

Chapter Report –Georgia Fall 2008

GA ACRL Chapter/GLA Academic Division members took part in the annual Georgia Library Association Midwinter Conference on January 25, 2008 at Clayton State University in the Atlanta metro area. This leadership conference provided an overview of GLA plans for the year and was an excellent opportunity for Chapter planning for the coming year.

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/Georgia ACRL Chapter met at the annual conference, October 15-17, 2008. The conference was held in Athens, GA and was a joint program with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations. The following Georgia ACRL Chapter officers were elected and will take office on January 1, 2009.

- Chair: Francis Eugene Ruffin, Jr., Library Director at Georgia Gwinnet College
- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Lorene Flanders, University of West Georgia
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Smith, Georgia Southern University
- ACRL Chapters Council Representative: Rubye Cross, Georgia Institute of Technology (begins first year of two-term)
- ACRL Legislative Liaison: Ravonne Greene, PhD., Valdosta State University

The Georgia Library Association presented a large number of academic programs and presentations at the fall 2008 Georgia Council of Media Organization conference, many of which were sponsored by the Georgia ACRL:

The featured speaker at the Academic Library Division Luncheon was Paul Butchart who spoke about the Athens, Georgia music scene and how to preserve it.

The luncheon program included a brief business meeting, as well as the announcement for the best paper awards for the GLA Academic Division Papers and the presentation of award checks from Blackwell and Ebsco.

Best paper awards were presented to:

Charles Forrest (Emory University) “Academic Libraries as Learning Spaces: Library effectiveness and the user experience.” (Cash award presented by Blackwell’s Book Services)

(photo of Charles Forrest below)

Sarah Steiner (Georgia State University) and Crystal Renfro (Georgia Tech), “Inside ALA’s Emerging Leaders Program: How the Georgia Library Association can help you get involved.” (Cash award presented by Ebsco Information Services)
(photo of Crystal Renfro and Sarah Stienner)



Titles of other presented papers:

“Academic Librarians and Faculty Status: mountain, molehill or mesa,”
Alan Bernstein, Valdosta State University

“Employee Development using WebCT Vista,”
Jennifer Link Jones, Georgia State University

“Encouraging faculty requests for Library Materials: Midwest’s new book selection service” Kydia Knight, Dalton State University

“Reinventing Libraries for Next Generation of library users”
La Loria Konata, Georgia State University

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