

Faculty and Staff Highlights

Serials Librarian Jean Boggs and CUNY Office Assistant Maritza Acero attended the CUNY Serials Roundtable Fall meeting at the CUNY Office of Library Services October 4, 2006. Susan O'Leary provided training on EBSCONET, the online system the Library uses to manage its print subscriptions.

Francine Egger-Sider and Jane Devine. published "Google, the Invisible Web, and Librarians: Slaying the Research Goliath" in *Internet Reference Services Quarterly* 10:3/4 (2005): 89-101.

It was published simultaneously in Miller, William, and Rita M. Pellen, eds. *Libraries and Google*. New York: Haworth Information Press, 2005.

Francine Egger-Sider, Louise Fluk, and Alexandra Rojas presented "The Fourth 'R': Information Literacy in Institutional Assessment" at the ARL-sponsored conference "Library Assessment Conference: Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment." The conference was held in Charlottesville, Virginia on September 25-27, 2006 (see article on page 6 for details).

Charles Keyes, Steven Ovadia, and Alexandra Rojas presented "The Roles of Wikis in the Classroom" at the Sussex Community College Fifth Annual Atlantic Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Student Support in Newton, New Jersey, October 20.

Steven Ovadia's article, "The Need to Archive Blog Content" was published in *Serials Librarian* 51 (2006): 95-102.

Kenneth Schlesinger co-presented with Dawn Amsberry, Creating the Information Commons State of Mind: Campaigning for the Future, at LACUNY Institute 2006, Information Commons: Are We All Things to All People?, in May 2006. The following month he attended ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section's Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the 21st Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures at the University of Texas-Austin, supported by a LACUNY Professional Development Grant. In addition, he served as Chair of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York's annual Awards Committee.

As a Fulbright Senior Specialist, Prof. Schlesinger visited Vietnam for six weeks this fall, consulting with three academic libraries (see article on page 5 for details). He was recently promoted to Professor. ■

The Best of the Best: Library Awards By Clementine Lewis, Interlibrary Loan Librarian

For the past 27 years, the Library Media Research Center has sponsored a Research Review Competition to encourage and support research efforts at the College. Students who receive a grade of "A" on a research paper written for a course at LaGuardia during a current academic year may submit the paper into the competition. Faculty Council co-sponsors this event and provides U. S. Savings Bonds for all of the winners!

The awards for the competition are listed below:

- All participants receive a Certificate of Participation.
- The First Place Winner receives a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, an Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate and an iPod Shuffle.
- The Second Place Winner receives a \$75 U. S. Savings Bond and an Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate.
- The Third Place Winner receives a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond and an Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate.

The winners are invited to attend the Honors Night Ceremony to receive their awards.

Students and faculty who want to learn more about the competition may contact a member of the Research Review Panel: Terence Julien, Clementine Lewis, Marie Spina, Sally Mettler, and Zhang Yu.

You may also review the flyer posted at <http://laguardia.edu/library/competition>. The deadline for the 2006-07 Research Review Competition is July 9, 2007.

The following 2005-06 Research Review Competition winners received an award and recognition for their academic achievement at LaGuardia's 2006 Honors Night Program on September 12th:

First Place: Annette Vellela
ENG 102 - Prof. Neddy McMills

Second Place: Kaori Ishikura
ENG 104 - Prof. Marian Arkin

Third Place: Bertrand Toulouse
ENG 101 - Prof. David Styler

Zalewska-Zuber
ENG 101 - Prof. Ellen Czuchlewski

Honorable Mention: Catherine Deane
ENG 101 - Prof. Diane Tomko

Jin Yee Ching
ENG 101 - Prof. Ellen Czuchlewski

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Marta Walinska
ENG 101 - Prof. Heidi Johnsen

Thanks to all of the classroom instructors who submitted research papers for their students and encouraged their students to submit!

LRC Incentive Award

The LRC 102 and LRC 103 Incentive Award is given to students who serve as a role model in classes and demonstrate great scholarship in the LRC 102: Information Strategies and LRC 103: Internet Research Strategies courses.

At the Honors Night Program on September 12th, the following students received the LRC Incentive Award:

- Ruth L. Alberry- Practical Nursing
 - Vera Benjamin- Liberal Arts: Social Science & Humanities
 - Joseph Carson- Liberal Arts: Media Studies
 - Christopher H. Chamberlain-Liberal Arts
 - Hye J. Choi- Nursing
 - Hyunsook Choi-Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Sapphire Y. El- Liberal Arts: Social Science & Humanities
 - Joan I. Erhunmwunsee- Nursing
 - Joseph W. Joseph-Charles- Practical Nursing
 - Jia Lu- Business Management
 - Jennifer E. Martinez- Human Services: Mental Health
 - Odalys T. Martinez- Nursing
 - Yelizaveta V. Sanchuk-Teacher Education/Sec. Ed.
 - Maria Ventura- Liberal Arts: Social Science & Humanities
 - Sandra S. Yi- Nursing
- For additional information about LRC 102 and LRC 103, please visit the Library's web site at <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/library/lrc/lrc.htm>.

Bookstore Humanitarian Award

Muhammad S. Yousaf was recognized for his outstanding service in the Library's open computer lab. He was one of four recipients who received the LaGuardia Community College Bookstore Humanitarian Award on September 12. ■

Cercle de Lecture Francophone=French Reading Club

By Francine Egger-Sider, Coordinator, Technical Services

Two librarians, Rémi Castonguay and Francine Egger-Sider, started a French reading club about a year ago with the aim of promoting the use of the French language in an informal setting. Every semester we meet twice to discuss a book written in French. The titles read to date include “San feu ni lieu” by Fred Vargas, a French thriller; “La vie devant soi” by Emile Ajar, also known as Romain Gary, the story of a little French boy’s love for an older Jewish woman in Paris; “Le libraire de Kaboul,” a novelist’s recounting of her stay in Kaboul with a bookstore owner, Sultan Khan; “Le testament français d’Andrei Makine,” the life of a grandmother in Russia and France during the Great War, the October Revolution and after; and “Chercher le vent” by Guillaume Vigneault, a young French-Canadian novelist’s coming of age novel. The selection for our November meeting was a book entitled “Kiffe kiffe demain” by Faiza Guène, the story of a 15-year old raised by Algerian immigrant parents in Paris. As you can see, our net is wide in terms of reading selections. We welcome new members, faculty, staff, and students – join us in this very rewarding and relaxed endeavor. You may contact the co-chairs at rcastonguay@lagcc.cuny.edu or fegger@lagcc.cuny.edu. ■

Do your students struggle with research?

Tell them about LRC102 and LRC103, the Library’s transferable Liberal Arts electives!

- **LRC102** is a three-credit course that focuses on the research process and the use of library and Web resources.
- **LRC103** is a one-credit course designed to help students with Internet-based research.

For more information on how these classes can help your students succeed, contact:

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Then check out the What’s New Library Blog. Learn what’s new in the LaGuardia Library and around the whole World Wide Web. To access it, visit: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/library/blog/whatsnew.html>.