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Top Academic Leaders Attend 2005 UCLA Senior Fellows Program

Fifteen top leaders in the college and university library field attended the three-week Senior Fellows Program held at UCLA from July 31 through Aug. 19.

The librarians, deans and directors of libraries were chosen as UCLA Senior Fellows for 2005 after a nationwide competition conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

The intensive learning program featured selected faculty and invited speakers to discuss key topics in the library field such as the emergence of new leadership styles and expectations, information technology trends, and information policy challenges.

“The program offers a rich environment for debate and discussion, a chance for reflection and study, and an opportunity to network with other top leaders in the academic library field,” said Beverly Lynch, UCLA information studies professor, director of the program and a Senior Fellow in 1982.

The 2005 Fellows include Gordon J. Aamot, head of arts, architecture and business libraries at the University of Washington; Bonnie Allen, associate university librarian at Oregon State University; Rosann Bazirjian, university librarian at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Wanda V. Dole, dean of university libraries at Washburn University; Maggie Farrell, dean of libraries at University of Wyoming; Dan Hazen, head of the collection development department at Harvard College Library; Barbara S. Hutchinson, director of the Arid Lands Information Center at the University of Arizona; Beth McNeil, associate dean of libraries at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Deborah A. Nolan, associate director of Z. Smith Reynolds Library in Wake Forest University; Barbara G. Preece, executive director of the Boston Library Consortium; Mark Roosa, dean of libraries at Pepperdine University; Carlen Ruschoff, director of technical services at McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland, College Park; Mary M. Somerville, assistant dean of the Robert E. Kennedy Library at California Polytechnic State University, San Louis Obispo; Lee C. Van Orsdel, dean of libraries at Eastern Kentucky University; and Suzanne T. Weiner, head of collection management at North Carolina State University.

The Senior Fellows Program was first established in 1982 with the support of the Council on Library Resources, UCLA, and the institutions represented by the participating fellows. More than 150 academic library leaders have participated in the program. The program is conducted every other year; 2005 marks the 13th year the program has been held.