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Columns

Checking In

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This particular column rarely requires an elaborate introduction, as NASIG's new members do a far better job of telling their stories than I ever could.

Such is certainly the case with **Crystal Alberthal**, who writes:

I fell into the library world completely by accident at the age of 19 and have been in the technical services part of libraries ever since. While I was attending junior college, I worked evening hours for a contract agency at the Microsoft Libraries in Redmond, WA doing everything "technical services." After five years I was offered a job at the University of Washington Gallagher Law Library as a Library Technician. Eleven years, a marriage, a house, a lovely daughter and one Bachelor's degree later, I am now a Library Specialist. I help manage our online and print serials invoicing, subscriptions, databases and oversee receipt and processing of our serials material, to name a few. This past fall, our Technical Services Librarian alerted me to the NASIG Serials Specialist Grant and encouraged me to apply. I did and I was awarded the grant. It was an honor and a really great conference. I met some wonderful people. I plan on being a NASIG member for years to

come. My current project is to get accepted into the University of Washington Information School for the fall of 2012 in hopes of getting my Master's degree in Library & Information Science.

Jose Luis Andrade, new to NASIG, is currently President, Swets Americas and has been working with Swets since 2004, when he was hired as Swets General Manager for Latin America. Since then he was promoted to President, Swets North America and then was given all commercial responsibility for Swets Latin America as well.

Jose Luis came to Swets after working in various multinational companies including Exactus Corporation, eshare communications, inc. and Bentley Systems Inc., to name a few.

Jose Luis holds a B.S. degree from Ibero-American University in Industrial Engineering and completed the Harvard Business School Executive Management course. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the National Library of Medicine, Special Libraries Association, and American Library Association. In addition, Jose Luis regularly contributes presentations and speeches to various publications and related industry forums. In his free time, Jose Luis stays busy trying to keep up with his 2 year old triplets.

Suzanne Barnes earned her MLIS in 1989 from the University of Oklahoma, but did not work with serials until she joined EBSCO Information Services in 2001. She currently serves as an E-Resources Account Development Manager for EBSCO's western region and

specializes in e-journal package renewals and e-journal licensing. Before EBSCO, Suzanne worked at the University of Oklahoma Libraries, Tulsa City-County Public Library, the Gemological Institute of America Library, and was the research director at an executive recruiting firm.

Chris Bullock tells us:

I got my start in libraries as an undergraduate, first as a Mellon Intern and then working at the reference desk at the Occidental College library in Los Angeles. During that time, I also started working in electronic resources during downtime at the desk. While getting my MLIS at UCLA, I returned to the electronic resources department at Oxy for an extended internship. I graduated from UCLA in the spring of 2009 and by December, I had moved to the St. Louis metro area, working at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as the Electronic Resources Librarian. I'm looking forward to getting involved in NASIG and connecting with other librarians working in electronic serials.

Tiffany LeMaistre got into serials by chance:

When I applied to be a student worker at the St. Edward's University Library, it wasn't my plan to become a librarian. I was just in the right place at the right time. As I was graduating with my BA in History, the Serials Department was expanding to make room for electronic resources. They needed a full time staff person and I needed a job. I loved the work and went on to get my MSIS from The University of Texas at Austin. I got involved with NASIG as a recipient of the NASIG Student Conference Grant. In June I attended my first NASIG conference and started a new job as the Electronic Resources and Collection Management Librarian at The University of Texas at Tyler. I had a great experience at the NASIG conference and I'm really looking forward to my continued involvement with the organization.

From **Camelia Naranch**:

My decision to become a "serialist" three years ago was as unexpected as the transcontinental move that took me and my husband from Baltimore to the

San Francisco Bay area in the summer of 2008. That I have remained one ever since and am about to begin an MLIS degree at San José State University this fall has a lot to do with the fact that being a Serials Specialist at the Stanford Law Library is so personally rewarding, professionally challenging, and often simply a lot of fun! Even though I was prepared to continue as a cataloging or acquisitions specialist upon moving to Stanford, an advertised position in serials at the law school grabbed my attention. From the start, I loved the position and type of work that it involved. My supervisor and co-workers were warm and welcoming, and encouraged me to develop my skills further in the field. In fact, it was one of them who suggested that I apply for a NASIG conference fellowship, and wrote a recommendation on my behalf. Without her prompting, I never would have made the trip to Saint Louis this year to the NASIG conference. Seeing so many serials specialists there convinced me that I had chosen well and strengthened my resolve to begin my MLIS degree. I feel very fortunate that moving from the East to West coast also led me to transition into a specialized branch of library work in a law school environment where serial publications are essential to the work that the professors, students, researchers, and other library patrons do. There is always something new to do each week when I arrive at my desk on Monday morning. And that's exactly how I like it!

Andi Ogier relates:

I began working with serials and e-resources when I started working at Virginia Tech in 2008. Prior to that point most of my experience was in book repair and preservation (yes, I was that girl who was always covered in glue and bits of buckram) and circulation (every academic library is at its most beautiful at 7:55am on a sunny Saturday) while I was (perhaps foolishly) gaining two masters degrees in Religion and Literature. I quickly found that serials and e-resources are not only interesting and fast-paced, but also involve working with the nicest and most supportive folks in the library world! At the moment I'm working full time at VT and I'm also about halfway through an MLIS degree through the LEEP program at the University of Illinois (U-C). Hopefully in another year I'll be joining the ranks of professional librarians! Wherever I end up, I know I'll be in good company, and I'm looking forward to

seeing everyone in Nashville next year!

LaDonna Pierce gives her story:

I have been employed since February 2011 as the Content Management Librarian at the Milton S. Eisenhower Library of Johns Hopkins University. I am a cataloger responsible for serials, electronic resources and audio visual materials. Previously I worked as a Catalog/Metadata Services Librarian at Missouri University of Science & Technology, formerly known as University of Missouri – Rolla. I graduated from Kent State University in 2007 with my MLIS.

And, lastly (but not least-ly):

Greetings! My name is **Naomi Wolfson**. I am currently the Periodicals and Circulation Assistant at the Oakton Community College Library in Des Plaines, IL. I joined NASIG because I wanted to become more involved with other professionals within the serials field. In addition to joining NASIG, I was recently accepted to Dominican University's Graduate School of Library & Information Science Program.