# Georgia Tech Library Staff Newsletter

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# Staff Profile: Tim Daniels

Note: This issue debuts a new feature for *conneXus*, a monthly profile of a staff member. If you would like to suggest a staff member to be profiled (or volunteer yourself), please contact Susan Illis (4-9625, susan.illis). All staff members, regardless of status, are eligible.

Thank you, Tim Daniels, newly elected Vice President/President-Elect of the Library Faculty, for agreeing to be the first vic - ah, volunteer.

Tim has been Information Services Librarian for the College of Computing since August 2002. Prior to joining Georgia Tech, he was a branch supervisor at a public library in North Carolina. A native of Seagrove, North Carolina, Tim earned his MLIS from UNC - Greensboro. He also has a B.S. in History with a focus on Museum Studies. Tim's favorite aspect of his job is "working with folks from other departments who have great ideas."



Tim Daniels

JUNE Birthdays

JUNE 3
Runae Knight
JUNE 4
Kathy Brackney

JUNE 26 **Kathy Tomajko**JUNE 30

**Karen Manning** 

Tim and his wife Kate, a medical librarian, have three cats. Tim's hobbies are hiking and cooking and he recently read *Angels and Demons*, by Dan Brown.

# Library Faculty Election Results

At the Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the library faculty, the following were elected:

Library Faculty Officers:

Tim Daniels — Vice-President/President-Elect

Susan Coleman — Secretary

Donna Braquet — Member-at-Large

Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Cumulative Review

Voting Members: Leslie Madden Mary-Frances Panettiere

Non-Voting Member: Lori Critz

## **Current Library Vacancy**

#### **WEB DEVELOPER**

**Location: LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER** 

Job #: CEW3200

Hiring Range: \$41,370 to \$52,720

**Education:** A Bachelor's Degree-preferably in Business and/or Computer Science related field; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

**Experience:** Four or more years of job related experience. Qualifications include excellent knowledge of HTML; experience with one or many server-side scripting technologies such as PHP, ASP, or JSP (Prefer PHP); experience with SQL/MySQL, and logical database design; knowledge of UNIX/Linux, Apache, Windows 2000, XP and NT; expertise with Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, etc.); and experience with web-based calendaring software and email programs. Prior working experience in the Library and/or college/university environment experience preferred.

**Duties:** Develop new database-driven dynamic applications for internal and external use. Develop and maintain activities for the Library Intranet. Provide database support for the implementation and management of the Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Project that makes Georgia Tech Theses and Dissertations available over the Internet. Manage and provide training for the library's web-based calendaring and room scheduling application. Provide support for the help line and create standard and ad hoc reports in the library's web-based help line system. Serve as backup for reports for the Library databases; provide hardware and software installation; and resetting of PRISM accounts. Create new email user accounts and manage email aliases. Develop and maintain statistics on library web access and use. Work closely with web designers and other team members. Activities and decisions are varied in nature, requiring independent action and judgment in solving common problems.

## New Director at GTRI

Dr. Stephen Cross has been named as a vice president for the Georgia Institute of Technology and the new director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) in Atlanta. He will also hold a joint appointment as a professor in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering. Dr. Cross, currently the director and chief executive officer of the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute, succeeds Dr. Edward Reedy, who has served as director since 1996. Dr. Reedy is retiring from Tech after a 33-year career. Dr. Cross will begin his new responsibilities on September 1, 2003.

"To lead one of the world's most highly regarded research organizations," said Cross, "is an exciting opportunity and challenge. I'm honored to be asked to join such an impressive group of professionals. GTRI has made - and is continuing to make - significant and lasting contributions to the nation's security and economic strength. It has a key role to play in Georgia Tech's vision and strategy for the future."

#### **Apply for Parking**

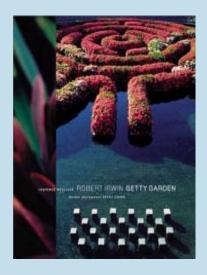
Now until June 30, 2003

www.applyparking.gatech.edu

Click on INFO at the top of the page for answers to all of your registration questions.

#### Architecture

Has the beautiful spring weather turned your thoughts to the great outdoors? "Check out" these recently acquired gardening and landscape design titles:



Visionary Gardens: Modern Landscapes by Ernst Cremer (2001) Weilacher, Udo

Grounds for Pleasure: Four Centuries of the American Garden (2002)

Otis, Denise

**Getty Garden (pictured on left, 2002)** Irwin, Robert

#### Archives

The Archives staff bids a fond farewell to Anne Salter, whose last day will be on June 30. Anne has accepted the position of Library Director, Philip Weltner Library, at Oglethorpe University. We wish Anne the best of luck in her new position.

Jody Lloyd Thompson will be the acting head of the department until a successor is hired.

Yen M. Tang has been accepted into Rare Books School at the University of Virginia. She will be attending the course, "Publishing EAD Finding Aids," taught by Daniel Pitti, from August 4 through August 8.

A belated congratulations to our student assistant, Siddarth Shah, who graduated in May with an M. S. in Industrial Engineering!

### Special Formats & Maps

We salute Miss Sekeenah Craft on her recent high school graduation on May 29, 2003. Sekeenah is the daughter of our colleague Joyce Craft. We wish this young scholar and her family the best. "News is the first rough draft of history."

--Philip L. Graham (1915-1963)

### Fond Farewells

## Happy Father's Day!

## New Benefit? You Decide

#### **Anne Salter**

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, of Washington state, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. Smart raised the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington. After Dodd became an adult, she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America, other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure.
Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

Source: www.holidays.net

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#### Classifieds

For sale. Futon. Queen-size, natural finish wood frame. Cream background with burgundy, aqua, and black accents. Two matching window swags. \$400 OBO.

Contact Patty at patty.phipps@library.gatech.edu or 5-4816.

# History of Midsummer

source: www.holidays.net Midsummer, June 21, is halfway around the wheel of the year from Yule. Because in pagan reckoning summer actually begins with May 1, solstice is summer's midpoint. There is not much information on how the ancients celebrated Midsummer, but the fact that Stonehenge was oriented toward the sunrise on the summer solstice indicates that the ancients considered this a pivotal day.

Midsummer is a time when the crops grow onward through the hot and languid days toward maturity. The sun that was reborn in December is now reaching its zenith, but with the solstice, the days begin to get shorter. This is a time of celebrating the imminent harvest but also recognizing the cyclical nature of life in that the dark time of the year will return.