

Benjamin R. Beede *62, Librarian Emeritus at Rutgers, The State University

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Beede received three degrees from Rutgers, a B.A. in political science, an M.L.S., and an M.A. in political science. Just a step ahead of being drafted in 1964, Beede enlisted in the army. After training, he was a supply specialist at the headquarters of a combat engineer battalion in Germany and was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for "meritorious service" in 1967.

After a year at the Linden Public Library in New Jersey, Beede returned to Rutgers in 1969. He was a librarian at the Rutgers Law School - Camden until 1980, when he transferred to the Kilmer Area Library [now the Carey Library] on the Livingston Campus of Rutgers, before retiring in 2003. His career was spent largely in reference and instructional services. He began at a rank equivalent to instructor, and by 1982 he achieved a rank parallel to that of professor. His Rutgers years included serving in a number of capacities, including a term as a University Senator. After retirement, he was a member of an advisory council that studied the role of retirees in the university community and that planned the establishment of a retiree center in 2014.

The most important event in his Rutgers career was meeting a library colleague, Anne Brugh, who became his wife. They were remarkably similar in their interests, commitments, and likes and dislikes, and they worked on

publications together. They spent many enjoyable hours at the Firestone Library, too, in the course of some of their research efforts. Anne Brugh predeceased Beede in 2001.

Beede joined the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in 1969, remaining active after his retirement. He chaired various committees in the Rutgers AAUP, served on its Executive Council for many years, and served as president of the Camden AAUP chapter for a year. He was also president of the New Jersey AAUP State Conference. He was given the Richard Wasson Leadership Award by the Rutgers AAUP Emeriti Assembly in 2012. Anne Brugh was also an AAUP activist.

Beede produced eight books, some co-authored or co-compiled, mostly of a reference character; a few journal articles in political science, history, library science, and sociology; and more than forty encyclopedia articles. His scholarly interests, in addition to library-related subjects, were guerrilla warfare and counterinsurgency; interfaces between police and military organizations; and political development in the United States during the Progressive Era, 1900-1921, especially from a comparative perspective.

Curriculum Vitae

Benjamin R. Beede
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Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Date Conferred</i>
M.A.	Rutgers University Field: Political Science	1979
M.L.S.	Rutgers University	1963
A.B.	Rutgers University Field: Political Science	1961

Other Study

Princeton University Field: Politics	1961-1962
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Employment

<i>Title</i>	<i>Institution/Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Reference Librarian	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1980-2003
Reference Services Coordinator (concurrent)	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1995-1999
Bibliographic Instruction Coordinator (concurrent)	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1990-1991

Collection Development Librarian (concurrent)	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1982-2003
Head of Reference (concurrent)	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1981-1982
Instructional Coordinator	Kilmer Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1980-1981
Asst. Law Librarian for Public Services	Camden Law Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1972-1980
Head of Public Services	Camden Law Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1971-1972
Head of Technical Services	Camden Law Library Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1969-1971
Supervising Reference Librarian	Linden Free Public Library	1968-1969