

North Carolina Library Association REMCo Newsletter Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns

September 2011

Inside This Issue

- 1 Greetings from the President
- 2 Discovering Librarianship
- 2 Roadbuilder's Award
- 3 Past Recipients
- 4 Executive Board Nominations
- 4 NCLA Biennial Events
- 4 REMCo Officers
- 4 Member News

One major goal set during the past two years included challenging current members to recruit...

Greetings from the President

Hello REMCO Members:

Serving as your REMCo President for the 2009-2011 Biennium has been a wonderful and extraordinary experience which allowed me an opportunity to work with a dedicated group of members. As I write my final greeting for the 2009-2011 Biennium, I would like to reflect on one of the major goals and its relevant strategies established during the past two years.

One major goal set during the past two years included challenging current members to recruit at least two members by August 2011 to help increase REMCo's membership. This goal was only partially met by increasing a small percentage of membership. It is my hope that the above goal continues to be a major priority for the new biennium period of 2011-2013.

The related strategy for the above goal included developing and implementing a recruitment survey for non-committee members. The purpose of the survey was to obtain their responses about the motivating factors for joining our committee. Unfortunately, due to other conflicting priority obligations, this strategy was not implemented. However, according to the enthusiastic feedback received from some of the current members about it for obtaining valuable information, hopefully it possibly still could be executed during the upcoming biennium.

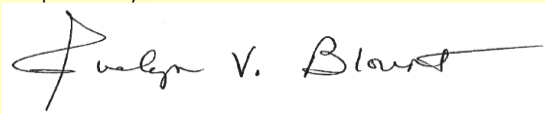
The last strategy pertaining to the recruitment process included a word-of-mouth campaign which required the current members to ask his or her colleagues to join REMCo. This is a direct and one of the most effective methods for increasing membership that involves the least amount of resources. Hopefully, this strategy also will be considered as an on-going tactic.

At this year's North Carolina Library Association 2011 Conference, REMCo will feature a pre-conference workshop entitled "Skeleton in the Closet: Genealogical Resources and Research for Everyone, Aimed at African American Families". The workshop will be conducted by Jamane Yeager and Janey Deal on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. REMCo's Luncheon Program will feature author Nooma Monika Rhue on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Nooma is the Library Director at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. She will discuss her new book entitled "Organizing and Preserving Family History and Religious Records". Both events will provide intellectual and personal enjoyments which are important elements for professional development. I hope that you will be able to attend the conference, as well as both REMCo events. I anticipate seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the hard work demonstrated by the 2009-2011 Executive Board Members. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the past Executive Board Members who continue to support REMCo in so many ways. From my perspective, REMCo remains a strong and viable committee due to all of the above stakeholders' many years of dedication. I am extremely positive that the overall invaluable mission of the round table continuously will be achieved and I am proud to be part of it.

Again, thank you so very much for allowing me the honor to serve you as your REMCo President for the 2009-2011 Biennium. I look forward to being zealously engaged with REMCo's continuous activities and commitments to the librarianship profession.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background, reading "Evelyn V. Blount". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Evelyn V. Blount

Discovering Librarianship

The American Library Association's Office for Diversity & Spectrum Scholarship Program is honored to have been awarded a grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st-Century Librarian Program in the amount of \$432,495 to fund a three year project (2010-2013) to recruit ethnically diverse high school and college students to careers in libraries. The program is titled, "Discovering Librarianship." *Discovering Librarianship* Field Recruiters Holly Smith (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library) and Somaly Kim Wu (University of North Carolina at Charlotte, J. Murrey Atkins Library) will be available in the NCLA Conference Registration area to discuss the program and ask for volunteers who would like to participate in this recruitment initiative.

Roadbuilder's Award

The Roadbuilder's Award recognizes ethnic minority librarians in library education, academic, public, school and special libraries, who have served as pioneers in librarianship and also as positive role models. This award recognizes ethnic minority librarians who exemplify courage, integrity, perseverance, and have contributed to the field of librarianship for their specific category. The categories include library education, academic, public, school and special librarianship.

The Roadbuilder's Award was established in 1989 by the Round Table of Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMCo). The recipient receives a plaque at the North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference. The recipient assumes all costs of attending the conference and the ceremony at which the presentation is made. If there are no appropriate candidates, NCLA-REMCo may elect not to present the Award in a given year.

If you know a librarian who has greatly contributed to the field of librarianship and deserves to be honored, please complete the [online nomination form](#) by September 27, 2011.

Past Roadbuilder Award Recipients

58th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 6-9, 2009 - Greenville, NC

Jamane Yeager, Academic Librarianship
 Charles M. Brown, Public Librarianship
 Jamal L. Cromity, Special Librarianship
 Dr. Claudia J. Gollop, Library Education

57th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 16-19, 2007 - Hickory, NC

Vanessa Work Ramseur, Public Librarianship
 Dr. Irene Owens, Library Education

56th NCLA Biennial, Sept. 20-23, 2005 - Winston-Salem, NC

Gerald Vernon Holmes, Academic Librarianship
 Robin Imperial, Public Librarianship

55th NCLA Biennial, Sept. 22-26, 2003 - Winston-Salem, NC

*Louise M. Rountree, Academic Librarianship
 James Jarrell, Public Librarianship

54th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 2-5, 2001 - Winston-Salem, NC

Miriam Gwinette Ricks, Library Education

53rd NCLA Biennial, Sept. 20-23, 1999 - Winston-Salem, NC

Dorothy Huey, Special Librarianship

52th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 7-10, 1997 - Raleigh, NC

Dr. Benjamin Speller, Library Education
 Dr. Clarence Toomer, Academic Librarianship
 Dr. Robert M. Ballard, Special Librarianship
 Brenda Stephens, Public Librarianship

51st NCLA Biennial, Oct. 3-6, 1995 - Greensboro, NC

Dr. Pauletta Bracy, Library Education
 Barbara Best-Nichols, Special Librarianship
 Wanda Brown, Academic Librarianship
 Sherwin Rice, Public Librarianship

50th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 19-22, 1993 - Winston-Salem, NC

Barbara Akinwole, Special Librarianship
 Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Public Librarianship

49th NCLA Biennial, Nov. 12-15, 1991 - High Point, NC

* Nell Wright Alford, School Librarianship
 Ophelia Irving, Special Librarianship
 Linda Simmons-Henry, Academic Librarianship

48th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 10-13, 1989 - Charlotte, NC

* Mollie Houston Lee, Public Librarianship
 Daisy Lee Williams, School Librarianship
 Evelyn Pope, Library Education



2009 Award winners – Jamane Yeager, Charles M. Brown, Jamal L. Cromity and Dr. Claudia J. Gollop

* Posthumously

Executive Board Nominations

The REMCo Elections Committee is seeking candidates to fill the following Executive Board positions: Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Director (two). Please submit names of person(s) you would like to nominate (self nominations are welcomed) using the [online form](#) by September 27, 2011.

NCLA Biennial Events

Please join us at the REMCo events during the 59th NCLA Annual Biennial Conference. REMCo is sponsoring a preconference called "Skeleton in the Closet" on Tuesday, October 4 from 1:00 PM—4:00 PM. Do you wonder where you fit in? Not just among your siblings but with your other relatives— even those that aren't really your relatives? Were you raised by an aunt or distant relative? Back in the day, African American families shared their homes and food with many distant family members or acquaintances. So the people you thought were your Aunt Margaret and Uncle Ben may or may not be kin to you at all. We will use Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest and other genealogical resources to explore who you are. Presented by Janey Deal, Genealogist, Hickory Public Library and Jamane Yeager, Elon University, Reference/Electronic Resource Librarian. The cost of the preconference is \$50 and includes lunch.

Also join us for the annual REMCo luncheon. This year we are fortunate to have Nooma Monika Rhue as our featured speaker. Ms. Rhue is an author, archivist and library director. She will discuss her book "Organizing and Preserving Family History and Religious Records". We will also be presenting our Roadbuilders Award. The cost of the luncheon is only \$28.00

Remember to sign up for these events when you register! Already registered? Add these events when you get to Hickory.

Member News

Evelyn Blount of Hege Library at Guilford College will be on Administrative Study Leave starting January 2012 – June 1, 2012. She will report back to work on June 4th.

Jamane Yeager has authored three states in *Black America: A State-by-State Historical Encyclopedia* (2011) She wrote the histories of Blacks in Arizona, New Mexico and North Carolina.

Onslow County Public Library Director Philip Cherry and several of his staff members received commendations from the Onslow County Board of Commissioners for assistance they provided during the response to the April 16, 2011 tornado incident. Mr. Cherry and other library staff worked with members of the Onslow County Human Resources Department to organize and staff a volunteer check-in center which operated for a week during the tornado clean-up effort.

2009-2011 REMCo Officers

Evelyn Blount (Chair)

Head of Information/Reference Services
Hege Library
Guilford College

Philip Cherry III (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect)

Library Director
Onslow County Public Library

Shamella Cromartie (Secretary/Treasurer)

Government Documents and Reference
Assistant
Chesnutt Library
Fayetteville State University

Tamika Barnes (Co-Director)

EPA Library Director
UNC Contract Staff –Research Triangle Park

Alan R. Bailey (Co-Director)

Associate Professor
Education Curriculum Librarian
Teaching Resources Center (TRC)
J.Y. Joyner Library -East Carolina University

Iyanna Sims (Webmaster)

Systems Librarian
Bluford Library
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
State University

Anne Coleman (Past Chair) – 2007-2009

Assistant Dean for Research Services
Mary Livermore Library
University of North Carolina at Pembroke