

# Special Libraries Association - Southern Appalachian Chapter

## March NewsBrief

First I want to remind everyone that Early Bird Registration for the Annual Conference ends April 1. Quite a few SAC members will be attending. A chapter gathering is being planned for Seattle with details to be announced closer to Conference time.

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### New Member Spotlight

We have several new members to our Chapter and welcome them all. We hope you will join us for one of the March Networking Dinners. Here are profiles of two new members:

Christi Underdown will receive her graduate degree from UTK in December. She is currently working at the Center for Popular Music as Assistant Cataloger “I’m adding to my information science knowledge via our newly revived relationships with the NACO Tennessee funnel, Walker Library, and the Country Music Hall of Fame, as well as my classes at UTK. I’m adding to my music knowledge via exploring new incoming materials and donations, in addition to constructing an exhibit for the Center’s upcoming gospel music conference”, says Christi.



Her hobbies, interests include reading, storytelling, on-line gaming and social networking, collage, and theatre (including directing a recent production in Nashville).

Kara Kirk is also a student at UTK working at the John C. Hodges Library. She is currently a Graduate Assistant, Reference and Instructional Services. Kara will receive her degree in May 2009. Her professional interests include government libraries, business intelligence, database management, special libraries. In her off time Kara enjoys traveling, reading, baking and jazz.

Christi and Kara sound like two amazing young women! Each will be an asset to our profession.

## March Networking Dinners

There are two dinners planned for March 13, 2008, in Knoxville and in Nashville. We hope you will be able to attend one, and we look forward to seeing you. Please invite friends and colleagues who may not be SLA members as well!

In Nashville the dinner will be hosted by Rahn Huber at Mambu, <http://www.eatdrinkmambu.com/>, 1806 Hayes Street, Nashville, TN 37203. We will meet at 6 pm (central time) on Thursday, March 13th. Members in the Nashville area should RSVP to Rahn Huber, [Rahn.Huber@owen.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Rahn.Huber@owen.vanderbilt.edu). We will be having a special, brief presentation about the Go Local TN initiative from Patty Lee, Assistant Director & Clinical Librarian at Vanderbilt University, Eskin Biomedical Library.

Cynthia Manley will be hosting The Knoxville Networking Dinner at Calhoun's on the River (<http://www.calhouns.com/page.asp?id=156>).

We'll be meeting at 6:00 pm (Eastern Time). Please RSVP to Cynthia Manley, [manleycg@ornl.gov](mailto:manleycg@ornl.gov). Calhoun's on the River is located at 400 Neyland Drive. Here's a link to a map of the area [Calhouns Map](#)

## Volunteer Opportunity:

Get in on SLA's Global Conversation about Information Ethics!

SLA is seeking feedback from members on the topic of Information Ethics in order to create an ethics code or set of guidelines that will be applicable to all SLA members. We are currently looking for volunteers to be SLA Ethics Ambassadors (EA). Any member may volunteer.

As an EA, you will wear many hats! You will serve as the cheerleader for this initiative as well as the event planner, facilitator, and steward for the feedback coming from the members of your chapter or division. Essentially you are the mouthpiece for your unit's members, and they will share their thoughts, concerns, and priorities through you in the form of a feedback summary report to the PR Advisory Council (PRAC.)

To aid you in this process a blog has been created where you can communicate directly with us and each other. You can check it out now to see the study results and recommendations submitted to the Board of Directors in September by the Ethics Working Group. They did an excellent job reviewing ethics codes of other organizations. By the end of the month we will post a toolkit that will help you to lead a "Town Hall" meeting with members of your unit, the results of which we will use as part of an ongoing "Global Conversation" on information ethics

For now, the blog is open ONLY to the EAs so you will need the following log-in information to access it and leave comments:

Blog: Information Ethics: SLA's Global Conversation: <http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/ethics/>

Username: slaethics

Password: ethics2008

## Book Review

If you think identity theft or fraud is a modern problem, check out this review submitted by Sharon Butcher.

"Who are you?: Identification, Deception, and Surveillance in Early Modern Europe" by Valentin Groebner.

The above book, stilted by translation from German, details the origins of documents related to one's identity in early modern Europe. Seals, portraits, signatures, codes, travel documents, badges, and other identity-related papers, as well as document fraud, make for interesting reading. "Passeport" was the predecessor to the familiar "passport" we know of today. These types of documents were necessary to travel and to transport goods into foreign lands. Did you know beggars were issued, from the proper local officials, badges or documents permitting them to beg? Just as today with welfare fraud, there was beggar fraud due to clever forging of these documents. Religious pilgrims were also issued badges, and those could be forged as well. Gypsies' travel seemed thwarted at every move. Wanted posters came into being.....

Really serious document fraud could result in execution, as happened in one case of extortion. No lengthy jury trial there....justice seemed much swifter then.

It has been easy to assume another's identity, but the prospect of biometrics as an identification means may change that.

Who are you? Who your papers say you are, or an imposter? Is that badge a fake? Who are you, really?

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Also from Sharon an interesting project from the Nuremberg Municipal Library.

Owners sought for Nazi-looted books

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By Leon Symons

An international project has been launched to reunite thousands of books looted by Nazis with their owners or their descendants.

The Commission for Looted Art in London and the Nuremberg Municipal Library in Germany have been working together to find the owners of 10,000 volumes that were part of the collection of Julius Streicher, the Nazis' chief propagandist and creator of the notorious antisemitic newspaper Der Stürmer.

Original article: [Owners sought for looted books.](#)

Central Registry of Information on Looted Cultural Property: [List of Family Names](#)

If you have anything you would like to add to future Newsbriefs, please contact Barbara Borrelli, bborrelli@usthq.com We want to share member profiles, book reviews, up-coming events etc. with our members!