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- Donations to SALIS may be made at: http://salis.org/donate
- Report on the 30th Annual SALIS Conference coming in Summer issue

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SALIS @ Thirty: Stepping Into the Future!

The 2008 Conference Planning Committee is in the final stages of preparation for the 30th Anniversary Substance Abuse Librarians & Information Specialists conference in Seattle, WA, May 6-9. An exciting program has been put together featuring a wide variety of speakers and topics including:

Michael “Libraryman” Porter, Librarian and Blogger (Real Help, Real Connections: Valuable New Technology to Use Now)

Dennis Donovan, PhD, Director, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, Univ. of Washington (“Tweaking 12-Step”: Group Therapy for Methamphetamine Abuse)

Christine Goodair, Programme Coordinator, International Centre for Drug Policy (UK) (Making Connections, Engaging the Community: A View from the Other Side)

Ron Jackson, MSW, Executive Director, Evergreen Treatment Services (Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices in Community Clinics: Why Addiction Specialty Libraries Matter)

Lisa Swanberg, Senior Vice President for Information Services, IQ Solutions (Transforming Yesterday’s “Clearinghouses” to Tomorrow’s “Information Networks”)

Be sure to check the conference website for updates on extra-curricular activities, getting around Seattle, and meeting schedules for the SALIS Board, General Membership, SIGS and Committees! http://salis.org/conference/

Coming to the conference this year are new friends and old ones, and we look forward to introducing some new SALIS members and guests to our organization! If you can, please join us for the Welcome Reception, which will be from 6 – 8 pm on Tuesday, May 6th, in the Warwick Seattle Hotel’s Queen Anne & Elizabeth Suites on the 19th floor, with a view of downtown Seattle on one side, and the Space Needle on the other!

Can’t wait to see you all!

Nancy Sutherland, ADAI, SALIS Conference Co-Host
NCJRS: More Than Just Your Average Clearinghouse

By Kreg Purcell, NCJRS

Where can you find 1,551 documents referencing tobacco? 12,438 referencing alcohol? 33,412 referencing drugs? If you said the National Criminal Justice Reference Service’s (NCJRS) Abstracts Database, you’re spot on. If you didn’t (hint: it’s in the title…), or even if you did and want to know more, then this article’s for you. What follows below is a basic primer on NCJRS, our offerings, and our library collection. That’s right! The NCJRS Library collection. A 200,000 document (well, not quite yet) special collection library covering everything justice-related, including drug policy, treatment, prevention and education, law enforcement, drug-related crime, and so on. So, let’s get on with it…

Wait a second, Kreg. What is NCJRS again?

NCJRS, as some readers may know, is a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. In essence, it is a justice-related information clearinghouse mandated by Congress back in 1968 and implemented in 1972 under the U.S. Department of Justice’s Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). Today, NCJRS is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and is sponsored by 13 different agencies, offices, bureaus, and institutes within the Department of Justice and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Its core mission remains the same, but its methods of information access and dissemination have changed, as you can imagine, since its inception in 1972.

Well, Kreg, that’s nice, but how can I use it?

NCJRS’ services and resources are available to anyone interested in crime, victim assistance, public safety, and drug policy, including policymakers, practitioners, researchers, educators, community leaders, and the general public. The NCJRS sponsoring agencies publish hundreds of reports and other information products each year to share with you and your colleagues. The types of reports and their content are designed to meet the broad range of interests in the field and the audiences who use them. Most of the titles are available online through the NCJRS Web site (http://www.ncjrs.gov). If they are not, many can be obtained as hardcopy originals by using our online shopping cart or accessing it through the NCJRS Library, again through our online shopping cart or through the Library’s online ILL system. In addition to publications and products from our sponsoring agencies, NCJRS also connects users to a host of online information resources, such as justice-related Federal Web sites like NIDA and SAMSHA, and other topic-related Web sites, like the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA). There is also a searchable calendar of events (www.ncjrs.gov/events/calendar/calendarmainpage.asp) so that users can quickly locate networking events, symposia, and conferences such as the upcoming 25th annual conference of the Institute for Alcohol and Drug Studies (May 18–22, 2008, Evansville, Indiana, for those who are interested).

In another section of our website you can identify funding opportunities offered by our sponsoring agencies and learn about the Federal Government’s funding process. And finally, true to our name, NCJRS offers extensive reference and referral services to help you find answers to your questions. We maintain an online Question and Answer knowledgebase (www.ncjrs.gov/App/QA/SearchQA.aspx) so that hundreds of questions we’ve answered can be readily accessed.

So, what about the Library? We’re Librarians and Information Specialists, after all!

The NCJRS Library is a full-service, special collection library that is open to the public and thus offers all of the traditional library-based services such as ILL, photocopy services, and reference support. The collection itself houses just under 200,000 documents (199,025 to be exact) and we are adding materials daily at the rate of 4,100 new accessions per year. In the collection you’ll find publications and grant research documents from NCJRS’ sponsoring agencies as well as published and unpublished works, research reports, State and local materials, peer-reviewed journals, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, and online materials from other sources, authors, and publishers.

Topic-wise, the collection focuses on everything justice-related, including core topics long established in the field (e.g., corrections, courts, law enforcement, drugs, crime prevention) as well as subjects in related fields such as sociology and psychology. Actually, nothing is off limits as long as it relates to “justice” in some way.

The Library’s services are widely available online through the NCJRS Library Portal (www.ncjrs.gov/library.html). Once on the Library Portal, users can access resources to search our collection (the NCJRS Abstracts Database and NCJ Online Thesaurus), learn about the Library and our services, place ILL requests, access and subscribe to our weekly and monthly accession lists (www.ncjrs.gov/wal.html, www.ncjrs.gov/imal.html), learn how to contribute documents to the collection, and browse a host of online Federal information resources. It is a one-stop shop for everything library related.

The most heavily used Library resource is, of course, our online collection catalog, the NCJRS Abstracts Database (http://www.ncjrs.gov/abstractdb/search.asp). As with most OPAC/IPACs, all of the nearly 200,000 document records housed in the NCJRS Abstracts Database are fully searchable.

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News from Canada
By Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Canada

SALIS Conference 2009
As we anticipate SALIS@30 coming up soon in Seattle, some of us are already thinking ahead to SALIS@31 in 2009. It has been confirmed that Ruth Hart of the Nova Scotia Department of Health in Halifax, Nova Scotia, will be hosting the conference next year. Stay tuned for specific dates but it will be late April – early May. We will continue the maritime theme as we move back to the Atlantic coast. Ruth is retiring next year shortly after the conference and is very excited about ending her long career with this special event.

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Periodical News
By Nancy Sutherland, MLS
Director, ADAI Library

Two journals that have been in press for a couple of years just came to my attention recently. The Journal of Global Drug Policy and Practice (ISSN 1934-4708) is an international, open access, peer-reviewed journal with the goal of bridging the information gap on drug policy issues between the medical/scientific community, policymakers and the concerned lay public. The journal’s intended readership includes clinicians, clinical researchers, policymakers, prevention specialists and the interested public. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The journal is a joint effort of the Institute on Global Drug Policy and the International Scientific and Medical Forum on Drug Abuse, both divisions of the Drug Free America Foundation. The journal is published quarterly in electronic format.

URL: http://www.globaldrugpolicy.org/index.php

The Journal of Smoking Cessation (ISSN 1834-2612) is targeted specifically to the area of smoking cessation at the “grass-roots” level, focusing on observational studies that have practical implications for those assisting smokers to quit. The journal is peer-reviewed, with an international editorial board that has wide experience in the field of smoking cessation. This journal will not publish articles supported by funding from the Tobacco Industry, and requires that all authors clearly state their funding sources and any conflicts of interest or pharmaceutical industry support. The journal is published in 2 issues per year, in print and electronic formats.


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RIP: The Journal of Maintenance in the Addictions (ISSN 1091-1332) ceased publication at the end of 2007. The last issue of this Haworth Medical Press title was volume 3, issues 2-3-4.

Have you read?

What’s the Alternative? Career Options for Librarians and Info Pros
Book Review
Geoffrey Hunt
Institute for Scientific Analysis

“The Too-Good Wife”: Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan
-Amy Borovoy

While a book on drinking in Japan is relatively rare, a book on women, alcohol and codependency in Japan is even more unusual. Hence the publication of “The Too-Good Wife” is both an important and welcomed contribution to our knowledge about the culture of drinking in Japan. This is a superbly written and fascinating account of Japanese women’s attempt to deal with substance problems in their husbands and in their sons. What little we know about drinking in Japan is a portrayal of a society where Japanese men drink heavily and invariably return home late at night after an evening drinking with their friends from work. The issue left unexplored is what happens when the men return home. The problems that Japanese wives and mothers have to deal with and the emotional conflicts they go through is the focus of this book.

However, its importance goes much further than merely adding to our knowledge about alcohol issues. In fact the importance of this book lies in the fact that while its topic - a study of gender, alcohol and codependency - could be viewed as somewhat narrow, its relevance is much broader. The reason for this is that Borovoy uses her exploration of these micro issues as a way of illuminating other macro issues. Having read the book, we come away not only having gained an insight into the lives of a group of “traditional,” middle class and middle aged housewives but equally importantly we have begun to understand the day-to-day personal costs experienced by women during Japan’s economic miracle. Born in the late 1930s and 1940s, the women portrayed in the book had grown up experiencing widely contrasting periods in Japanese history, beginning with the military build up in the 1930s, followed by the Second World War, then defeat and American occupation, and finally a period of economic prosperity. These women are part of the generation of “education mothers.” They maintained the home and serviced their husbands, who were central to Japan’s rapid economic growth. Through the lives of Hoshi-san, Koike-san and Fukuda-san and other women in the group, we glimpse the extent of the personal and emotional toll extracted from these women because of “the work-ethic, the corporate sponsored drinking...the alignment of the family behind the needs of the corporation, and the rigidly gendered division of labor.” (pp.2)

The book is based on ethnographic fieldwork over a number of years at an outpatient mental health care center in Tokyo, beginning in 1992. Borovoy became a participant observer at weekly meetings attended by the women, who were attempting to handle problems arising from their husband’s or their son’s substance use. The meetings, although facilitated by a staff member, were based on AA and Al-Anon models. The women attended the meetings regularly; the stated purpose of which was to encourage them “to look within” themselves. Through their lives, Borovoy shows us the ambivalence experienced by these women who were attempting to deprioritize or reassess their role as mothers and caregivers while seeking to gain some perspective in coping with the substance problems of their husbands or sons. Borovoy examines how the language and discourse of codependency and “tough love,” described by her as “an unlikely set of ideas for Japanese women to embrace” (pp. 9), based on American notions of the rights of the individual and autonomy, are modified to fit the dominant Japanese discourses of familial nurturance, domesticity and motherhood. While notions of codependency are viewed in America as pathologies arising from a “problematic upbringing,” in Japan caring too much for family members is viewed as a virtue and is a central feature not only for the preservation of the family but also for Japanese national identity. Within this contrasting cultural context, Borovoy shows us how notions of codependency are utilized by women who view themselves more virtuous depending upon their sacrifices for others in the family. In a similar way, notions of “tough love”, which resonate in US society, with its emphasis on teenage independence and parental rights, were foreign to these women whose views on child-rearing rarely emphasized notions of autonomy or adolescent independence. Parents believed that they were responsible for their children’s success and failures. However, the women who attended the Center gradually learned to set boundaries for themselves in their dealings with their sons.

Finally, Borovoy’s detailed examination of these topics provides important insights into two additional and more general issues. First, her detailed examination of the Japanese family and the discourses that surround it highlights the extent to which wives saw themselves as productive citizens gaining high status from their role in the family and in the community. While not overlooking the serious problems that women have to confront within the Japanese family system, Borovoy shows how the status of Japanese wives and mothers is significantly different from that of their counterparts in the US. They develop a sense of independence from their control of the family domain and their husbands are totally dependant upon them for their functioning within the workplace. Consequently, to label these women as traditional and “not fully modern” (pp.4) or to be suffering from false consciousness reflects a failure to understand the significant cultural differences in the social position of housewives and mothers that exist between Japan and the US.

Second, given the focus on notions of codependency and “tough love,” we see how the incorporation of these discourses in Japanese society become culturally adapted by the women. Far from being yet another example (Continued on page 9)
able and can be downloaded. We’ve also integrated it into our Site Search option, but that’ll be our next article. In addition to the basic bibliographic information supplied by most library catalogs, entries in the Abstracts Database are supplemented with a one-sentence annotation that summarizes the scope of the document; a 100 to 300 word abstract that details the document and provides results, findings, and conclusions; and indexing terminology pulled from NCJRS’ controlled vocabulary, the NCJ Thesaurus (also searchable online at www.ncjrs.gov/abstractdb/Thesaurus/Search.asp). These custom, value-added pieces of information summarize and detail the document, allowing you to quickly determine if the item is relevant to your particular information need. Additionally, we provide document and publisher URLs when they are available. We also allow you to place order requests directly from the Abstracts Database. If we have the document in stock, you’ll find an “Order” icon, and if we can photocopy the document, you’ll see an “Order Photocopy” icon. For ILL requests, you’ll need to use our online ILL system (www.ncjrs.gov/Libill.html), but we’re working on integrating that into the Abstracts Database too.

I’m not going to get into how to search the Abstracts Database in this piece—you all are library professionals and I don’t want to sound like I don’t know what I’m talking about. But if you want to find out more, you can visit our online tutorial at www.ncjrs.gov/tutorial/index.html to learn how to search both the Abstracts Database and the Online Thesaurus.

The Library is always open to contributions and suggestions. If your organization produces publications, training curricula, videotapes, or other information resources we’d gladly accept them. Anything you submit will be screened to make sure it meets our collection development policies and, if it does, we add it to the collection so that others can find your materials when they search our resources. Or if you have a comment or suggestion on how we can better serve you, we’ll accept those too. Our comment box is always open at library@ncjrs.gov.

Also consider sharing NCJRS with your respective constituents by incorporating one of our downloadable banners (http://www.ncjrs.gov/banners.html) into your Web site.

To conclude, I’d like to thank Andrea Mitchell and SALIS for the opportunity to introduce you to NCJRS and, of course, all of you that have read this far. We at NCJRS look forward to serving you in the future.

Spring Notes from the Editor

The 30th Annual SALIS Anniversary Conference begins next week and I am thrilled to report that we have 49 registrations, 15 Exhibitors and 4 Sponsorships! This is the one conference of the year that I always look forward to attending. Not only is it because of the great speakers, and the stimulation I get from these presentations, but also the fun we have as a group. Seattle is a beautiful city with great restaurants and much to see. Our hosts have planned a sensational program for this special year. SEE the front page of this issue or go to http://salis.org/conference for the full program.

Ballots were sent out to all Full SALIS Members on April 16th with a slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Board year. See page 13 for the slate of officers. I hope most of you took the time to vote, or will bring your ballot to the conference if you are coming. David Man, Librarian for the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) will take the baton from Jessica Hinkson Desmarais to become the new SALIS Board Chairman. In the summer issue of SALIS News we will have David’s views on our organization and what he plans to do as our new Chair. Jessica has moved us along immensely with the new proposed bylaws, which she and Barb Weiner and David Man have been working on this past year, not to mention Chairing and pushing forth our Strategy Plan. (More on this in the next issue)

As some of you are already aware, the SALIS Home office had to move unexpectedly in February. We were asked to leave the Alcohol Research Group after nearly twenty years there as the official SALIS Home office. It was a big scramble to find another office on such short notice, and especially right in the middle of preparing for the 30th Annual. However, Michael Jang, Director of the Institute for Scientific Analysis, and Geoffrey Hunt, Senior Scientist at ISA offered us space under their auspices in Alameda. A big Thank-you to them for their generosity. I hope all of you who were inconvenienced by our move will now understand and forgive us. Please note our new contact information on the last page of this issue.

We have combined Vol 27 No. 4 and Vol 28 No. 1 to make this issue Winter/Spring 2008. Due to the move, we did not have time to do the Winter issue. However, we have included seven profiles of SALIS members, and a double amount of books in the New Books section. Please remember that we are always interested in hearing from you about what you would like to see in our newsletter, and invite you to contribute. If you would like to be profiled in Members Corner, contact Tom Krawczyk or Diane van Abbe.

Andrea Mitchell
Member’s Corner
Tom Krawczyk
Center of Prevention Research and Development
Diane van Abbe, Ontario Tobacco Unit

Virginia Sanchez

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I have been a SALIS member since 1996 or so, when I was working at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, in the library of the Resource Center. I was hired by then Librarian, Ira Bray, who is now Library Technology Consultant for the California State Library.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I am in an interesting position, both literally and technically. In the literal sense it is an interesting position being employed by Long Beach Public Library, in Long Beach, California, which is a coastal city in Los Angeles County. Long Beach has three freeways, the California coast, a university, two historic ranchos, and because it was a booming oil town after the turn of the century, it was able to establish it’s own fire, police, parks, schools and libraries, independent of the County.

My position is technically interesting because I was offered a promotion from General Librarian II to Department Librarian I at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library, just as my orders to mobilize to Afghanistan came through. So, my promotion is still going through, but I am still the Adult Services Librarian at the Dana Neighborhood Library until October 18th.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
The expertise and passion that SALIS members bring to their work is inspiring, and knowing that so many excellent individuals are pushing forward information and access to resources on such an important issue as ATOD speaks to me in a very personal way. I have used my continued SALIS membership and the resources it provides to assist every community in which I have worked, which brings immense personal satisfaction.

Hobbies outside of work:
I train in the traditional martial art called Soo Bahk Do, formerly known as Tang Soo Do, when the actor Chuck Norris brought it to the United States from Korea. I earned a 1st degree black belt in 2001, and have had the honor and opportunity to visit the Soo Bahk Do headquarters in Seoul, Korea in 2005 while participating in a military exercise. I have the dubious honor of inclusion in the website Butt Kicking Librarians: http://hokkien.uuft.org/librarian.html

I also enjoy riding my 1994 Honda Shadow VLX Delux, which I recently had repainted from red and white, to all black. That motorcycle has taken over the roads from Sacramento to Napa and back, all over Tucson, AZ, and up and down the Pacific Coast Highway in beautiful Southern California.

I am an avid shutterbug, and enjoy snapping frame after frame of photographs, then “Photoshopping” them, or sharing with friends and family. My new cell phone has interesting capabilities, much to the chagrin of friends!

My reading tastes are all over the place, and this past summer I discovered that I could combine several past-times by taking one or two of my current reading matter to new venues I wanted to check out (no library pun intended), where I could make headway in my reading, snap photos, more often than not make new acquaintances, and journal about the experience.

Favourite colour: Colbalt blue
Favourite food: The spicy stuff.
Favourite book: To Kill a Mockingbord.

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I hope that my membership on the ALA Council, as a Councilor at-Large, has assisted SALIS in some way. I intend to learn as much as I can during this deployment in service to my country, and to contribute as much as I can as perhaps the first-ever “Boots on the Ground Sailor/Librarian.”

Christine Goodair

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
5 years, since 2003

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
(Continued on page 7)
I work for the International Centre for Drug Policy at St George's, London University, UK, managing their national and international programmes.

**How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?**

Professional networking, learning about information and libraries elsewhere in the world. SALIS offer a rich vein of professional contacts, friends and resources. It is one of the best professional networks I'm involved in!

**Hobbies outside of work:** Swimming, travel.

**Favourite colour:** Blue

**Favourite food:** Pasta

**Favourite book:** To kill a Mockingbird

**Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?**

I enjoy cooking and make all my own preserves, jams etc. Also I love taking the opportunity to have a vacation in the States or Canada when attending Salis Conferences - I am working my way around the National Parks!

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**Georgia Girvan**

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**

I joined in 2000, after attending a RADAR training in Rockville, Maryland, where several of the attendees sang the praises of SALIS.

**What organization do you work for and what is your position?**

I am the director of the Idaho RADAR Network Center, housed at Boise State University (land of the blue turf, for you football fans) Health and Wellness Center, in an 800 square foot space. I direct two permanent staff members, a resource specialist and a video library manager. The Center, 100% grant funded since 1991, is one of the longest standing grants affiliated with Boise State University. The campus location affords the Center with student workers, service learning students, interns, and graduate students seeking projects. Each month the Center typically wel-

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**Ed Kirtz**

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**

I’ve been in SALIS since January 2005

comes over 100 visitors, fills approximately 200 orders, and loans over 300 videos. An estimated 71,500 patrons were reached during the past year. Throughout the 2007 fall semester the Center planned for 140 college students, assigned by instructors, to visit the Center.

**How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?**

I have a professional support group! My position is unique in Idaho, so the mentors I have met at SALIS conferences are invaluable. This becomes even more important since the national RADAR conferences appear to be a thing of the past. Additionally, I rely upon the SALIS listserv to provide current information to add to our vertical files, used regularly by students and health professionals seeking information for reports and presentations.

**Hobbies outside of work:** tennis, church and community work, following BSU sports with my husband, connecting with my grown children and our new grandson.

**Favorite color:** the blue of the Swedish flag

**Favorite food:** chocolate and ice cream

**Favorite book:** The Ten Greatest Gifts I Give My Children by Steven Vannoy. I must confess that I have difficulty sitting still long enough to read books, so I focus on short inspirational readings and articles that enhance my knowledge of resources available in the substance abuse field.

**Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?**

My husband and I just completed two years as faculty-in-residence for the Health Professions Residential College, a new program that involved our living in a residence hall (we did have our own apartment) with 20 health professions majors. With the students we tried to open doors to vocations in the health field, encourage their scholarly activity, connect them to resources (including the RADAR Center!), affirm them as unique individuals, and have fun.

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What organization do you work for and what is your position?

I’m the librarian at the Lindesmith Library at Drug Policy Alliance

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

I’ve always appreciated the way we assist one another not only with specific resources but also in helping to think about the conceptual issues we face in our work lives. Due to the subject area we work in, there are many ways in which to conceive of questions; I think we are excellent in reminding each other of the many angles.

Hobbies outside of work: Hanging out with cats, listening to music, thrift stores, mid-century modern posters, cooking.

Favourite colour: Orange

Favourite food: Any Cantonese-style squid dish; Indian food; brussel sprouts

Favourite book: The Idiot by Dostoevsky; anything by Ryszard Kapuscinski

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?

I keep thinking I’ll become a sociologist at some point.

Heather Cooke

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

Since 1987

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

The Addictions Services Provincial Library of Newfoundland and Labrador. My position is Librarian

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

Being a member of SALIS has provided a whole network of colleagues which I otherwise would not have. With the library being the only library of its kind for the province and with myself being the only Addictions Librarian, I would be lost without it.

Hobbies outside of work: With working full-time and being a mother I don’t have allot of time for hobbies. However I spend as much time as possible with my son, husband and dog. I particularly like walking and hiking.

Favourite colour: red

Favourite food: pizza

Favourite book: Harry Potter

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?

I love being an Addictions Librarian and have done it for 20 years. I enjoy it now even more than when I first started. I always say, "The library was my first child". I work a great deal with clients and family and the part I enjoy the most is finding that perfect piece of information that really clicks or connects with their information need. My passion has been the helping aspect of librarianship.

Daniela Zardo

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

Since 1998. I had met Andrea Mitchell the year before, when she attended the Elisad Annual Meeting in Torino, which was organized by the Documentation Center I work for. We were so impressed by her enthusiasm and professional competence as the SALIS representative, that we decided to join SALIS as well!

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

I work for the Documentation and Research Center of the Association Gruppo Abele in Torino, a nationally well-known non profit organization. We run a specialised library on addictions and other social issues, and I act as the supervisor of the bibliographic database and a reference librarian. I am in charge of purchasing new books and edit-
of Western hegemony and global homogenization, Borovoy highlights the way that Western ideas are actively transformed to fit their own needs and purposes. Just as other anthropologists such as Howes (1996) have highlighted the way that Western transcultural commodities become “recontextualized” or “hybridized” in non-Western societies so also does Borovoy’s research illustrate the way that Western ideas become subverted by people in non-Western societies. In this study the ideas have become “Japanized.”


Marc Wauters

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

I’ve been a member since 1999, one year after starting our library. Thank you for letting me realize…I work already 10 years at VAD!

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

VAD (Vereniging voor Alcohol- en andere Drugproblemen) is the umbrella organization for the AOD field in Flanders, the Dutch-spoken region of Belgium. We are located in Brussels. We have a staff of 35 people. Our main areas of activity are research, information supply, providing training, government and policy support, coordination of prevention, organizing campaigns, and publishing reports and educational materials. We also run a telephone helpline, “De Druglijn.” VAD is funded by the Flemish government. I am employed in our one-person library, so my job is very varied. It ranges from collection management to material processing, cataloging, information retrieval, and lending books.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

For me as a low-profile overseas member, the SALIS listserv is the most important advantage of membership. It’s interesting to learn about the experiences of colleagues in other countries. The list also gave us the opportunity to obtain some books and articles that are not available in our country. Furthermore, the SALIS website and SALIS News are very useful for my work. Especially the “New Books” section is a great resource for me.

Hobbies outside of work: Reading, walking, cycling, enjoying nature, collecting records.

Favorite color: Bordeaux

Favorite food: I tried and enjoyed many exotic dishes, but I stick to the Belgian/French kitchen.

Favorite book: I like old classics: The Trial (Franz Kafka), The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde), Pride and Prejudice (Jane Austen), Anna Karenina (Leo Tolstoy), Crime and Punishment (Fyodor Dostoyevsky).

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?

We are also an Elisad member. I would be happy to meet some people from SALIS at the Elisad meeting in Turin (October 9-11, 2008).
engine that only searched the library’s resources. Although funded by government, it was independent of political or corporate pressure in terms of content and selection. Just this week, a SALIS member sent an interesting news alert to the SALIS List about Popline, funded by USAID, blocking abortion as a search term. It is interesting that the CHN had some excellent, gender focused, public information materials on abortion. If one searches abortion on the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) website, 15 plus pages come up and the first item is Canadian Perinatal Health Report 2003. Not very helpful for the distraught girl or woman looking for guidance. Something of value has been lost here that will not entirely be gained when “Healthy Canadians” (the eventual new site of the PHAC) finally begins to take shape. So we bid farewell to yet another of our key resources. Thank you SALIS for your support in the “Save CHN” campaign. Our letter was one of the thousands of letters and e-mails that were sent to Health Minister Tony Clement. It is always worth a try and through our advocacy work we continue to grow, learn and make new alliances.

Library Position Available
Chicago, IL

PREVENTION FIRST, a statewide nonprofit organization specializing in drug and alcohol prevention, is seeking an exceptional Librarian with management experience and a creative drive to join our Chicago-based special prevention lending library.

As the library manager, the ideal candidate will supervise the senior research librarian and the library assistant as well as -
- Oversee the planning and coordination of library/clearinghouse services
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- Perform system operator functions for library technology, including managing the circulation system
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- Develop, submit and implement the assigned library/clearinghouse annual budget. Monitor and approve all expenditures.
- Serve as a member of management team and interdepartmental teams as assigned and attend required meetings as library representative

Prepare reports and written documents including the library work plan, status reports, and articles for Prevention Forum magazine and the Library Clearinghouse newsletter

Qualifications:
The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of 5-7 years in library management or related experience, MLS, ability to manage multiple projects with competing priorities and deadlines, ability to work in a team, ability to set and achieve target-specific goals. The candidate is expected to demonstrate a strong initiative to suggest new ideas and improvements.

Prevention First offers competitive salary and excellent benefits including:
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Prevention First is a nonprofit resource center committed to building and supporting healthy drug-free communities through public education, professional training and effective tools for those working to prevent drug use and related issues such as violence, teen pregnancy and academic failure. We are based in Springfield with a branch office in Chicago’s River North district. We are primarily funded by the State of Illinois as well as additional grants and contracts from non-governmental entities. Prevention First is also the Illinois affiliate for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. Visit prevention.org for more information. Contact becky.barnett@prevention.org or mail resume to Becky Barnett, Prevention First, 2800 Montvale Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. No phone calls, please.

Prevention First offers competitive salary and excellent benefits including:
- 13 paid holidays
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New Books

By Andrea L. Mitchell

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Goodman, Jordan , Paul E. Lovejoy, and Andrew Sherratt. Consuming Habits: Global and Historical Perspectives on How Cultures Define Drugs. 2nd ed. London ; New (Continued on page 12)
York : Routledge, 2007. 283 p. $130.00 ISBN : 9780415425810, 0415425816 (hardback); $42.95 9780415425827, 0415425824 (paperback.) ; 9780203993163 , 0203993160 (ebk)


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