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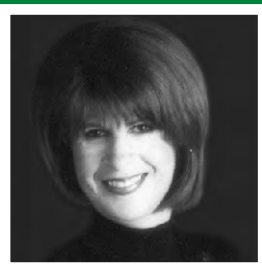
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HISTORICAL TIDBITS

One of the School's primary undertakings during the early years of the 21st Century was the Capital Campaign with the aim of creating a million dollar endowment. Early on during the endeavor, Linda Allmand pledged to match up to \$100,000 in gifts, which was of major importance in creating many gifts and a number of scholarships and other endowed funds. The University set the School's goal at \$1.1, which was more than met with a total of over \$1.4.



Dr. Herman L. Totten

APPOINTED

Herman L. Totten
Dean

Dr. Herman L. Totten, UNT Regents Professor, has accepted a two-year term as SLIS Dean. In making the announcement of the appointment, UNT Provost Howard Johnson said, "Dr. Totten has had a long and distinguished career in higher education as well as here at UNT. We look forward to his leadership of the school and to working with him as we continue to build on a great tradition that has already been established in the School of Library & Information Sciences."

Beginning in fall 2005, Dr. Totten replaced Associate Professor Samantha Hastings who served as interim dean since June 2004. At that time Dr. Philip Turner, who had served simultaneously as dean of the school and associate vice president for academic affairs for distance education, stepped down from the dean's position to assume an increased role in directing the university's online academic programs.

Dr. Totten came to SLIS in 1977 as professor and associate dean. He returned to full-time teaching in 1983 and taught 14 years before resuming his position as associate dean in 1996. For the past three years, he has served as faculty executive assistant to UNT President Norval Pohl.

Dr. Totten, a 30 year member of the Texas Library Association, has served as both chair

and member of many of its committees and as the Association's president in 2000-01. A life member of the American Library Association, he has served as chair of both the ALA Committee on Accreditation and the ALA Committee on Minority Concern, as well as two terms on the ALA Council.

Among his many awards and honors are the 2001 ALA Melvil Dewey Award for creative professional achievement, the 1999 Association for Library and Information Science Education Outstanding Teacher Award, and the 1992 ALA Black Caucus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Library and Information Science Education.

In 2004, President George W. Bush nominated Dr. Totten to a five-year term on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment in January of this year.

Prior to coming to UNT, Dr. Totten was dean of the library school at the University of Oregon and associate dean of the library school at the University of Kentucky. He earned the bachelor's degree in music at Wiley College in 1961, the master's degree in library science in 1964 and the doctoral degree in library science in 1966, both at the University of Oklahoma.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERMAN L. TOTTEN

It is with great joy that I return home to SLIS. As many of you know, I planned to come home to SLIS even though I agreed to assume a position in the Office of President Pohl these three years. I look forward with keen anticipation to working with the School's outstanding faculty, staff, students, and advisory board.

Let me state publicly my sincere thanks and gratitude to my colleague, Dr. Samantha K. Hastings, SLIS Associate Professor, who served this past year as interim dean. I know from my

own personal experience of serving as SLIS interim dean that the position entails continuous challenges. The interim dean has total responsibility, but limited authority. Dr. Hastings brought intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm to an inherently difficult role.

During the first six months of my two-year term, I plan to ensure that SLIS maintain a unity of purpose to successfully complete its program presentation for American Library Association (ALA) re-affirmation of its accredi-



Dr. Linda Schamber

APPOINTED

Linda Schamber
Associate Dean

Dr. Linda Schamber, Associate Professor, was appointed Associate Dean of SLIS effective October 1, 2005. Dr. Schamber, who joined the faculty in 1991, has chaired and participated in many faculty governance committees at the School and University levels. She replaces Dr. Arlita (Hallam) Harris, Associate Dean since 2002, who assumed a position as Senior Marketing Specialist for the UNT Center for Distributed Learning.

"I welcome this opportunity to serve the School and to work closely with faculty and staff in this new capacity," Dr. Schamber said. "As I enter my 15th year on the SLIS faculty, I look forward to continuing to support our fine students from the wider perspective of their full academic experience."

A common theme of education, communication, and information runs throughout Dr. Schamber's career. Her teaching and research interests include information and communication theory, human information behavior, information organization, and information skills development. She has conducted funded research and published on a number of topics, including work on relevance research and on the impact of technology on library education.

She earned her B.S. in education and M.A. in journalism from Ohio State University and her Ph.D. in information science at Syracuse University. She has served on university

faculties for 25 years, including in communications at Ohio State University and Syracuse University before coming to UNT. At UNT, she was among the first faculty to begin teaching in the distributed learning environment. Since 1998, she has designed and taught large and small distance-independent courses and managed teaching teams to deliver instruction via combinations of web-based, video, and face-to-face methods.

Dr. Schamber continues to pursue a lifelong interest in professional editing. She is an editorial board member for the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST)* and past staff editor of the *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST)*. She is active in the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), where she served as conference proceedings editor for the ASIS&T 2004 Annual Meeting as well as technical program committee chair. Previously, she worked as a newspaper editor, writer/photographer, and publication designer.

In addition to her ASIS&T activities, Dr. Schamber is a member of the American Library Association (ALA), Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Special Libraries Association (SLA), and Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

tation. The faculty, staff, and students have already worked diligently toward this critical goal. Their continued efforts are greatly appreciated and will help ensure that the master's program will continue its status as an ALA fully accredited program.

During the rest of my term as Dean, I plan to lead the faculty/student council and staff, in an environment of open communi-

cation, to join me in the production of a strategic plan that I call SLIS: Vision 20-20. The plan will include the identification of a vision, a mission, goals, objectives, and actions affirmed in written policies and procedures.

Once more, it is with great joy that I approach my term as Dean.

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Mary Todd Suhm

SLIS TAKES OVER DALLAS

*Dallas City Manager
Mary Todd Suhm*

A graduate degree in library and information sciences can lead to positions in fields other than traditional libraries and information-type facilities. Mary Todd Suhm, pictured on this issue's cover, is an outstanding example of a successful librarian excelling in another field.

After serving in numerous positions in libraries and in position in Dallas city government, Mary Todd Suhm became Dallas City Manager in Spring 2005. Her first job after completing the MLS at SLIS in 1974, was as director of the Allen (Texas) Public Library. She later joined the staff of the Dallas Public Library as a branch manager and later established and managed the central library's Urban Information Center, a unique service designed to support not only those in city government, but citizens seeking information on organizations and other facets of urban life. It was from this position that she was tapped for city government service.

Mary's first position in city government was as assistant to the mayor, followed by a number of other appointments: assistant to the city manager, municipal court administrator, executive assistant director of the Dallas Police Department (first non-sworn executive in the department), assistant city manager, and first assistant city manager. On June 8, 2004, she was named Interim City Manager before receiving the designation of City Manager a year later. Mary also holds the Master of Public Administration degree from UNT. On October 13, 2005, she was a featured speaker at the 3rd Annual City Manager Round Table, sponsored by the UNT Department of Public Administration and co-sponsored by the NT Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. She also was speaker at the School's independent graduation convocation in May 2005.

*Dallas Public Library Director
Laurie Lewins Evans*



Laurie Lewins Evans

Laurie Lewins Evans, who received the MLS in 1973, calls herself the penny that keeps turning up. She has been with the Dallas Public Library for sixteen years with intervals away while holding other positions. She spent five years running a library consulting business, and from 1990 until 2000, she directed the library at the Baylor University Medical Center and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She returned to Dallas Public as assistant director in 2000, and for the eleven months prior to her new appointment, served as interim director. Laurie's first job after she finished the BA degree at the University of Texas at Austin was in the children's section of the Casa View Branch of Dallas Public. Now, 36 years later, she has been named the system's director.

DR. WILLIAM MOEN RECEIVES AWARD



Dr. William Moen

Dr. William Moen is the 2005 winner of the prestigious Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology. The award, sponsored by OCLC and the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of the American Library Association, was established to honor the founder of OCLC who was a seminal figure in library automation. The honor consists of \$2,000, an expense paid trip to the ALA Annual Conference, and a citation of merit.

"The Kilgour Award Committee is pleased to acknowledge the work of William Moen, whose research into protocols and standards for information retrieval, and investigations into interoperability and metadata utilization, are making important contributions to improving the ways library systems communicate," said Heidi Hanson, chair of the award committee. Dr. Moen accepted the award at the ALA Conference in Chicago in June 2005.



Dr. Ana D. Cleveland

DR. ANA D. CLEVELAND RECEIVES PROJECT FUNDING

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR), awarded Dr. Ana D. Cleveland, professor and Houston program director, \$24,466, with UNT supplying \$20,349 in matching funds, to study Internet health information-seeking behavior of the Chinese population in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. A primary goal of the project is to teach Chinese health consumers how to find quality health information on the Internet.

The project is a collaborative initiative between the Health Informatics Program at SLIS and its partner institution, Gibson D. Lewis Library-UNT Health Science Center. In addition, three public libraries are members of the project: Denton Public Library, Fort Worth Public Library, and Richardson Public Library. The research team is composed of Drs. Cleveland and Jiangping Chen, SLIS faculty; Lisa Smith, UNT-HSC; and Ph.D. students Della Pan and Cindy Yu. Each team member brings expertise to the project—Dr. Cleveland in health information-seeking behavior and consumer health, Dr. Chen in cross language and cultural areas, Lisa Smith in outreach services, and Della Pan and Cindy Yu in Chinese language.

The Chinese population is one of the fastest growing populations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and is typically underserved in health care because of barriers related to language and culture. Teaching materials in English as well as in Chinese are being developed, and training sessions to teach the Chinese population how to use the health information pathfinders will be conducted throughout the project's geographical area. Information professionals serving Chinese users will be invited to attend the training sessions.

Ana D. Cleveland

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FACULTY AND STAFF BITS & BYTES

Featured Faculty

Dr. Guillermo Oyarce



Dr. Guillermo A. Oyarce

Assistant Professor **Guillermo Oyarce** joined the SLIS faculty in 2002 after serving on the faculties at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Oklahoma. His research areas include information retrieval systems—feature selection, human-computer interaction—direct manipulation in IR and visualization, and cognitive issues in distributed networks such as the “digital library.”

During his first year at SLIS, he received the prestigious UNT Faculty Research Grant, followed by a Junior Faculty Research Grant the year following. As a result, he developed an information retrieval system interface that addresses his interests in the intersection of cognition, information, and technology. The simplicity of this particular software allows it to serve two very different purposes: as a research tool to understand the effects of information in human cognition, and as a retrieval tool to provide access to component information capsules in the documents of a set. His innovative approach has been recognized by UNT’s Office of Research, which is processing on his behalf two patents on his unique product. His current research is related to full-text information retrieval and the properties of the statistical distributions of text corpora. Though currently centered in English, his research will include other languages.

Dr. Oyarce’s international interests resulted in his attendance at the Conference on Democracy and Global Security in Istanbul, Turkey (see article p.?) where he presented a paper on his information retrieval system interface. Another stage of his international involvement is his work with several UNT faculty members to establish the Center for the Study of Amazonian Ecology and Its Cultural Diversity. During the summer of 2005, he visited the mother waters of the Amazon River, deep in the rain forest of Peru, and returned with initial agreements of collaboration with the regional government, a national university, and the most famous research institute of the Amazon region.

He has published in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Sciences and Technology* and in the most prestigious scholarly journal in information science of China’s Academy of Sciences. He has research collaborators in Europe and Latin America.

Dr. Ana Cleveland has been reappointed as Director of the Houston Program.

At the fall 2005 UNT Faculty Convocation, **Dr. Elizabeth Figa** received the Outstanding Online Teacher and Course Award. She was one of 15 nominees and the first recipient of this new campus award. Her courses are recog-



Dr. Elizabeth Figa and Don Duncan

nized for their artful design, the extensive use of multimedia, and rigorous and rich course content. Her nomination was supported with numerous letters written by current and past students who spoke highly of her warm and humorous approach to online learning as well as an instructional style that is both professional and intensely personal. Her recognition consisted of an engraved glass and metal trophy and a \$500 cash award. Dr. Figa also has been elected to the UNT Faculty Senate.

Dr. Arlita (Hallum) Harris, former Interim Associate Dean and Visiting Assistant Professor, has assumed a new position as Senior Marketing Specialist for the UNT Center for Distributed Learning. She will be marketing online courseware, implementing and expanding the Course Information Database and Program Information Database, and promoting UNT’s e-campus. We wish her well in her new assignment. In her position with SLIS from 2002 until August 2005, her

Did you know...

Between 1996 and 2004, a diverse and talented faculty brought over \$4 million into the School through grants.

responsibilities included recruitment and support of graduate students and advising all students except those in the off-campus programs in Houston, Nevada, and Minnesota programs. She was instrumental in developing the Certificate of Advanced Management that has been a resounding success. She also has been involved in several projects for the TxCDK and in the nationally recognized Library Education at the Desktop (LE@D) project.



Dr. Samantha Hastings

Publisher of ITI's Book Publishing Division, stated that ASIST and ITI have been looking for an editor with the background and energy to bring [the series] to the next level...I am

thrilled to announce that Samantha Hastings has agreed to assume this role." Current ASIST President Nicholas J. Belkin described Dr. Hastings as "an outstanding educator, practitioner, and advocate for the library and information science professions."

Dr. Carol Simpson has two new publications. *Copyright for Schools: A Practical Guide*, 4th ed. (Linworth Books, 2005) updates the law to current statutory changes and court rulings. There also is a significant expansion of the chapter on distance learning resulting from the passage of the TEACH

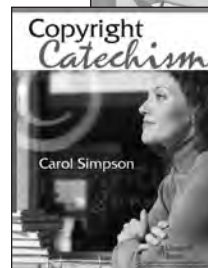
Act, and copyright legislation that passed as late as April 2005. The work has been adopted as a textbook in many LIS programs and school library certification



Dr. Carol Simpson

programs around the country. Thomson-Gale is using it in an educator workshop series on ethics and legal issues.

Copyright Catechism (Linworth Books, 2005), a companion book to *Copyright for Schools*, is a collection of Dr. Simpson's regular column called *Copyright Questions of the Month* that appeared for about 8 years in *The Book Report and Library Talk* magazines and is currently included in *Library Media Connections*. All of the columns, organized by topic, have been updated to include current law and practice.



Mike Pullin, Kristi Engle, Shari Sandwick, Peggy Zimmerman, Liz Jacobs, Kelly Steckler, and Charlene Weis.

Mike Pullin, Program/Project Specialist IMLS Ph.D. Program, met with a student and some graduates of the Minnesota program while in Bismarck, North Dakota in June 2005. The group included **Kristi Engle** ('05), **Shari Sandwick** ('05), **Peggy Zimmerman** ('05), **Liz Jacobs** (current student), **Kelly Steckler** ('03), and **Charlene Weis** ('03).

In April, 2005, **Dr. Maurice Wheeler** made a presentation at Vanderbilt University related to social science research utilizing digitized historical images. He participated on a panel at the ALA Diversity Summit in Chicago in July, and in August, he presented research findings at Cambridge University (UK).

SLIS has named coordinators in four cities to assist with recruitment, alumni events, cohort sessions, and other School activities. They include **Cynthia Williams** ('04), El Paso; **D.L. Grant** ('05), San Antonio; **Lynne Beck** ('04), Minnesota; and **Michael Frazier** ('04), Las Vegas.

At the annual meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), held in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 28-November 2, 2005, **Dr. Samantha Hastings** was named editor of the Society's professional book series. Information Today, Inc. (ITI) has published the ASIST Monograph Series, designed for scholars, students, and practitioners, since 1991. John B. Bryans, Editor-in-Chief and

The first...

In 1984, the School obtained its first personal computer. Dr. Donald Cleveland wired the kits together and set up the School's first computer lab. In the following two years, new generations of computers were installed, and Dr. Cleveland created and taught the first courses in computer literacy. Throughout the years, the School has kept up with the developing information technology.

TxCDK FELLOWS TAKE INITIATIVE ON RFID



TxCDK FELLOWS

William Moen, Assoc. Prof., SLIS, Interim Dir. TxCDK; **David Barrett**, Asst. Prof., Comp. Sci. & Engr.; **Jacqueline Chanda**, Prof. & Chair, Div. of Art Edu. & Art Hist.; **Yvonne Chandler**, Assoc. Prof., SLIS; **Jiangping Chen**, Asst. Prof., SLIS; **Brad Chilton**, Assoc. Prof., Crim. Justice; **Ana Cleveland**, Prof., SLIS; **Mary Curtis**, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Acctng.; **Jerry Dake**, Mang. Dir., & Lecturer, Info. Tech. & Decision Sci.; **Hai Deng**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Electrical Eng.; **Martha Escobar-Molano**, Asst. Prof., Comp. Sci. & Engr.; **Nicholas Evangelopoulos**, Asst. Prof., Bus Comp. Info. Sysms.; **Elizabeth Figa**, Asst. Prof., SLIS; **Oscar Garcia**, Dean, Coll. of Engr.; **Sigrid Glenn**, Regents Prof. Behav. Analys.; **John S. Gossett**, Prof. and Chair, Dept. of Communication Studies; **Donald Grose**, Dean of Librs.; **Arlita Hallam Harris**, Sr. Mktng Spec., Cts. for Dist. Learning; **Cathy Hartman**, Head, Digital Proj. Dept., UNT Librs.; **Samantha Hastings**, Assoc. Prof., SLIS; **Stanley Ingman**, Prof. & Dir., Sch. of Comm. Serves.; **Arminta Jacobson**, Prof., Early Childhd. Edu.; **Greg Jones**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Tech. & Cog.; **Leon Kappelman**, Farrington Prof., Bus. Comp. Info. Sysms.; **Gerald Knezek**, Prof., Tech & Cog.; **Chang Koh**, Assoc. Prof., Coll. of Bus. Adm.; **Mitch Land**, Assoc. Prof., Journalism.; **Maurice Leatherbury**, Ex. Dir., Info. Tech. & Acad. Computing; **Kall Loper**, Asst.

Since spring 2005, TxCDK has been coordinating a University-wide, multi-discipline Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Research Group. The Group is comprised of over 80 faculty experts and graduate students in the multiple engineering and logistic facets of this technology, representing many UNT colleges and schools—Business, Education, Library & Information Sciences, Community Service, Music, and Visual Arts—plus other campus experts from transportation and security, the libraries, healthcare facilities, and information technology.

RFID is a technology that uses radio signal or electromagnetic energy to identify objects. The technology has been used for years to identify objects such as airplanes and ships. It is, of course, radar, an acronym for “radio detection and ranging.” RFID is in the media spotlight because of new applications—event ticketing; casino chip authentication; wristbands for sporting events; patient, child, and prisoner tracking; and keyless entry, toll tag access, and many other uses.

In 2003, Wal-Mart surprised the business community by announcing that it would adopt RFID technology and mandating that by January 2005 its major suppliers implement its use for shipments bound for its Denton-area distribution center. The U.S. Department of Defense has decreed that in order to provide visibility and flexibility that all supplies bound for combat areas must be tracked with RFID tags. Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration mandated that, in order to guard against theft and counterfeiting, drug manufacturers must place RFID labels on bottles by 2007.

Wal-Mart’s selection of the Dallas area to test its deployment of the technology has made the metroplex a hotbed of RFID activity resulting in numerous RFID vendors opening or relocating their offices in the area. Major retailers such as Best Buy, Target, Seven-Eleven, and Albertsons also decided to test RFID in the Dallas area. The global importance of the region’s RFID technology was confirmed this year when the third Annual RFID World—one of the premier events for the industry—was held in Dallas in March

2005; it will return in February 2006.

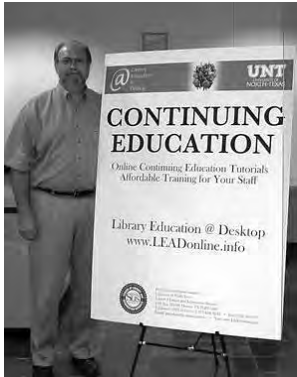
TxCDK co-sponsored an RFID Institute with the National Information Standards Organization in October 2005, that addressed standards coding and privacy concerns in the information industry involving publishers, booksellers, corporate knowledge centers, and libraries. The Institute brought together industry leaders from RFID companies, software and hardware giants, the Electronic Freedom Foundation, and many others. Other projects of the UNT RFID Research Group include web-based services and business seminars, as well as specific projects with RFID suppliers and software producers.

Several of the TxCDK Fellows are RFID experts and leaders of the research efforts. The UNT team meets monthly to exchange information about current projects and to discuss new ideas with industry leaders. More information including industry links and resources is available on the group’s website at www.txcdk.org/rfid, and from Corrie Marsh, associate director of TxCDK and RFID Research Group coordinator at cmarsh@unt.edu.

Corrie Marsh



Dr. Dick Hartley, head of the Department of Information & Communications at Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England, was a guest speaker at SLIS June 20, 2005, sponsored by TxCDK. His research expertise is in user searching and image retrieval in OPAC systems. His speech was titled “Interoperability: What Is It/ Is It Feasible: Does Anyone Care Anyway?”



Gary Werchan

NEWS FROM LIBRARY EDUCATION @ DESKTOP (LE@D)

LE@D Comes to Denton Public Library

LE@D'S new home is adjacent to the foyer of Denton Public Library North Branch. Since 2003, the project has provided desktop education to over 10,000 librarians and library staff nationwide. Distance learning has been praised for its potential to nourish end-user education, and LE@D is playing a major role in assisting this effort. Evolved from an IMLS grant that funded a collaborative partnership between the SLIS and the Northeast Texas Library System, LE@D maintains a 90%+ success rate.

In a recent Sloan-C survey, over 2.6 million higher education students studied online in 2004, noting a tremendous shift in online learning (The Quality and Extend of Online Education in the United States, Retrieved August 20, 2005 from <http://www.sloan-c.org/resources/survey.asp>). For librarians and library staff, online user education has not only become relevant to career development, but provides a convenient alternative to traditional educational formats.

With the current success rate and the development of several new training modules, the question might be asked, "What lies in store for the project?" Program/Project Coordinator Gary Werchan notes that, "LE@D has provided a welcome service to public library users and is now seeking to cross over to academic and school library user markets, supported by a second IMLS grant. In addition to pursuing other markets," Werchan adds, "LE@D has plans to expand its course offerings to include series in technology, management, and reference." In order to assist this effort and to broaden the instructional focus and scope of the service offerings, LE@D is interested in courseware developers. Those wanting more information about developing courseware or becoming a core reviewer for LE@D should contact Gary Werchan at 940/369-7872.

Cheryl Lawson

LE@D Grant to Train School Librarians

IMLS has awarded SLIS a \$159,578 grant to extend its highly successful online continuing education program (LE@D) to school librarians. SLIS will partner with the El Paso and Ysleta independent school districts to produce at least five online tutorials targeting topics identified by school librarians/media specialists as important to their continuing education needs. "The project is an excellent example of partnership between a university and public schools to bring together expertise that will deliver quality training to school library staffs," said Dr. Philip Turner, UNT Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement and principal investigator on the grant.

The original IMLS grant that created LE@D was aimed at public libraries. "Our contacts with public library staff over the last two years made it clear that school librarians had unique continuing education topics that LE@D could address quite well," Dr. Turner added. The initial five tutorial topics will be developed based on a recently completed needs assessment survey of El Paso librarians. Librarians in the two districts will test the new tutorials, which will then be made available nationally in early 2006.

Tutorial descriptions and availability will be posted on the Project LE@D website at www.LEADonline as they become available. Project Coordinator Gary Werchan can be contacted directly at gwerchan@lis.admin.unt.edu.

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Bonnie Juergens has served as Executive Director of Amigos Library Services,



Bonnie Juergens

Inc., a non-profit member-based resource-sharing cooperative of 800+ libraries in greater Southwestern United States since 1988. She administers a \$22 million revenue/expense budget each year and directs a staff of some 50. Her many accomplishments include chairing the committee that developed the highly successful Texas Library Association's Leadership Development Program (TALL Texans), and working with library leaders throughout Texas to plan and implement TexShare, a statewide library resource-sharing program that serves over 750 libraries across the State. In 2004, Bonnie was presented the Distinguished Service Award, the Texas Library Association's highest honor.

After serving in several administrative positions since joining the staff in 1983, **Dana Rooks** became Dean of Libraries at the University of Houston in 1997. The



Dana Rooks

UH library, consisting of 2.2 million volumes and a staff of over 200, supports 13 schools and colleges, 35,000 students and 1,200 faculty members, with annual expenditures totaling \$16.5 million. After securing \$25 million from the University to expand the library, Ms. Rooks was responsible for conducting an external fund raising project that raised \$25 million over a 3-year period. The expansion project, now nearing completion, adds 170,000

square feet to the central library. TLA named Dana Rooks Librarian of the Year in 1997. She served as president of the Association in 2004-05.

RIO GRANDE INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Rio Grande Initiative Fellows met for a summer colloquium in McAllen, Texas, June 16-18, 2005. The meeting theme, "Libraries and the Community," was designed to help the students understand the vital role libraries play within communities. Mike Perez, McAllen City Manager, kicked off the meeting with an informative speech about the importance of libraries in the Rio Grande Valley. The fellows then broke into groups to discuss how their libraries could better serve their communities and afterward reported their findings to guest panelists Armandina Sesin, South Texas College Library Director, and Gerard Mittelstaedt, McAllen Public Library Director. Anna Cruz, trainer/analyst for the Distance Education Center at the University of Texas at Austin, and co-presenter



Rio Grande Fellows

Danny Cruz, provided a Power Point presentation on how to bring authors to libraries. In addition, the students toured the Bibliotheca las Americas in Mercedes, the South Texas College Library in McAllen and the South Texas Historical Museum. At a dinner, students had an opportunity to network with 14 Rio Grande area library leaders. Lily Torrez, the Rio Grande Initiative Coordinator, and her husband Jesse made the meeting very special. Dr. Ana Cleveland and her mother Mrs. Ana Divino, who also was able to attend, say—mil gracias por todas as atenciones!

Ana D. Cleveland

WEB INSTITUTES

SLIS Web Institute-Denton



Denton Institute participants at lunch

The fall 2005 Web Institute held in Denton opened with a pre-institute dinner on August 27, attended by the students, Interim Dean Dr. Samantha Hastings, Dr. Elizabeth Figa, Toby Faber, and Web Institute Coordinator Charlotte Thomas. Beginning on Saturday and ending on Monday, students received orientation and technology training, and began their coursework on SLIS 5000 and 5600 under the guidance of Dr. Elizabeth Figa and teaching assistants Janet Macpherson, Julie Nichols, Pok Chin, and Adrienne Jones. On Monday, students were treated to a pizza party, hosted by Drs. Hastings and Figa.

SLIS Web Institute-Houston

On the first weekend in September, in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, the Houston

Institute was held under the guidance of Dr. Linda Schamber and her teaching team that included Dr. Larry Enoch, Brad Eden, Svetlana Barnes, and Abby Dover. Drs. Ana Cleveland and Philip Turner were also on hand to welcome students to the program. The Institute, held at the University of Houston Hilton, followed the traditional pre-institute dinner. In addition to orientation and technology training, students began work on SLIS 5200 and 5000. The group was housed at the Hampton Inn-Medical Center/Reliant Park, along with many guests from hurricane Katrina. They reported the experience in seeing these refugees was painful beyond words.

SLIS Web Institute-MN

After a pre-institute dinner on Friday evening, the fourth Minnesota Cohort web institute met at the Holiday Inn Minneapolis Metrodome and the University of Minnesota Law Library over the 2005 Labor Day weekend. Thirty-four students from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, and Iowa got acquainted with the faculty and their fellow students. Drs. Philip Turner and Yvonne Chandler lead the instructional team for SIS 5000 and 5600, along with teaching assistants Shemelis Assefa, Gavin Schaeffer, and Web Institute Coordinator Charlotte Thomas. Lynne Beck, a SLIS graduate and onsite institute coordinator was on hand to offer advice and support to the new students.

LISSA UPDATE

The purpose of Library & Information Sciences Student Association (LISSA) is to enhance the professional careers and academic experiences of its members. Through participation in programs, seminars, and social activities, members are assured of a broader graduate university experience and are better prepared to join the information professions and serve society at large.

LISSA on campus meets monthly during the long terms and virtually in the SLIS Village chat room year round. Check the LISSA discussion topic in SLIS Village for more information. Officers: Jennifer Lafleur, President and SLIS Village Manager, Jennifer@unt.edu; Andrea Szaboky, vice-president, and Nora Wyman-Baggaley, secretary.

Houston-LISSA has been involved in assisting the Houston Public Library in the hurricane relief effort. Members went to the shelters to provide information as well as story time for children. They also organized a drive during the September Web Institute where they raised \$1,300 that was donated to the Red Cross.

SLIS thanks Poom Sunhachawi-Taylor for her leadership as president of Houston LISSA and Monica Rivero as continuing secretary, and welcomes Erin Dorris as the new president. SLIS also welcomes Barbara Shreffler as the new president of the Houston Alumni Association.



Jennifer Lafleur



Andrea Szaboky



Nora Wyman-Baggaley

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SPRING & SUMMER 2005 GRADUATES

SLIS awarded 215 Masters and 9 doctoral degrees in spring and summer 2005 graduation convocations, 76 masters and 5 interdisciplinary doctoral degrees at spring 2005 and 139 master* and 4 doctoral degrees in summer convocations. Twenty-eight Masters were to students in the Minnesota program, 3 in spring and 25 in summer.

* indicates Minnesota graduates

Spring Ph.D.s:

Brian C Grams, Fred Hays Karr, Alan Livingston, Josephine Reyna, Abebe Rorissa (4.0).

Spring 2005 Masters:

Kerry Aalbers (4.0), Javier Aguilar (4.0), Amy Alanis (4.0), Laura Allen, Melanie Barajas (4.0), Melissa Beavers (4.0), Deban Becker, Colleen Bischof (4.0), Doris Black (4.0), Katy Bock, Anne Botkin (4.0), Amy Briggs, Nidia Casillas (4.0), Kenny Chao (4.0), Elia Chapa (4.0), Chris Childs, Wongun Cho, Yun-yun Chou, Karen Clouse (4.0), Kendra Creighton (4.0), Michelle Dodsworth, Sarah Donahue (4.0), Ellen Doray (4.0), Christina Drake (4.0), Teresa Ellis (4.0), Christianna English (4.0), Scott Erps, Jennifer Fitzgerald, John Hallmark, Elizabeth Haluska-Rausch (4.0), Cynthia Hansen (4.0), Gail Harrison (4.0), Tariqul Hasan, Linda Holder, Jamie Holmes (4.0), Tiffany Hough (4.0), Deborah Igoe* (4.0), Shikun Jiang, Patricia King, Lucille Kocich (4.0), Patricia Dian Lemons, Laura Livermore (4.0), Linda McMillan (4.0), Maria Medina (4.0), Joanne Montanye (4.0), Marcy Morlock (4.0), Dana Jean Mottola, Amanda Munguia, Mary Nicholas* (4.0), Sylvia Owens (4.0), Elisabeth Pankl (4.0), Emily Patridge, Carol Phaling, Helene Ray (4.0), Toyia Senter (4.0), Nancy

SLIS AT TURKISH CONFERENCE



Members of Turkish delegation including Dr. Samantha Hastings and Ph.D. student Elise Lewis.

In June 2005, the Turkish National Police, with support from the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, hosted the Conference on Democracy and Global Security in Istanbul, Turkey, with delegates from more than 60 countries in attendance. Turkish National Police Officers who are graduates from the UNT Interdisciplinary Information Science Ph.D. program were involved in conference planning and organization. The conference program reflected the complex issues involved in global security. Law enforcement agents, government officials, and researchers shared their findings in hope of developing solutions that can be applied to current world problems.

Administrators, faculty, staff, and students represented UNT. **Drs. Samantha Hastings, Guillermo Oyarce, Herman Totten, and Phil Turner** were invited conference speakers. Recent UNT Interdisciplinary Ph.D. graduates **Suleyman Ozeren** and **Ahmet Yayla**, along with current student **Elise Lewis**, also presented their research findings.

The conference banquet at the Dolmabahce Palace on the shore of the Bosphorus Sea was a grand affair. During the banquet, Denton Mayor Euline Brock discussed the importance of collaboration between the Turkish National Police and the City of Denton. The historical city was the perfect setting for such a groundbreaking conference.

Elise Lewis

SPRING AND SUMMER GRADUATION CONVOCATIONS

Spring graduation convocation held in the May 14, 2005, at the UNT Murchison Performance Arts Center, SLIS awarded 76 Masters and 5 Ph.D.s. Student speaker Christopher Childs, whose degree concentration is in health informatics, did his internship with the National Library of Medicine. He served as vice-president and president of the Library and Information Science Student Association. Convocation speaker Mary Suhn, Dallas City Manager and SLIS graduate, urged students to consider accepting other career avenues as the opportunities are presented to them. Her own career path was far different from that which she expected. (See p.3 for additional information about Mary.)

At **summer graduation convocation**, one hundred forty three students received degrees (139



Julie Gonzalez

Masters and 4 Ph.D.s), held at the Murchison Center on Saturday, August 13. Speakers for the ceremony were **Juli Gonzalez**, who gave the student address and **Eve Poole**,

Director of Denton Public Libraries, who presented the convocation address.

Juli Gonzalez, whose parents and sister from California attended the festivities, holds a B.A. in Social Work and an M.A. in Education. In addition to several years teaching children in 4th and 5th grades, she served three years in the Army where she developed skills as a photojournalist. Dr. Elizabeth Figa and the youth librarianship program made Juli take action to complete the master's degree in library science.

Eva Poole has been director of the Denton Public Library since 1993. The city's library system consists of the main library, newly renovated and reopened in 2005, and two branches. She is active in professional organiza-



Dr. Samantha Hastings and Eva Poole

tions and served as president of the Texas Library Association in 2002-03. The Texas Municipal League Library Director's Association named her the 1998 Municipal Librarian of the Year.



Minnesota Cohort 2005

The 27 graduates and some 150 family members and friends attended the Minnesota Cohort summer convocation held at the University of Minnesota Law Library on August 20, 2005. Annie M. Wrigg was chosen by the graduating class to give the student commencement address. Professor Joan S. Howland, the Roger F. Noreen Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Information & Technology at the University of Minnesota Law Library, gave the commencement address.

STUDENT NEWS

Masters Program

Veronica Arrellano, a student in the Houston program, has received the American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship, the Association's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the critical need for ethnic librarians. The \$5,000 scholarship also includes \$1,500 in professional development opportunities.



Dr. Arlita (Hallam) Harris and Sandi Brock

Sandi Brock of Everett, Washington, who was unable to attend the graduation convocation August 14, received her diploma by "special delivery." When she

learned that Dr. Arlita (Hallam) Harris would be coming to Washington en route to her Alaskan honeymoon cruise, Sandi requested that she bring along her diploma. On August 20, Sandi and her family met the Harris in Seattle for dinner and the "graduation ceremony."

Julie Kibler received a stipend of \$1,500 from the Texas Chapter of the Special

Libraries Association to attend the organization's annual conference held in Toronto, June 2005. Julie is a student assistant at the UNT Dallas Campus Library and a student in the masters program.

Donald Jason Raymond received the Lexis/Nexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Ph.D. Program

Doug Achterman's article "Surviving Wikipedia: Improving Student Search Habits Through Information Literacy and Teacher Collaboration" appeared in the May/June



Doug Achterman



Brian Kenney

2005 issue of *Knowledge Quest*, which is published by the American Association of School Librarians. Doug, a student in the IMLS cohort, serves as library media specialist at San Benito High School, Hollister, California.

Brian Kenney, one of the new second year IMLS cohorts, has been promoted to editor-in-chief of *School Library Journal*.

Congratulations Brian!

Agnes Goz Percy, doctoral student and an adjunct faculty member, gave birth to her third son, Mark Matthew, on June 7, 2005.

Michael Stephens, a new doctoral student, was awarded a TxCDK research assistantship working with Dr. Gerald Knezek and Dr. Greg Jones of the Department of Technology and Cognition.

IMLS cohort member **Joyce Valenza's** book *Super Searchers Go to School: Sharing Online Strategies with K-12 Students, Teachers, and Librarians* (Cyberage Book/Information Today, 2005) was recently released.



Joyce Valenza, Michael Stephens, with Brian and Mary O'Connor

2005 GRADUATES

(Robbie) Sittel, Valerie Sivil (4.0), Marianne Smith, Norma Steeves (4.0), Beverly Still (4.0), Rebecca Straus, John Suter (4.0), Robert Sveter, Nicholas Syma, Naomi Taplin (4.0), Eric Terry (4.0), Teresa Thiim (4.0), Jason Thomale (4.0), Kaylia Thomas, Lee Torrains, John Tracy, Connie Walker (4.0), Juan Wang, Pam West, Laini Wolman, Sara Ybarra (4.0).

Summer Ph.D.s

Baris Aksakal, Suleyman Ozeren, Muhammet Yasar, Ahmet Yayla

Summer 2005 Masters

Mary Adams* (4.0), Ruth Adkins-Villarreal, Anna Alexander, Wendy Andersen* (4.0), Pamela Arevalo, April Aultman Becker, Rebecca Belknap, Linda Berger* (4.0), Susan Bloomfield* (4.0), Aaron Bluitt, Rachel Bohmfalk (4.0), Sandra Brock (4.0), Alice Burk, Amanda Cargile (4.0), Van Carpenter* (4.0), Lori Carson, Darcy Casavant (4.0), Gwendolyn Cobb (4.0), Leslie Cohen, Melanie Collins, Sarah Coolidge, Leticia Correa, Angela Dacus (4.0), Judy Daniluk (4.0), Annette Davis, Megan Dazey (4.0), Amanda Demott, Sarah Devereaux* (4.0), Pamela Dille* (4.0), Patricia Domengeaux (4.0), Joshua Dugdale, Pauline Eng (4.0), Kristi Engle*, Nathan Farley*, Rebecca Fernandez, Jo Flanders, Michael Forrest (4.0), Laura Fournier* (4.0), Mary Freyberg* (4.0), Julie Gallichio, Kimberly Gardner, Tabitha Goldsmith, Catalina Gomez, Juli Gonzalez (4.0), Latheina Gonzalez, D.L. Grant, Jr. (4.0), Jennifer Graves, Adrienne Gray-Edwards (4.0), Javier Gutierrez, Jonathan Haight (4.0), Patrice Hamiter* (4.0), Sarah Hemendinger (4.0), Gwen Henderson, Carol

2005 GRADUATES

Herrington (4.0), Rosanne Herstad* (4.0), Elizabeth Hoffman*, Nancy Hogsett, Rebecca Holton, Jared Howland (4.0), Cresencia Huff (4.0), Tremain Jackson, Natasha Jenkins, Jennifer Jenness* (4.0), Valerie Jensen (4.0), Laura Jewell, Martha Johnson (4.0), Jennifer Kelleher, Julie Kibler (4.0), Linda Kott* (4.0), Pamela Krueger, Alicia Lauve (4.0), Martha Lawler, Troy Lawrence, Miguel Leatham, Amanda Lefebvre (4.0), Robyn Lewis, Jody Maas (4.0), Jamie Malcolm, Sherry Martin (4.0), Jose Martinez, Cissy Mattingly, Larry McClung, Laurie McKee, Teresa McMurray, Mary Melberg* (4.0), Erika Miller, Lisa Miller, Deanne Moinuddin, Philip Montgomery, Matthew Morrison (4.0), Colleen Mounsey, Bernadette Mount, Celia Muniz (4.0), Ellen Noble (4.0), Saidah Ochoa (4.0), Jennifer Ogden (4.0), Linda Opella, Mary Parr, Stephanie Patterson, Mark Pfeifer* (4.0), Kevin Pischke (4.0), Julie Plummer (4.0), Lucia Podmore (4.0), Michael Porter, Mary Preston, Linda Rau* (4.0), Kelly Robertson (4.0), Trisha Robison, Rodolfo Rodela (4.0), John Salinas, Shari Sandwick* (4.0), Nancy Schenewerk (4.0), Andrea Schorr (4.0), Peggy Skiles (4.0), Sammie Slone, Dawn Smith (4.0), Nancy Smith* (4.0), Linda Spiro (4.0), Joy Starks, Daniel Stuart, Suphavadi Sunhachawi-Taylor (4.0), Elaine Taylor (4.0), Ross Teller, Julie Temple (4.0), Ann Tenreiro (4.0), Catherine Thompson (4.0), Pamela Thompson, Wilma Tribble, Beryl Turner, James Turner (4.0), Shirley Vasquez, Neil Vig*, Barbara Walker (4.0), Martin Wallace, Boyd Waltman (4.0), Denne Wesolowski* (4.0), Rosie Wilson, Ann Wrigg* (4.0), Margaret Zimmerman* (4.0).

* indicates Minnesota graduates

Joyce has also been working on the educational video series "Research Skills for Students" and "Library Skills for Children." She is the author of *Power Research Tools* and *Power Research Tools Recharged*, and is a regular contributor to *Classroom Connection*, *VOYA*, *Learning and Leading with Technology*, and *School Library Journal*.



Mary Jo Venetis

A paper by IMLS doctoral student **Mary Jo Venetis** and Associate Professor **Maurice Wheeler** was published October 3, 2005 by *First Monday*, a peer-reviewed journal on the Internet at http://firstmonday.org/issues/issue10_10/wheeler/

Dr. Brian O'Connor reports that **Richard Anderson** and **Rowena Li**, who spoke at the document academy at University of California Berkeley School of Information Systems & Management October 7-9, did a spectacular job.

Three students have been named to serve as TxCDK research assistants: **Fei Li**, **Michael Robertson**, and **Cong Xuan**. Award recipients receive \$10,000 in scholarship funding plus hourly pay and benefits.

Some SLIS Ph.D. Graduates — Where are they now?

June Abbas ('02), Asst. Prof. State Univ. of New York at Buffalo, Dept. of L&I, School of Information; **Thomas Bell III** ('99), Assoc. Prof., Texas Wesleyan Univ., Ft. Worth; **Mary Berry** ('91), Prof. and Chair, L.S. Dept., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX; **Kaye Bray** ('03), Asst. Prof., SLIS, Texas Woman's Univ., Denton; **Orella Brazile** ('91), Interim Vice-Chancellor for Acad. Affairs, Southern Univ., Shreveport, LA; **Terry Clower** ('97), Asst. Prof. Inst. of Applied Eco. & Assoc. Dir., Ctr. of Eco. Dev. & Res., UNT; **Gene Hetsel** ('97), Asst. Prof., Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford; **Jason Holmes** ('03), Asst. Prof., SLIS, Kent State Univ., Kent, OH; **Sungbum Hong** ('02), Asst. Prof., Jackson State Univ., MS.; **Sharon Jenkins** ('99) Dir. of Library Services, New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs; **Ki Tai Jeong** ('02), Asst. Prof., Lane College, Jackson, TN.; **Deborah Karpuk** ('92), Assoc. Prof., SLIS, San Jose State Univ., CA.; **Alberta Mayberry** ('91), Diplomat/management Counselor, U.S.

Department of State and a student at the Naval War College in Newport, RI; **Steve MacCall** ('99), Assoc. Prof., SLIS, Univ. of AL; **Michelynn McKnight** ('04), Asst. Prof., SLIS, Louisiana St. Univ., Baton Rouge; **Barry Myers** ('03), Prof. of Computer Sc. and Dir. of CS Program, Northwest Nazarene Univ., Nampa, ID; **Scott Nicholson** ('00), Asst. Prof., SIS, Syracuse Univ., Syracuse, NY; **Melanie Norton** ('94), Dir., SLIS, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; **Timothy Stettheimer** ('00), Ascension Health in Alabama; **Michael Veronin** ('00), Asst. Prof., Health Science Center School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech Univ., Amarillo; **Cecil White** ('84), Library Director, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menco Park, CA.; **Mohamed Zehery** ('75), Dir., Ohio State University-Lima Campus.

TURKISH STUDENTS RECEIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY Ph.D.



Dr. Sam Hastings at Almet Yayla's dissertation

Due to commitments in Turkey, Muhammet Murat and Almet Yayla, two of the four Turkish students who received the Ph.D. in summer 2005, were unable to stay in the states for the summer 2005 graduation convocation. A graduation ceremony was held in the SLIS boardroom to present each with their degree certificates. They, along with other doctoral students, are among some of the first students in UNT's Turkish Institute for Police Studies. The program, housed in the Department of Criminal Justice, brings officers of the Turkish National Police Force to the United States for two to six years to earn master's or doctoral degrees.



Sarah Jessamine Rhodes

FIRST FERSTL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Sarah Jessamine Rhodes, a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Houston, has received the first scholarship from the endowment established by former faculty member Dr. Kenneth Ferstl assisted by alumni support. Sarah will seek the Master of Library Science General Program of Study in the Houston Program. During her undergraduate program she was one of 10 students selected to take a course in creative writing with author Edward Albee, and was

one of 4 students selected to take a short story workshop with writer Elizabeth McCrackin. For the past four years she has been working in the fields of professional writing and public relations. Sarah's husband is a graphic artist of incredible talent. Along with many other accomplishments, he created the graphic design for museum exhibits at Dallas Holocaust Museum. A portrait he did of Sara was exhibited at the Harris Gallery in Houston and featured in an issue of *Southwest Art Magazine*. Dr. Ferstl says: "I am pleased to see that someone with such strong credentials for librarianship has been selected as the first recipient of the Ferstl Scholarship."

SLIS ALUMNI LEADERS IN TLA



Joyce Baumbach

Attention all TLA members:

Three are candidates for leadership positions in TLA: **Joyce Baumbach**, ALA Councilor; **Sue Compton**, public libraries and **Karen Weilhorski**, school libraries, Representatives at Large to the Executive Board. Do not forget to vote!

Faculty, alumni and others closely associated with SLIS currently holding key leadership position in the Association include: **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann** ('92), president; **Jana Knezek**, president-elect; **Janet Key**, treasurer, and **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**, **Melody Kelly** ('73), **Caroline Kienzle** ('93) and **Christopher Salerno**, representatives-at-large to the Executive Board.

Others holding TLA leadership positions include: **Corinne Hill** ('95), chair, Public Library Division; **Karen Hopkins** ('76), chair, College and University Division; **Victoria Kemp** ('99), chair-elect, Public Library Division; **Maribel Garza-Castro** ('03), chair-elect, Texas Association of School Librarians; **Diane Neal** ('01), chair, Automation and Technology Round Table; **Dean Washington** ('00), chair-elect, Black Caucus; **William Buckner** ('90), chair, Genealogy Round Table; **Cheryl Smith** ('85), chair-elect, Genealogy Round Table; **Ellen Ko** ('94), chair, Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Round Table; **Sally Bickley** ('02), chair, New Members Round Table; **Dr. Elizabeth Figa**, Storytelling Round Table councilor; **Constance Moss** ('92), Supervision, Management, and Administration Round Table councilor; **Mary Jo Venetis**, Ph.D. student, TALL Texans councilor; **Amanda Williams** ('78), council representative to the Budget Committee and Children's Round Table counselor; **Pam Spooner**, chair,

Awards Committee; **Mary Castle** ('74), chair, Scholarship and Research Committee; **Mary Alford** ('64) co-chair 2006 Conference Local Arrangements Committee and District #8 chair-elect; **Susan Compton** ('82) and **Janet Key**, co-chairs 2006 Conference Program Committee; **Dr. Herman Totten**, chair, Cultural Diversity Committee; **Janis Test** ('79), chair, History of TLA Committee and District #1 councilor; **Ed Kownslar** ('92), chair-elect, Digital Libraries Interest Group; **Miriam Rodriguez** ('97), co-chair-elect, District #5; **Beth Mullins** ('82), councilor, District #7; **Kathryn Boone** ('90), co-chair, District #9; **Mary Milligan** ('75) chair, District #10, **Dede Rios** ('04), chair-elect, District #10.

A number of faculty and alumni are serving on task forces: **Michael Baldwin** and **Joyce Baumbach** ('93), Task Force on Library Districts Legislation; **Dr. Carol Simpson**, **Jerilynn Williams** ('79), **Sharon Carr** ('89), **Mark Hanna** ('77), **Dr. Mary Berry** ('91), **Mary Jo Venetis**, IMLS Ph.D. student, and **Dr. Samantha Hastings** on Task Force on New Initiatives.

BETA PHI MU SELECTIONS SUMMER 2005

Ph.D. Students:

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M.S. Students:

Mary Adams, Susan

Bloomfield, Amanda DeMott,

Julie Gallichio, D.L. Grant,

Javier Gutierrez, Jonathan

Haight, Patrice Hamiter,

Rosanne Herstad, Jared

Howland, Cresencia Huff,

Tremain Jackson, Valarie

Jensen, Yolanda Koontz, Alicia

Lauve, Martha Lawler, Troy

Lawrence, Phyllis Macmillan,

Julie Manax, Michele McBride,

Matt Morrison, Bernadette

Mount, Celia Muniz, Saidah

Ochoa, Julie Plummer, Michael

Porter, Kelly Robertson,

Rodolfo Rodela, Shari

Sandwick, Andrea Schorr,

Suphavadi Sunhachawi-Taylor,

Ross Teller, Ann Tenreiro,

Catherine Thompson, James

"Artie" Turner, Annie Wrigg,

and Margaret Zimmerman.

NEWS FROM ALUMS

1970S

Ted Albrecht (MS '73), who also holds the B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in musicology from UNT, is on the School of Music faculty at Kent State University. One of his research areas is reconstructing the personnel of Vienna's orchestras during the Beethoven era which requires frequent trips to Austria's libraries, archives, and church offices. He reports that he also continues to "research" Vienna's restaurants, museums, concerts, churches, and other sightseeing attractions.



Robert Martin

Robert Martin (MLS '79) recently completed his four-year presidential appointment as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, D.C., a federal grant-awarding agency. He has returned to his teaching position in the School of Library Studies at Texas Woman's University where he holds the Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in Library Science. In addition, he has joined OCLC as Special Advisor to the President for Cultural Heritage Institutions; he will consult for OCLC on special assignments. He was recently appointed as a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. During his tenure as director of IMLS, he was one of ten Federal members. In his new appointment, he is one of 15 members representing state and local governments. In that capacity, he attended the Commission's meetings in Paris, October 10-20, 2005.

Roger Nichols (MS '78) is Assistant General Counsel for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. After completing his MLS degree, he earned the law degree at Texas Tech. He reports that in his current position he uses his library skills almost daily.

Heather Williams (MLS '76) received the 2005 Lillian M. Bradshaw Award at the Friends of the Dallas Public Library annual luncheon held on May 24, 2005. The award "recognizes those who have rendered exemplary service to learning, to literature and to librarianship as a staff member of the Dallas Public Library." Heather, who currently is Manager of the History and Social Sciences Division, has been with the Dallas Public since 1978.

1980S

Don and Carole Buchwald (both MS '86) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 2, 2005, with an open house at their home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, hosted by their five children and spouses. Their daughter **Lucy** (MS '82) recruited her parents to library school after Don's retirement from the U.S. Army at the rank of Lt. Colonel. Don and Carole, both now retired, spent their library careers in Corpus Christi, Carol as a consultant with the South Texas Library System and Don as head of reference at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. After serving several years at a post library in Italy, **Lucy** is back in the states serving as library director of the post library at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

John Elliott (MS '86) has been Coordinator of Distance Library Services at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, since 2003. John spent 10 years in Asia where he taught English at Chinese universities in Xi'an, Kunming, and Changchun. He admits that he learned embarrassingly little Chinese, although he can now use chopsticks like a champ. Even though he did not learn the language, he did acquire a wife. He and Yanna returned to the United States in 2003 during China's SARS epidemic. Their first child, Noella Joy Elliott, was born on Memorial Day 2005.

1990S

Rebecca Brumley (MS '98) has a new book out, *Public Library Job Descriptions* (Neal-Schuman), and a contract for an additional book on reference policies and procedures. Rebecca is a reference librarian at the Dallas Public Library.

Cathy Hartman (MS '91), head, Digital Projects Department, UNT Libraries, is UNT project manager for an IMLS grant awarded the Texas State Library & Archives Commission in which UNT is one of eleven partners. The \$240,249 National Leadership Grant for Building Digital Resources is intended to support the Texas Heritage Digitization Initiative in making broadly accessible special collections of materials of history and culture held by libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies throughout the State. **Mark Phillips** (MS '04) will supply much of the technology knowledge required for the work. **Dreanna Belden** (MS '03) was involved in the preparation of the grant proposal.

IN MEMORIAM

Judith Bradley (MS '83) died in her home in Bethesda, Maryland June 11, 2005. (See article about Judith in the Alumni News section.)

Muriel Brown (MS '74) died September 14. She had a 22-year career with the Dallas Public Library where she was head of the central library's children's room and was instrumental in establishing and building the extensive children's and young adult rare books and reference collection. During her career, she served on both the ALA Caldecott and Newberry awards committees.

Gwyn Hill, mother of Jurhee Curtis, SLIS Ph.D. Student Services Coordinator and External Affairs Manager, died July 11, 2005

Ruth Webb, wife of Dr. David Webb, former SLIS director and faculty member, died October 15, 2005.

We recently learned of the death of Yvonne Willingham, wife of **Dr. John Willingham**, who in 1940 received the first degree awarded by the School when it was a department in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cheryl Lawson (MS '93) has been named head of the Denton Public Library's North Branch, Denton Public Library's largest facility. Having a background in



Cheryl Lawson

corporate, academic and public libraries, she brings a wealth of knowledge to her new position. She was formerly with the Dallas Public Library where she was actively involved in promoting literacy among disadvantaged youth and the homeless population. Cheryl is a student in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program.

Miriam Rodriguez (MS '97) has been promoted to Assistant Director of Public Services at Dallas Public Library.



Miriam Rodriguez

She was formerly Multicultural Coordinator where she spearheaded many new programs. She was named a 2005 *Library Journal*

"Mover and Shaker" and is past chair of the TLA Texas-Mexico Relations Committee.

Kathryn Spangle (MS '91) has joined Santa Fe (New Mexico) Public Library as library section manager at the LaFarge Branch.

2000-2003

Dale Sims (Ph.D. '02) has been given a sabbatical from Dallas Baptist University in order to serve as a Fulbright Scholar for the 2005-2006 academic year. He will teach and do research in Ventspils, Latvia.

Other alums reporting new positions and changes include: **Richard Guinn** (MS '01), Technical Services, University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston; **Glenna Reisner** (MS '02), librarian in a new elementary school in Frisco, Texas; **Kelly Steckler** (MS '03), director of the Mandan (North Dakota) Public Library where she began as a summer youth worker in 1988; and **Karyn Wilkinson** (MS '00),



Karyn Wilkinson

formerly a senior librarian at the Irving Public Library, assistant manager at the Dallas Public Library.

2004

Bobbee Pennington (MS), children's library at Bryan (Texas) Public Library, reported exciting Harry Potter activities during the summer reading program.

Beth Wood (MS) joined the staff of Wiggin Library, Stratham, New Hampshire as assistant director on August 1, 2005. She formerly served as an outreach librarian at a public library in Vermont and as coordinator of the Community Health Resource Center at a teaching hospital in Burlington, Vermont.

2005

Angela Dacus (MS) has been named Moore County (Texas) Library Director.



Angela Dacus

The main library is in Dumas with branches in Sunray and Cactus. Plans for a new library building are in the works.

Terry Ellis (MS) has been classified as full-time faculty with a title of Theology Librarian at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. In addition to working at the library, she will be teaching one undergraduate section of Theological Research and Writing.

Linda McMillan (MS) says she loves her job at AIDS Outreach in Fort Worth where she is trying to pull together a library and rework a website. She also is acting librarian (volunteer) for The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Lucy Podmore (MS), a school librarian in San Antonio, has been named to the Naylor Award Committee, an annual prize sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas awarded to a best children's book concerning Texas history.

Others MS 2004-2005 graduates who have new jobs include: **Minerva Alaniz**, Social Sciences Librarian for Education, Texas Tech University, where she had worked for six years before graduation; **Sarah Boeglin** promoted to librarian in the Business and Technology division, Dallas Public Library; **James Britsch**, reference librarian position

IN MEMORIUM (Con't)

SLIS has learned through the Advancement Office of the deaths of a number of SLIS graduates during the past two years: **Harold Smead** (MS '88), Rochester, Vermont, March 7, 2004; **Diana Schraeder** (MS '92), Frisco, Texas, February 6, 2004; **Jessie Jensen** (MS '75), Dallas, February 25, 2004; **James Guinn** (BS '64), Wichita Falls, March 21, 2005; **Dessie Dyess** (BA '45), Lubbock, May 24, 2004; **Grace Ritter** (B.A. '49), Houston, June 13, 2005; **Mary Hardy** (BA '61), Dallas, June 21, 2004; **Mark Burrowes** (BA '51), Dallas, March 19, 2004; **Susan Tiner** (BA '71), Mayesville, Oklahoma, October 29, 2004; **Dixie Heath** (MLS '75), Fort Worth, May 17, 2005; **Sherry Fox** (MLS '68), Valleyview, TX, February 1, 2005; and **Mable Sikes** (BA '44), Austin, October 11, 2004.

LUNCH WITH ALUMS

On August 17, 2005, **Jurhee Curtis**, External Affairs Manager, and **Margaret Yates**, Advancement Associate, hosted a luncheon with staff members of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries who are SLIS alumni. Those in attendance included: **Julie Alexander** ('69), **Evelyn Barker** ('92), **Ruthie Brock** ('75), **Carol Byrne** ('98), **Beverly Carver** ('89), and **Cathy Spitzenberger** ('02).

A second luncheon with staff at Carrollton Public Library on September 7, included alums **Jan Sapp** ('83), **Jane Dillon** ('76), **Lynette Jones** ('91), **Terri Allison** ('98), **Marion Mohun** ('95), **Yvonne Manby** ('01), and **Lydia Werberig** ('95). Other Alumni activities in locations around the state are planned.

at Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska; **Billie Bailey**, a librarian at the Barbara Bush Public Library in the Harris County Public Library System; **Nidia Casillas**, Library Media Specialist, West Memorial Elementary, Katy (Texas) ISD; **Kim Clynch**, District Librarian at Harleton ISD, a school district in Northeast Texas, where she operates two libraries; **DeeAnn Green**, reference librarian and bibliographer at the University of Texas San Antonio; **Cynthia Hansen**,



DeeAnn Green



Jamie Holmes

Tamarac Branch, Brownard (Florida) Public Library; **Jamie Holmes**, Instructor of Library Services, Northeastern State University Library, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; **Tiffany Hough**, a children's librarian at Garland (Texas) Public Library; **Pam Krueger**, librarian at Chisholm Ridge Elementary School, Fort Worth ISD; **Michele Lucero**, Legal Information Manager at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & LLP, Houston; **Karen McMinn** (MS), a very happy stay-at-home

mother for her children ages eight, six, and two; **Katherine Rolfes**, Director of Library Services, South Lafayette (Louisiana) Community College; **Donna Schardein**,



Karen McMinn



Julie Ullman

reference librarian in the new Mitchell Branch of the Montgomery County (Texas) Memorial Library System; **Eric Terry**, promoted to youth services coordinator at Wichita Falls (Texas) Public Library; **Julie Ullman** (MS) promoted to the program librarian position for the Spanish Springs Branch, the newest branch in the Washoe County Library System, Reno, Nevada; and **Martin Wallace**, Research Park Library, UNT.

SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY

When the SLIS Alumni Society Executive Board met on July 14, 2005, several important matters were discussed, including the Medders scholarship fund. It was decided that money collected from the Society's life membership fees since 2000, totaling \$14,610, as well as \$15 collected from each of the \$25 annual memberships, totaling \$1,350, be moved to the Lady Kate Medders Scholarship account. Since the fund is supported by membership dues, the Board also decided that the name of the fund be changed to the Lady Kate Medders Alumni Scholarship.

It is appropriate that a fund to support future library and information scientists bear the name Lady Kate Medders. She began teaching courses in library science in 1935/36 in order to meet the requests for training teacher-librarians for school library positions. She was one of only three faculty members when the Department of Library Service was established in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1939. Until her retirement in 1953, she was the guiding spirit of both students and faculty.

Are you a member of the SLIS Alumni Society? If not, now is the time to join! Life memberships are at two levels: \$250 regular life membership, or \$1,000 at the Dean's Club level. Annual membership fees are \$25, or \$10 for the first year for recent degree/certificate recipients. Payment plans are available for both life and Dean's Club membership levels. Names of those joining at the Dean's Club level are included on a plaque prominently displayed at the School. It is urged that all SLIS alumni become members of the Alumni Society in order to support the school and the Lady Kate Medders Alumni Scholarship endowment.

Those wishing to become members should make checks payable to the SLIS Alumni Society and send to Jurhee Curtis, School of Library & Information Sciences, P.O. Box 311068, Denton, TX 76203. See form p. 21-22.

See the call for nominations for the Alumni Society officers, Outstanding Alumnus, and life members' list p. 21-22.



Ruth Brock and Allan Saxe

WHY I GIVE...

Ruth Brock

SLIS Advancement Associate Margaret Yates recently visited with Ruthie Brock to learn more about her motivations for establishing the Ruth Brock and Allan Saxe SLIS Endowed Scholarship. Below are excerpts from that conversation.

What prompted you to create an endowment for SLIS students?

It was the kind of thing Allan had done at other universities for years—on a professor's salary—as his way of giving back. This was something I was not exposed to in my upbringing and I greatly admired that in him. I thought it would be great if I could do something in my own small way and decided to use my proceeds from a house sale to create the endowment. Being a librarian and a fan of libraries, helping others who wanted to become librarians was my way of giving back to my world. I had planned to do the scholarship on my own, but Allan decided to show his support by helping me establish it. That made it even better.

How does it make you feel to know that 17 years later you are still helping SLIS students complete their degree?

Really good. The scholarship is more important today than before. We need to support those students who have good skills, are smart, energetic and understand the

information world. I am glad others are interested in librarianship and keep the profession relevant.

What kind of difference do you think scholarships make to the SLIS program?

Scholarships show students currently enrolled in the program that those giving back believe in the program and are willing to support the program and students. It is a way for students to understand they are not alone. They know there are people who care. It makes me feel good to see others value the program as much as I do and to express it by establishing endowments.

If you had it to do it all over again, would you still create this endowment?

Oh, definitely. I'm very proud of it.

Ruthie Brock currently serves as Business Librarian at University of Texas at Arlington libraries. She also serves on the board of the Arlington Public Library Foundation and was recently asked to serve on their Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. Allan Saxe is an Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Texas at Arlington and serves as DFW's favorite political analyst on local television and WBAP 820 AM Radio. They are lifetime members of the UNT President's Council and reside in Arlington, Texas.

Margaret Yates

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SLIS Alumni Event in Conjunction with the Texas Library Association Conference

Thursday, April 27, 2006 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • South Texas College of Law Library
Sixth Floor Conference Room and Rooftop Terrace • 1303 San Jacinto Street, Dallas, Texas

Cost \$20 pre-register with TLA (see official program) or \$25 at the door

http://www.stcl.edu/library/photo_tour/index.htm - enjoy a Law School video tour

Directions: The Law Library is 2 blocks North of convention center (an easy walk) or take the conference shuttle to the Four Seasons - walk West 1/2 block to corner. The Law School encompasses the entire northwest corner of Caroline and Dallas Streets with the Library entrance located on San Jacinto Street.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - Summer 2005

**Margaret Carroll
Interdisciplinary Ph.D.
Award**

Pok Wai Chin

Ana and Donald Cleveland

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Neidinger, Xuequn Pan,
Theogaraj Samuel

Phil & Lis Turner Award

Marissa Criswell, Samuel
Passey, Michael Porter,
Jamie Prideaux, Yao Weng

SLIS General Scholarship

Sajjad Bari, Chaney Bennett,
Deborah Bogue,
Emily Cunningham,
Amy DeNomme,
Tramaine Hall-Smith,
Georgia Harding,
Lee Johnson, Byron
Keeling, Janet Kravig,
Jamie Morris, Adrienne
Jones, Samuel Passey,
Collin Rhoades, Martha
Rogers, Brian Sherman,
Julie Thomas, Stephanie
Watson, Natasha Williams,
Teresa Williams

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - Fall 2005

**Ruth Brock & Alan Saxe
Scholarship**

Chaney Bennett
John Harvey

Clara Calmbach Fund

June Henson

**Dewey E. Carroll Graduate
Fellowship**

Teresa Hooper

**Margaret A. Carroll
Interdisciplinary Ph.D.
Award**

Pok Wai Chin, Miho Endo

**Clarke, Kennerly, Thomas
Scholarship**

Jennifer (Starr) Hoffman

FUNDING EDUCATION TODAY

A SLIS alumna from the Class of 1945 recently visited campus and brought her college scrapbooks for viewing. There was a piece of yellowed paper on one page that struck me more than anything else. It was her registration receipt from February 1943. Total due? \$36.00.

She did remind me that her job at the bookbindery paying \$.50 an hour was a good job to have in those days. Fair enough. Then I wondered, how many hours a week over the course of a semester did she have to work to pay that \$36.00? And how many hours a week does a student today have to work to pay their tuition?

Let's see, \$36.00 divided by \$.50 is 72 hours worth of work. Today, the cost for 12 hours at the graduate level is about \$3,000. Let's assume that the average student enrolled in the SLIS program makes \$15.00 an hour. To pay a \$3,000 tuition bill, they must work 215 hours!

My comparison is not exact, but you see the point. When we hear nightly news reports about the legislature once again cutting funding to public higher education, how many of us stop to think about how that affects UNT and SLIS? I imagine very few. UNT, like all other public universities in Texas and most across the nation, is no longer a "state-funded"

school or even a "state-supported" school. It is now classified as a "state-assisted" school. Thirty years ago about 80% of UNT's budget came from state funding. Now, that percentage has dropped to below 25%. This is the major reason why tuition continues to rise. Decreased state funding must be compensated for in some way.

This trend is not likely to change as more pressure is put on state revenue from other areas the state funds. As a consequence, students must work more and study less. They must borrow more money and take fewer hours every semester. More than ever students make the decision on where to attend school not on who has the best program for them, but who can offer them the most financial assistance. So, what can be done to help future librarians and make sure SLIS continues to attract the best and brightest students?

That is where you, our loyal alumni come in. The need for scholarships in SLIS is great. In the past, you have done a tremendous job in helping support students and that is greatly appreciated by all. We need that support more than ever now. When you were a student you were part of a supportive environment. Students today need your support.

Margaret Yates

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Fall 2005 Continued

Distance Education Institution

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Stephanie Cummings,
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DeNomme, Maria
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Kami Komm, Janet Kravig,
Eneida Larti, Lance McGrath,
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The Selection Committee requests your recommendations

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2006 that will be presented on April 27, 2006 at the SLIS alumni event during the Texas Library Association Conference. These awards are conferred annually upon graduates who have brought honor to themselves and to SLIS through outstanding accomplishments. Anyone may nominate a candidate, and all SLIS graduates are eligible. The checklist below includes information that should be provided for each nominee. Documentation must demonstrate how

the nominee is truly distinguished. Also, please provide your own name, address, telephone number and email, so the committee may reach you if further information is needed.

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 2006 award will remain in nomination for the following year.

You will receive an email upon receipt of your nomination.

Nomination Procedure:

- Please fill out form below.
- Include a resume
- Attach a recent black and white or color glossy print of the nominee.
- Write a cover letter of approximately one page

nominating the graduate whom you wish to see honored. Cover high points of the nominees' contributions to the public, to the University, and to chosen field or profession. Feel free to add any personal comments which you consider appropriate

Name of nominee _____

Title _____ Degree _____ Class year _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Submitted by _____

daytime phone _____ e-mail _____

Checklist of Items to Include:

- Field of special achievement
- Educational degrees
- Volunteer services (cultural, philanthropic, civic, educational)
- Professional accomplishments including published works, memberships and activities in professional organizations
- Recognition of achievements (include past honors, awards)

Deadline for nominations, February 15, 2006

For more information: 940-565-3565

Submit to:

Kristen Kelly
UNT School of Library and Information Sciences
P.O. Box 311068
Denton, TX 76203

SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership Benefits:

1. All lifetime membership funds and \$15 of the \$25 annual membership supports the Lady Kate Medders Alumni Scholarship. The remainder of the annual memberships and the \$10 student membership supports the work of the Alumni Society.
2. You receive advance notice for all alumni events.
3. You receive 10% off on individual registration for non-degree continuing education programs. (Watch for new affordable Library Education @ Desktop programs at www.LEADonline.info)
4. You are eligible to vote in Alumni Society elections and to serve on the Board.
5. You are eligible to participate in SLIS Village, our electronic communication venue. Don't lose touch with UNT SLIS - join or renew your membership today!



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ALUMNI SOCIETY OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Complete this form to nominate an Alumni Society Officer for 2006-2007. To be eligible to nominate you must be a member of the Alumni Society. For membership information see website:

Please fill out this form completely and email as an attachment to jcurtis@unt.edu or mail to: UNT School of Library and Information Sciences, c/o Alumni Society Ballot, P.O. Box 311068, Denton, TX 76203-1068.

SLIS Alumni Society Membership Information

Name of Alumni Society Member _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NOMINATION INFORMATION

I wish to nominate the following person(s) for Alumni Society officer(s):

PRESIDENT

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

VICE PRESIDENT

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

TREASURER

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

SECRETARY

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____



SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Choose type of membership:

Annual \$25.00 (\$10 if you join before graduating)

Lifetime \$250.00 (list dates below to receive reminder of installments)

Date 1 _____ Date 2 _____ Date 3 _____ Date 4 _____

Name _____

Place of Employment _____

Title _____

Preferred Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business E-Mail address _____ Home E-Mail address _____

Home Phone _____ Graduation Year _____ Degree(s) _____

Are you interested in serving as a(n):

- alumni board member
- SLIS Board of Advisors member
- host for local events
- mentor for students

Method of Payment

- Cash
- Credit Card: Check one Visa Mastercard

Make check payable to UNT/SLIS Alumni Society and mail to:

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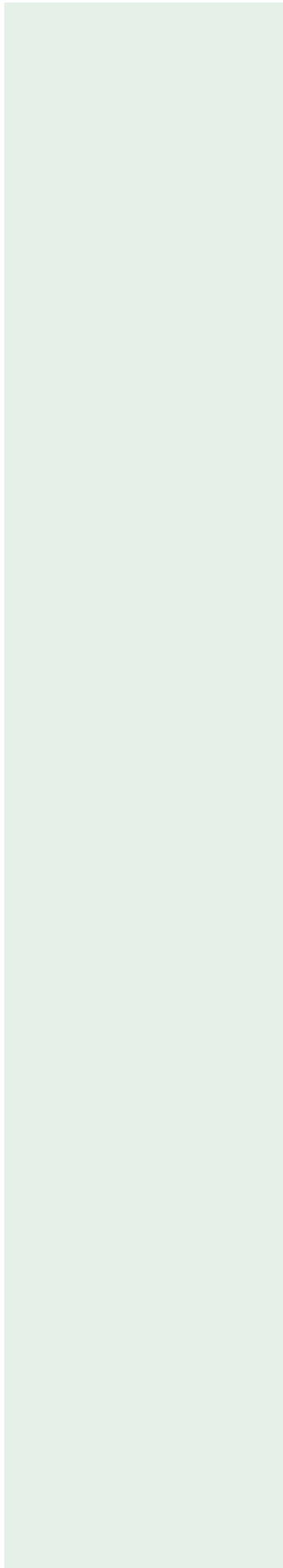
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