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Columns

Checking In

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[Note: New members, please consider reporting the story of how you came to be a member of NASIG. You may submit items about yourself to Kurt Blythe at kcbllythe@email.unc.edu. Please include your e-mail address.]

Please allow me to extend on behalf of NASIG a welcome to this quarter's new members, and my thanks for choosing to share with the readers of the *Newsletter* the stories of how they came to join our area of practice and professional organization.

First up is **Angela Black**, who writes from the University of Arkansas:

I started in serials six years ago as a copy cataloger, specializing primarily in the re-cataloging of locally-significant, rare, and older serials in our Special Collections. I loved the hunt, you could say, of tracking down title changes spanning over a hundred years and uncovering connections no other library had found between works that document the history of my home state of Arkansas. Now I work in the Serials Department as a records maintenance supervisor for electronic resources. I love what I do, and I enrolled at the Florida State MILS program to explore new techniques in serials management and contribute to the scholarship of this rapidly changing field.

Another student, this time at the University of Missouri, is **Zach Coble**. Zach was one of six persons to receive the Student Grant to attend the NASIG annual

conference, and he enjoyed the opportunity to meet librarians, vendors and publishers all in one place. Just as important to Zach was the chance to learn more about the complex challenges and opportunities that make serials work interesting. He hopes to see everyone in St. Louis in 2011!

Jason Curtis recently graduated from San José State's Library and Information Science program and is now the serials librarian at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. Jason has worked with serials for the past seven years as a paraprofessional at other law libraries in the San Diego area prior to becoming a librarian. When he is not busy managing the serials at work, Jason enjoys cooking, watching westerns, and exploring new places with his wife. He is glad to be part of an organization that is directly related to his daily work and that strives to provide support and guidance relevant to the unique problems and situations of serialists!

Like Zach, **Ivey Glendon** also comes to NASIG as an award-winner, having received the 2010 Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship. And, like Angela, Ivey is currently a distance education graduate student in the School of Library and Information Science at Florida State University. In addition, Ivey works full time as a digital conversion specialist in the Serial and Government Publications Division at the Library of Congress, where she works in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). Ivey writes:

Attending the annual conference in Palm Springs was a rewarding experience, and I feel fortunate to have been able to attend. The vision session on linked data was directly relevant to my work with NDNP, and the other sessions gave me a peek into issues that I hear of at work but in which I am not directly involved. I left the conference knowing more about serials, and knowing lots more folks who work with serials! The conference was a great way to meet others in the serials community and I hope to be able to attend the NASIG annual conference in the future.