

# UTA Library Notes

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## Libraries in a TIF: Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund

By Tom Wilding

Several years ago, the Texas legislature created the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF), which was funded through a variety of strategies, one of which was a fee charged on individual telephone bills. (My own home phone is charged about \$.16 per month, and this is one of a number of such charges itemized on my monthly bill.) This fund was authorized up to the amount of \$10 billion and was intended to ensure that the technological infrastructure that supports education and learning in Texas would be robust enough to support the needs of Texans at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In its early years, TIF carried out a number of broad-based networking projects to ensure that K-12 schools and public libraries throughout Texas would be connected to the Internet and have the hardware and software to enable the Internet to enhance the curriculum and meet the needs of our citizens, especially those in rural areas that were underserved by technology. TIF, however, did much more than that, funding projects that affected networks and technology in higher education, museums, and health care institutions as well.

The UTA Libraries have benefited directly from TIF in three very significant ways: 1) through the development of Sam's Click Café, the Internet café on the first floor of the Central Library; 2) through participation in a state-wide resource sharing consortium that provides TIF-supported access to some very popular databases; and 3) through a grant specifically for academic libraries that funded several library initiatives.

### Sam's Click Café

At the beginning of the 2000 fall semester Sam's Click Café was opened. The café, named by our students for Sam Maverick, the University's mascot, has the look and feel of a modern bookstore, with comfortable seating, new book shelves, and



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Students gather at Java City, a part of Sam's Click Café, on the first floor of the Central Library.

attractive lighting, and in addition offers thirty-six networked computers in clusters that facilitate collaborative work. Sam's also provides seven laptop tables, each seating two users, where students can plug into the campus network, and a full service Help Desk staffed by the Office of Information Technology. Sam's was completed at the beginning of the 2001 spring semester when a coffee bar, Java City, managed by the University's food service, opened to offer specialty drinks and pastries.

Sam's was an immediate hit. Students flocked to it because it was attractive, comfortable and accessible. It was the only open-access computer facility on campus that

encouraged a community culture. Many students preferred to wait in line for a computer in Sam's rather than use available computers in other areas. Within a year the

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# The Third Coast Blows into UTA Libraries

By Katherine R. Goodwin and David Buisseret

The recent Virginia Garrett Lectures in the History of Cartography coupled with the joint meeting of the Texas Map Society and the Philip Lee Phillips Society, held on October 4-5, 2002, provided a blockbuster weekend for attendees and enhanced the reputation of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries as a major source for all things cartographic. The joint meetings were entitled "The Third Coast: Mapping the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea," bringing together speakers from across the nation to explore mapmakers and mapping in general and the mapping of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in particular. In addition, attendees were treated to a series of events, receptions, luncheons and dinners.

The **Virginia Garrett Lectures in the History of Cartography** was established in 1998 as a biennial series to explore topics in cartographic history, publicize the holdings of the library's map and atlas collections, and encourage research and study in the field. This year's session is the third in the series, and explored the cartographic history of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. In particular, the conference looked at ways in

which maps and other related imagery have been used to depict the environment, geography, peoples, habitats, and political realms of the region.

Leading the distinguished group of scholars was UTA's own David Buisseret, the Jenkins and Virginia Garrett Endowed Chair in Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography, who introduced the series topic with his presentation, "The European Mapping of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, 1500-1800." Buisseret spoke of the first efforts of the Spanish to chart the waters and islands of the area, as well as the early work of the Spanish engineers to depict the towns and cities. The French and English, on the other hand, generated extraordinary large-scale maps of the countryside. Additionally, Buisseret looked at the work of the religious orders on the mainland and the contributions of the native inhabitants, concluding that at the dawn of the twentieth century many areas on both the mainland and islands remained poorly mapped.

J. Barto Arnold, with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M University, next delivered a lively talk on the excavation of La Salle's ship *Belle* and the Civil War blockade runner *Denbigh*. Arnold also commented on other known shipwrecks in Texas waters, casting light on the nautical conditions of the period that caused the problems encountered by ship captains. Arnold also spoke of the ways in which maps are used to guide underwater archaeologists in their search to locate sunken ships. After lunch, Louis De Vorse, Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Georgia, spoke about his

experiences in arguing two cases before the United States Supreme Court concerning the precise boundary of the Gulf of Mexico. In both cases, historic maps and charts played a large part in the proceedings, and De Vorse served as an expert witness.

The afternoon's proceedings ended with a stimulating panel discussion on the cartography of the Gulf Coast at the time of conflict between the Spaniards and the French during the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The panelists, both independent Texan scholars who have written extensively about the Gulf Coast, were Jack Jackson of Austin and Robert Weddle of Bonham. They showed that there had been some collaboration between the contending parties, and clearly demonstrated that the renewed burst of mapmaking owed much to political considerations and international competition. The panel was moderated by Dennis Reinhartz, Professor of History at UTA.

The evening activities began with a reception and the opening of the conference exhibition, "The Third Coast: Mapping the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea." Attendees enjoyed light refreshments and strolled through Special Collections where 82 maps, atlases, and geographies depicting the region, ranging from 1508 to 1900, were on display. Attendees received a four-color gallery guide to commemorate the event. Following dinner Richard Francaviglia, Director of the Center for Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography at UTA, presented an intriguing talk entitled "Cannibals and Cartographers: The Role of Supposition in Mapping the Gulf of Mexico." Francaviglia explored the way maps employ deeply-held myths even as they attempt to depict real places. One of these myths perpetuated by cartography was that cannibalism abounded in the area of the Gulf and Caribbean. However, Francaviglia suggests that cannibalism was actually a metaphor for the fear of explorers disappearing into, or being consumed by, the tropical environment itself. Using dozens of maps and illustrations for the period 1500 to 1800, he demonstrated how the depictions of cannibalism slowly disappeared and were



John Crain (left) and Dickie McDonald spoke at the meeting of the Texas Map Society held in the Central Library on October 5, 2002.



Richard Stander (left), Joan Kilpatrick, and Bill Stallings admire an atlas in the Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library.

replaced by natural history drawings based on careful observation rather than speculation.

On Saturday the joint meeting of the Texas Map Society and the Philip Lee Phillips Society convened on the sixth floor of the Central Library. UTA's own Dennis Reinhartz' talk, "Divided by Empire, United by Tourism: The Tourist Maps of Sint Maarten/Saint Martin," was in keeping with the weekend's theme. He spoke of the island's division between the French and the Dutch and the lack of acknowledgement of this fact on the tourist maps, and how, upon examination, he found the maps to emphasize the business of their sponsors. Of great interest to the crowd were the samples of fabric maps Reinhartz brought to demonstrate his talk.

Departing from the concentration of the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, Heather

Wanser, Senior Paper Conservator at the Library of Congress, offered a remarkably rich summary of the best way to care for maps. She explained the various ways of making paper, explaining that some papers were likely to self-destruct, and that others would be damaged by their adhesion to backings which have different rates of expansion and contraction. She identified and demonstrated a variety of dangerous substances, including light, acid, and insects, but admonished her audience to remember that humidity is the most dangerous of all.

Gregory McIntosh, an independent scholar and author from Cerritos, California, offered a close analysis of the Caribbean Sea as depicted on the Piri Reis map of 1513. He presented evidence of place-names rather than on the more subjective assessment of

coastal outlines. He concluded that this famous 1496 map consists of two pieces, rather unsatisfactorily joined together. One of these pieces, he concludes, does derive from a map of one of the Columbus brothers as Piri Reis claimed.

The topic at lunch was the work of Herman Grosius, who drew bird's-eye-views of a number of Texas towns around 1872-3. John Crain of the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas, Texas, offered an analysis of the Grosius plan of Dallas, concluding that it contained a good deal of fantasy, including phantom railroad lines, factories, and elegant homes. After lunch, Archie McDonald, of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, spoke about Jedediah Hotchkiss, the self-taught cartographer who eventually became staff mapmaker to the



## UTA Archivist wins

UTA Libraries Archivist Gary Spurr, who completed his master's degree in history in Spring 2002, has won the 2002 Ristow Prize with a paper he wrote for Dr. Dennis Reinhartz. The prize was announced in September and presented on October 5 during the meeting of the Virginia Garrett Lectures in the History of Cartography. The following is the press release sent by John W. Docktor of the Washington Map Society:

Each year the Washington Map Society offers the Ristow Prize for cartographic history and map librarianship in honor of Walter W. Ristow, one of the nation's premier map librarians and cartographic authors. Dr. Ristow was for many years head of the Geography and Map Division at the Library of Congress and was founding president of the Society.

The first place winner for 2002 is Gary Spurr who is a graduate student at the University of Texas at Arlington. His prize winning paper is entitled "Maps of Conquest: Indian and Spanish Maps of Mesoamerica." Mr. Spurr's winning entry will be published in a future issue of *The Portolan*. He received a cash award of \$500 and membership in the Washington Map Society for the coming year.

For further information about the Washington Map Society or the Ristow Prize see <http://www.washmap.org/> or contact Bert Johnson, 2101 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria VA 22303-1547, USA., [mandraki@erols.com](mailto:mandraki@erols.com).

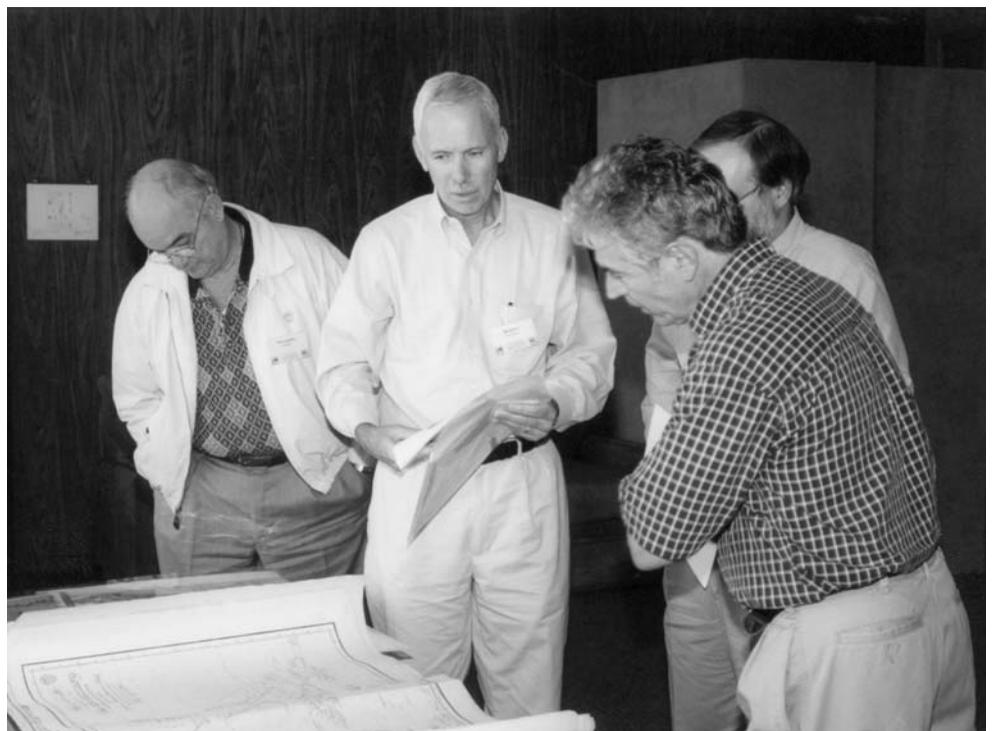
Confederate General Stonewall Jackson. In this role, Hotchkiss had an extraordinary talent for the speed and accuracy with which he could set out the topography and mark the positions of the opposing Union forces.

The afternoon program concluded with

"Kit's Kartographic Korner," hosted by UTA's Cartographic Archivist, Kit Goodwin. The popular session provides a showcase for members and guests to bring to the group a favorite map or atlas. They may ask for information about the item or its mapmaker,



Texas Map Society members examine a copy of the 1507 world map of Martin Waldseemüller that the Library of Congress is purchasing.



Bob Augustyn of New York (facing camera) shows Garret Lectures attendees a Spanish coastal chart dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

point out some aspect that appeals to them, or generally discuss the map with the group. It was informal, and participants were requested to limit their discussion to ten minutes. Many first time attendees brought items to show at this lively session. There were some unusual maps and atlases, including a rare Herman Moll atlas from the 1720s and a modern map of the Antarctic with hand drawn and colored animals.

The highlight of the meeting was when John Hébert, Chief of the Map and Geography Division of the Library of Congress, brought out the facsimile sections of the 1507 world map of Martin Waldseemüller currently at the Library of Congress. Hébert spread the sections out on a large table in Special Collections, and one hundred twenty-eight people crowded around to see the \$10 million map. The Library of Congress is in the process of

purchasing the rare map, which has been called "America's Birth Certificate" because it contains the first depiction of the New World.

The whirlwind weekend concluded with a special evening at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth. The museum hosted an exhibit of its maps especially for attendees of the lectures and the map societies. A seated dinner followed a reception and tour of the newly remodeled and expanded museum.

The Garrett Lectures and the joint meetings of the Texas Map Society and the Philip Lee Phillips Society were a success! A record number of attendees were attracted to the university to see first-hand the fine collections of the UTA Libraries. The outstanding speakers and array of talks engaged attendees who are encouraged to seek out our institution for research and study. ■



UTA doctoral history student Cynthia Chambers received the Virginia Garrett Award for her paper "One Hundred Years of Myth and Reality: Depictions on Cannibalism in the New World."

## Libraries in a TIF *continued from page 1*

Libraries' gate count rose from about 18,000 to 29,000 people per week. After a second year, the gate count stabilized at about 40,000 per week. Once inside the building, it was obvious that students increased use of the building on all floors.

One of the first priorities of TIF had been to ensure that students at all levels in the educational hierarchy had access to appropriate levels of computing to enable them to be successful. Sam's certainly addressed this priority.

### Databases

An infrastructure without content is like a bandstand without a band. A second benefit of TIF for UTA has been the support of a statewide purchasing program for information content. In the old days, researchers used indexing and abstracting tools to locate information about journal articles in their areas of interest. Using those print-based tools, wonderful as they were, was laborious. The mid-1990's equivalents of these tools are computerized databases that allow a variety of methods of searching and searches across an entire database rather than having to search year by year. The result

is that a search that would have taken hours and hours to complete before can now be carried out in a matter of seconds. The database of the late-1990s and the 21st century contains not only the references to articles but also the full-text of the articles as they appeared on printed pages, with all of their illustrations, graphs, and charts.

Computerized databases, however, are expensive, and academic libraries had begun to collaborate in purchasing access to these databases in a way that allowed many libraries to participate in a single license at a price greatly reduced from the aggregate of the prices each would have to pay separately. TIF allowed this cooperation to be extended to public libraries across Texas as well and also increased the number of databases that the program provided. The \$10 million in TIF funds purchased access for a state-wide cooperative that would have cost more than \$50 million if each had purchased its own. UTA's direct benefit from the database program has brought database access to UTA students and faculty that would have cost \$1.3 million per year had we purchased each of them by ourselves.

Having built a strong infrastructure, TIF, through its database program, provided a rich array of content for UTA's students and faculty that made the infrastructure effective in improving student learning and enriching citizens' lives.

### Grants to Academic Libraries

In 2001, the UTA Libraries received a grant from TIF in the amount of \$413,000 to fund a number of initiatives directed at improving students' and faculty members' ability to use technology in teaching, learning and research. The grant came at an opportune moment, shortly after we had restructured ourselves in the UTA Libraries with a focus on information literacy and digital information. This funding allowed us to develop a number of facilities that related to these expanded programs:

- **Interactive classroom:** Traditional methods of lecturing to students about the use of library resources are not as effective as engaging students directly. For several years it was obvious that our classroom lacked this vital aspect of instruction. The interactive classroom provides a 28-seat classroom, each

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# Friends of the UTA Libraries Make a Difference!

By Gerald D. Saxon



Joyce King, author of *Hate Crime: The Story of a Dragging in Jasper, Texas*, signs a book for Friends' second vice president for programs Dorothy Rencurrel.

Since the spring issue of *UTA Library Notes* was published, the Friends of the UTA Libraries have been busy indeed. On April 17, 2002, Richard Francaviglia, second vice president of the Friends, presented the annual STAR Award to Jean Sherwin, stacks manager for the library, for outstanding contributions to the library. Jean received a cash prize of \$350.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Friends' annual election and business meeting was held. Friends' president Daniel Kauth conducted the election of officers and new Advisory Council members. Elected at the meeting were Betty Bob Buckley, president; Richard Francaviglia, first vice president; Dorothy Rencurrel, second vice president; Mary Ellen Emery, secretary; Stephen Stillwell, jr., treasurer; and Daniel Kauth, parliamentarian. Betty Clark, Sally Gross, Brent Nicholson, and Phyllis Peters were elected as new members of the Advisory Council. Also, two new positions were added to the council. Nathan Dillinger was added as undergraduate student representative and Marcus Smith as graduate student representative. The new officers and council members took office on September 1, 2002.

After the election, author and oral historian Rebecca Sharpless spoke on "Words

to the Wise: A Celebration of Women's Oral History."

Sharpless is the director of the Baylor University Institute for Oral History and author of the award-winning book *Fertile Ground, Narrow Choices: Women on Texas Cotton Farms, 1900-1940* (1999). At the meeting, the Friends recognized and honored many of the women who had participated in the Women in Arlington Oral History Project, a project conducted by UTA and underwritten by Frank and Cynthia Hill of Arlington. The tapes and transcripts for the project are housed in Special Collections.

The Friends also presented the first annual UTA Libraries Learning Partnership Award. Friends' president Daniel Kauth made the presentation to Lorrie Hegstad, of the UTA School of Nursing, and Helen Hough, the Libraries' health science librarian. The award recognizes significant collaboration between faculty and library staff.

After a summer of mounting a renewal

and membership campaign and planning the fall programs, the Friends hit the ground running in September. The officers mentioned above took office on September 1, and the first meeting of the year was on September 20. Special guest speaker for the evening was Joyce King, author of the new book *Hate Crime: The Story of a Dragging in Jasper, Texas* (2002). The book chronicles the tragic murder of James Byrd, Jr., a black man, at the hands of three white men, who drug him behind the truck they were riding in on a deserted road outside of Jasper, Texas, in June 1998. King's message was one of hope and understanding. She characterized tiny Jasper as a "jewel" of a town that had no race problems before this incident and that reacted beautifully to this senseless act, despite the fact that the murder and later trial became a *cause celebre* for many individuals and groups outside of the region. The Friends responded favorably to King's talk and purchased every copy of the book that the bookstore had to sell at the reception.

Keith Alcorn was the special guest at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alcorn is the executive producer of the Academy Award-nominated film *Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius* and a UTA alum. He discussed taking the idea of Jimmy Neutron from conception as Johnny Quasar



Keith Alcorn, speaker at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, signed a DVD of *Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius* for 8-year-old Paul Acrey of Fort Worth.



Tom Wilding (right) accepts the donation of the records of the United Transportation Union of Fort Worth from Sammy Rudel, the union's general chairman, while archivist Gary Spurr and Special Collections' coordinator Sally Gross look on.



George Green, co-founder of the Texas Labor Archives, addresses the Friends at the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the labor archives.

to the big screen as Jimmy Neutron. The character is now the star of a program on Nickelodeon, and another movie is in the works. Alcorn brought a series of vignettes of Jimmy's evolution to show the audience as well as Alcorn's favorite segments from the TV series. Alcorn was a hit with the attendees, and the Friends sold—and Alcorn autographed—every copy of the movie DVD that was available after the program.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Friends sponsored a program to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Texas Labor Archives, a part of Special Collections. There were a number of speakers at the event, including George Green, co-founder of the labor archives and professor of history at UTA; Theresa Ann Case, a faculty member at the University of Houston-Downtown and a labor historian; Gary Spurr, labor archivist in Special Collections; and Sammy Rudel, general chairman of the United Transportation Union in Fort Worth. Case, the keynote speaker for the event, discussed "The Rise and Fall of the Southwestern Knights of Labor; The 1885-1886 Gould Railway System Strikes," while Green and Spurr talked about the thirty-five year history of the labor archives and the variety of labor records held at UTA. Rudel presented to the Texas Labor Archives the UTU records from Fort Worth, more than fifty linear feet of material. After the program, the attendees enjoyed a reception, complete with a birthday cake marking this important milestone. ■



Instrumentalists for the Four Seasons Choral Society.



Ching-Fen Chang Lin conducts the Four Seasons Choral Society at the Friend' holiday program on December 13.

# Focus on Faculty Speakers' Series

By Tommie Wingfield

The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries are sponsoring a speakers' series called Focus on Faculty to provide a forum for members of the university community to meet some of UTA's most distinguished faculty and learn about their research interests. Goals for the series are to host a variety of programs that will appeal to a general audience. All events are scheduled at noon in the Library Parlor located on the sixth floor of the Central Library, and the talks generally run from 12:15 pm-1:30 pm. They are free and open to the public, and a light lunch is provided. Reservations are not required.

It was difficult to select potential speakers from the many outstanding scholars at UTA. The awards and promotions announced by Dr. Witt at the spring 2002 faculty meeting became the working list for the initial roster. Focus on Faculty events in September and October drew audiences of more than 100 students, faculty, staff, and members of the community.

## More about the Speakers

Dr. William Ickes, Professor of Psychology, recipient of UTA's Distinguished Record of Research Achievement Award, Spring 2002, began the series with the topic "Measuring Mind Reading: Research on Empathic Accuracy." About fifteen years ago, Dr. Ickes developed a way to measure how

well people can "read" other people's minds by accurately inferring the specific content of their thoughts and feelings. Since then Dr. Ickes and his colleagues have been using this measurement technique to study different aspects of the psychology of empathic accuracy ("everyday mind reading"). To quote from Dr. Ickes's web site, "The major focus of our research in the UTA Social Interaction Lab is the study of naturally occurring social interaction. For the past several years we have studied empathic accuracy and other aspects of intersubjective social cognition." The award he received recognizes faculty members for achieving a distinguished record of research and scholarship or creative accomplishment over an extended period of time. As a measure of Dr. Ickes's impact on scholarship, the Web of Knowledge (*Science Citation*, *Social Science Citation*, *Art & Humanities Citation Indexes*, 1975-current) had 171 different citations, referenced 1732 times, to works by him. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1973. He joined the UTA faculty in 1981. For more information about his research, visit <http://www.uta.edu/psychology/faculty/ickes/index.htm>.

The second speaker was Dr. Jennifer Gray, Assistant Professor of Nursing. Dr. Gray received a Faculty Development Award, was selected as Southern Nursing Research Society

Scholar in 1999-2000, and in 2001 she received the first President's Award for Excellence in Distance Education teaching. Her topic "HIV/AIDS: Are You at Risk?" grew out of her extensive research on the disease and treatment modalities. According to Dr. Gray, around 40,000 new cases of HIV infection are diagnosed in the United States each year. This translates into a new case every eleven minutes. Dr. Gray engaged the audience in evaluating his/her own risk factors and suggested changes in behavior that could reduce personal risk. An overview of the worldwide spread of the epidemic was provided, along with potential benefits of new drugs for AIDS that will soon be on the market. While medications have slowed the progression of the disease, they have numerous side effects and require strict adherence to a medication schedule. She shared the results of two of her studies that described the challenges of being infected and adhering to the treatment plans. Dr. Gray received her Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University in 1997. She has been a member of the UTA faculty since 1989. Additional information is available at <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/jgray.htm>.

Our next speaker will be Dr. Elise M. Bright, Associate Professor of the School of Urban and Public Affairs, Institute of Urban Studies. Dr. Bright sponsored a successful bid



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for UTA to host the national annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning in 2006. She also received the first Faculty Recruitment Ambassador Award by UTA's Graduate Recruitment Advisory Board for outstanding achievement in advising. She is the author of a book significant in the field of urban renewal, *Reviving America's Forgotten Neighborhoods: An Investigation of Inner City Revitalization Efforts* (New York, Garland/Taylor and Francis, 2000). A paperback edition is due to be published in January, 2003, by Routledge/Taylor and Francis. *Reviving America's Forgotten Neighborhoods* is the winner of the biannual Paul Davidoff Award for Best Book on Social Justice, given by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, in 2001. It is currently used as a text in courses at Portland State, UCLA, UNC, USC, and Rutgers among others.

Dr. Bright's presentation will address the gap between America's rich and poor. Despite the great economic prosperity of the past forty years in one of the wealthiest nations on earth, the gap continues to widen in America. In her research over the past decade, she has sought poor neighborhoods that have rejuvenated themselves—Harlem, the South Bronx, Manchester in Pittsburgh and Boston's Dudley Street area—to see what lessons their successes hold for us, and what conclusions can be drawn that can be applied elsewhere. Dr. Bright will discuss these conclusions and

more, including the devastating effects of the local property tax system, how to make reusing abandoned inner city property attractive to developers, and whether controlling sprawl is important for inner city health. Dr. Bright received her M.A. in City Planning from Harvard University in 1975 and her Ph.D. in Environmental Design from Texas A&M University in 1980. She has been a member of the UTA faculty since 1995. For more information, see <http://www.uta.edu/supa/academic/cirp.htm>.

The February speaker is Dr. Paul B. Medley, Assistant Dean of Science and Adjunct Professor of Biology. He will present "An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a Tool for Interdisciplinary Research." As UTA offers Certification in Spatial Information Systems and The Libraries have added a staff person to assist students and faculty with GIS applications, Dr. Medley's topic is quite relevant to our programs. He received his B.S. from UTA, his M.A. from Auburn and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He joined the UTA faculty in May of 2002.

The final speaker for the year will be Dr. Craig A. Depken II, Associate Professor of Economics. His topic is "The Economics of Sports Arenas: A Property Rights Approach." Dr. Depken, recently promoted to Associate Professor, was invited to speak because of the appeal of his field of interest. Stadium financing in particular is a source of perennial

interest, and with rumors circulating of a new football stadium possibly being built for the Dallas Cowboys, his presentation could take on increased local significance. His web site is interesting (it currently has a ballot for the dumbest red light in the world); he writes articles such as "Experts Say City Can Live without Cats"; and he has the distinction of being married to Linda Depken, a UTA librarian. Such credentials made him irresistible. His primary research fields include Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics, International Trade, and Economics of Sports. Dr. Depken received his A.B. in 1991 and his Ph.D. in Economics in 1996 from the University of Georgia. He has been on the faculty at UTA since 1996. Learn more about his research interests at <http://www.uta.edu/depken/>.

The Libraries cordially invite you to attend the Focus on Faculty speakers and to bring along a friend! ■

## Focus on Faculty Spring Schedule

### January 29, 2003

**Elise M. Bright, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, School of Urban and Public Affairs  
*Reviving America's Forgotten Neighborhoods*

### February 26, 2003

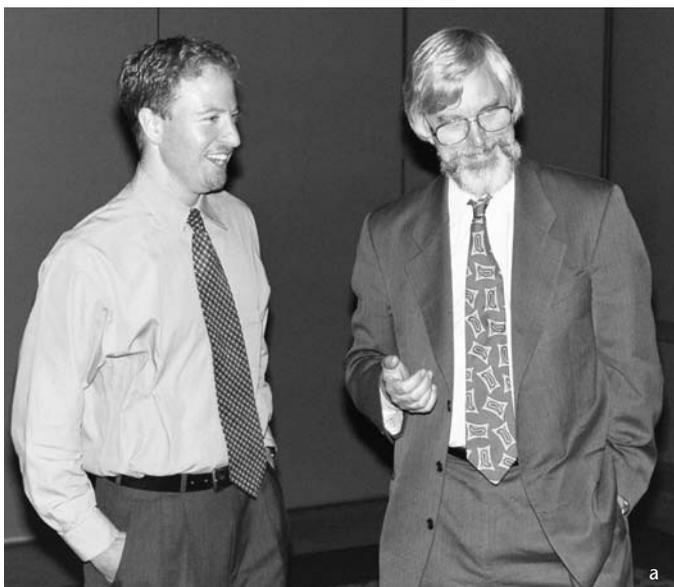
**Paul B. Medley, Ph.D.**, Assistant Dean of Science and Adjunct Professor of Biology  
*An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as a Tool for Interdisciplinary Research*

### April 16, 2003

**Craig A. Depken, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics  
*The Economics of Sports Arenas: A Property Rights Approach*

See <http://www.uta.edu/library/faculty> for abstracts and additional information.

# UTA Libraries' Information Fair



a. Gideon Davis (left), an instructional designer here at UTA is a Harvard graduate. He studied with keynote speaker professor Dr. Chris Dede, Timothy E. Wirth Professor in Learning Technologies, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

b. Terry Wang, Head of UTA Libraries Information Services (left), and Li-Chih Wang Fan, director of Academic Computing Services, found a few minutes to compare notes at the November 13 Technology Fair. This second annual fair was established for UTA faculty and staff to see how technology enhances teaching and learning here at UTA. The event was sponsored by the Center for Distance Education, the Office of Information Technology, and the UTA Libraries.

c. Clair W. Goldsmith (left) is Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer of the University of Texas System Administration. He spoke to the group on the topic "The Secure Academy—An Oxymoron?" Here he visits with Keith McDowell, UTA's vice president of research and information technology.

## Libraries in a TIF *continued from page 5*

seat provided with a computer, to allow students to begin to apply their learning immediately.

- **Upgraded traditional classroom:** Many learning experiences can still be delivered in a traditional mode where only the instructor has a computer and it is projected on screens for all to see. The grant provided the funding to upgrade the equipment in our traditional classroom to a state-of-the-art computer, audio-visual equipment, and projection system.
- **Digital Media Classroom:** Many faculty members and students want to use technology in limited ways to provide enhanced learning opportunities or to complete digital assignments. Funding from our grant provided the opportunity to develop a 14-seat digital media classroom to

permit one-on-one or group instruction and support to both faculty and students in using leading-edge digital media applications in their endeavors.

- **Portable Classroom:** Librarians are frequently asked to come to a class session and provide specific instruction that will enable students to complete specific assignments. The portable classroom allows a librarian to take laptops and a projector to any classroom on campus and demonstrate the use of resources and allow students to have some limited experiences in using them in specific assignments.
- **Redesign of the Libraries' website:** The Libraries' website is several years old now, and many advances have been made in promoting access to information that are not supported by the Libraries' website. Funding

from TIF permitted a total revamping of the website to encourage greater personalization and to make the website more useful as a tool for individuals in their learning, teaching, and research endeavors.

Our TIF grant required the Libraries to make a financial commitment equivalent to 10% of the total grant as well as to commit to the funding of any ongoing support costs, so the total amount devoted to these projects was over \$523,000, but at a cost to UTA of only \$110,000.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, academic libraries need to pursue a variety of strategies to bring together the printed and digital resources our customers expect. TIF has been an essential ingredient in UTA's ability to provide leading-edge library services to its growing academic community. ■

# Donor List

## April 2002 through October 2002

The UTA Libraries receive many donations throughout the year, in the forms of books and journals and other materials, membership dues to the Friends of the UTA Libraries, and through the Adopt-A-Journal program. These individuals help the Libraries serve all users. This list represents donations and Friends membership dues made to the Libraries from April 2002 through October 2002.

Penny & Gary Acrey	Frank & Dorothy Gilstrap	Robert & Janet Putman	Patricia Thompson
Thomas Adam	Rost & Cindy Ginevich	James Quick	Virginia Toney
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