Message From the President—Navjit Brar

President Focus FY 05/06 - During my presidency year of 2005/06, I planned to focus on providing a perspective on the future of Technical Services in Digital Era. My plan included, in working closely with the ACTSS Board members, inquiring among library leaders to seek their perspective on the future of technical services in this digital world including tools and strategies used to organize new emerging formats. In order to meet this objective, we proposed and now plan to offer three programs at 2006 CLA Annual Conference scheduled for November 11-13 in Sacramento. The programs include: 1) Electronic Resource Management Pre-conference, 2) President’s Program on, “Metadata or Technical Services in Digital Era,” 3) Promoting Scholarly Repositories. In addition we also offered two continuing education programs, i) Rules and Tools for Cataloging Internet Resources, and ii) Map Cataloging. Hope to see many of you at the CLA Annual Conference.

ACTSS Board Meeting
Saturday, November 11th, 1pm-3:30pm
Sheraton—Clark

Current ACTSS Leaders:
President—Navjit Brar, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
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Past President—Armanda Barone, University of California, Berkeley
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ALCTS/CRG Representative—Elaine Franco
Cataloging Interest Group Co Chairs- Sarah Gardner, University of California, Davis
Julie Moore, California State University, Fresno.
ACTSS Programs at CLA Annual Conference

Electronic Resource Management Pre-conference,
Friday, November 10th, 9am-4:30pm
Sheraton—Beavis Room
1230 J Street

Speakers: Margaret Hogarth, University of California, Riverside; Brian Schwartz, Endeavor Information Systems; Theodore Fons, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.; Paoshan Yue, University of Nevada-Reno; Ted Koppel, ex-Libris; Navjit Brar, California Polytechnic State University

Fee: $75

As more resources become available in electronic format, libraries face an ever increasing challenge of managing, providing access, and collecting e-metric of electronic resources. This program will cover the four major areas of electronic resource management (ERM): Organization integration, ERM systems, E-metrics, and future trends. The panel will include librarians and vendors.

Pre-conference is Sold Out

CLA First Annual Awards Dinner
Friday, November 10th, 7pm-10:30pm
Tsakopoulos Library Galleria
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Cost: $65

Put on your party clothes and come celebrate the 2006 California Library Association award winners at this new conference event. Enjoy the company of your colleagues and friends and honor the best, brightest and most dedicated California library leaders and supporters. Don’t miss this evening of music and celebration. What a way to kick off the conference! Tickets by advance registration only. Transportation is on your own.

ACTSS President’s Program
Metadata or Technical Services in the Digital Era
Saturday, November 11th, 11am-12:45pm
Sheraton—Bondi Room

Light refreshments will be served

Speakers: Mary Grenci, University of Oregon; Bruce Miller, University of California, Merced; Jared Campbell, University of California, Davis

Since the 1990s, we have been moving from physical to digital spaces; hard copy to electronic resources; and standalone services to integrated services. How has this change impacted what we do in technical services? This session looks at where metadata and traditional cataloging cross paths, and how catalogers can add value to help users search multiple collections. This session will be followed by the ACTSS Annual Membership Meeting.

Promoting Scholarly Repositories
Saturday, November 11th, 3:45pm-5pm
Convention Center-Room 309

Speakers: Kimberly Douglas, California Institute of Technology; Sorel Reisman, MERLOT; Catherine Candee, California Digital Library, University of California, Office of the President

A growing number of institutions and consortia are actively engaged in setting up and running institutionalized repositories for scholarly materials. The experiences gained by these initiatives—organizational, technical, and legal—can teach other institutions. Come to this session to learn about scholarly repositories in California, what they are, how they work, and how to get your faculty interested.
2006 ACTSS Program Speakers’ Bios

Ted Koppel

Ted Koppel is Verde Product Manager for Ex Libris, which builds on his significant product management and related experience in the library and information marketplace. His prior experience includes working at the CARL Corporation, OCLC and as Senior Product Manager for Standards Implementation at The Library Corporation (TLC), where he represented TLC on numerous industry standards committees. Currently, he is a member of four standards committees in the ERM and resource sharing areas. He holds a Bachelors degree in languages from Georgetown with a minor in Arabic. He also has an MSLS from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Theodore Fons

Ted Fons is the Senior Product Manager at Innovative Interfaces. He is responsible for the management of Innovative's Electronic Resource Management, Acquisitions, Serials, WebBridge LR and Pathfinder Pro products. His most recent development project was to bring to general release the first Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI) client in an Electronic Resource Management system. Ted has been with Innovative since 1996. He has a Masters in Library Science degree from Syracuse University and has worked in Acquisitions, Cataloging and Reference in academic libraries.

Margaret Hogarth

Margaret Hogarth has been Electronic Resources Coordinator at University of California, Riverside Libraries since December, 2004 where she manages most aspects of electronic resources. She has an MLIS from San Jose State and a Masters in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton. In the past she has worked in Systems and Reference at Cal State Fullerton, and as a pool librarian at Rio Hondo College and Cal Poly Pomona.

Navjit Brar

Navjit Brar serves as Assistant Dean for Access and Bibliographic Services of the Robert E. Kennedy Library at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Prior to this Ms. Brar worked at The College of New Jersey, Michigan State University, California State University Fullerton, and University of Southern California. Her research focus includes use of RFID applications in libraries, changing & furthering role of technical services from MARC to Metadata, advancing access services role from physical to digital; role of libraries in institutional repositories; digital libraries as a physical and virtual space; user-centered services & systems planning and outcome-based assessment. Brar has been leading the assessment and e-metrics initiatives at her recent institution since 2005.
**2006 ACTSS Program Speakers’ Bios**

**Bruce Miller**

Bruce Miller began his professional career at the University of Texas at Austin as a rare book cataloger. Shortly after he was hired, computers were invented. Being the youngest of the librarians and lowest in the pecking order, he was given the menial task of supplying MARC encoding to catalog cards and then typing the encoded catalog information into this new fangled thing called OCLC. As they say, “The rest is history.” Along the way he designed one of the first online catalogs, drove a library system company into bankruptcy, and implemented one of the first all campus university web sites. Miller went from Texas to Indiana University and from there to the University California, San Diego. Realizing along the way that smaller university libraries were more nimble and more fun, he left UCSD to go to the smallest of research university libraries: the University of California, Merced. When he became founding University Librarian at UC Merced in 2001, there were no books, no buildings, no faculty, and no students. You can’t get any smaller than that! UC Merced opened for classes in fall 2005. Today they have 1400 students, 80 research faculty, and a busy, effective, cutting edge library.

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**Kimberly Douglas**

Kimberly Douglas is the University Librarian at Caltech since January 2004. Prior to that, she served as an acting director of libraries; head, reader services; and director of the Sherman Fairchild Library for Engineering and Applied Science and Manager, Technical Information Services. Ms. Douglas has been involved in designing and implementing automated library services, introduced desktop publishing to the libraries, initiated their online presence and provided leadership in the design and implementation of Caltech’s groundbreaking document delivery service, TOC/DOC, and in the migration to a fully integrated automated library system. She has taken a leadership role in implementing digital collections at Caltech regarding Copyright in Scholarly Communication. Ms. Douglas has served on the IEEE Library Advisory Committee and is currently a member of the Visiting Committee for the Goddard Space Flight Center Library. Ms. Douglas held positions in scientific research libraries at the Bigelow Laboratory of Ocean Sciences in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and at USC, where she headed the Hancock Library of Biology and Oceanography from 1982 to 1985 and the Science and Engineering Libraries from 1985 to 1988.

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Catherine Candee

Catherine Candee has been leading the eScholarship initiative at the California Digital Library since May 2000. The California Digital Library, or CDL, is the 11th university library of the University of California. It was established in 1997 to build the university's digital library, to encourage campus libraries to share their resources and holdings more effectively, and to provide leadership in the application of information technology to the development of UC's library collections and services. At CDL, Catherine Candee oversees the application of digital technologies to influence and support innovations in scholarly communication throughout its life cycle, including production and dissemination. The eScholarship program is the focal point of this effort and includes experimentation with digital repositories for dissemination of digital scholarly content, the development of supporting services and tools for repository-based communication, and publication of new scholarly products, including peer-reviewed articles, books and journals, and findings in non-standard formats.

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Sorel Reisman

Sorel Reisman is currently a professor of Information in the College of Business at Cal State Fullerton. Prior to this he was the Academic Technology Coordinator in the Faculty Development Center where he played a key role during its inception. Currently he is on leave from CSU, Fullerton and working at the Chancellors Office as the Managing Director of MERLOT where he is responsible for the day to day operations of the project as well for the development of strategic relations with corporate and academic partners. Recently Mr. Reisman was elected to the position of the 2nd Vice President of the IEEE Computer Society where, among other things, I have been responsible for the technologies and strategies of the Computer Society Digital Library which is composed of more than 150,000 articles from magazine, transactions, and conference proceedings which are available to members and non-members on a subscription and purchase basis.

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Other Reports

Map Cataloging Workshop
Co-sponsored by CLA/NCTPG

The California Library Association’s Access, Collections and Technical Services Section (CLA-ACTSS) co-sponsored a workshop this summer with the Northern California Technical Processes Group (NCTPG) on basic map cataloging, taught by Paige Andrew, Maps Librarian at the Pennsylvania State University Libraries. The workshop was held all-day on Thursday, July 13, 2006, in Shields Library on the campus of UC Davis. There were 20 attendees out of a maximum of 25. The class taught primarily descriptive cataloging of maps, with some emphasis on subject and classification. Special emphasis was put on the more challenging mathematical aspects of descriptive map cataloging, and students learned to use the natural scale indicator to determine scale on a map. Determining coordinates, measurement and becoming familiar with map terminology were also highlights of the course. Feedback from the workshop was overwhelmingly positive, and participants hoped that more map cataloging training would be available in the future.

Report submitted by, Sarah Gardner

Council of Regional Groups

In the ALA hierarchy, the ALCTS Council of Regional Groups is equivalent to a section of ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services).

The purpose of the ALCTS Council of Regional Groups (CRG) is to:

(1) encourage and facilitate the activities of state and regional groups with a collections or technical services focus, and
(2) provide a forum for discussing common interests and concerns among the regional groups as well as with ALCTS.

CRG maintains the CRG Directory of Affiliate Groups and the CRG Speakers’ Bureau Directory, accessible through the CRG website, as well as a discussion list for CRG officers, CRG committee members, and officers of affiliate groups.

CLA ACTSS is one of the regional groups affiliated with ALCTS through CRG. This past year I served as the CLA ACTSS liaison to CRG, as well as the Chair of CRG. I was a member of the ALCTS Board of Directors, by virtue of my position as CRG Chair, and I had the opportunity to contribute to and vote on such issues as the ALCTS response to the LC series treatment decision. This year I continue as Past Chair of CRG and as CLA ACTSS liaison to CRG.

CRG Committees

CRG has a Nominating Committee and three standing committees: Affiliate Relations, Speakers’ Bureau, and Continuing Education. I am pleased to report that two CLA ACTSS members, Carole McEwan and Julie Moore, are in their second year of service on the Affiliate Relations Committee. Carole became Committee Chair in June, 2006.

Each member of the Affiliate Relations Committee is assigned specific affiliate groups to “track” in order to maintain
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communication between ALCTS and the affiliates.

The Speakers’ Bureau Committee maintains a list of recommended speakers for presentations and workshops to affiliate groups. The speakers listed charge no fees beyond reimbursement of their expenses. The Speakers’ Bureau Committee significantly increased the size of the list this year and will be working on an assessment of the list’s usefulness to affiliates.

The Continuing Education Committee was asked by the ALCTS Education Committee to work on the management competencies that were identified at the ALCTS Education Action Summit. Incoming CRG Chair Elaine Yontz agreed to develop a management web course in consultation with the CRG CE Committee.

Communication Between Affiliate Groups and ALCTS

Although the Affiliate Relations Committee kept up-to-date with contact information for the affiliate groups during 2005-2006, the CRG Directory of Affiliate Groups on the website was not updated in a timely manner. Affiliate Relations and the two other standing committees anticipate the possibility offered by a new content management system for simpler, more direct updating of affiliate information. (One of my “self-assigned” tasks as CRG Past Chair is to monitor the updates to the Affiliate Directory and email discussion list as officer transitions occur in the regional groups throughout the year.) Communication among affiliates on the CRG discussion list led to a revised appearance for the Affiliate Directory in which regional, multi-state groups are more visible.

CRG officers and committee chairs agreed that ANO (ALCTS Newsletter Online) should be used regularly for publicizing affiliate activities, especially for reporting affiliate programs and workshops. Presentation of the CLA ACTSS 2005 Annual Award to Sally C. Tseng was reported in ANO (v. 16, no. 6) with a substantial article and photograph.

The new brochure on training materials for the Cataloger’s Learning Workshop was available at the ALA Annual Conference CRG Members Meeting, courtesy of Caroline Miller, CRG member and Chair of the PCC Standing Committee on Training. (A California librarian, by the way, and Past President of SCTPG.) Since the Cataloger’s Learning Workshop is a cooperative project (LC, PCC, ALCTS), and ALCTS is one of the partners, it was agreed that there should be a link from the ALCTS website to the CLW website, and that affiliate groups should be encouraged to host CLW workshops on their own or in collaboration with ALCTS. CLA ACTSS has presented several of the CLW workshops, including Basic Subject Cataloging Using LCSH, Rules and Tools for Cataloging Internet Resources, and various SCCTP (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program) courses. Some newer workshops that ACTSS might consider hosting include Basic Creation of Name and Title Authorities and Fundamentals of Series Authorities.

Report submitted by, Elaine Franco
Cataloging Interest Group Merge

In May, 2006, the ACTSS Board of Directors approved a request to discontinue the Cataloging Interest Group as a separate subgroup within ACTSS. The Cataloging Interest Group was convened by ACTSS members Reve Rocke and Pat Thomas at the 1995 CLA Conference. Mary Lang was elected the first Chair, and Elaine Franco was elected the first Vice Chair. The statement of purpose for the interest group (recorded in TechNotes v. 18, no. 2) was:

"To provide a forum for conferring on topics and developments of concern to catalogers and to encourage the exchange of ideas and concepts which promote quality and standards in bibliographic records."

For eleven years, the CIG has served its purpose well, getting cataloging-specific programming and quality, hands-on, cataloging workshops included in the ACTSS agenda each year. The ACTSS membership has come to expect these opportunities and the purpose of CIG is now fully integrated into the ACTSS work plan. Since it is difficult to find enough people to serve as ACTSS leaders, the ACTSS Board agreed that it was time to eliminate redundancy in the structure of our section. The commitment to support cataloging interests will continue within a streamlined ACTSS.

Rules and Tools for Cataloging Internet Resources Workshop

Cataloging for the 21st century

This two day workshop was held during April 13-14 at San Jose Public Library and taught by Xiaoli Li, (Head of Technical Services, Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis) and Julie Renee Moore, (Catalogue Librarian, Henry Madden Library, California State University, Fresno). The workshop covered the principles and practices of online resource cataloging using current descriptive cataloging standards and practices, using AACR2 and MARC21. It also offered introductory information to cataloging Internet resources, providing an overview of the basic definitions, concepts and categories needed to catalog all online resources; cataloging online monographs, online serials, online versions, online integrating resources (websites), updating online integrating resource records for changes, and machine-assisted generation of cataloging. Feedback from the workshop was very positive.

Report submitted by Julie Moore
2006 ACTSS Award

ACTSS Awardee

Patricia French has been chosen for 2006 ACTSS Award. Pat French served the California library community for many years, providing leadership within the University of California and beyond. Pat served as an SCCTP trainer for Basic Serials, Advanced Serials, Integrating Resources, and E-Serials to librarians in northern and southern California (and even as far as Hawaii). The training even extended to MARC holdings and maps cataloging workshops. She initiated, wrote proposals for, and successfully gained approval for a UC CONSER Funnel—the first of its kind—to provide a mechanism for UC serials catalogers to contribute to the CONSER program.

Pat served as President of ACTSS in 2000; served on the NASIG Continuing Education Committee; served on numerous UC committees, including SOPAG and the Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee. Pat was one of the initial group from the UC campuses that spent a year setting up the foundation for the Shared Cataloging Program. She was instrumental in setting up and tests the actual process of receiving the MARC records at the campuses. Three years after the records started to flow, she wrote a well-received article for Serials Review on the Shared Cataloging Program. She has also been a multi-year editor for the NASIG proceedings. Her contributions are numerous, but embody outstanding achievements in all four criteria for the ACTSS award. This past summer, Patricia French left California for a new life as head of technical services for the Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon. This award thanks her for the many, many contributions in California.
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SCTPG (Southern California Technical Processes Group)
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