

NewFed Notables

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Kudos are in order for the following NewFeds for significant academic and professional accomplishments in the last six months:

Aimee Babcock-Ellis began a new position as a Program Specialist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)'s National Institute of Allergies & Infectious Diseases (NIAID). She received the 2012 EBSCO/ALA Conference Scholarship to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

Chris Belter, Public Services Librarian at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Central Library, was nominated by the NewFeds for the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) Rising Star Award. He also published an article titled "Visualizing Networks of Scientific Research" in the May/June 2012 issue of *Information Today*:

<http://www.infotoday.com/online/may12/Belter-Visualizing-Networks-of-Scientific-Research.shtml>

Serena Burgess, Librarian at the National Library of Medicine, contributed to the authorship of 2 articles that will be published in the May/June 2012 issue of *IEEE IT Professional*: "MedlinePlus Connect: Linking Health IT Systems to Consumer Health Information," and "MedlinePlus Mobile: Consumer Health Information On-the-Go." She served as an invited panelist for the FEDLINK Human Resources Working Group Panel, "The Future of the 1410 Series, A Multi-Generational Dialogue," at the Library of Congress on February 9. This past fall, she was designated as Technical Lead for MedlinePlus Connect (<http://medlineplus.gov/connect>), a service that links electronic health records to patient-specific education resources in MedlinePlus.gov. In 2011, the MedlinePlus Connect team was the recipient of the HHSinnovates award, a program that recognizes, rewards, and promotes innovation across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Kristin Carr, Librarian at the Drug Enforcement Administration Library, published an article titled "Marketing the Drug Enforcement Administration Library" in *Law Library Lights*. She also presented a session at the Library 2.011 virtual conference in November, entitled "Online Library Degrees: The Pros and Cons."

Caralyn Champa, IT Specialist in the Army Knowledge Leader (AKL) Program, was nominated by the NewFeds for the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) Rising Star Award. Published an article titled App Reviews in the American Library Association New Members Round Table's November 2011 issue of *Footnotes*:

<http://www.ala.org/nmrt/news/footnotes/november2011/app-reviews>

Michelle Chronister, Program Analyst at the U.S. General Services Administration, was named a *Library Journal* 2012 Mover & Shaker in the Change Agent category for her role in leading social media efforts at USA.gov, the federal government's web portal:

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2012/03/people/movers-shakers/michelle-chronister-movers-shakers-2012-change-agents/>

Wanda Davila obtained her MLS from the University of Arizona's Knowledge River Program in May 2011. She recently obtained a ORISE Fellowship at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics, where she will be working as a Digital Librarian and Curator for the Knowledge Hub Critical Path Project.

Andrea Davis, Reference and Instruction Librarian at the Naval Postgraduate School's Dudley Knox Library, was named a *Library Journal* 2012 Mover & Shaker in the Advocate category for her role in coordinating librarian participation in the 2011 South by Southwest (SXSW) technology conference:

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2012/03/people/movers-shakers/andrea-davis-movers-shakers-2012-advocates/>

Yani Yancey Foote was hired on as an Outreach Librarian with NLM's Office of Communications and Public Liaison in December 2011. She also completed the University of Pittsburgh's Certificate of Advanced Studies in Health Sciences Librarianship, and had poster accepted for the Medical Library Association's Annual Conference: "The road to here: educational backgrounds of health sciences librarians and their motivations for choosing the profession."

Jessica Hernandez transitioned from Librarian at the FDA Biosciences Library to Program Analyst at the Office of Science & Engineering Laboratories at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)'s Center for Devices and Radiological Health in November 2011. Jessica completed a Master's of Science in Educational Technology from the University of Arizona in December 2011, and co-authored a forthcoming book chapter titled "Formal, Non-Formal, Informal E-

Learning Experiences with Emerging Technologies: A Case Study of a Graduate Educational Technology Program” in *Cases on Formal, Non-Formal, and Informal Online Learning: Opportunities and Practices*. She is beginning a Certificate of Advanced Study in Data Science from the Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies in May 2012.

Candice LaPlante, a recent MLIS graduate, will soon be joining NewFed ranks. Ms. LaPlante has happily accepted a Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) position with the U.S. Department of State, Office of Regional Coordination, International Information Programs (IIP/R). Graduating December 2011 from St. Catherine University (St. Paul, MN), Ms. LaPlante looks forward to starting her professional career as a new fed in Washington, D.C.

Aileen Marshall, Librarian at the National Transportation Library, has published an article titled “Intelligence in transportation: exploring insights and Opportunities” in the April 2012 issue of *FUMSI Magazine*: <http://web.freepint.com/go/shop/magazine/1790>

Jamie Navarette received her MLS from the University of Arizona in December 2011, and recently obtained an Analyst position at the Department of Defense after completing internships at Congressional Research Services and the National Institutes of Health Library.

Danielle Walker completed her MLS from the University of Arizona in December 2011, and was converted in February from a SCEP Librarian Trainee to an Acquisitions Librarian at the National Agricultural Library.

Wishing you all continued personal and career success in the coming months!