



Donald Gilstrap Named New Dean of Libraries

Dr. Donald L. Gilstrap, dean and professor of University Libraries at Wichita State University, has been named dean of the University Libraries at The University of Alabama.

The appointment is effective Jan. 4, 2016, said Dr. Kevin Whitaker, UA's interim provost, in making the announcement.

Gilstrap has 20 years of experience in academic libraries, including the University of Oklahoma, the University of Connecticut, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Connecticut Community College System. He has served as the chief administrative officer of the main and branch libraries, as well as special collections, for Wichita State since 2011, and he also serves as a professor of educational leadership at WSU.

"Libraries are central to our academic mission," Whitaker said. "Dr. Gilstrap demonstrates a proven track record in library leadership, and we're pleased to soon welcome him to campus."

In his new role at UA, Gilstrap will oversee the Angelo Bruno Business Library, the Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, the McLure Education Library and the Eric and Sarah Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering, as well as the A. S. Williams III Americana Collection, the Alabama Digital Humanities Center and the Sanford Media Center.

"I am honored to be selected to lead the libraries at The University of Alabama," Gilstrap said. "This is a very exciting time to be at the University, and I look forward to working with exceptional staff and librarians in advancing teaching, research and learning initiatives for the University community."



Dean Donald L. Gilstrap

Gilstrap holds undergraduate degrees in both French and history, as well as master's degrees in both library science and history, from Emporia State University. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Oklahoma.

As dean of one of the three research libraries in Kansas, Gilstrap oversaw the remodeling of the main library, construction of state-of-the-art student spaces and increased fundraising revenues. He led digitization initiatives for Special Collections' rare books and manuscripts and increased library collection holdings.

Most recently, Gilstrap constructed an emerging technologies innovation zone within the main library and was a founding member of the D4 Federation of University Research. He is known for his research nationally on information literacy and assessment, as well as organizational dynamics, and he is an active member nationally in the Association of College & Research Libraries and the American Educational Research Association.

Before joining Wichita State University, Gilstrap was associate dean of libraries for technical services at the University of Oklahoma. While there, he led the implementation of the library's discovery layer search interface, the university's institutional repository, the digital media program and wide-scale digitization initiatives for Special Collections.

He also served at the national level in the Center for Research Libraries and the Greater Western Library Alliance. Gilstrap will replace Dr. Louis A. Pitschmann, who is stepping down after serving as dean since 2001.

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Welcome to the Board

Dr. W. Russell Holman III joined the Library Leadership Board in October 2015. Dr. Holman lives in Birmingham and specializes in diagnostic radiology. He received his undergraduate degree from The University of Alabama and is a graduate of The University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham. Dr. Holman is a decedent of William Inge, a member of the initial class of students attending the University.



Dr. W. Russell Holman III

Rodgers Library Celebrates 25 Years

Eric and Sarah Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 15, 2015.

Rodgers Library is named in honor of two long-time faculty members Dr. Eric Rodgers and his wife Sarah. Dr. Rodgers served on the faculty from 1932 until 1971 as professor of physics, head of the physics department, and ultimately dean of the Graduate School. Sarah Rodgers taught statistics at the University from 1930 until 1971 and later served as assistant professor emerita in business administration.



Dr. Kevin Whitaker, interim provost, and Dr. Alan Lane, professor, chemical and biological engineering, entertain the crowd during the celebration.

Built in 1990 to house science and engineering collections, the library has seen many changes over the years including service to the Capstone College of Nursing in 2002, opening of group study rooms in 2007, major renovations in 2012 including the opening of a new learning lab, and establishing 3D printing services in 2013. Rodgers Library houses more than 100 computers with academic software to support classroom assignments. The library is open 24/5 during the semester and

24/7 during the last three weeks of each semester to accommodate student needs.

In September 2015, Rodgers Library set an all-time record with 3,096 visits to the library in a single day.



Students and guests enjoy the music before the ceremony.



Current News and Events

UA's History Unveiled in Epic Painting

The journey began well over a year ago when renowned Fairhope artist Dean Mosher was asked by Dr. Judy Bonner, UA's president from November 2012- July 2015, to create a painting depicting the original University of Alabama campus.

A ceremony was held November 8, 2015, in the J. Wray and Joan Billingsley Grand Foyer in the Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library to unveil Mosher's epic 6-foot by 14-foot, 9-inch canvas entitled, "The Birth of Alabama's First Great University."

Long before Mosher picked up the first paint brush, he consulted with experts Dr. Paul Kapp, director of the Historic Preservation Program and associate professor at the School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Dr. Craig Sheldon, archaeologist; David Hale, a global positioning expert, and Creighton "Peco" Forsman, model maker, to meticulously recreate and rediscover the layout of the University's early 1930s campus.

Mosher, Kapp, Sheldon, and Hale worked together to construct the exact location of the original buildings. Other research included discovering construction materials used in the buildings.

The next step was to create models of the buildings. For this task Mosher called on another Fairhope citizen, his good friend Forsman. With minute and precision detail Forsman created scaled models of the original buildings: the Rotunda, the Lyceum, a faculty house and recitation hall, Franklin Hall, Washington Hall, Jefferson Hall, Madison Hall, and the Gorgas House. In addition, Forsman created the President's Mansion which was built in 1840.

Of the original eight buildings, only the Gorgas House still stands today. The Gorgas House and the President's Mansion survived the burning of the campus by Union troops in 1865.

The painting and the models will remain on display in the Pearce Foyer.



Dr. Judy Bonner and Fairhope artist Dean Mosher unveil his painting "The Birth of Alabama's First Great University" on Nov. 8 in Gorgas Library.



Mary Bess Paluzzi, David Hale, Dr. Craig Sheldon, Dr. Judy Bonner, Dean Mosher, and Creighton C. "Peco" Forsman



A scale model of the Gorgas House created by Creighton C. "Peco" Forsman was used in Dean Mosher's painting.



Elliott Family Presents Profile in Courage Award to University Libraries

Friends, family, and University of Alabama officials gathered September 25, 2015, in Gorgas Library for the unveiling of the late Congressman Carl A. Elliott, Jr.'s Profile in Courage award. The award was presented to the University Libraries by his two daughters, Lenora Elliott Cannon and Martha Elliott Russell. President Stuart R. Bell accepted the award on behalf of the University.



Carl A. Elliott IV unveils his great-grandfather's award.

The ceremony was held in the J. Wray and Joan Billingsley Pearce Grand Foyer in Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library. Speakers included Julian Butler, former assistant to Congressman Elliott, grandson Carl A. Elliott III, and President Bell. Great-grandson Carl A. Elliott IV unveiled the award - a silver lantern designed by Tiffany & Co.

In 1990, Elliott became the first recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award given by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation for his extraordinary examples of political courage.

Elliott an attorney and eight-term congressman lived most of his life in Jasper.

He attended The University of Alabama during the Depression working his way through college. He was elected president of the student body and received undergraduate and law degrees, the first member of his family to graduate from college.

Carl A. Elliott III spoke to the crowd about the significance of the award being on display at the University and specifically the Library. He explained that education was extremely important to his grandfather in part because he credited education with his own escape from rural poverty.

During his term in Congress, Elliott authored the Library Services and Construction Act of 1956 helping provide library services to

319 United States counties including 22 in Alabama and the National Defense Education Act in 1958 opening educational opportunities for all Americans of all economic backgrounds.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held in honor of the Elliott family. Guest speakers included Elliot Spillers II, president, Student Government Association, and former NDEA recipients: Dr. E. Roger Sayers, former president, UA; Dr. Malcolm Portera, former chancellor, The UA System; and Dr. Hubertien Scott, retired English professor, Appalachian State University. Other speakers included Alice Gerald Stephens, retired, Alabama Public Library Service and U. S. Circuit Judge Hoyt Elliott, family spokesman. Dr. Norman J. Baldwin, professor, political science, served as moderator.

The award is on permanent display in the Pearce Lobby located on the second floor of Gorgas Library.



Clark A. Elliott III, Martha Elliott Russell, Lenora Elliott Cannon, and Dr. Stuart R. Bell, president, The University of Alabama



Former assistants to the late Congressman Elliott, Dr. Mary Jolley, Tuscaloosa, and Julian Butler, Huntsville, were instrumental in coordinating the transfer of the award to University Libraries and planning the tribute to Elliott. They are pictured with Dr. Bell.



Three generations of Elliott family members traveled from several states to attend the unveiling ceremony and luncheon.



University Libraries Fair

University Libraries hosted a Libraries Fair for faculty and graduate students at the beginning of the fall semester to showcase branches, departments, and highlight services. The informative two-day event also featured campus partners the Center for Academic Success, the Faculty Resource Center, and the Writing Center.

News from the Faculty and Staff

Sanford Media Center Receives the Sam S. May Award

The Sanford Media Center team was selected as recipient of the Sam S. May Commitment to Service Award. This award, established in 2000, recognizes teams or departments demonstrating exceptional commitment, innovation, or creativity in customer relations and service, and honors a very special man who worked for the University as a Custodian in the Chemistry Department from 1911 to 1941.

The SMC team composed of Lindley Shedd, media center coordinator; Scott Barnes, digital media specialist; Alex Hollinghead, digital media specialist; and Shane Miesse, digital media specialist, was recognized by University of Alabama President Stuart Bell on October 20, 2015, during the Fall Faculty-Staff Meeting.

Mr. May, employed in the School of Chemistry from 1911 to 1941 learned basic chemistry from instructors during lunch hours. May, who possessed only a fifth grade education, soon became the person students turned to for explanations of puzzling freshman chemistry problems and experiments. May became interested in the paper industry when it arrived in Tuscaloosa and experimented in his spare time with a variety of local

plants in an effort to produce strong, usable domestic fiber. He discovered certain local plants could be useful in making cord, rope, fabric, and insulation materials. Sam May's "unusual common sense and ingenuity won

for him the respect of both students and faculty," wrote Dean Lloyd following May's death in 1941. The next year chemistry students erected a bronze plaque in Lloyd Hall in memory of the man they had affectionately called "Dr. Sam."



SMC Staff, from left, Alex Hollinghead, Scott Barnes, Lindley Shedd, and Shane Miesse

Located on the second floor of the Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, the SMC provides students with a leading-edge facility for digital media production. As a collaborative learning environment, the Center fosters high-level creative and productive output and provides for interdisciplinary

learning opportunities for all UA students. The Center's computers, audio-visual hardware, software, and instruction, allows users to become producers and authors of multimedia content.

The Sanford Media Center was funded through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Taylor Jr., of Demopolis, in memory of her grandmother, Lillie Florence Jones Sanford.



Karen Chapman Named Head of Bruno Library



Karen Chapman

The University of Alabama Libraries announced in September the appointment of Karen Chapman to the position of head of Angelo Bruno Business Library.

Chapman joined University Libraries in October 1988 as business reference librarian and attained the rank of professor in 1995.

Chapman holds a master of business administration and a master of science in library science, from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a bachelor of science, with honors, in mathematical sciences, and a bachelor of arts in history from Memphis State University.

She was the first Libraries' faculty member to receive the Libraries Leadership Board Faculty award in 2000.

Chapman replaces Lee Pike who retired after 27 years as head of Bruno Library.

Arian Abdulla, joined University Libraries as science and engineering librarian, Eric and Sarah Rodgers Library for Science and Engineering, in November.

Michael Arthur, joined University Libraries as head of the Resource, Acquisition, and Discovery Department in August.

Jennifer Cabanero was appointed cataloger, Special Collections, in June.

Katherine Matheny was appointed reference services and outreach coordinator, Special Collections, in June.

Jennifer McClure, associate professor, retired in October after 14 years of service.

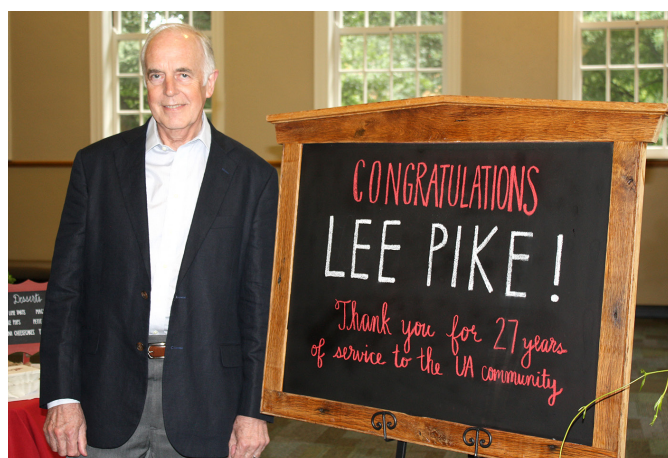
Cynthia Miller, coordinator, Music, Fine & Performing Arts Collections, was promoted and granted tenure in August.

Chris Sawula was appointed director of research and academic programs in the A. S. Williams III Americana Collection in May.

Frederick Washington, library assistant III, retired in November after 13 years of service.



Mary Bess Paluzzi, associate dean, Special Collections, retired in October, 2015. Paluzzi seated third from left, and faculty and staff, Division of Special Collections.



Lee Pike, head, Angelo Bruno Business Library, retired in August after 27 years of service.



Rodgers Library faculty and staff, from left, Rosanne Rumstay, Vincent F. Scalfani, Mangala Krishnamurthy, Annette Tinker, Mary Ann Robbins, Shinora Walker, and John Sandy celebrate 25th anniversary.



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