

# Inside ACL: Arlington Campus Library's Newsletter

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## Spotlight on Housing Policy



When the economy went on a downward spiral a few years ago the state of housing changed drastically as a result; the stability of domestic housing, foreign housing, urban and affordability issues have affected the future of home ownership in the United States. Jonathan Buono, a Graduate Research Assistant at the Arlington Campus Library offers insight into this crisis with nine titles to reflect the current state of the housing market. "I choose the nine books in the Housing Policy spotlight for their breadth in covering the issues in housing. Renting and home-ownership changed as a result of the 2008 crash and the state of the housing market."

Texts highlighted in the Housing Policy display, located in the Arlington Campus Library on the second floor of Founders Hall, are intended to provide an analysis of the current housing market. ***Housing Markets and the Global Financial Crisis: The Uneven Impact on Households*** conveys a layout of all major economies, including: Australia, China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Iceland, and the USA. In ***Housing Finance Policy in Emerging Markets***, author Loic Chiquier provides a developmental roadmap and timing of the housing crisis in each country; while ***Housing Markets and the Economy: Risk, Regulation, and Policy*** investigates the role of government-sponsored entities in lending credit to home purchasers in low-income neighborhoods.

Buono is a graduate student studying Public Policy with research interests in affordable housing, land use and program efficiency. "My particular area of interest is on affordable housing in transit-oriented areas. Preserving income diversity and transit access has many economic and social benefits to a community," said Buono. Jonathan plans to peruse an employment opportunity working as a policy analyst or researcher after graduation in May.

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## **ACL Staff Changes**

When it comes to the Arlington Campus Library staff, the Beatles song “Hello, Goodbye” comes to mind. We’ve recently bid farewell to two of our librarians as they pursue new opportunities in their careers. Lee LaFleur served as the Head of the Arlington Campus Library and Gretchen Reynolds was George Mason’s Liaison Librarian for Conflict Analysis and Resolution and Arts Management. We thank them both for their time with ACL and wish them only the best of luck in their future endeavors.

As a committee is formed to find Lee’s replacement, Beth Roszkowski has taken on the duty of serving as ACL’s Interim Library Head, in addition to her role as Liaison Librarian for Public Policy.



We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to our staff, Nicole Stancel. Helping to bolster ACL’s thin ranks, Nicole will be working with both the reference and circulation staffs.

-Jonathan Buono, Arlington Campus Library GRA

## **Library of Congress Tour Highlights**

The Smithsonian Museums, the Capitol, the Washington Monument, and the Library of Congress are all within our back yard. Have you taken the opportunity to explore our city? If you were part of the George Mason Arlington Library/Library of Congress Behind the Scenes Tour then you did. Darren Jones, a twenty year veteran of the Library of Congress, served as our tour guide to a handful of GMU Arlington students and community patrons on November 4.



We had the delight of witnessing first-hand the underground tunnel that connects the James Madison building to the Jefferson building. We received our official Library of Congress Readers Cards, toured the Reading Room, and yes, even went through the secret door featured in *National Treasure 2* - and we’re not even Nicolas Cage! Have you toured one of our national treasurers located at 101 Independence Avenue Southeast Washington, DC? If not, join us for another round of exploring the Library of Congress for a Spring tour. Check out the GMU Library Reference Desk for further information.

## ACL Staff Spotlight

*A sit down Q&A with Nicole Stancel the newest addition to the George Mason University Arlington Campus Library.*

### **Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

A: I enjoy interacting with patrons; I especially enjoy interacting with patrons who leave with a satisfied smile on their face as they continue with their day.

### **Q: What do you believe is the most beneficial feature of the library that students and faculty should know about?**

A: Having so many resources available at your fingertips is invaluable. In my library experience most patrons are not aware of the resources we have access to. Sometimes I'm even a little surprised at the depth of our access. On a recent tour of the Library of Congress our tour guide relayed a story of a woman who was looking for the address of her biological mother. The woman wrote to the Library of Congress seeking help with her search. A librarian aided in finding the address to connect her past to her future. As a student, faculty, or staff member of George Mason University, you too can receive a LoC borrower card, which allows you the privileges and rights as a LoC patron; including researching your own history.

### **Q: EndNote vs. Zotero? Who wins and why?**

A: While I cannot declare a winner in the EndNote vs. Zotero argument simply for my lack of skills, I did turn to google for an answer. Take a look and decide for yourself in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Zotero vs. EndNote blog. Although the short answer is that Zotero won. Five to three according to my tally marks. Zotero won in cost comparison (free vs. \$100 EndNote fee), Collecting sources online, Synching, sharing Sources, and creating sources from PDFs. While EndNote won in its speed, customizability, and the ability to find full text for your sources.

### **Q: Do you have a favorite book of all time? If so, what is it?**



Nicole Stancel

New addition to the GMU Arlington Campus Library

A: I don't necessarily have a favorite book of all time and my reading list tends to jump around. Currently you can find authors from James Patterson to Chelsea Handler, Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott, and more recently Diane Farr on my nook.

### **Q: What's your favorite website?**

A: It's broad, it's customizable, and it stores everything. It's Google.

### **Q: What do you like to do when you're not working hard in the library?**

A: On days where I'm not at the ACL you can usually find me at home or out with friends. I also enjoy taking advantage of the history of Washington D.C. Like learning about the memorial in Waterfront Park, D.C. dedicated to the men who died in the Titanic.

### **Q: If you could change one thing about Arlington Campus Library, what would it be?**

A: An electronic system wired into the window shades so that with a push of a button they would all move up or down. This way all of the shades would be at one length.

### **Q: Any advice for new students using the library?**

A: Take advantage of the library resources and ask questions!

## News That You Can Use

"Certainly, libraries serve as a base for the academic endeavors of students, adults, and others who are reading for enjoyment, school, or their professions. I am a strong believer in the power of the written word to help bring about changes in our society. Reading good books about a variety of subjects, both fiction and nonfiction, will provide a person with a great deal of knowledge about a number of subjects. Someone who reads is usually well-rounded, interesting, and well-informed. I make it a point to spend a portion of my time reading, and I encourage everyone to do the same."

- Al Gore, in a letter to ALA's Public Information Office, April 14, 1996.

### 2011 Winter Hours

- Intersession Hours December 20 –December 22 & January 3 – January 20 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Closed December 23 – January 2; January 16
  - First weekend open January 21 – January 22
    - SPP Orientation January 21
    - Classes start January 23

### Look for Upcoming Library Workshops in the Spring!

All workshops will be in the Library's Instruction Room unless otherwise noted.

To view and register upcoming workshops please register at <http://ittraining.gmu.edu>.

### Check Out Our Blog!

If you want to keep up to date with what's going on in the library, read our blog! You can find it at <http://gmuac1.wordpress.com> and even leave comments for us. In addition to news, the blog features staff spotlights, exhibits, and other fun stuff you can learn about the library.

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