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Notes from the Chair



(Photograph provided by Karen Munro)

We've had our first two days of spring-like weather here in Portland, and it's possible (though still hard) to believe that more is on the way. I know some of us are still deep in winter, while others have been under blue skies for a while now. Before we know it we'll be meeting again in Chicago, and

which will be held on Saturday afternoon. Separately, David Oberhelman and a special ad hoc committee are exploring our options

superlative literature libraries.

All of our committees are doing great work in support of our mission and our diverse, challenging, and ever-changing roles as literature librarians. In troubled times like these, our community of practice is more important than ever. I encourage everyone to find a way to be involved in LES. Send a question or an answer to LES-L, volunteer for a committee, put your name in the hat to be a mentor or a mentee, or write a post for

far-flung, we have many ways to stay closeknit and help each other stay upbeat, motivated, and engaged for years to come.

In expectation of continued greatness,

Karen Munro, LES Chair 2008-2009

Philosophy, and Classics, serving on various library committees, working at the reference desk, helping students with research questions, and so on. Just this past fall I completed a PhD in Literature from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I earned my MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh,

and my BA in Philosophy and Classics from Beloit College. I have published two books of poetry: *Slowly, Slowly, Horses* (Ausable Press, 2001) and *A Little Night Comes* (Del Sol Press, 2005). In my spare time, I like to read, write poetry, paint, draw, play guitar, walk my dog, and exercise.

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(Photograph provided

by Roberto Delgadillo)

Hello, my name is Roberto C. Delgadillo. I was hired as the new subject bibliographer for Literatures in English at the University of California, Davis last year. also the bibliographer for Education, Chicana/o Studies, Religious Studies and Military Science. Originally from Managua, Nicaragua, my family moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s. I earned a BA in Modern German and Russian History from UC Santa Cruz, and a MLIS and a PhD in Modern Latin American History, both from UCLA. My research interests include civil military relations and the informationseeking behavior of undergraduate and graduate students. For the past several years

worked as a reference and acquisitions librarian in the Hispanic Services Division of the Inglewood Public Library and as a cataloguer with the Beverly Hills Public Library. Currently

experience, we must understand the whole picture not the family-friendly version.

In the process of discussing the book

Eleven Thousand

Rods with my colleagues, I declared I would become the Dirty Librarian: the librarian who ordered erotic fiction, classical, modern, and otherwise for my personal collection; the librarian who would also read said items and be able to converse intelligently upon them (and I do blog on occasion), and perhaps the librarian who would make a career of writing about and discussing pornography and erotica.

After the incident with *ETR* to order sexually explicit material for my

needed, requested by faculty, or considered essential by scholarly reviewers; instead I make a list of titles I learn about on review slips to order them for my own collection at some point. In the meantime, *Eleven Thousand Rods* remains on the shelf at its appropriate call number; I continue on my

director and most of my colleagues; and, I weather the jokes and mostly good-natured ribbing from other faculty. My ultimate

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(www.routledgeliterature.com) has a feed for new book titles and another for literature-555004440057005800550u

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