

Special Libraries Association – Southern Appalachian Chapter

October NewsBrief

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New Officers

The Board of the Southern Appalachian Chapter of SLA met on September 27. The first order of business was to introduce our nominees for officers whose terms begin in January of 2009.

President Elect Christi Underdown will receive her graduate degree from UTK in December. Also, she holds two Bachelor degrees in Journalism and English from Middle Tennessee State University. She rejoined the staff at the Center for Popular Music as Assistant Cataloger in 2007, where she had previously worked from 2003 to 2005 as part of the team, who digitized the Center's Kenneth S. Goldstein Collection of American Song Broad-sides. Interested in professional development, she actively participates in the Tennessee Library Association; the Special Library Association, Southern Appalachian Chapter; the Name Authority Cooperative Program of the PCC, as well as TENN-Share continuing education opportunities, such as "Learn, Share and Discover". Presently, she is coordinating a local guild of the Radical Militant Librarians, a grassroots project promoting patrons' rights and interactive participation between libraries and their local communities

Membership Chair Erin Dominick received her BA in Psychology with a minor in German from Oklahoma State University (OSU). While at OSU she worked for a year as a Student Assistant in the Government Documents Department at Edmon Low Library. In 2006 she was awarded a Science Links scholarship--from UT School of Information Sciences (SIS) and IMLS--to begin work on her Masters. During her two years in the SIS program she interned with the Department of Energy's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) in Oak Ridge. In her second year of the SIS program Erin was elected as Secretary of the UT Student Chapter of SLA. Through the Science Links program Erin was also able to attend the SLA Conference in June 2008. She is a member of SLA's Government Information Division and has an interest in that area. Upon completion of her MS degree in August 2008 she was hired by OSTI to be their Library & Information Program Liaison. Besides being a member of SLA, Erin is also a member of ALA, and the American Indian Library Association.

Treasurer Pauline (Polly) Alexander has been a clinical librarian at the Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University Medical Center for 6 years. Her primary role involves working closely with the library director to coordinate the intensive staff development program and provide evidence-based support for the Neurology ICU and Stroke Service. She is also heavily involved with general library patron training and assists with answering fee-based literature requests for the library. Her main interests include medical and adult education practices, filtering/evidence-based services, and instructional design methodologies. Polly has a bachelor's degree in Anthropological Sciences from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Please join us in welcoming these new volunteers.

