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Human Values in a Technological Age
With Michael Gorman

Biography

Michael Gorman is Dean of Library Services at the Henry Madden Library, California State University, Fresno. From 1977 to 1988 he worked at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Library as, successively, Director of Technical Services, Director of General Services, and Acting University Librarian. From 1966 to 1977 he was, successively, Head of Cataloguing at the British national bibliography, a member of the British Library Planning Secretariat, and Head of the Office of Bibliographic Standards in the British Library. He has taught at library schools in his native Britain and in the United States--most recently as Visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Library and Information Science (summer sessions).

He is the first editor of the *Anglo-American cataloguing rules, second edition* (1978) and of the revision of that work (1988). He is the author of *The concise AACR2*, 3rd edition (1999); editor of, and contributor to, *Technical services today and tomorrow*, 2nd edition (1998); and editor of *Convergence* (proceedings of 2nd National LITA Conference), and *Californien*, both published in 1991. *Future libraries: dreams, madness, and reality*, co-written with Walt Crawford, was honored with the 1997 Blackwell's Scholarship Award. His most recent book, published by ALA in 2000, is titled *Our Enduring Values*. Mr. Gorman is the author of hundreds of articles in professional and scholarly journals. He has contributed chapters to a number of books and is the author or editor of other books and monographs. He has given numerous presentations at international, national, and state conferences.

Michael Gorman is a fellow of the [British] Library Association, the 1979 recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation, the 1992 recipient of the Melvil Dewey Medal, the 1997 recipient of Blackwell's Scholarship Award, and the 1999 recipient of the California Library Association/Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section Award of Achievement.

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Expert Assignments:

President, American Library Association LITA, 1999-2000.
Contributing Editor, *American Libraries*, 1997-1999.

Honors:

California Library Association/Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section Award of Achievement for 1999.
1997 Blackwell's Scholarship Award presented by ALCTS, for *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness, and Reality* by Walt Crawford and Michael Gorman.
Melvin Dewey Medal, American Library Association, 1992.
The Margaret Mann Citation for 1979 in Cataloguing and Classification presented by the American Library Association, Resources and Technical Services Division.

Selected Scholarly Activity:

Books and Monographs:

Our enduring values. Chicago: ALA, 2000.
"Seymour Lubetzky: man of principles" in *The future of cataloguing: insights from the Lubetzky Symposium*. Chicago: ALA, 2000. pp. 12-21.
The concise AACR2. 3rd ed. Editor. Chicago: ALA, 1999.
Contributor, *Speaking out! voices in celebration of intellectual freedom*, edited by Ann K. Symons and Sally Gardner Reed. Chicago: ALA, 1999.
Library Trends: human response to library technology, edited by Janice L. Kirkland and Michael Gorman, University of IL, 1999.
Technical services today and tomorrow, 2nd edition, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited, 1998.
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Anglo-American cataloguing rules. 2nd ed. Revised. Editor. Chicago: ALA, 1988.
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Recent Articles and Papers:

"Values of steel in 30 days," editorial for *American libraries*, April 2000.
"Wire less to wired to wireless?" *California libraries*, April 2000.
"A light in the gloom," *California libraries*, January 2000.

Papers Presented:

Speaker, "Library values," Association of Christian Librarians Conference, San Diego, CA, June 2000.
Speaker, "Some thoughts on borders," Transborder Library Forum, Albuquerque, NM, March 2000.
Speaker, "On being good stewards," presented at the California Academic & Research Libraries Association, Asilomar, CA, October 1999.

Speaker, "New Libraries, Old Values," presented at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University, December 1998; ARLIS conference in Vancouver, March 1999; New Hampshire Library Association annual conference, May 1999; Appalachian State University, November 1999.

Teaching:

Bradshaw Doctoral Seminar, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, July 1997.

Human Values in a Technological Age

Outline

Most people believe we live in a time of unprecedented technological change. The fact is that examination of history, literature, and librarianship shows that people have always believed they live in a time of unprecedented change.

- ❖ Technological Change 100 years ago
 - General Life
 - Libraries
 - Similarities/Differences from situation in 2001.

- ❖ Effect of Technological Change on Human Beings

- ❖ [Core Values](http://www.ala.org/congress/corevalues/index.html#CORE) (http://www.ala.org/congress/corevalues/index.html#CORE)
 - As Human beings
 - As Workers in libraries
 - Our Enduring Values by Michael Gorman

Pre and post teleconference questions

1. Has technology improved all aspects of library service?
2. Have we lost something valuable in concentrating our expenditures on technology?
3. Are we in, or moving to, a post-literate society?
4. Is this a time of unique technological change?
5. Will the library survive, as we have known it?
6. What are the good and bad effects of technology on work in libraries (professional and para-professional)?

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