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## New Faces to the Library!

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### Jeff Carrico

Please welcome Jeff Carrico, our new head of the Acquisitions Services Dept. Jeff comes to us from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. He received his BA in economics and his MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has served as the chair of the Acquisition Technology Committee of the ALCTS Division of ALA. He has an upcoming publication in the *Journal of Library Administration* with Kathleen Small-don, titled "Licensed to ILL: A Beginning Guide to Negotiating E-Resources Licenses to Permit Resource Sharing."



His office is on Ground floor east.



August is National Peach Month!!



## August Birthdays

AUGUST 6 - Lori Critz  
AUGUST 7 - Laurel Crafts  
AUGUST 8 - Cheryl Parker  
AUGUST 8 - Karen Smith

AUGUST 10 - Crystal Renfro  
AUGUST 13 - Emmett Dennis  
AUGUST 16 - Crit Stuart  
AUGUST 31 - Kirk Henderson

We are gearing up for the GAME Night at the Library event again this year, as part of the RATS Week festivities on campus. The event is Saturday night, August 27. This was great fun last year and provided the Library with a valuable connection to incoming freshmen. The main event of the evening is the LAN party - OIT runs a competitive online Unreal Tournament in the LWC. In addition we will supply food for the attendees (popcorn, hotdogs, soda), movie shorts in the Neely Lobby and a Trivia game competition. Joel will also be offering Dance Dance Revolution in the Multimedia Lab.

We need help for the evening. The jobs are in 3 to 4 hour shifts and range from Registration, Greeting, crowd control, to making popcorn and grilling hot dogs. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as soon as possible. (Also, if you have any questions about the 'jobs' or the event, please let me know!) Perhaps a Library department together can volunteer to be the Popcorn folks or the food servers or to run the Trivia event! This is a great opportunity for service to the Institute -- and a lot of fun as well! Thanks. Lori

## Administration

Bob Fox has accepted our position of Associate Director for Administration. He'll be joining us on September 1st.

Bob has contributed to the programs of the State academic libraries through RACL, GIL and numerous other state forums while directing the library at Clayton State. He's very highly regarded among our colleagues around the state and I am very pleased that he will be coming to GT. I hope you'll find working with him to be rewarding. Please welcome him when he joins us in a few weeks.

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Sharon West, Business Manager/HR Officer, Georgia Tech Library & Information Center recently earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

The certification, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that Sharon possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field.

"Certification as a human resource professional clearly demonstrates a commitment to personal excellence and to the human resource profession," said Susan Meisinger, SPHR, President and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). HRCI awards two levels of certification: Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience.

HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

**The Flower for August Is the Gladiolus**

## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Bonnie Tijerina took a trip to the town of Starkville, MS in early July to attend Mississippi State University Library's /E-Files: Investigating E-Journal Tools & Trends /continuing education opportunity co-sponsored by NASIG. This event pulled in over 80 librarians from all over the southeast to listen to presentations related to workflow and e-resource management in academic libraries.

## DIGITAL INITIATIVES

Laurel Crafts and Tom Auger are very excited to announce they have a daughter! Her name is Daisy Xiu Qiang Auger. She is seven months old and in perfect health. Her records state that she is energetic, happy and waves her arms when she giggles. She lives with loving caretakers in an orphanage in the city of Chongqing in the Sichuan Province in Southwestern China. Laurel and Tom will be travelling to China to pick up Daisy sometime within the next 4-8 weeks. Currently they are wildly reorganizing furniture to turn the office/future nursery into a real nursery, smiling a lot and trying to figure out how to pack for such a big trip.

Updates will be coming as they become available!!



## INFORMATION SERVICES

Cathy Carpenter was one of the featured speakers at an ALA Annual Conference program in Chicago titled "Fostering Civic Engagement: Models and Practices for All Libraries."

The Information Services Department is pleased to welcome three new employees this month: Terrence Hines, Lisha Li, and Alison Valk. Lisha will be the subject librarian for Civil and Environmental Engineering and for Earth & Atmospheric Sciences. Her office is on 3 East. Hired for the two open Information Associate 1 positions, Terrence and Alison, will be covering "second shift" on the reference desk. Their desks can be found directly behind the reference desk.

Please join us in congratulating Patty Kenly on her new appointment as Government Documents Coordinator, effective immediately. Patty will continue her business subject librarian responsibilities in the College of Management and School of Economics while utilizing her extensive government information expertise in this new endeavor.

## SPECIAL FORMATS & MAPS

The Special Formats and Maps Department (SFM) Review has been completed after almost a year's work. The final report is available on the Intranet - select General Info, then look under Committees - Special Formats & Maps Review. The SFM Review Committee - Katharine Calhoun, Cathe Cannon, Joyce Crafts, Brian Franklin, Bruce Henson, Mary-Frances Panettiere, and Vincent Thorpe - appreciates all of your contributions to our work. Our work resulted in a deeper understanding of the resources and services offered in the department, as well as the workflow.

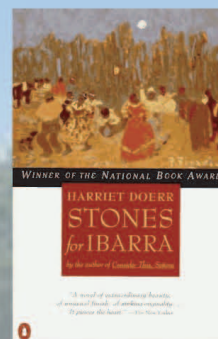
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## AUGUST IS NATIONAL CATFISH MONTH

## Special Formats & Maps (Continued)

Rich and Crit endorse all of the report recommendations, with one modification decided upon in a discussion with Rich, Crit, and me. At issue is the committee recommendation to "Place the department under Information Services with the SFM staff reporting to a second assistant department head who serves as the government documents/technical reports subject librarian." Under the modification, the SFM Department will become a unit within the Information Services Dept. and will report to a second assistant department head in the ISD. The assistant department head will not be the government documents subject librarian but will be a librarian recruited from within the Library who will work with technical reports, supervise staff within the unit, and work closely with the government documents librarian. Patty Kenly, who assumed interim responsibility as the Federal Depository Librarian, is the Library's new Government Documents Coordinator, effective immediately. This plan will enable Patty to continue her essential subject librarian responsibilities in the College of Management and School of Economics as well as to utilize her extensive government information expertise. Please congratulate Patty on her new responsibilities.

The Library Book Club will meet next on August 11, 2005 from noon to 1pm in the Wilby Room. We'll be discussing *Stones for Ibarra* by Harriet Doerr, "the story of an anglo married couple, Richard and Sara Everton, who, in a burst of idealism, move from San Francisco to an old family home and abandoned mine in Mexico."



## The Hewitt Collection

by Stephanie Morris

John and Vivian Hewitt are a couple who love art. They have amassed a collection of 50 paintings by 20 prominent African-American artists, which is considered one of the most significant of the 20th century. This bold collection is currently on display at the First Center and is free to the public through September 30, 2005. I highly encourage all library staff to make it over and view this array of artists. Bring friends and family since there is no charge. I recently paid to see Romare Bearden's show and Jacob Lawrence's work at the High Museum. Both artists' work is included in this

collection. The works themselves range from abstractions of simple colors on canvas to the detailed portrait of a very dignified woman. Mediums from acrylic to lithographs and serigraphs are used making the collection as diverse as the artists. A video of the artists and the Hewitts discussing the collection is also on display. It gives the audience more detail about the artists and collectors. Do not miss this special event!

*Celebration and Vision: The Hewitt Collection of African-American Art*

July 15- September 30, 2005

Tuesday- Saturday 10am to 6pm

Admission is FREE

<http://www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu/about/gallery.php>



## August is National Golf Month