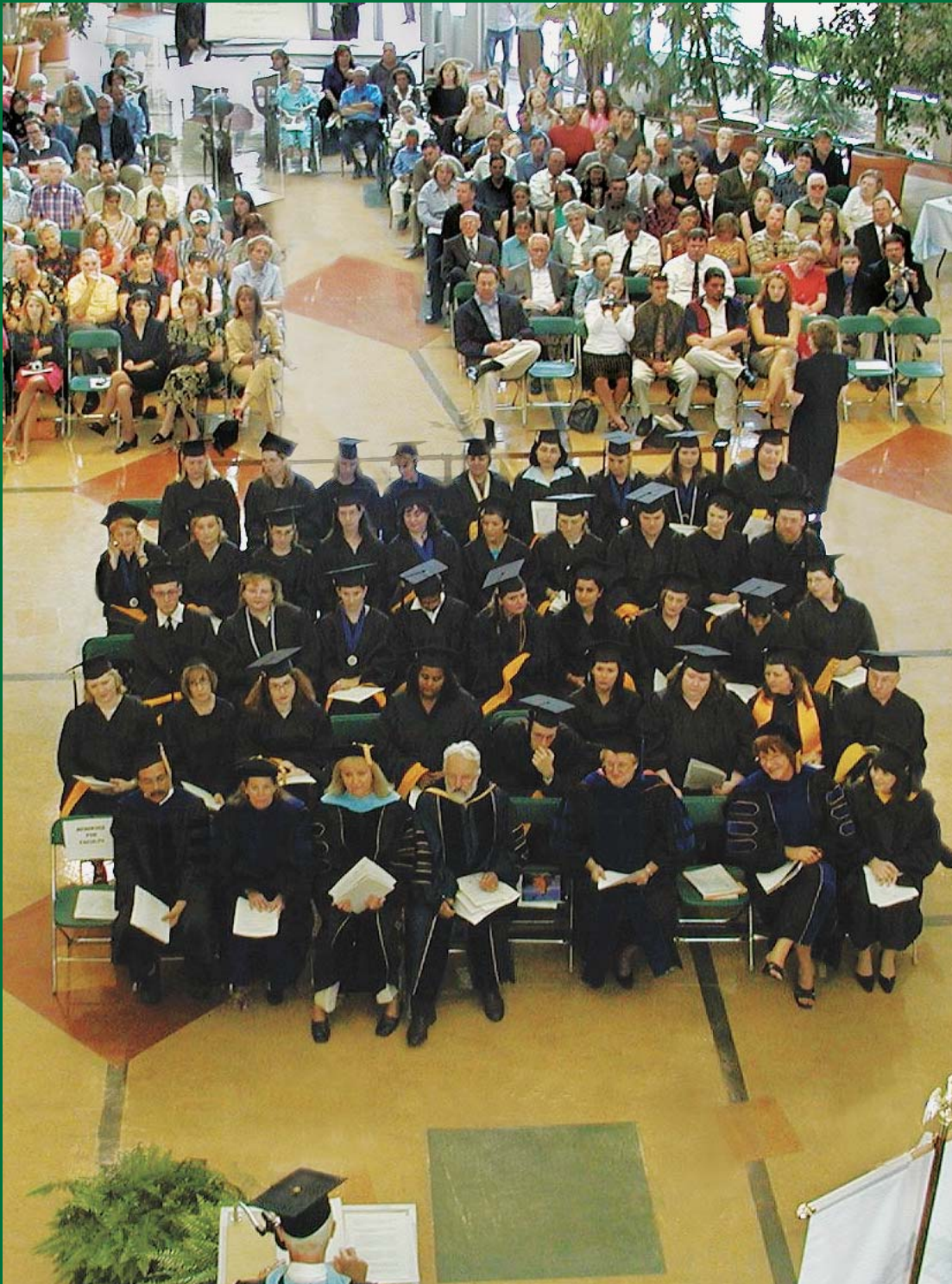




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Message from Interim Dean Samantha Hastings

As many of you know, while Dr. Philip Turner served as our dean for the past eight years, he also served as the associate VP for distance learning. As his dual appointments became increasingly difficult to maintain, UNT President Pohl asked him to focus on one job. In June, Dr. Turner became the Vice-Provost for Enhanced Learning, and I was asked to serve as interim dean for SLIS.

Thanks to the work of our splendid faculty and staff, we are able to make the most of the wonderful Phil Turner legacy. Not only do we have money in the bank due to our increased enrollments (500% over the last 5 years), we have over \$3 million in endowments. This will allow us to attract additional stellar faculty members and continue to provide support for students at a level that makes most schools very jealous! Details of the Hazel Harvey Peace and Sarah Law Kennerly endowments are highlighted in this issue.

The remainder of this column provides an update on our re-accreditation process and shares some of the achievements and plans we have in the areas of research, teaching, and service.

Re-accreditation

At our faculty retreat in September, we started the planning process for preparing our presentation to the ALA Committee on Accreditation. Seven years ago, we received the maximum accreditation period, and now it is time to make our case again. We have formed working groups for each of the six standards. You may be asked to serve on one of these committees during the next year. This is one of our most important tasks, and I trust you will help us if you receive questionnaires and/or requests for interviews as we collect data. ALA accreditation will be the major focus of our Board of Advisors meeting scheduled for February 14, 2005, in Denton.

Research

We have the most diverse and talented faculty in the universe! This year they:

- presented more than 200 papers at 50

- international, national, and state conferences,
- edited monograph series, conference proceedings, and journals,
- published 45 refereed articles in a variety of stellar publications, and
- published 4 books that have received rave reviews.

In addition, this has been a rocket year for funded research at SLIS. The faculty brought in almost \$3 million for projects, which include:

- Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grant to Drs. William Moen and Shawne Miksa for a two-year project, *Examining Present Practices to Inform Future Metadata Use: An Empirical Analysis of MARC Content Designation Utilization*. This is a ground breaking effort to assess the extent to which complex, library-based metadata schema and encoding systems are used by library catalogers.
- IMLS Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century grant to Drs. Brian O'Connor, Sam Hastings, and Carol Simpson for a Ph.D. level program in school media and public librarianship. (see p.9)
- IMLS Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century grant to Drs. Ana Cleveland, Arlita Hallam, and Phil Turner for the Rio Grande Initiative. (see p.5)
- IMLS continued funding for the Z39.50 Interoperability Testbed <http://www.unt.edu/zinterop> to Dr. William Moen to explore an alternative method for interoperability testing through the use of "radioactive MARC records," specially designed diagnostic records.
- Texas State Library & Archives Commission contract awarded to TxCDK for continuing work on the Library of Texas Resource Discovery Service, with Dr. William Moen as the Principal Investigator. The work involves assessing responses to a request for proposal for the LOT Resource Discovery Service <http://www.unt.edu/zlot>
- The Library Education @ Desktop Project, an IMLS funded project in partnership with the Northeast Texas Library System, with Dr. Phil Turner as Principal Investigator and Gary Werchan as Project Director. (see p.12)
- Texas A&M University (TAMU) Medical Sciences Library and University of North Texas (UNT) School of Library and Information Sciences three-year grant from IMLS to develop an innovative recruitment and teaching model designed to educate biomedical sciences information professionals

for the 21st Century. Principal Investigators: Drs. Ana Cleveland and Phil Turner from UNT-SLIS and Martha Bedard and Dr. Gale G. Hannigan from TAMU Medical Sciences Library.

- IMLS grant to Dr. Yvonne Chandler in partnership with the Nevada State Library providing tuition support for 40 culturally diverse students in the Nevada cohort. (see p. 19)
- Dr. Jiangping Chen tested her new UNT Question and Answer system in TREC, an international text and retrieval conference. Her system results for automatic retrieval were above the median, which is very, very good for a first time attempt. Look for more great work in this area.

The core support for all of this research activity is found in our Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (www.TxCDK.org) that now has an Associate Director, Corrie Marsh. (see p.10)

Teaching

This faculty loves to teach, and the scope and depth of the curriculum shows their varied interests. In addition to our general program of study, we have programs in school media, medical and legal informatics, information organization, information systems, digital image management, storytelling and youth librarianship, academic and public librarianship and administration—whew! And all of this from a faculty of 16! We also continue to test new delivery systems and different models for course delivery. Our Minnesota and Nevada programs have new cohorts starting, and our Texas programs continue to grow. We have students from Mozambique, Africa to Portland, Oregon and many places in between.

Service

We held presidential offices in three professional associations, served on committees, councils, and task forces at the University, for the State of Texas, nationally and internationally. The faculty also serves the school on a daily basis through their work on the standing committees of our Faculty Council. In addition, we recruit and talk about SLIS everywhere we go. I even caught Dr. Chandler recruiting a graduate's family members at our first SLIS convocation this summer!

I am honored to serve this school that I hold so close to my heart and mind. We have a wonderful and challenging year ahead. I look forward to working with many of you as we continue to build the best school in the universe! ☼

Samantha Hastings



**Emeritus Professor
Sarah Law Kennerly
Leaves \$2.25 Million to SLIS**

Former Professor Sarah Law Kennerly, who died in April 2002, left \$2.25 million to the School to continue her efforts toward educating future librarians. With her bequest, six endowed professorships will be created in her name. During the twenty-six years Dr. Kennerly served on the SLIS faculty (1951-1977), she taught courses in children's and adult reading interests as well as in library administration. She also directed several institutes for the advanced study of school librarianship, funded by the U.S. Office of Education, which drew librarians from across the nation.

Remembered as "Miss K" by her students and colleagues, her research and writings are considered a required staple for those studying children's literature. She was an outstanding teacher and demanding of her students who held her in high esteem. Although she left no immediate family, Dr. Kennerly is survived and remembered by thousands of students whose lives she touched during the many years in which she taught at SLIS. At the time of her death, former students, colleagues, and friends participated in a memorial service held at the Goolsby Chapel on the University campus.

Dr. Kennerly's bequest will help the School to attract and retain the best quality faculty. Recipients will be able to use the funds to supplement research, travel for professional enrichment, and add to their salaries. "This bequest will allow the School to achieve a new plateau of excellence," according to former Dean Phil Turner. Interim Dean Samantha Hastings stated that: "Through her generosity, Dr. Kennerly will impact generations of library and information science students and the profession as a whole."

Currently, there is a critical shortage of certified and trained children's librarians within the state with more than half of the positions going unfilled. In addition, 58 percent of the current professional librarians will retire within the next 15 years. The professorships in Dr. Kennerly's name will address this growing need. ☼

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Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship Endowed



Mrs. Peace with the photograph presented

University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences hosted a fitting tribute to a longtime educator and Fort Worth community leader, Hazel Harvey Peace, on May 27, 2004 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth. Some 250 admirers of Mrs. Peace attended.

As a tribute to Mrs. Peace, her former students, friends and Fort Worth leaders raised over \$350,000 to endow a profes-

sorship in Children's Library Services at the School of Library and Information Sciences. The evening's program included such notables as The Honorable Kay Granger, Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Ralph McCloud, The Honorable Kenneth Barr, Former Mayor of Fort Worth, and many others. Mrs.

Peace had the attention of those present as she stood to speak of today's students and the educational needs of Texas.

A large photograph of Mrs. Peace was presented to SLIS by Bob Crow, Retired Executive Director of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, SLIS alum Linda Allmand, Retired Director of the Fort Worth Public Library, and Robert Terrell, Fort Worth



Phil Turner with Louise Carvey

Area Manager of CH2M Hill. The photograph will hang in the SLIS Board Room. A duplicate photograph was presented to Mrs. Peace.

Speaking of the fund raising effort, Dean Turner said: "Getting to know so many people in the Fort Worth community was a wonderful opportunity. Getting to meet a truly special

person, who has touched so many lives so positively, was a privilege. When you are with Mrs. Peace, you know that you are in the presence of greatness."

Public recognition was paid to four outstanding contributors: Louise and Frank Carvey, Jr., the Amon G. Carter Foundation, and the City of Fort Worth. Betty Sanders was present and recognized for her contribution, which put the

campaign over the goal. A special thank you was paid to the committee members who worked diligently for two years to create the Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship in Children's Services. ❄



Mrs. Peace and Betty Sanders, whose donation put the endowment over the top



Melody Kelly, Mrs. Peace, and Linda Allmand



Mrs. Peace and Melody Kelly (Melody is doing an oral history of her)



From left to right, Dr. Oyarce, Dr. Candler, Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Peace

Students Honored

Awards on UNT
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Turner Paper Award

Penelope Bernardino
and **Michelle Hinojosa,**
Turner Paper Award

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Outstanding 2003
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Outstanding 2003
I.S. Graduate

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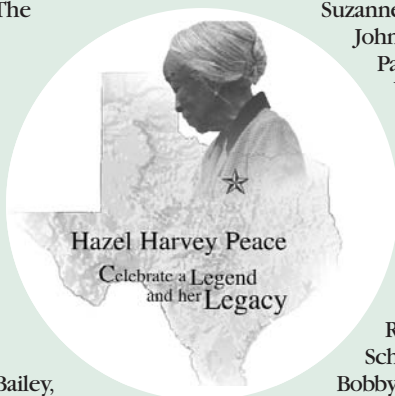
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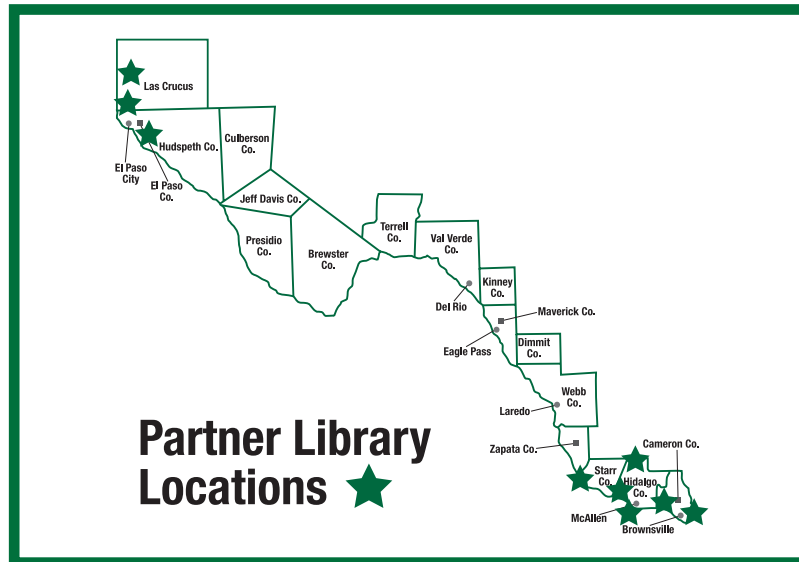
SLIS usually has at least one person included on the slate of candidates for Texas Library Association offices. This time we have four, a faculty member and three alums: **Caroline Kienzle** for president-elect, **Yvonne Chandler** for representatives-at-large to the Executive Board, and **Janet Key** and **Pam Spooner** running against each other for treasurer. **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann**, the current president-elect, and **Melody Kelly**, an at-large representative on the Executive Board, also are our alums. TLA usually sends out ballots for elected offices in late February. **Don't forget to vote!**

Congratulations to Gretchen McCord Hoffmann, the new president-elect.

SLIS Receives Funding For Rio Grande Initiative

SLIS has received a \$790,911 Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) grant to recruit 20 bilingual students to complete a master's degree online, while serving as "professionals in training" in partner libraries. "Send us librarians who will stay"

degree at the end of two years, they will be permanently placed in professional positions in the border libraries. Because these 20 new librarians currently live in the border communities where the professional positions are unfilled, they will most likely continue to live and work in



these communities after graduation from the Master's program.

Partner libraries in the Rio Grande Initiative that are sponsoring a student in the cohort will contribute a minimum of \$10,000 per year for two years as salary, and will pay the same full-time benefits that are normally available to their employees. Libraries will provide the student an MLS-degreed mentor and released time

has been the cry of academic and public library directors along the 1300-mile Rio Grande River border between the United States and Mexico. From Port Isabel, Texas to Las Cruces, New Mexico, libraries are facing the same problem, unfilled professional positions. Each of the partner libraries in the grant has from one to six current professional vacancies that remain unfilled due to the lack of qualified and interested applicants.

Students will be recruited from five four-year colleges and from support personnel currently employed in academic and public libraries in 14 Mexican border counties in Texas and New Mexico. The students, who are to begin their programs in January 2005, will go through the Master's program as a cohort, taking courses together during the first year, then diversifying into courses that reflect their areas of specialization during the second year. When they received the Master's

to attend required meetings of their cohort. The current partner libraries are: Texas A&M International University, New Mexico State University, University of Texas – Pan American, University of Texas – Brownsville; University of Texas – El Paso; South Texas Community College, Thomas Branigan Memorial (Public) Library, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Brownsville (Texas) Public Library; Speer Memorial (Public) Library, Mission, Texas; and Weslaco (Texas) Public Library.

Dr. Ana Cleveland, who serves as First Investigator, points out: "This IMLS grant provides SLIS with an opportunity to develop a new model of partnerships between schools of library and information sciences and libraries. We are delighted that we are working with libraries in the Rio Grande Valley and New Mexico to educate a new generation of information professionals." Drs. **Phil Turner** and **Arlita Hallam** also serve as Investigators for the grant. *

The 2004 Annual Alumni Dinner – As Time Goes By – A Phil-anthropic Radio Drama

Reviewed by Your Roving Reporter
– Melody Kelly (Class of '73)

“With the coming of the electronic Information Age, many eyes in the chaotic Internet world turned hopefully, or desperately, toward the greater freedom promised through efficient organization of information...”

For those who successfully found their way to the charming out of the way restaurant, Main Street Ballroom (that not even the cab drivers were familiar with), the evening was a memorable one. The Usual Suspects were successfully rounded up again with the El Cheapo Radio Production's revival of *As Times Goes By – A Phil-anthropic Radio Drama*. Originally presented in San Antonio for the 1998 UNT alumni dinner, this thrilling adaptation of the classic film *Casablanca* kept the assembled alumni on the edge of their seats as Phil (Turner), owner of Phil's Cyber-Café and his loyal associate, Herman (Totten) bantered wits with debonair Capt. Renault (Sam Hastings) while holding at bay the forceful Major Strasser's (Maurice Fortin) efforts to take over the Cyber-Café, that great electronic embarkation point for new information professionals. The lovely Ilsa (Corinne Hill), wearing an enchanting ensemble with matching Manolo Blahnik's, pleaded with Phil to help at

least two students by using the “scholarship documents”- stolen by Ugarte (Yvonne Chandler), an unscrupulous student-loan shark. These poor students (Christina Hoffman and Doug Dunlap) must work and wait – and work and wait for the financial assistance that would enable them to obtain their graduate degrees and scurry away to lucrative contracts as information professionals. But Ilsa was not the only temptress distracting Phil from his work. The exotic and cosmopolitan Senorita Ferrari (Ana Cleveland), proprietress of the Pioneer Women's Bistro, Phil's local competitor, did her best to have her way with Phil and purchase not only the documents and the Cyber-Café, but also the services of Herman!

This revival of *As Time Goes By* was to honor Phil for his very successful leadership of our School and to wish him well. With a wonderful musical accompaniment by That Master of the Ivories Dewey Christian, the audience and the players joined in several songs, “As Time Goes By” (You must remember this – That SLIS is Always SLIS – L.S. or M.I.S.), “Log-On to SLIS,” and concluding with a tribute to Phil – “There is Nothing Like Our Dean!”

Can the 2004 gathering be topped? You will need to make plans to attend the 2005 gala affair in Austin to find out! ☼



Faculty Recognition Awards presented at the annual SLIS/TLA dinner: Cindy Batman (pictured), Lynne Beck, Siama Kadir, Cynthia Mielke, Stephanie Reynolds

SLIS HOTEL HEADQUARTERS FOR TLA

April 5-8, 2005



BE WHERE THE ACTION IS! Hurry and make your hotel reservations at the downtown Austin Radisson Hotel to join with other SLIS alumni, faculty, and students. Simply check the Radisson when you book your reservation at www.txla.org/conference/conf.html. The price is reasonable and the shuttle bus picks up at the door of the hotel. The Radisson is located in the heart of downtown Austin overlooking Town Lake with walking trails and restaurants.

DO YOU HAVE POSITIONS TO FILL? DO YOU NEED TO INTERVIEW?

SLIS has reserved a suite at the Radisson for alumni to meet with current students and other alumni to exchange business cards and discuss positions available. Email SLIS at slis@unt.edu for your appointment time. The appointments will be posted in the SLIS Suite daily.

FUN FILLED ALUMNI
EVENING PLANNED

Thursday, April 7, 2005
Radisson Hotel Veranda
6:30-9:00 P.M. - informal
program at 7:30 P.M.
RSVP: jcurtis@unt.edu

This Southwestern Mixer, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, will provide time to talk with friends, enjoy good music and watch the famous Austin Bat Colony at dusk, featuring one and one-half million bats flying from under the Congress Street Bridge.

Look for more details on this alumni evening in the TLA program.

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SLIS Students Back in Thailand



Students at Rawai Progressive School in Phuket Thailand salute the flag on the first day of school.



SLIS students arrive at Rawai School with expectations of exciting work to come.



Mary Castlebery and Deanna Causey make friends with some local wildlife.



It's home sweet home for Mary, Deanna and Susie Steeves at Nai Harn Beach.



Oh Thailand was an adventure, it could be symbolized by this not-so-standard school bus, the daily transportation.



It seemed there was never an end to the piles of books to process. Here Poom Taylor checks on some problem books.

Once again intrepid SLIS students packed their bags and headed West (or should that be East?) to Thailand. Led by Dr. Carol Simpson and doctoral student Barbara Schultz-Jones, ten masters students chose to get six hours of credit in two - weeks by automating the library at Rawai Progressive School in Phuket, Thailand.

On the heels of the successful 2003 program in northern Thailand, Dr. Simpson received an inquiry from the school in early Fall 2003. The director of the school had heard of the success of the project in Chiang Rai, in 2003, and wanted to know if UNT would be willing to send another team to duplicate the first project. There was plenty of interest

in another Thailand experience within the SLIS community with more applications than spaces available.

Leaving in early May, the students arrived in Bangkok late at night. The next day, completely jet-lagged, they hopped another flight (for some, the fourth flight of the trip) to Phuket. Although the students were from all over the U.S. plus Germany, even the Texans were surprised by the intensity of the heat

and humidity upon arrival in Phuket. Most days the temperature was over 100 degrees, and the humidity approached 90%. Working without air conditioning made them all believers in natural fabrics and reduced activity in the heat of the day.

The students planned, executed, and managed the conversion of the library



The tuk-tuk is a standard mode of transportation in Bangkok.

from a traditional book warehouse (though without a card catalog) into a modern automated facility. They weeded, repaired, cataloged, classified, entered and re-shelved over 3300 books in 8 working days. In addition, they developed a library policy document, and completed training and maintenance directions so the staff could sustain the project.

In their spare time, the students visited Phuket Town, Kata, Chalong, and Nai Harn on the island of Phuket, and spent a week-end touring Bangkok. A few had some unique experiences, from feeding baby tigers or riding elephants, to visiting a silk factory, or exploring underground Bangkok. The group discovered the batik factory across the highway from the school and contributed a great deal to the local economy.

Plans are being finalized for another Thailand experience next May, combining projects with the Rawai School in Phuket, the school just visited, and the Chiang Rai Progressive Montessori School in Northern Thailand, the school visited last year. At these two sites they will be performing maintenance, updates, and new conversions. Did the students enjoy this year's experience? Students are already asking if they can take the class twice! ☼

Carol Simpson



Success! The first book checked out!



Exotic Thailand's temples and monuments will be long remembered.



Dr. Yvonne Chandler Elected to Lead SWALL

Dr. Yvonne Chandler, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the SLIS Legal Information Management program, was elected Vice President/President Elect of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL), a regional chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The Association meets semi-annually in the spring for a business meeting and educational program and at the AALL annual convention. As Vice President/President Elect, Dr. Chandler's responsibilities include serving as chairperson of the SWALL Program Committee for the annual meeting that will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas in March 2005, and hosted by the University of Arkansas - Little Rock School of Law. The meeting's opening event will take place at the new Clinton Presidential Center Library that opened in fall 2004. Dr. Chandler will be serving as president and host for the 2006 SWALL annual meeting in Austin, Texas. At the recent AALL annual meeting in Boston, June 2004, Dr. Chandler presided over the SWALL meeting, attended AALL leadership training, and represented SWALL at the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting.

Founded in 1958, SWALL facilitates contacts and networking among professional law librarians, promotes law librarianship, and provides education programs for members working in law schools, private law firms, courts (federal, state, and local), government agencies, and other legal information environments in eight states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. ☼

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 Chanda, Jacqueline Ph.D.;
 Chandler, Yvonne Ph.D.;
 Chen, Jiangping Ph.D.;
 Chilton, Brad Ph.D.
 Cleveland, Ana Ph.D.
 Escobar-Molano, Martha L.
 Ph.D.
 Evangelopoulos, Nicholas
 Ph.D.
 Figa, Elizabeth Ph.D.
 Glenn, Sigrid S. Ph.D.
 Gossett, John S. Ph.D.
 Grose, Donald Ph.D.
 Hallam, Arlita Ph.D.
 Hartman, Cathy N.
 Hastings, Samantha Ph.D.
 Jones, Greg Ph.D.
 Kappelman, Leon A. Ph.D.
 Knezek, Gerald Ph.D.
 Leatherbury, Maurice Ph.D.
 Loper, D. Kall Ph.D.
 Mayer, Melina M. Ph.D.

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Back row left to right: Linda Swartlis, Robert Bertoldi, Dr. Brian O'Connor, Assoc. Dir. Program, Joyce Valenza, Michael Stephens, Erin Wyatt, **Front row left to right:** Rowena Li, Cheryl Lawson, Stacy Creel, Joyce Valenza, Margaret Lincoln

SLIS has long been a leader in design, delivery, and evaluation of graduate level education experiences. This summer the School began a bold new adventure. With assistance from an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant, ten students have started their journey toward a Ph.D in the UNT Interdisciplinary Information Science Doctoral Program. The IMLS grant of \$350,000 and matching contributions from SLIS will cover two years tuition, travel to campus, and digital connectivity for students in this unique distance-independent education experience. As stated in the grant proposal:

Economic and socio-cultural realities make the traditional hermitic doctoral student life impossible for many people who would gladly take up the "obligation to be dealing with ideas." The digital environment offers a possible road out of the dilemma. By erasing spatial and temporal distance, the digital environment offers the opportunity to revivify the fundamental dynamic of the doctoral life—engaging with ideas and engagement with others engaged with ideas.



The ten students, five focusing on school media and five on public libraries, were selected from approximately 60 applicants. Members of the selection committee evaluated and balanced a number of factors which, when taken together, provide evidence that an applicant possesses superior scholastic ability, has the potential for success in a rigorous graduate program of research study, and will perform well within the broad context of the information field.

The students, who began their first classes this summer, are from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington. In order to foster a sense of community, the cohort and faculty came together in Denton for an intensive three-day session involving lectures, seminars, meals and entertainment. The remainder of the semester, the students will live and work where they are located, taking their courses online.

Earlier this year, SLIS received an additional cohort grant. That group will be announced in March 2005. They will have the same focus as the 2004 cohort. **Drs. Brian O'Connor, Samantha Hastings, and Carol Simpson** are Investigators for the grant.

Mike Pullin

The Texas Center for Digital Knowledge: An Update

The Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK), established by UNT in 2001, advances digital knowledge management through collaborative and interdisciplinary projects among top researchers in library and information sciences, business information systems, communications, computer science, computer security, and cognition. It is housed in UNT/SLIS. TxCDK's mission is to stimulate and support interdisciplinary research encompassing theoretical frameworks and practical

applications that can enhance the creation, storage, organization, retrieval, use, and evaluation of information in a wide variety of digital formats.

The TxCDK website <http://www.txcdk.org> lists nearly 30 UNT faculty members from more than 10 different units who have become Fellows of the Center.

Earlier this year, resources became available which is enabling TxCDK to enter a new phase of development and operation. Dr. Lloyd Chesnut, the Vice-President for

Research and Technology Transfer, and the Dean of SLIS agreed to jointly fund a full-time staff position for the TxCDK. Corrie Marsh was named as the TxCDK Associate Director and began work in June. Corrie brings experience from the publishing, library technology, and marketing arenas to this new position. The funding from Dr. Chesnut and SLIS guarantees this position for two years, and during that time, TxCDK will make serious progress to become self-sustaining, including sustaining this staff position.

In addition, Dr. William Moen, Associate Professor, was named Interim TxCDK Director. Dr. Moen will serve in this position until the SLIS Dean search has been completed. The SLIS dean or his/her designate serves as the TxCDK director.

Moen and Marsh have been engaged in a number of efforts to revitalize the TxCDK and to identify means and methods to make TxCDK a self-sustaining operation within two years. One of the first steps was to develop an official TxCDK Charter http://www.txcdk.org/about_us.php that was approved by the Center's Fellows in September. Work is underway to explore various revenue models and to develop a solid business plan for the TxCDK. Marsh is also developing a three-year working plan that will specify yearly goals and objectives. During this new phase of operation and development, the TxCDK will identify potential services and products of use to the Center's Fellows to help them be more productive in their research enterprises. One of the first services being offered is a student research database, a registry of students who want to work with faculty members on research projects. The TxCDK Fellows can search the database to identify students with particular skill sets, research interests, and availability.

An important connection exists between the TxCDK and the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science that is hosted by SLIS. The recently adopted TxCDK Charter states that the Center will engage and support that program "to the benefit of the program, the program faculty, and the students" and will "provide input and resources to maintain and enhance" the program. Discussions are now underway to determine an advisory role TxCDK can play for the program. Additionally, TxCDK is managing a research grant program for information science Ph.D. students, and allocating travel funds to these students to support their participation in scholarly and professional meetings. A key goal of the TxCDK is to increase the amount of externally funded research at UNT, and as a result of that, there will be new opportunities for Ph.D. students to participate in research and other projects as they move through the program.

Please visit the TxCDK website for more information. If you are interested, you can get an RSS feed for news from TxCDK! There's a perfect way to keep up with the exciting ventures and accomplishments of this truly interdisciplinary research center at UNT. *

William Moen

TxCDK Fellows:

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Mihalcea, Rada E Ph.D.

Miksa, Shawne D. Ph.D.

Moen, William E. Ph.D.

O'Connor, Brian C. Ph.D.

Oyarce, Guillermo A. Ph.D.

Pavur, Robert J. Ph.D.

Poirot, James L. Ph.D.

Prybutok, Victor R. Ph.D.

Rosales-Ruiz, Jesus Ph.D.

Schamber, Linda Ph.D.

Simpson, Carol Ed.D.

Stein Martin, Barbara Ph.D.

Swigger, Kathleen Ph.D.

Tarau, Paul Ph.D.

Tate, Steve Ph.D.

Taylor, Robert Ph.D.

Totten, Herman L. Ph.D.

Turner, Philip M. Ed.D.

Tyler-Wood, Tandra Ph.D.

Vedder, Richard G. Ph.D.

Wasson, Christina Ph.D.

Wheeler, Maurice Ph.D.

Zavoina, Susan MFA

UNT/SLIS at the 2004 ASIS&T Annual Meeting

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SLIS made its presence known at the 2004 ASIS&T Annual Meeting held in Providence, Rhode Island, November 12-17. As Association President, our own **Dr. Samantha Hastings*** presided over the conference, while Conference Program Chair **Dr. Linda Schamber** and her committee produced an enormous program carrying out the theme "Managing and Enhancing Information: Cultures and Conflicts." Twenty faculty members and students were involved in 19 of the meeting activities.

The program, one that **Dr. Schamber** termed "a six-ring circus of simultaneous events," sorted sessions into seven major tracks:

Disciplinary Issues, Digital Libraries, User Behavior, System Design, Information Organization, Knowledge Management and Use, and Resources and Services. The Committee invited submissions from academic, nonprofit, corporate or government bodies in

any part of the world, which resulted in the inclusion of presentations from at least 25 countries outside the United States.

SLIS faculty and students involved in presenting papers included: Diane Neal and **Dr. Brian O'Connor**, "Information Visualization: Highlights, Histories and Futures"; **Dr. William Moen**, "Assessing Digital Libraries: Evaluation Strategies, Practices and

Issues;" **Dr. Brian O'Connor**, "Knowledge, Information and Behavior - A Tribute to Patrick Wilson;" **Dr. Elizabeth Figa**, "Ain't Ms. Behavin': More Pioneer Women in Information Science," and **Dr. Brian O'Connor**, Bradley Chilton, and Baris Aksakal, "Perspectives of Information-Seeking and Gathering Behavior in High Risk Professions." Elise Lewis participated in "Hot Topics Panel: Advances in 3D Image Applications."

Eight faculty and students presented Contributed Papers: Abebe Rorissa and **Dr. Samantha Hastings**, "Free Sorting of Images: Attributed Used for Categorization;" **Dr. Elizabeth Figa**, Paul Tarau, and Jesse Ephraim, "Metadata and Standards;" Irene Lopatovska, Fatin Oguz, and **Dr. William Moen**, "Design, Development and Implementation of a Texas Library Directory Database: A Multipurpose Database for the Library of Texas;" and **Dr. William Moen**, "Access to Multiple Library Resources."

Six presented Poster Sessions: Victoria Kravchyna, Elise Lewis, and **Dr. Samantha Hastings**, "At the Crossroads in Digital Image Metadata: How to Meld 2D and 3D Element Requirements;" **Guillermo Oyarce**, "Contextual Interactive Support System;" Lance Hayden, "Information Seeking Behavior in Computer and Network Security Mailing Lists;" and Baris Aksakal, "Information Seeking and Gathering Behavior in High-risk Professions and Aksakal Social Virtual Interface (SVI) Model."

Drs. Linda Schamber, Shawne Miksa, and Samantha Hastings each served as session moderators, and Dr. Miksa coordinated one session and organized another. ☼

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Drs. Shawne Miksa and Sam Hastings at the ASIS&T party.

* Names not in bold are SLIS students.

Over 3,000 Participate in SLIS LE@D Courses

As the SLIS Library Education @ Desktop (LE@D) project nears its first year anniversary, this online continuing education program has already served over 3,000 librarians and

library staff members. LE@D is an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant-funded project, in partnership with the Northeast Texas Library System, which develops and distributes high quality, multimedia tutorials covering

current library education topics. Several of the tutorials are available today to thousands of library staffers across Texas and other states.

LE@D staff presentations this year at the Public Library Association biannual meeting in Seattle and the American Library Association annual conference in Orlando, Florida generated substantial interest in virtually all 50 states plus a number of foreign countries. In September 2004, the state libraries in Texas, Kansas, and Nebraska began to offer various LE@D courses, joining seven of the ten Texas regional systems as



Gary Werchan and Dr. Arlita Hallam spread the word.

LE@D partners. The Texas State Library & Historical Commission offering represent the first opportunity for school and academic librarians state wide to access the tutorials.

LE@D is expanding its course lists as well, with two new tutorials recently announced: "An Overview of RFID Technologies" and "Improving Co-Worker Relations." Project manager Gary Werchan pointed out that, "The Overview of RFID" tutorial is just the first in a series on emerging

library technologies. Hundreds of libraries will be considering significant new technologies deployment over the next few years and need this kind of information."

These new tutorials bring to ten the total number of courses available or in development. At a low cost of \$7 per registered student, the entire staff can take advantage of the tutorials. For further information contact the program office at LEAD@unt.edu or on the web at www.LEADonline.info.

Gary Werchan

Dr. Donald D. Cleveland Received ASIS&T Teacher of the Year Award

Drs. Samantha Hastings, Ana Cleveland and Shawne Miksa, along with other members of the SLIS faculty, were on hand at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) in Providence, Rhode Island in November 2004, when Dr. Donald Cleveland received the 2004 Outstanding Information Science Teacher of the Year Award. This high honor was initiated and skillfully orchestrated by Dr. Miksa, who made the nomination and collected a wonderful set of letters from professional colleagues and former students. Dr. Cleveland states, "Winning the award comes at a climatic time for me because I will be finally hanging up the spurs at the end of this semester."

The Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award is sponsored by ASIS&T and is administered by the Information Science Education Committee. The award recognizes a distinguished teacher of information science, based on such criteria as unique contribution to the teaching of information science and impact on colleagues and students.

Dr. Cleveland's classroom message is that when we solve the theoretical problems related to information, we can then know the solutions to practical information situations, whether we are conducting stem cell research, managing libraries, or engaging in other information based human endeavors.

In addition to the teacher award, Dr. Cleveland received an ASIS&T special president's award for the design and implementation of the

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- Ex. Dir., Univ. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; **Joan Howland**, Prof. of Law and Assoc. Dean for Info. & Tech., Univ. of Minnesota Law School; **Betsy Humphreys**, Assoc. Dir. of Lib. Operations, Nat'l Lib. of Medicine; **James Hundemer**, Houston ISD; **Lynette Jordan**, Exxon Mobil Global Servs. Co., Global Info. Mgt. Servs.; **Bonnie Juergens**, Ex. Dir., AMIGOS Lib. Servs.; **Joan Leach**, Prog. Dir. of Librs., Fort Worth ISD; **Ken Marks**, Dean of Univ. Librs., Univ. of Nevada-Las Vegas; **Gillian McCombs**, Dean and Dir. Central University Library, SMU; **Maria Elena Ovalle**, Edu. Serv. Ctr., Edinburgh; **Peggy Rudd**, Dir., Texas State Library & Archives Comm.; **Ramiro Salazar**, Dir., Dallas PL; **Patricia Smith**, Ex. Dir., Texas Library Assn.; **Patrick Sommers**, CEO SIRSI Corp.; **Susan Skyzinski**, LEXIS-NEXIS; **Jim Stephens**, Pres. EBSCO, Inc.; **Paul Thompson**, Sr. Res, Engr./Lecturer, Dartmouth College; **Tom Wilding**, Dir. of Librs., Univ. of Texas at Arlington.

SCHOOL INFORMATION SCIENCES

Faculty, Staff, and Student Bits and Bytes

SCHOLARSHIPS

IN MEMORIAM

SLIS learned recently of the tragic death of Dr. Tom Barker, husband of former doctoral student **Zelina Urias Barker**, in January 2004. Dr. Barker's death was due to a physician's error during a routine procedure done as an outpatient.

Mrs. Sammie Cleveland, **Dr. Donald Cleveland's** mother, died in Brownwood, Texas, on September 26, 2004. The service was beautiful with many of the SLIS family in attendance.

Laurie Dudley, long-time reference librarian at Abilene (Texas) Public Library, died in Abilene on August 29, 2004. She received the MLS degree in 1965.

Rev. Donald O. Hallam, husband of **Dr. Arlita Hallam**, Interim Associate Dean of SLIS, died on August 27, 2004.

Charles Harrell, who received his Ph.D. from SLIS in 1988, died in Tyler, Texas July 11, 2004. For a number of years, he was a staff member and later associate director of the

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Congratulations to **LeAnne Coffey (BAAB UNT '01)**, SLIS office manager, who received a University of North Texas Star Performer Award. LeAnne was recognized at a President's Sack Lunch and received a day of administrative leave with pay.

Ph.D. student **Haley Holmes** became a bartender/dancer at Coyote Ugly Saloon in New Orleans after being selected by "Faking It," a show on the Learning Channel. She was chosen for the show in order to learn about another profession in one month, with help from mentors. The challenge was to become an entirely different persona. By the end of the time, Haley had, indeed, accomplished the goal and was no longer the shy librarian. Despite being uncomfortable at times, Haley said she would become a coyote all over again. "I feel more confident now about my physical appearance and how to make small talk," Haley reports. "People at work say I smile more and seem more outspoken."

Dr. Shawne Miksa, as current chair of the Texas Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers, the TLA cataloging Round Table, was pleased with the successful panels at the TLA Annual Conference in San Antonio in March 2004. Speakers for the "MARC, XML, FRBR...Oh My!" panel included **Dr. William Moen** (SLIS), Ed O'Neill (OCLC), and Roy Tennant (eScholarship Web and Service Design, California Digital Library). The session proved so popular that it was necessary to turn people away so as not to violate occupancy regulations! Speakers on the equally well attended panel entitled "Assessing Technical Services" included **Dr. Maurice Wheeler** (SLIS), Karen Hitchcock-Mort and Cyrus Mury, both of the Carrollton Public Library. These panels were made possible with kind assistance from other TLA divisions, as well as with the support of SLIS and the Texas State Library & Archives Commission.

The North Texas Regional Library System, Inc. honored Emeritus Professor **Margaret Irby Nichols** in May 2004 by creating an annual award in her name. The award will be given to librarians who have created and promoted successful projects involving more than one type of library. She is a long time member of the System's board of directors and has served three terms as chair.

Michael L. Porter, current student in the Masters program, received a \$10,000 stipend from the Association of Research Libraries, Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce Program. The stipend includes leadership training at the 2005 ALA Mid-Winter Conference, a professional mentor, and advanced career management training through the Leadership and Career Development Program. The program is designed to attract students from under represented groups into careers in academic and research libraries. Michael, currently a library assistant at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, plans to graduate in August, 2005.

Michael Pullin, Program/Project Coordinator, IMLS Ph.D. Cohort Grant, UNT Interdisciplinary Information Science Ph.D. Program, has been invited to serve as a presenter for a LAMA Public Relations and Marketing Committee workshop during the ALA conference in Chicago, June 2005. The proposed session, tentatively entitled "The Purple Cow Theory and Libraries: Recruiting Remarkable People," is

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Bits and Bytes (cont.)

based on a concept taken from a best selling marketing book which encourages businesses to throw out old and many times expensive "traditional advertising and marketing formulas" and work on developing a unique selling position. LAMA, in collaboration with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will showcase grant awardees that have developed a successful recruiting strategy. Mike has two articles on low cost digitization for access in ATLA Newsletter (April/May 2004). He also presented a program on the same topic at the TLA annual conference in March 2004.

The new edition of *Administering the School Library Media Center* by Betty Morris (Libraries Unlimited) cites a paper **Hollie Scargall** wrote in **Dr. Carol Simpson's** school library management class, later published in *Library Talk*.

On September 30, the North Texas Women's Study Program honored **Dr. Carol Simpson** and other women granted tenure in 2004 at a reception.

Dr. Herman Totten attended meetings of the National Commission on Library and Information Science (NCLIS) in Washington, D.C., April 21-23, June 9-11, and July 22, 2004. During the ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, he attended the President's Advisory Committee meeting. On July 12 and 13, he participated in the TLA Annual Assembly in Austin.

Dr. Phil Turner reports that he is enjoying his new role as Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement. In this position, he is administering the Learning Enhancement Grants recently announced by the Provost. He is also involved in a major project in which four UNT faculty are teaching versions of their courses delivered face-to-face, blended (partially online), and 100% online. An Information Science Ph.D. student is leading the evaluation of these courses. For SLIS, Dr. Turner continues to teach SLIS 5000 and SLIS 5080 for the Minnesota and Nevada Cohorts. He serves as the advisor for those students in the cohort pursuing the General Practice Program of Study. He also continues to be involved in the IMLS grants: Project LE@D, Health Information Professional Recruiting, Distance Independent Ph.D. and, the newest grant, the Rio Grande Initiative. *



Dewey E. Carroll

1926-2004

Emeritus Dean Dewey E. Carroll died in Newberry, Florida, a suburb of Gainesville, September 26, 2004. The funeral took place October 2, in Seville (Florida) Methodist Church where he and his wife Betty Ann were married 49 years ago. Several years ago, after Dr. Carroll's Parkinson's disease became severe, the Carrolls moved to Florida in order to be near their son Bruce, who teaches at the University of Florida, and other family members. They retained their home in Denton and returned for frequent visits.

Dr. Carroll came to SLIS from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he had served as director of libraries since 1969. During his tenure as SLIS dean from 1973 until he requested a change from administrative to full-time faculty status in 1987, he saw the School through re-accreditation in 1976 and 1984, reconstruction of the schools facilities in 1974-75, and numerous faculty appointments and curriculum changes. During those years, the School grew in stature as well as size and became a leading program in librarianship. He retired from the faculty in 1998.

Dr. Carroll received the B.A. from the University of Chattanooga, the M.L.S. from Emory University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He held professional library positions at Emory University and Atlanta Public Library, and teaching positions at Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois.

Dr. Carroll's survivors include his wife Betty Ann, sons Paul Carroll of Aiken, South Carolina, and Bruce Carroll of Gainesville, Florida, and five grandchildren.

Those wishing to send contributions in Dr. Carroll's memory should direct them to the Dewey E. Carroll Graduate Fellowship, UNT SLIS Dean's Office, School of Library and Information Sciences, P.O. Box 311068, Denton, TX 76203-1068. *

IN MEMORIUM

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University of Texas at Arlington Library. Prior to his retirement in August 2003, he was library director and later archivist at the University of Texas at Tyler. Charles was active in the Texas Library Association over a period of many years, serving in various capacities including president in 1991-92. A memorial service, attended by many friends and former colleagues, was held at the University of Texas at Arlington Library on July 24.

Susan Mathews, director of the Helen Hall Library in League City (Texas) for many years, died May 1, 2004. Susan, who received the MLS in 1971, was a strong and articulate advocate for libraries and a loyal supporter of the School.

SLIS recently learned of the death of **Betty Bayne Shafer** (MLS '74) of Keller, Texas.

SPRING 2004 GRADUATES

SLIS awarded 189 masters in spring and summer 2004, 75 in spring and 114 in summer. The Interdisciplinary Doctoral program awarded 4 Ph.D. in spring and 1 in summer.

Spring 2004

Masters:

Tamaria Anderson (4.0), Patrick Atkins, Kathaleen Bartlett (4.0), Penelope Bernardino (4.0), Deborah Blunt, Robyn Brinkley, Beverly Bryan (4.0), Margaret Canada, Stephanie Capps (4.0), Mary Caruth (4.0), Shannon Chamberlain, Vivian Cisneros (4.0), Rebecca Colbert (4.0), Timothy Creamer (4.0), Betty Cruikshank (4.0), Douglas Dunlop, Cheryl Eastwood (4.0), Stacey Ewing, James Foreman, Carolyn Frerking, Paula Gonzales, Anne Goodner (4.0), Mary Goodner, Julia Gruber (4.0), Mariko Guziur (4.0), MaLisa Horton, Julia Iturrino, Shailesh Jain, Rosella Jenkins (4.0), Nancy Kaida, Traci Klassen, John Kurtenbach, Suyoung Lim (4.0), Nancy Limmer (4.0), Chester Longley, Jr. (4.0), Michele Lucero, Rebecca Marshall, Eileen Mathewson (4.0), Lyle Metzler, Jana Middleswart (4.0), Elizabeth Mince (4.0),



Leslie Beatty (MSIS '96) reports that immediately after receiving her graduate degree she did

research for an executive recruiting firm. She then became a free-lance writer for a local weekly newspaper and a freelance researcher. For the past two years, she has served as Middle School Librarian at the Episcopal School of Dallas.

Elizabeth Black Berry, who graduated from the Houston program in 1993, is co-chair of the Houston Bar Association Committee and a member of the Westlaw Advisory Board and of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2005 American Association of Law Libraries meeting in San Antonio. Elizabeth, who also is an attorney at law, is Manager of Information Resources, Professional Development & Audit Inquiries, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Houston.

Leslie Burkett (Ph.D. '99) is currently Course Administrator for Instructional Design for the UNT Department of Behavior Analysis online graduate courses.

Rebecca Colbert (MS '04), a recent graduate of the Nevada program, is the recipient of the 2004 President's Classified Employee of the Year Award at University of Las Vegas. She is serials supervisor at the William S. Boyd School of Law Library.

Stephen Cottrell (MS '73) is the new director of the Boise (Idaho) Public Library System.

Linda Dugger (MLS '67) has retired as dean of libraries at Lamar State University, Beaumont, Texas.

University of North Texas Libraries, Rare Book & Texana Collections received the 2004 DEMCO Research Grant. **Mary Durio** (MS '98) is department head.

Carmen Grant (MS '01), youth services outreach librarian for the Denton Public Library, is one of 150 librarians from around the United States to be selected to attend the 18th annual international book fair in Guadalajara, Mexico. The program is a collaborative effort between the book fair and

the American Library Association. Carmen joined the staff of the Denton Public in 2003.

Marsha Harper (MLS '71) has retired as library director at Abilene (Texas) Christian University, but is remaining on for a while in order to help with a collection assessment/collection development project.

The North Texas Regional Library System, Inc. named **Corinne Hill** (MS '95) the 2004 Library Employee of the Year. Corinne is collection development manager for the Denton (Texas) Public Library.

In June 2004, TLA President-elect **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann** (MS '92) participated in a 100-mile bicycle ride around Lake Tahoe as a fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Program. Gretchen raised \$5,500 in sponsorship for the ride. She and her 12 teammates contributed \$46,000 toward the \$6.5 million raised by some 3,000 riders. After completing the ride, she and her Austin, Texas teammates went out on the town for an evening of dancing and celebrating.

Della Icenhower (cert. '50s), a retired librarian, is the namesake of a new school in the Mansfield (Texas) ISD. In August 2004, the District dedicated the Della Icenhower Intermediate School, located on Webb Ferrell Road in Arlington.

A summary article concerning the TLA 2004 Annual Conference by **Melody Kelly** (MLS '70) and **Corinne Hill** (MS '95) is included in the Summer 2004 issue of *Texas Library Journal*. Melody, associate dean of libraries, University of North Texas, and Corinne, collection development manager of Denton (Texas) Public Library, served as co-chairs of the Conference Program Committee.

Layna Lewis (MS '03) has accepted the position of Branch Librarian, Angleton Branch, Brazoria County Library System.

Sharon McAllister (MLS '73) is now director of the Hood County Public Library, Granbury, Texas. Sharon is returning to public libraries after serving a number of years as a medical librarian.

Deidre (Dede) Rios (MS '04), a graduate of the Houston Program, is reference and instruction librarian at Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio.

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In fall 2004, **David B. Robins** (MS '93, PhD '98) joined the faculty of Kent State

University Master of Science Program in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management. His research interests include information architecture, knowledge management, visual explanations of complex constructs, and user interaction with information systems.

Miriam Rodriguez (MS '97) has been named the Dallas Public Library's first coordinator of multicultural services. An article in the *Dallas Morning News* announcing the new position listed several of Miriam's goals designed to help Spanish speakers, such as organizing job fairs, teaching library staff about cultural differences, and expanding GED classes to branch libraries. Miriam emigrated from Cuba in 1983.

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A number of SLIS graduates and faculty currently hold positions of responsibility in the Texas Library Association.

Gretchen McCord Hoffmann is serving as president-elect. **Sue Compton** and **Janet Key** are co-chairing the 2006 Conference Program Committee. Others serving TLA include:

Joyce Baumbach, chair, Publications Committee; **Mary Berry**, chair, Scholarship & Research Committee; **Mary Castle**, chair-elect, Scholarship and Research Committee; **Mary Crocker**, councilor, Public Libraries Division; **Ted Drake**, chair, College and University Libraries Division; **Elizabeth Figa**, councilor, Storytelling Round Table; **Maurice Fortin**, chair, Telecommunications & Networked Technology Policy Committee; **Elva Garza**, chair, Library Services to the Spanish Round Table; **Sue Haas**, chair, Public Relations Committee; **Cathy Hartman**, chair Digital Libraries Interest Group; **Corinne Hill**, chair-elect, Public Libraries Division; **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann**, president-elect, and lead singer, Doo-Wop Intergalactic Round Table; **Karen Hopkins**, chair-elect, College & University Division; **Pamela Johnston**, chair, Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Round Table; **Melody Kelly**, representative-at-large, Executive Board; **Janet Key**, chair, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee; **Caroline Kienzle**, representative-at-large, Executive Board; **Shawne Miksa**, chair, Texas Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers Round Table; **Constance Moss**, councilor, Supervision, Management, and Administration Round Table; **Jeannie Pyle**, chair, Leadership Development Committee; **Miriam Rodriguez**, chair, Texas-Mexico Relations Committee; **Steve Seal**, chair, District 5; Ruth Semrau, TL/PAC; **Carol Simpson**, councilor, Media and Related Technologies Round Table; **Pam Spooner**, chair-elect, Library Instruction Round Table and 2006 Awards Committee; **Janis Test**, chair, History of TLA committee and councilor, District 1; **Herman Totten**, chair, ad hoc Cultural Diversity Committee, and co-chair, Task Force on Salary Compensation Study; **Dean Washington**, councilor, Black Caucus Round Table.

In April 2004, **Dr. William "Bill" Smith** (MS '96) was promoted to Director of Library Services for Methodist Health System, a Dallas-based multi-hospital health system. He is on the Consumer Health Board of the Medical Library Association. Two of his articles on consumer health librarianship were published recently in the *Medical Library Association News*.

SLIS learned recently that **Janet Van Heyst** (MS '91) is preparing to take comprehensive exams for a second master's degree, this one in theology, from the University of Dallas. Since graduation she has served as librarian at T.W. Browne Middle School in the Dallas ISD.

An article titled "The State of Consortia: Promises to Keep" by **Tracey Westmoreland** (MS '91) was published in the Summer 2004 issue of *Texas Library Journal*. Tracy moved to Georgia in September 2004 where she is director of a college library program. She was formerly director at Lee College in Baytown, Texas. *

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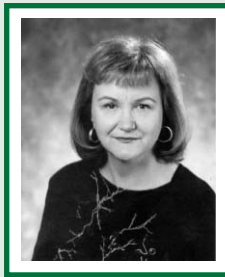
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Faculty Research, Writing, and Speaking Projects



The article about **Dr. Carol Simpson** that follows is the second in a series on faculty research and writing projects. **Dr. William E. Moen** was highlighted in the Spring 2004 issue of Call Number. Other faculty members will be featured in future issues. Briefer updates on other faculty research projects follow the feature article.

Dr. Carol Simpson, Associate Professor in the SLIS school library program, has spent the last year working on several projects in her specialized area of copyright law as it affects libraries and schools. A long-term project to identify and disseminate the names of audio-visual producers who offer public performance rights on materials sold to schools and libraries continues. A web site show-

casing the resulting data can be found at www.courses.unt.edu/csimpson/cright/ppr.htm. Producers are identified by name and imprint, and conditions-of-rights assignment is also included.

A similar project, though in the print realm, is in the development stage. Because libraries wish to include scans of book images, portions of book text, etc. in web-enabled online catalogs, getting permission for these broad distributions can be problematic. Many publishers offer scans of their book covers for just such uses. An exhaustive search will identify the publishers who grant these and other rights. The information will go into a database that will be publicly accessible.

Dr. Simpson is also working on a 4th edition of her popular reference work, *Copyright for Schools: A Practical Guide*. Last updated in 2001, the new work will be rewritten from the ground up. It will include sections on recent developments in copyright law as it affects schools, including the TEACH Act. Publication is expected in the later half of 2005.

As a course developer for the IMLS LE@D project (see separate article, p. 12), Dr. Simpson created a course in copyright basics that will be offered to public librarians. While it is difficult to compress the intricacies of copyright into an hour of training, the online course does so with video vignettes so librarians can see what copyright compliance "looks like."

Professors always have to learn more about their subject, so Dr. Simpson has decided to learn even more about copyright. To that end, she has enrolled in Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. She attends classes four nights a week, and is a little disconcerted to be the oldest student in the entering class. Completing the law degree will take 4 years of part-time study.

Other current faculty research projects and presentations include the following:

Dr. Elizabeth Figa presented "The Emergent Properties of Multimedia Applications in Storytelling Pedagogy: An Ethnography of the Teacher-Student Lens" at the Storytelling, Self, Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Storytelling Studies, in Boca Raton, Florida, and "Knowledge-Based Conversational Agents and Virtual Storytelling" at the Association of Computing Machinery Symposium on Applied Computing Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, both in March 2004. In June, at the 2004 International Symposium on Web Services and Applications Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, she presented "Conversational Agents As Web Services." She presented "The Saga of Online Teaching Storytelling via Web-based Online Distance Courses - One Model" at the National Storytelling Conference, Bellingham, Washington, in July. At the Third Annual International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems - Track on

Embodied Conversational Agents: Balanced Perception and Action, held in New York, N.Y., she presented "Pervasive Deployment and Knowledge Assimilation Techniques for Conversational Agents."

Dr. Arlita Hallum and co-author **Teri Dalston** expect their book, *Managing Budgets and Finances: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians* (Neal Schuman Press), to be released in December, 2004.

Dr. William Moen was guest lecturer at the December 3, 2003 Luminary Lectures@ Your Library series hosted by the Library of Congress. His lecture was titled, "No Longer Under Our Control: the Nature and Role of Standards in the 21st Century Library." He was named Interim Director of the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge in June 2004.

In the summer 2004 issue of *Texas Library Journal*, an article titled "The Deep Web: Resource Discovery in the Library of Texas" by **Dr. William Moen** and Kathleen

Other current faculty research projects and presentations include the following: (cont.)

Murray provides an overview of the Library of Texas Resource Discovery Service (www.libraryoftexas.org) and how that service can assist users to find information in the deep web. Along with Beverly Shirley, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and Denise Davis, American Library Association Office of Research, Dr. Moen presented a half-day preconference workshop in conjunction with the 2004 Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) National Forum in St. Louis. The workshop, "What's In It For Me? Evaluating and Reporting the Effectiveness of Electronic Information Services in a Multi-Library Environment," uses the Library of Texas project as a case study to discuss how library consortia can best answer the questions: What do I measure? How should I measure it? How can I automate the evaluation process? Dr. Moen's work on the Library of Texas included developing technical and manual procedures for analyzing vendor-supplied statistics on online database usage.

Dr. Moen participated in the NISO sponsored workshop, Metadata Practices on the Cutting Edge, in Washington, DC in May 2004. His presentation focused on metadata interoperability in the networked information environment. On April 17, he presented "Making Sense of Usage Statistics for Online Databases: Challenges, Lessons, and Strategies in a Statewide Context," at the Coalition for Networked Information Spring Task Force Meeting in Washington DC.

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded Dr. Moen and Dr. Shawne Miska a \$233,000 grant in September 2004 that will support a 2-year project to investigate the utilization of MARC content designation through a systematic assessment of approximately one million records for OCLC's WordCat database. Grant funding will enable the grantees to hire three graduate student research assistants, providing them scholarships to cover tuition expenses for 36 hours of graduate work. IMLS also approved an extension of Dr. Moen's Z39.50 interoperability testbed project that will enable him to explore a novel alternative approach for interoperability testing through the use of specially designed diagnostic MARC records (referred to as radioactive MARC records!), with an additional \$50,000 in funding. Index Data, a Z39.50 software development firm from Denmark, is collaborating on the project. On July 29 and 30, 2004, he attended a Digital Library Federation sponsored invitational meeting in Oakland, California that brought together national experts sponsored to begin discus-

sions leading to best practices for implementing the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). He presented "A Web Services Approach for Search and Retrieval: the Next Generation Z39.40" at the 2004 Access Conference held in October in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Brian O'Connor was the featured speaker at the Fall 2004 University of California at Berkeley Distinguished Lecture Series. His lecture was based on his new book, co-authored with Roger B.

Wyatt (Scarecrow Press), titled *Photo Provocations Thinking in, with and about Image Documents*.

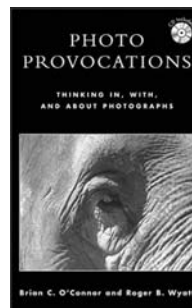
An announcement of his speech on the University of California website included the following:

"We have some techniques and bits of theories that help us retrieve, use, and understand small portions and limited domains, yet we lack general concepts that under gird the snapshot, the fashion photograph, the news photograph, the Hollywood feature film and the documentary. This discussion presented images and words to explore two linked arenas, verbal description of photographs and structural descriptions of videos."

An article titled "Texas Library Salary Survey: Executive Summary" by Dr. Herman Totten and Leah Adams was published in the Summer 2004 issue of *Texas Library Journal*. On March 16, 2004, at the TLA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Dr. Totten presented a program titled "Update on USA Patriot Act." At the North Texas Regional Library System fall assembly September 23, 2004, he presented the main address titled "Heart of a Volunteer."

Dr. Maurice Wheeler presented two papers at international conferences this summer: "Diversity of LIS Education: Practices and Attitudes" at the Fourth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations, held at the University of California Los Angeles in June, and "Popular Music Imagery As an Information System: Perceptions of Race and Ethnicity in Historical Sheet Music" at the Second Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Prato, Italy, in July.

Note: See also the article titled "UNT/SLIS at the 2004 ASIS&T Annual Meeting" p.11 for additional reports on Drs. Elizabeth Figa, Samantha Hastings, William Moen, Shawne Miksa, Guillermo Oyarce, Linda Schamber, and Brian O'Connor. ☼



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SLIS Web Institute—Las Vegas



Over the 2004 Labor Day weekend, Nevada Cohort II kicked off to a great start with 64 students hailing from Nevada, Utah, California, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, and Minnesota in attendance. The nucleus of the cohort is comprised of the 40 students who were awarded Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) fellowships. In October 2003, in collaboration with the Nevada State Library and Archives, the Las Vegas Clark County Library



District, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, SLIS was awarded a \$361,000 IMLS grant to provide scholarships and learning activities for students to pursue a Master of Library and Information Sciences degree, through the SLIS Nevada Program. Recruiting for the second Nevada Cohort began immediately as **Dr. Philip Turner** made visits to libraries from Reno, Nevada to Elko, Nevada to Salt Lake City.

On Thursday, September 2, 2004, **Drs. Philip Turner** and **Yvonne Chandler**, along with teaching assistants Shemelis Assefa and Natasha Jenkins and SLIS Web Institute Coordinator Charlotte Thomas, arrived in Las Vegas for the Nevada Web Institute, which followed the four-day format used for all SLIS Institutes. The first gathering of the cohort was the usual pre-institute dinner held at the French Market Buffet in the Orleans Las Vegas Hotel and Casino on Thursday evening. Classes began the next day at the Web Institute site, the Lied Library on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Students are enrolled

in two courses this first semester: SLIS 5000, Introduction to Information Professions, held on Friday, and SLIS 5600, Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval, held on Saturday. On Sunday and Monday students received further instruction and begin their assignments.

On Friday evening **Drs. Turner** and **Chandler** hosted the SLIS 5000 Induction Ceremony at the Book and Bean in the Lied Library. Students had the opportunity to continue getting to know each other while dining on a menu celebrating the theme "Yes, It's Labor Day Weekend, But You're Still in School." **Dr. Turner** gave his official statement of welcome to the profession and presented each student with a CD containing the ALA Code of Ethics, Library Bill of Rights, and other professional documents. The evening concluded with games including "Library Science Jeopardy." On Sunday evening a reception was held at the Clark County Library to introduce the IMLS Fellowship recipients to their mentors who will provide advice and support throughout the program.

Throughout the weekend, Michael Frasier, a summer 2004 SLIS graduate, gave generously of his time to operate our own SLIS Starbucks, assist with classroom setup and assistance with assignments and computers, and conduct tours of the library. Gail Munde, Acting Dean of Libraries at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a UNT/SLIS graduate, provided breakfast pastries. The Web Institute ended on Monday afternoon as students and faculty all headed home to their families and lots of work.

Yvonne Chandler



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Dr. Donald Cleveland Tells Us About His New Career as a Children's Writer

Several years ago, with retirement looming in the shadows, I decided to have a second-time-around career writing children's books. Dr. Barbara Stein Martin put the idea in my head when I went, from time to time, to speak to her classes and demonstrate how librarians and teachers could use cartoons to jazz up posters, lesson plans, and library exhibits. In the beginning, I thought about doing cartoon-style picture books, since I had been successful with cartooning for many years. So, I began. But, I soon realized I didn't really know what I was doing, and I needed help.

This compelled me to sign up for a correspondence course. I was very fortunate to be assigned an instructor named Fred Bortz, physics Ph.D. who has an outstanding track record of publishing science books, mostly for middle-graders. His website is at www.fredbortz.com/. If you are interested in writing for children, I encourage you to go there. Incidentally, both Fred's daughter and son-in-law have M.L.S. degrees from the University of Pittsburg.

Fred encouraged me to write nonfiction. Just after I finished the course, he recommended me to Jake Goldberg, a very professional editor who was at that time with Rosen Publishing Group. Shortly afterwards I had a contract and my first children's book was published. It is titled *How Do We Know How the Brain Works* in a series titled "Great Scientific Questions and the Scientists Who Answered Them."

But that is not the end of the story. I have completed a second book manuscript, which is being evaluated by another publisher recommended to me by Fred. And I am working on other topics.

I am proud of my many years in teaching, but now I have made a turn in the road and am having a joyride. Retirement doesn't have to mean a rocking chair, a blanket over the shoulders, and a cup of lukewarm tea. It can be an exciting and productive time in our lives.

Donald D. Cleveland

Houston Program Update



Laura Koltutsky

Two new adjunct faculty members, Laura Koltutsky and Jimmy Newland, have joined the Houston program. Laura, a native Canadian, brings a wealth of experience in academic libraries to students in the Academic Libraries course. In her position as Information Services Librarian at the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library, she is involved in teaching library instruction classes, providing reference service, and improving the library's print and electronic collections.



Jimmy Newland

Jimmy Newland, a teacher and campus network specialist at Bellaire High School, brings a great deal of experience to his Web Site Development class. He has served as a consultant for the City of Bellaire Library and for the Houston Independent School District Library Services. Jimmy is married to Somer Newland, a 2003 Houston SLIS Program graduate.

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SLIS August 2004 Graduations

Nevada First Cohort Graduates

Family members, colleagues, friends, and members of the Nevada library



community gathered on Saturday afternoon, August 14, 2004, at the Clark County Library Theater, Las Vegas, for the first Nevada Program cohort graduation exercise. Dr. Philip Turner, Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement and Coordinator for the Nevada Program,



presided over the ceremony. Other podium guests included Dr. Yvonne Chandler and Dr.

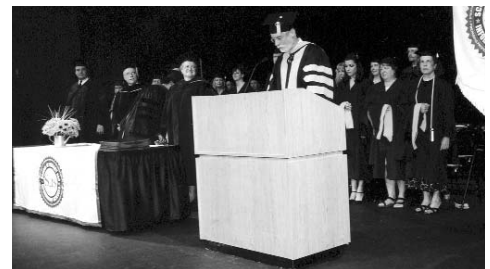


Arlita Hallam, who represented the SLIS faculty. It was appropriate to have Drs. Turner and Chandler present at the program end, as they were the two faculty

members who taught the cohort's first classes in fall 2002.

Michael Frazier, representing the graduating class, gave inspiring remarks about the significance of the student's accomplishments. Dr. Kenneth Marks, Dean of Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, gave the commencement address titled "Top Ten Steps to Success in the Library Profession," his version of David Letterman's nightly "Top Ten List." At the conclusion of his speech, Dr. Chandler presented Dr. Marks with a Certificate of Appreciation from the faculty and students of UNT/SLIS for his enthusiastic support, continuing interest, and significant contribution to the Nevada program and to the profession in general. Drs. Chandler and Hallam hooded each of the 39 candidates, and Dr. Turner presented them with their diplomas. A reception in the Clark County Library Conference Room was held immediately after the ceremony.

Yvonne Chandler



Denton First Independent Graduation



SLIS was pleased to learn that in summer 2004 the University graduation convocations would be decentralized. The first SLIS independent graduation ceremony was held August 8, 2004 in the Environmental Sciences Building with approximately 300 graduates and their guests in attendance. The event was very well received, and plans immediately were underway for the December graduation on December 18, 2004 at the Murchison Center for the

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A person who has nominated a graduate in a previous year may resubmit the previous nominee's name. The nominees who are not selected for 2005 award will remain in nomination for the following year.

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