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Columns

Checking In

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[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions, and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Kurt Blythe at kcblythe@email.unc.edu. Contributions on behalf of fellow members will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.]

Come one, come all...serialists...to NASIG!

Joseph Dmohowski, serials & electronic resources librarian at Whittier College, in Whittier, California writes:

I was hired as Science and Special Collections Librarian at Wardman Library right out of USC Library School in 1985 (shortly before the program was shut down). Four year later, Whittier College cut several faculty positions, including our Serials & Government Documents Librarian. I honestly had no idea about what I was getting into and agreed to take over serials management. I retained my science and special collections work responsibilities while a part-time government documents librarian oversaw our U.S. Government Depository.

I have managed the Serials Department since 1989 and performed reference services and bibliographic instruction before the arrival of the WWW. I took over responsibility for our online databases around eight years ago and gave up special collections duties. Most serials librarians will agree that there is always something going on within our area.

I recently joined NASIG because I will be attending the 30th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. This will be the first completely serials-oriented professional meeting that I have participated in. I am very much looking forward to attending the panels and meeting colleagues in the serials business.

I, for one, look forward to meeting Joseph at our upcoming conference!

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Tammy Druash began her career as the serials/metadata librarian at Florida State University in 2008. In 2013 she accepted a new position at the University of North Florida as the resource description librarian where she catalogs print materials in all formats. She joined NASIG in order to keep up-to-date with issues and changes related to continuing resources cataloging and access.

That seems to be in imminently reasonable reason for joining NASIG!

And, lastly, my “neighbor,” **Mandy Hurt**, writes:

I’m the catalog librarian for serials at Duke University Libraries. I’m a CONSER level original cataloger authorized to create NACO authority records. I work with materials across all subject areas, including materials from the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Starting this year, I will be serving on the NASIG Continuing Education Committee.

I’m English and I came to the United States to attend graduate school in popular culture. For years after graduate school, I worked off and on in academic and public libraries (circulation and reference services, monographic cataloging, and a children’s library) between spells of working in local government, copyright management, and for a commercial bookstore chain. It was only after starting to train as a serials cataloger at Duke, six years ago, that I actually found my library calling, if you will, and was finally motivated to obtain my MLS degree while working full time.

My ex-supervisor, a technical services librarian for over 50 years and a serials librarian for over 30, says that to be a great serials cataloger you need to be intelligent, have a good sense of humor, and a suspicious mind. I would add to this the desire to solve puzzles. I love what I do.

Cheers to that! And, welcome to all new members!