, University and Special Libraries Division (CUS) Member-at-Large for Projects. She is also President of the Scholarship and Loan Board.
- Mary Bevis has been named Chair of the ALLA Publications Committee.
- Bill Hubbard is continuing as Chair of the CUS Publications Committee.
- Sonja McAbee will continue as the Handbook Committee Chair.
- Bethany Skaggs is continuing as AACRL Treasurer (a 2 year term) and Moderator for the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT).
- Paula Barnett-Ellis is continuing as a member of the CUS Publications Committee, Member-at-Large for Programs, and Program Committee Chair. In addition, she was elected as Secretary of the New Members Round Table. She will also serve on the ALLA Publications Committee.
- Kim Stevens was elected as CUS Secretary.

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HCL faculty elected to ALLA offices

Several librarians were recognized at the 2006 Faculty Awards Reception in May. Receiving Faculty Research Awards were Laurie Charnigo, Assistant Professor and Education Librarian; John-Bauer Graham, Assistant Professor and Head of Public Services; Sonja McAbee, Professor and Head of Technical Services; Jodi Poe, Assistant Professor and Distance Education Librarian; Electronic Resources Manager; Bethany Skaggs, Assistant Professor and Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian; Kimberly Stevens, Associate Professor and Senior Catalog Librarian; and Hanrong Wang, Associate Professor and Law/Technology Librarian.

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Comings & Goings

Debrah Fragoso was recently hired as a Technical Services Assistant in the Circulation Department. Ms. Fragoso was previously a preschool teacher at The Children’s House and resides in Jacksonville with her husband and two children. Her children attend Kitty Stone Elementary.

New in the Circulation Department is Jan Rogers, filling the Public Services Assistant vacancy left by the departure of Gerry Harris, who moved to Michigan to be near family. Ms. Rogers has two teenage girls, Kate and Abby, and is planning her September wedding.

Returning to the library as Public Services Assistant in the Circulation Department is Stephanie Johnston. Ms. Johnston holds the B.S. (Criminal Justice) and M.A. (English) from Jacksonville State University. Her interests include reading, traveling, cross stitch, and exercise.