



Columns

Title Changes

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We have some pretty serious title changes here. Behold!

Jill Bright is now the Electronic Resources Librarian at St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Carol Ann Davis is the new Assistant Dean for the University of South Florida Libraries.

Christopher Girgenti has been promoted to full-time beginning in September at Dacus Library, Winthrop University, where he is in charge of print and electronic journals.

Trina Holloway has received a promotion and new job title in the form of Head of Collection Services at Georgia State University Law Library.

Jessica LaBrie started a new position in July as Electronic Resources Librarian at Wellesley College.

And, last but not least, from my colleague **Christie Degener**:

Dear NASIG Community,

I am writing to confirm my plans to retire from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's University Libraries effective January 1, 2019. I have worked at the UNC-CH Health Sciences Library over 34 years, an incredible privilege. Working at HSL has given me the chance to grow professionally, contribute to HSL and the greater library community through varying and progressive levels of responsibility, and meet significant challenges and opportunities head on. Most importantly, I've always worked with great teams and felt my efforts were both supported and valued.

I have equally strong appreciation for my participation in NASIG over the years. Very early in my career, I heard about an initial organizational meeting for NASIG while attending the 1985 ALA conference. While I was not able to attend that meeting, I was kept informed of the planning and attended the very first NASIG conference held at Bryn Mawr College in 1986. The inaugural conference confirmed NASIG as the best organization for staying current with scholarly communication trends and connecting with individuals working across the industry, but I especially enjoyed NASIG being such a welcoming community, and I was hooked.

And the rest, as they say, is history! (Is it coincidence that Susan Davis immediately precedes me in the first conference's attendee list?) NASIG remained my main professional outlet because the organization offers wonderful flexibility in providing value through contributions – in my case through presenting, introducing, recording, serving on multiple committees (some multiple times), and being slated on election ballots twice. I see this flexibility as one of NASIG's greatest strengths. And each year I have come to the

annual conference eagerly anticipating reuniting with my NASIG “family,” whether long-time friends or first-time attendees, and knowing I will leave energized by all the immersive discussions and new ideas. I will miss these get-togethers, and especially the long-time friends I’ve made over the years, but will continue to follow NASIG’s future with great interest as the organization continues doing great work.

Sincerely,

Christie Degener

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Please join me in wishing each of these – our treasured colleagues – a very heartfelt congratulations!