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NC State Librarian Liz Burnette Selected for ARL Leadership Program

NC State librarian Liz Burnette, assistant head of the NCSU Libraries' Acquisitions Department, has been selected by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) to participate in its highly competitive Leadership and Career Development Program (LCDP). Created in 1997, the LCDP is an ARL initiative focused on preparing emerging leaders from underrepresented groups for demanding and visible roles in academic and research libraries. ARL provides up to \$1,000 per participant to help cover travel costs associated with the program.

The 2003–2004 program, which starts in June, comprises five components over a one-year timeframe: (1) a half-day Orientation Session, (2) an ongoing mentoring relationship, (3) two five-day Leadership Institutes, (4) three Web-based courses on selected leadership topics, and (5) a closing ceremony. Each participant also selects and works on a research project.



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"I am excited to be a participant. The timing is perfect for this phase of my career. The program will tailor my management and leadership skills for the large academic library, and it will increase my awareness of the current critical issues in research librarianship. I am eager to begin my research project, which will study the Libraries' recent Integrated Library System migration to analyze change and staff stress and to maximize staff intellectual resources during planning and migration. My mentor will be designated in a couple of weeks and this privilege is truly an honor," said Liz Burnette.

Burnette obtained her M.I.S. from Drexel University in 1990 and worked for more than five years as head of Technical Services for the William H. Hastie Library for Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. Afterward, she worked as a systems analyst/trainer for both the Office of

the Circuit Executive for the Third Circuit, also in Philadelphia, and the Administrative Office for the U.S. Courts in San Antonio.

ARL is a not-for-profit membership organization comprising the leading research libraries in North America. Its mission is to shape and influence forces affecting the future of research libraries. ARL currently has over 120 member libraries.

The NCSU Libraries, an ARL member, offers leading-edge resources and services from its central library, the D. H. Hill Library, and four branch libraries. In all, the Libraries has a collection of more than 3.1 million volumes, nearly 53,000 print and electronic serials, and hundreds of databases, with emphasis on science, engineering, and technology. The Web URL for the NCSU Libraries is www.lib.ncsu.edu.