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ACRL updates Standards for Ethical Conduct

"Standards for Ethical Conduct for Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Librarians," a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), is now available.

The publication provides information on the code of individual conduct covering issues such as conflict of interest and staff activities in the areas of collecting, dealing and appraising. The new edition includes an accompanying "Guidelines for Institutional Practice in Support of the Standards" that addresses points of ethical importance specific to special collections libraries.

The current "Standards" is a five year effort of the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) and other interested professionals. It was approved by the ACRL and the American Library Association (ALA) last year. It supersedes and expands the first edition of the Standards for Ethical Conduct published in 1987.

The second edition was developed by the ACRL RBMS Ethical Standards Review Committee (ad hoc) chaired by Beverly P. Lynch, dean of the Graduate School of Information Science at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Standards for Ethical Conduct for Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Librarians" is \$2 for ACRL members and \$5 for nonmembers. It is available from: ACRL, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 2522, or 312-280-2522.

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