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Acquisitions/Collections Librarian, James Madison University,
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SLA Member Since 1991

Past Employment: Director, Information Services, American Hotel & Lodging Association, Washington, DC (1996-2002); Manager, Information Center, American Hotel & Motel Association (1994-1996); Senior Information Specialist, American Hotel & Motel Association (1990-1994); Librarian (part-time), Helen F. Kellogg Library, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1988-1990); Embassy Community Liaison Officer, American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan (1986-1988); Cataloging Librarian, Sacred Heart University, Tokyo, Japan (1985-1986); Library Clerk, Joint Library of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Library, (1985).

Education: MLS, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (1984); BA (English), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

SLA Chapter Activities: (*Washington, DC Chapter*): elections committee chair (2002); nominating committee chair (2001); member, strategic planning committee (2000); past-president (1999-2000); president (1998-1999); first vice president (1997-1998); professional development chair (1995-1996); membership chair (1993-1995); member, international projects committee (1998-2001).

SLA Division Activities: Social Sciences Division: government relations chair, (1995-1997). Association Information Services Caucus: founding member. Member, Leadership Management Division and the International Information Exchange Caucus.

Association-wide Activities: Member, committee on committees (2002-present); member, awards and honors committee (2001-2002); member, endowment and grants committee (2001-2002); chapter cabinet chair-elect and chapter cabinet chair, SLA board of directors (2000-2002).

Other Professional Activities (*selected*): member, American Library Association (1984- present); president, Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu, (1997); president, Ladies Guild of Santo Domingo (1989-1990); president, Association of Professional Librarians, Tokyo, Japan (1986-1988); board of directors, Tokyo Community Counseling Service, Tokyo, Japan (1986-1988); co-chair American Orientation Program of the Fulbright Commission of Japan (1986-1988).

Awards & Honors: Co-winner, Washington DC Chapter board of directors award, 2000. Employee of the month, AH&MA (1992). Member, Beta Phi Mu; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic honoraria).

Publications: managed the production of *Hospitality Compensation & Benefits Survey*, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2002 editions and *The Lodging Survey*, 1998 and 2001 editions, and wrote articles for the American Hotel & Lodging Association in-house newsletters and national magazine.

including shaping information policy." How would you move forward in accomplishing this?

I would lead by example; just saying you'll do something isn't enough. I think it's very important to volunteer and work with organizations such as SLA, supporting information literacy with time and money. On the other hand, leadership may mean taking an unpopular stand in our organizations or communities, which I believe I have the strength to do when necessary. Having lived in developing countries, I saw firsthand how ignorance creates fear and poverty. My vision is to communicate the importance of an educated and informed workforce and population. One of the reasons I accepted the nomination to run for president-elect of SLA was to have the power of the organization and the membership behind me in trying to shape information policy for a positive good!

2) What has been your most significant contribution to SLA?

I am very proud of my involvement in the creation of the fellows program for librarians from developing countries who were able to attend the Global 2000 conference in Brighton, England. However, I think that my most significant contribution to SLA was my "behind the scenes" role as a member of the 2001-2002 board of directors in rewriting the by-laws. I recognized that changing the by-laws was essential in being able to make some of the other changes that needed to be done at SLA. There was some reluctance to proceed because of opposition to the proposed by-laws. However, I was one of a group that pushed to continue to work with the membership to make the changes the members wanted and to communicate effectively throughout the process. I spoke publicly in several forums to explain the new by-laws and what they meant for SLA's future. Although I was no longer on the board of directors when the by-laws passed in August of 2002, I felt like I'd given birth!

3) What has been your most significant accomplishment working in the information profession?

Ironically my most significant accomplishment to the information profession occurred because I was laid off by the American Hotel & Lodging Association! When it became obvious that our new CEO was determined to "downsize" and was scrutinizing the functions of the information center, I didn't want to happen what had occurred at several other association information centers – that to save money, management had shut the information center and "trashed" the collection. I vowed – even though I was losing my job – that I would work within the organization to keep together the collection (which contained a lot of unique and valuable material) and continue the reference service to the members. The information center was eventually outsourced to a hospitality school, but primarily through my efforts, the collection was moved and kept intact, and a person was hired to provide reference services to the association's members.

1) One of SLA's Core Values is: "Leadership: Strengthening our roles as information leaders in our organizations and in our communities,