



Paula Pearce Hinton

Paula Pearce Hinton, an associate editor of *North Carolina Libraries*, died September 17, 2006, following a sudden illness.

A Campbell University graduate, Paula earned an MS in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill in 1985 and an MS in Administration from Central Michigan University in 1996.

An active North Carolina Library Association member, in 2005, Paula was elected Secretary for the Association, as well as Chair of the Reference and Adult Services Section.

For the past fifteen years, Paula has been the Social Science Reference Librarian in Davis Library at UNC Chapel Hill. Paula was a wonderful reference librarian: warm, enthusiastic, patient, and helpful to students and faculty. She was a great professional role model to the library students who worked at the reference desk. Her expertise in the social sciences was widely acknowledged and she was always available to help her colleagues. She enjoyed a good joke and had a wonderful laugh. Paula was a dedicated, valued friend who went the extra mile for all of us who knew her.

Last, but not least, Paula was a good cook. We had a holiday luncheon coming up in early December. This year, we didn't have Paula's mashed potatoes—widely recognized as the best mashed potatoes in the world.

Paula is greatly missed by her colleagues in Davis Library Reference, the users of Davis Library, and her colleagues in the North Carolina Library Association.

Michael Van Fossen