Supervised fieldwork in the Evans Library is an excellent opportunity for Master’s students in Library and Information Science to gain first-hand experience in a university setting; and an excellent opportunity for the Library to benefit from their academic training, energy, and enthusiasm.

A warm welcome to Shannon Bailey, a Master’s student in the University of South Florida’s School of Library and Information Science. Shannon is participating in a 120-hour supervised fieldwork under the guidance of Wendy Helmstetter, Director of Resources and Services.

Last summer, Cheryl Davis (USF ’06) completed her supervised fieldwork in the Library, mastering academic library technologies such as the SIRSI integrated library system, the OCLC worldwide online bibliographic database, the Library of Congress classification system, and the regional and national interlibrary loan and document delivery network. Cheryl is now employed in the Library as a part-time, temporary Patron Access assistant.

In the 90’s, Elizabeth George came from Florida State University for her supervised fieldwork, assisting students and faculty with reference questions and honing her collection development skills. Elizabeth went on to become an academic librarian nearby.

Deborah Anderson collaborated on the Indian River Lagoon bibliography with the Marine Resources Council during her supervised fieldwork, and advanced to assume a faculty appointment and to become Head of Reference at the Evans Library.

SPRING 2007 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Library’s Spring 2007 graduate research workshops will be held Thursday, March 22, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Friday, March 23, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Link Multimedia Room. Geared toward the bibliographic research needs of graduate students, these two identical half-day sessions are made up of three distinct one-hour modules: #1) research essentials, #2) LINK resources and services, and #3) subject-specific breakout sessions. To initiate registration or to receive more information, interested graduate students may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or at x7656, or may visit the Library News section of the LINK.

UNCOMMON THREADS

“Uncommon Threads: Textiles of Southeast Asia” is a brand-new lobby exhibit of textiles and library materials from the Ruth Funk Collection. This display is designed to enhance the 2007 Uncommon Threads lectures. Aside from the fundraiser luncheon and lecture, a free talk, Cloth that Speaks: The Intricate Roles of Indonesian Textiles, will be given by the 3rd Annual Ruth Funk Lecturer in Textiles, Dr. Mattiebelle Gittinger. It will take place on Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. in P-133. The display’s Web counterpart and a starting-point brochure are archived in the LINK’s – Library News – Library Displays section and also are available at http://www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays/threads/Uncommon%20Threads%20website%20-%20Jan%2007.htm.

DID YOU KNOW?

A diverse collection of Thomson Gale online resources has been added to the LINK! This group of databases complements other LINK components by offering many articles in such areas as health, Hispanic culture, religion, philosophy, the military, popular culture, and much, much more. These and other high-quality bibliographic research tools are located in the LINK’s Databases/Indexes section.