Cornell University Library

Metadata and Digital Collections
a Festschrift in honor of Tom Turner

About

Thomas P. Turner was born on July 1, 1967 and grew up in Totowa, New Jersey. Tom earned his bachelor's degree in English language and literature from the Catholic University of America in 1989. He earned his master's degrees in English and library science from the University of Michigan in 1995.

Tom Turner

From 1993 to 1995 Tom was a library associate at the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library at the University of Michigan. He came to Cornell in 1995, working as a public services librarian at Albert R. Mann Library. He was promoted to metadata librarian in 1997 and, in this post, helped to develop many of the library's digital collections and services. In 2002, Turner founded the Cornell University Library Metadata Working Group, which focuses on making digital resources available to library users.

Tom died of complications from malignant melanoma on March 22, 2003. The obituary for Tom Turner was published in the *Cornell Chronicle*.

About the *Poet's Table*

You will notice the sketch, *Poet's Table*, throughout this website. Because Tom loved poetry and art, his friends and colleagues commissioned a local artist, Cornell Professor Robert Bertoia, to create the wood sculpture in remembrance of him. *Poet's Table* was formally dedicated on the 1 year anniversary of Tom's death, March 22, 2004. The sculpture is housed in a special place in Albert R. Mann Library, a quiet study area that overlooks the 2nd floor of the Library.