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received the eagerly awaited decision document (in letter form) from ALA's Committee on Accreditation (COA). The rejoicing resounded throughout the second floor of the Information Science Building when I announced the words I read from the COA Chair, Dr. Thomas W. Leonhardt:



"On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, I am

pleased to report that the Committee voted to approve continued accreditation of the program leading to the degree of Master of Science offered by the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas. This decision was made during COA's meeting held June 24-26, 2006. Continued accreditation of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above. The next comprehensive review is scheduled for spring 2013."

All of the hard work of the internal constituents (students, faculty, staff, and University officials), as well as the external constituents (alumni, Board of Advisors, and employers) paid off with the receipt of the decision document—we could not have succeeded without the joint effort of the SLIS family! **Associate Dean Linda Schamber** deserves special commendation for her diligence and proficiency in gathering and assimilating data into a cogent self-study report.

While SLIS celebrated COA's decision, the University's Internal Auditors were winding up a review of the School's financial administration. Subsequent to my appointment as Dean, I had requested the audit of SLIS's finances for the period September 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006 to determine if the established controls were in compliance with the University's policies. In the meantime, I implemented several procedural changes that I felt would improve the fiscal management process.

On August 23, the University's Internal Auditor sent me the results of the review. You

can imagine my relief when I read the following from the Auditors' report:

Controls related to fiscal management of expenditures (purchasing card, travel, payroll, and employee reimbursement) appear to be effective and in compliance with University policies. Since assuming the position of Dean on September 1, 2005, Dr. Totten has implemented the following procedural changes that enhance the fiscal management process.

- *The Dean has sole authority to approve and sign financial items.*
- *A Budget Director was assigned to evaluate and improve the current financial processes and to assume responsibilities regarding financial transactions.*
- *An Academic Budget Officer was hired to evaluate and design an improved financial data reporting system and to assume responsibilities regarding financial transactions.*
- *The Budget Director and Academic Budget officer will confer with the University Budget Director to streamline SLIS accounts to meet University standards for budget allocation and appropriation.*

During and immediately following our preparation and completion of our reaccreditation process, we have been working to complete a similar process, another self-study report, the Doctoral Program Assessment Project (DPAP) for SLIS's Interdisciplinary Information Sciences (IIS) Ph.D. Program. The major foci of the assessment are the Program's mission and design, the quality of SLIS faculty (research and scholarship), student demand, the quality of applicants, and student outcomes. The purpose of the assessment is to affirm continuing quality and competitiveness in the doctoral program, as well as to ensure appropriate use of financial and intellectual resources. Having completed the self-study ensures that the programs are equipped to provide accurate and appropriate information to the public and to the University's certifying agency, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Like the ALA-COA reaccreditation process, the DPAP self-study has increased our understanding of the School as a whole, its strengths and weaknesses, and how our IIS Ph.D. Program fits into the larger picture of all doctoral programs in the State of Texas. The Toulouse School of Graduate Studies (TSGS) distributed the final DPAP reports Friday, October 6, 2006 to external reviewers who will evaluate our report and provide feedback. Another special commendation to **Associate Dean Linda Schamber** for her tireless work to achieve the completion of the DPAP self-study!

Submitting the DPAP self-study left us all with a great feeling of accomplishment. Yet, as is the nature of academia, SLIS is still in the midst

of many projects, including planning for the implementation of its Unit Academic Plan. We began the process in 2005 of tying SLIS's initiatives to the University's Academic Plan, and then submitted the final draft of the plan to Academic Affairs earlier this year. Unlike the plans of the past, this year's unit academic plans reflect the underlying themes of the University's Academic Plan, as well as the University's Strategic Plan. By promoting UNT's themes—diversity, partnerships, and interdisciplinarity—SLIS plays its part in a unified strategy to enable the whole University to reach its goals. In fact, the SLIS faculty devoted part of its Fall Retreat to "Planning to Plan," an eight-hour session facilitated by Bonnie Juergens, Executive Director of Amigos Library Services, Inc., to prepare the faculty for SLIS's strategic planning process. The SLIS faculty collaborated to identify desired outcomes, determined a feasible timeline, and identified key strategic issues for SLIS.

Another part of the retreat was spent addressing SLIS's response to COA's five concerns and discussing SLIS's recom-

mendations that were identified during the ALA reaccreditation self-study. The last day of the retreat was spent planning another of SLIS's priorities, a search for four new faculty members. A session entitled "Planning your destiny—imagining your future," facilitated by Greg McQueen, UNT's Senior Vice President for Advancement and President, UNT

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Foundation, Inc., reminded the faculty that adding four new faculty members will change the entire culture of the faculty. The process, dubbed "The Perfect Search" by Dr. McQueen, entails identifying the values of a good search, the strengths and weaknesses of the existing faculty, the challenges of change, the implementation of the actual search, and the communication of the plan to all stakeholders. Also, the faculty voted during the session to

designate the School Library program position to the Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship.

As you can tell, as also can be the nature of academia, SLIS has entered into what I affectionately call the "Era of Planning." It probably is most obvious to you as readers that it is with tremendous pride that I report this Era of Planning that includes both joy and successes, as well as concerns and challenges, for SLIS's administrators, faculty, staff, and students. You may have guessed by now what a privilege I feel it is to serve as the Dean of the finest library and information studies program in the nation! And, as always, I anticipate and welcome your valued comments and suggestions as our SLIS continues to move forward.

Herman L. Totten

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2005 SLIS GRADUATE MAKES LIBRARY JOURNAL COVER

Shikun "KK" Jiang (MS '05) not only graced the cover of the October 15, 2006 issue of Library Journal, but also was given an interesting write-up by Editor-at-Large John N. Berry III (p. 33). Shikun, nicknamed "KK" by family and friends, represents the Class of 2005 on Library Journal's cover and in this year's Placements & Salaries feature*. The article terms KK, an Oak Ridge Institute for Science Fellow at the Information Center (IC) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA, as "a modern information professional."

KK describes the IC as a crucial resource. "Scholars and researchers come into the IC or consult via the web. My major responsibility is a part of the internal web site for our staff, to make it more accessible, to organize the information so it's easier to consult." She says her position is "more like a postgraduate fellowship, so it is a true learning experience for me."

KK expressed how grateful she is to UNT Professor Ana Cleveland and her informatics classes: "I found out what a wonderful field medical informatics is, with its interactions with people and its connections to public health. It is a field that really helps people. I loved our class studies in the information-seeking behavior of healthcare providers." She also expresses her gratitude to SLIS Assistant Professor Jiangping Chen, with whom she worked for a year as teaching assistant. Under Dr. Chen's guidance, "KK learned to design and develop instructional materials, databases, and class web sites." The article also described other learning experiences such as "participating in a 2004 competition to demonstrate the use of natural-language processing techniques to answer questions." Her participation in the Eaglerad

Database Project, under Dr. Chen, added to her skills in database design and management." During her graduate study, KK served as an assistant in the Digital Project Laboratory of UNT's Willis Library, where "she developed talents in teamwork and indexing and metadata work by participating in the library's digitization and archival projects." For her required practicum, KK served as a volunteer working on the information & referral (I&R) database of the Denton Family Resource Center that provides services to the poor.

KK earned the bachelors degree in engineering in electronics and information technology at the College of Electronics and Information Engineering at South China University of Technology, one of China's key universities. KK says that her undergraduate degree was "in pure technology. It was too 'cold' and wasn't exactly the field in which I wanted to work." She reports that she found the warmth she sought in the UNT informatics program.

**The survey found the average 2005 starting salary to be \$40,118. Photo courtesy of Library Journal.*



Play the Game of SLIS Success!

Nontraditional Positions and Settings

Although a majority of SLIS graduates serve in public or technical service positions or become administrators in academic, public, school, or the usual special libraries, a surprising number hold nontraditional positions or work in unusual settings. Nontraditional refers to areas such as publishing, bibliographic utility, technical writing, indexing, bookstore ownership/management, digital imaging, preservation, website designing/management, and software designing, or they are museum curators, archivist, library vendors, information brokers, or genealogist. Other graduates carry out traditional functions in nontraditional settings or nontraditional functions in traditional settings. Here are a few examples of our alumni who hold such positions.



Dreanna Belden (MS '03) serves as coordinator of grants and development at the UNT Libraries. Her primary work focuses on the Portal to Texas History, a digital gateway to collections held

in libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives. She manages collaborative partnerships with forty-five partners, recruits new participants, and designs new projects. As an example, she spearheaded the grant-funded project "Lorenzo de Zavala Online." Ten institutions contributed to the project, resulting in a remarkable online resource with materials in English, Spanish and French. She also provides digitization training at professional meetings for organizations such as the TLA. Dreanna serves on the SLIS Alumni Society Board and has been selected by TLA as the Texas representative to the American Library Association's 2007 Emerging Leadership Institute (see p. 20).



David Bigwood (MS '93) is cataloger at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. The Institute, housed in the USRA Center for Advanced Space Studies, one of the 18 international NASA

Regional Planetary Image Facilities, focuses on academic participation in studies of the current state, evolution, and formation of

the solar system. Much of the material David catalogs require original cataloging and is in formats such as images, videos, globes, maps, electronic resources, and models. "The library is scanning important documents and maps from the Apollo era and making them available on our Web site. I add metadata to the PDF files that are publicly accessible," he adds.



Katie Chaumont (MS '04) is a research analyst at Spencer Stuart, a private executive search firm that operates out of 50 offices in 25 countries. The company conducts executive level searches for senior leadership and board positions across all industries, functions, and company sizes. Katie, who is responsible for providing research support for her local office, extracts information from a variety of sources on biographical and work history and looks for favorable and unfavorable articles available in the public domain.



Sandy Echt's (MLS '74), Associate Editor, H.W. Wilson Co., serves as an indexer for *Business Periodicals Index* (BPI). She reports that although it is not required, H.W. Wilson prefers to hire those with MLS degrees for indexer positions. BPI indexers are each assigned a list of magazines for which he/she is responsible for selecting and indexing the articles. Each indexer is expected to index about 40 articles a day. Sandy reports, "There's always too much work and the days fly by! I never look at the clock and think the day is dragging—on the contrary, I'll look at the clock and think, how did it get to be so late?"



Judy Gee (MS 97) says "there are plenty of opportunities for information workers." For her company, Herac, located in Houston, she provides technical, intellectual property, and marketing analysis and reports for industries in the energy section, semiconductor, bioprocesses, petro-

chemical, and nano-technical areas. On one recent assignment, she reorganized a company's intranet and e-commerce sites using information architecture.



Nathan Hall (MS '06) has been named digital projects manager at the Photographic Preservation Society in Fort Worth, a nonprofit organization designed to preserve at-risk historically significant photographic collections. He oversees the lab operations and is responsible for the care, digitization, and documentation of historical photographic collections for archival and preservation purposes. He also utilizes databases and backups to store the images and metadata for both the collection owner and the Society, as well as maintains the Society's virtual museum online. Nathan says it, "requires a solid grasp of technology and the ability to adapt and change as new technologies emerge." Nathan is a student in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program.



Kay Harold (MS '06), Online Instructional Specialist at Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa, is responsible for monitoring and evaluating online instructor training for all new instructors. "Because I earned my degree as an online student," she says, "I felt that I had real life experience that would assist future students in pursuing their degrees as distant learners."

Jana Hill (MS '03), who specialized in digital image management for her SLIS degree, is Assistant Registrar of Collection Information at the Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth. She is responsible for administration of the collection management system, the database where all of the information about the collection and exhibitions is stored. She also monitors data quality and does much of the cataloging. The museum's permanent collection consists of almost 300,000 objects,



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THERE WERE MANY PATHS ON THE ROAD TO SLIS SUCCESS....

By Melody Kelly (MLS '73)

Margaret Nichols, who terms herself “our oldest living graduate,” posed these questions: “Who are the typical SLIS graduate students and what brought them to the program?” In seeking to find out, I pulled several biographies from my recent (last five or so years) Government Information classes to search for answers. I discovered there is no such person as a “typical” SLIS graduate student. SLIS students span the generations, fit every demographic, and are master jugglers who keep family, school, work, and play all in the air at once. And I discovered that SLIS students have intriguing backgrounds that led them along Life’s Pathways to discover Enlightenment when at last they responded to the Siren Call of SLIS.

Teaching is a natural path to librarianship. **Beverlee Warren** (MS '02) (see also p.4) discovered SLIS as a second career after raising and home schooling her three children. **Michael Cooke** (MS '03) taught high school German for 15 years before becoming an elementary school librarian. **Shannon Chamberlain** (MS '04) taught English at a Catholic high school before becoming a stay-at-home mom and starting the SLIS program. **Debbie Hays** (MS '02) was a preschool and kindergarten teacher for 13 years before joining a public library. **Deborah Drake** (MS '03) taught social studies/history while starting a small public library in Ranger, TX with her husband. Although the Drakes have moved away, the library is still in operation.

Is there a secret Air Force connection with SLIS? **Jim Wilson** (MS '05) (see also p.20) served four years in the Air Force and worked for an oilfield service company before discovering life in a small public library. **Alexis Linoski** (MS '03) worked in civil service for over seven years as an Air Force human resource specialist. **Patricia King** (MS '00) played in an Air Force Band eight years prior to band directing in a middle school. **Jerry Sadberry** (MS '06) served in the Air Force and played in field bands (1968-72); he marched in a parade

celebrating the return of Neil Armstrong to his hometown in 1969. **Martha Kirtley's** (MS '03) son is a real rocket scientist currently working for the Air Force designing space propulsion systems!

Jamie Prideaux (MS '03) worked as an activities director at a retirement community and **Pat Jones** (MS '03) was a caseworker for Harris County Protective Services.

Dee Dee Golden (MS '85) worked as a social services director for a nursing home and later as a case worker for Children’s Services prior to becoming a library assistant.

Jerry Hudson (MS '03) listed high tech—avionics, lasers, etc.—as his background. **Victoria Lum** (MS '06) was an asset manager for both the U.S. and Asia markets as well as a venture capital project

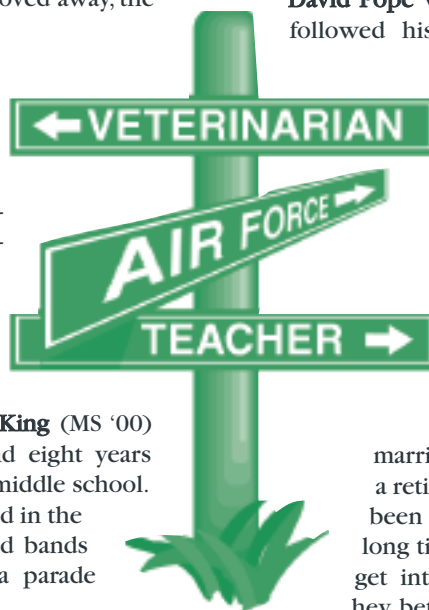
manager in Silicon Valley. **Sharon Boon** ('02) worked 28 years in business, 23 of them for a chemical manufacturing company. **Patricia Alford**, current student, was a clinical veterinarian for great ape colonies for 22 years. Patricia should meet **Sue Willman** (MS '02), who spent two weeks as an Earthwatch volunteer for Roger Fouts who worked with Washoe (the first chimpanzee to be taught sign language since the mid 1960s), and in 1990, she did a phone interview for a research assistant position to work with Koko the signing gorilla.

Then there is the family connection. **David Pope** worked at Delta Air Lines and followed his mother into librarianship.

Annie Downey (MS '04) shared the SLIS program experience with her brother-in-law. **Joe Jackson** (MS '02) taught in community college for 17 years, but had never worked in a library; three cousins who are librarians talked him into joining the profession. **Alex Simmons**, current student, summed it up this way: “I am

married to a librarian, my mother is a retired librarian, and my sister has been a librarian/lawyer/trainer for a long time. I don’t know why I didn’t get into the profession sooner, but hey, better late than never!”

“SLIS students are master jugglers who keep family, school, work and play all in the air at once.”



FOLLOWING IN FAMILY FOOTSTEPS:

A Few SLIS Legacies

SLIS has had many legacies among its graduates—daughters and sons, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews—who followed their relatives into librarianship. An article in the spring 2006 issue of Call Number featured Mary Lankford (BA '52) and Lynnette Jordan (MLS '78), mother and daughter, who are SLIS graduates. We have begun our search to find other legacies and call upon you to help us identify them. We will tell their stories in issues to come. Here are a few discovered so far.



Cindy Belmar and her sister **Chris Gill**

Cindy and Chris were avid readers as children and remember spending many summer afternoons riding their bikes to the library in White Bear Lake, MN. Both graduated from the University of Minnesota with degrees in education, but continued their love affair with libraries. When they relocated to Houston, Chris entered the UNT Houston program; her sister followed a year later. After working eight years as a school librarian in the Houston area, Chris (MS '97) recently moved to Atlanta, GA and accepted a position as a media specialist in the Cobb County School District. Cindy (MS '00) is a public services librarian at the Westgate Campus, Houston Community College. They are roomies at conventions, and always are on the lookout for items that will help each other in their work. "We love our jobs and feel blessed to have received such great training at UNT."

Billy Bilbrey, wife **Mary Bilbrey**, and daughter **Alysha Bilbrey**

Billy Bilbrey, current student in his last semester, is following his wife Mary (MS '04) and daughter Alysha (MS '06) into the profession. Mary is librarian at B.H. Macon Elementary School in Balch Springs, which is in South Dallas. She has tripled the circulation of her library and implemented several successful reading programs. Alysha, who graduated with an Advanced Certificate in Management, currently works at the Baylor College of Dentistry. She is engaged to the man of her dreams and is to be married on a beach in Hawaii in January. Billy, who is legally blind, is working toward a general degree with a storytelling certificate.

Lucy Buchwald and her parents **Donald** and **Carole Buchwald**

Lucy (MS '82) recruited her parents to UNT SLIS after Don's retirement from the U.S. Army at the rank of Lt. Colonel. Don and Carole (both MS '86), now retired, spent their library careers in Corpus Christi, Carol as consultant with the South Texas Library System and Don as head of reference at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. They

moved to Hot Springs Village, AR at the time of retirement and have recently moved to Virginia. 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 Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Jonel Condron and her granddaughter **Yvonne Condron**

After a number of years as a school librarian, Jonel Condron (MLS '68) came to North Texas as the library science librarian. Alums who were students between 1966 and 1980 will remember that she set an example of how library services should be conducted. Granddaughter Yvonne remembers that when she was a little girl her grandmother would take her up the stairs in the Information Science Building to the Library Science Library where she would ask her, "What do you want to read about?" and then go flipping through the card catalog. After completing her degree, Yvonne (MS '01) was at the Business Information Center, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University, before moving to her current position as Adult Services Librarian at Carrollton Public Library.

Alice Lowry and her daughter **Eden Lowry**

Alice Lowry has served 19 years as an elementary school librarian in the Garland ISD. Her introduction to the field was in 1958 when she took the one-hour required course for freshmen on how to use the library with Margaret Irby Nichols as instructor. Some years after completing the bachelor's degree in 1962, she decided to enter the graduate program and received the MLS in 1983 and the CAS in 1985. Eden Lowry, current student, got an early introduction to the field. As a toddler she often attended classes with Alice, napping on her mother's lap, "reading" her book, or playing with her doll. Eden's specialization is in the health/medical informatics program. She is currently employed at the Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center in Dallas.

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Kippy Massey

Lady Kate Medders and her granddaughter **Katherine (Kippy) Jagoe Massey**

Beginning in 1935/36, Lady Kate Medders, who had taught previously in the English Department, offered classes designed to meet requests for training of teacher-librarians for school library positions.

Mrs. Medders continued to teach courses up through the creation of the Department of Library Service within the College of Arts and Sciences (1939) and until her retirement in 1953. Her granddaughter, Katherine (Kippy), grew up on the campus and received both the B.A. ('66) and MLS ('74) degrees from SLIS. Over the years she served in several academic and public library settings. Currently, she is owner of Pearson Publishing, a new company based in Corpus Christi, TX.

Wendy Schneider and her daughter **Tracy Demmo**

After completing the degree at the Houston program in 1993, Wendy Schneider joined Harris County Public Library System as a children's librarian. Currently, she is co-director of the Tomball College and Community Library, Harris County's newest joint use facility that provides cradle-to-grave library services on a community college campus. Daughter Tracy, who completed the degree in 1993, spent two years as a special projects librarian at the O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston, where she was responsible for establishing the Judge John R. Brown Archive. Inspired by her work at the law library, Tracy pursued a law degree at New York University, graduating magna cum laude in 1998. She is currently a corporate associate specializing in private equity at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in New York. She reports that she hopes to return to library work some day.

Anne Sheridan and her uncle **Dr. Robert Martin**

Anne, a former 7th grade teacher who received the MS degree in 2005, has opened two new school libraries at Frisco (TX) ISD. "I love my job!" Anne says. "I have the opportunity to impact every student and faculty member in my school. I have the pleasure of exposing students and teachers to wonderful literature and the joy of reading. I have the responsibility of helping to expand student learning through research, enabling them to connect the information they are learning in the classroom to our world." She follows her uncle into the profession. Robert Martin (MS '79) is Lillian Bradshaw Distinguished Professor of Library Science, School of Library & Information Studies, Texas Woman's University, and former director of both the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in

Washington, D.C. and the Texas State Library & Archives Commission.

Joe Specht and his sister **Melody Specht Kelly**

Joe Specht (MLS '72), who is library director at McMurry University, Abilene, TX, always attributes any professional success his little sister Melody Specht Kelly has achieved to his taking in hand her graduate education. Joe encouraged Melody to follow him into the SLIS program while she was working on her MA in history (he also has an MA in history from UNT) and to join him as a part-time employee in the UNT Libraries. When the editor asked Melody to reply to Joe's claim, she said, "I owe everything to my big brother." Melody (MLS '74) is Associate Dean of Libraries at UNT, where she has spent her entire professional career. Joe recently published *The Women There Don't Treat You Mean: Abilene in Song* (State House Press, 2006). His wife, Alice Specht, is Dean of Libraries at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Robert Willingham, Jr. and his father **Robert Willingham, Sr.**

Shortly after completing the MLS in 1972, Robert Willingham, Jr. began working at Southeast Missouri State University (SMSU) library where he continues to serve as cataloger of audiovisual materials. A second Masters in Instructional Technology from Utah State University (1980) has been especially useful in his work. He and his wife Patricia, a reference/government documents librarian also at SMSU, have four sons, plus a new granddaughter. Robert, Sr., who received the first Bachelor of Science degree from the School (1940) after it became a department in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1939, was named a distinguished alumnus in 1990. He served as director of the Southeastern Oklahoma State Teachers College in Durant for a couple of years after receiving his doctorate in English from the University of Oklahoma. In 1971, he joined the English Department faculty at the University of Kansas where he spent the remainder of his career. He died earlier this year.

Other legacies we have heard about include: **Gayle Wilkinson** (MS '84), retired from Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD as a librarian, her brother **Sam Thomas**, retired from Fort Worth Public, and Sam's wife **Holly Thomas** (MS '91), currently at Fort Worth Public; and **Martha (McKinney Schoch) Thomason** (MLS '76) and her mother **Carmen McKinney** (BA '43).

Please send information about other SLIS legacies to Call Number editor Margaret Irby Nichols at nichols2514@ccharter.net/ or 2514 Royal Lane, Denton, TX 76209, or by phone at 940/382-9777.

JANA KNEZEK

EVA POOLE

Featured SLIS Board of Advisor Members

The SLIS faculty chooses distinguished library and information scientists and persons from related fields to serve three-year terms on the School's Advisory Board. This group of about 50 members meets each spring to offer invaluable insights into preparation needs of students entering the profession. Two members of this eminent group, Jana Knezek and Eva Poole, are highlighted below.

Jana Knezek, current president of the Texas Library Association, was the SLIS campus graduation convocation speaker in August 2006. She also is a SLIS clinical faculty member. Jana has served as Director of Library and Textbook Services, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, since 2000. In that capacity, she directed the award winning American Association of School Librarians' National School Library Media Program of the Year in 2004. Although most of her professional experience has been in school library settings, she was library director of Olney (Texas) Community Library and



Arts Center, a school/public library, for 10 years. Jan holds an MLS degree from the University of Hawaii and a B.S. from McMurry College, Abilene, TX.

Eva Poole, Director of Libraries, City of Denton since 1993, is the current SLIS Board of Advisors chair. Long an active member of the American Library Association, she was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Public Library Association, an ALA division. She has held numerous leadership roles in the Texas Library Association, serving as president in 2003-04, and currently chairing the Tocker Foundation Committee. Her current community service activities include serving on the Presbyterian Hospital of Denton Women's Advisory Board and chairing the United Way of Denton County. Eva delivered the SLIS graduation convocation address in summer 2005. She holds both the BA and MLS degrees from Texas Woman's University and is a UNT President's Council member.



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- Sara Jones**, Nevada St. Librn.; Lynnete Jordan, Advisor, Exxon Mobil Corp's Global Info. Manag. Servs.; **Bonnie Juergens**, Ex. Dir., Amigos Lib. Servs.;
- Jana Knezek**, Dir. of Libr. and Textbook Servs., Northside ISD; **John Leggett**, Dir., Ctr. for Study of Digital Librs., Prof, Computer Sci., Texas A&M Univ., **Marilyn Mason**, Ex. Dir., Webjunction, OCLC;
- Gillian McCombs**, Dean and Dir. of Librs., SMU; **Joan Mitchell**, Ed. in Chief, OCLC; **Judy Rasberry**, RN, MS, Edu. Coord., Medical Ctr. of Lewisville; **Dana Rooks**, Dean of Librs., Univ. of Houston; **Kathy Royall**, Lib. Media Splst, Eisenhower Interm. Sch. Libr., Mansfield ISD; **Peggy Rudd**, Dir. and Librn, Tx St. Libr. and Archives Comm.;
- Ramiro Salazar**, Dir., San Antonio Pub. Libr.; **Susan Skyzinski**; **Patricia Smith**, Ex. Dir., TLA; **Laurie Thompson**, Dir. of Librs. UT Southwestern Medical Ctr.;
- Paul Thompson**, Sr., Assoc. Prof., Computer Sci., Dartmouth College.

NEVADA WEB INSTITUTE

Over the 2006 Labor Day weekend, Nevada Cohort III kicked off to a great start with 61 students from Nevada, Utah,



Minnesota, and other states in attendance. **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**, Coordinator of the Nevada Cohort Program; **Charlotte Thomas**, SLIS Web Institute Coordinator; and teaching assistants **Shimelis Assefa** and **Marquel Anteola** greeted the new students. The Institute began with the traditional pre-institute dinner held at the French Market Buffet in the Orleans Hotel & Casino.

During the first semester, the students are enrolled in two courses: SLIS 5000, Introduction to Information Professions, and SLIS 5600, Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval. Classes began on Friday morning at the Armagosa Classroom in the Lied Library on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las

Vegas. Over the course of the weekend, students received instruction and participated in lab exercises to begin work on the two courses.

On Sunday evening, Dr. Chandler hosted an evening of games and advising. While munching on pizza, salads, and desserts, the students got to know each other by sharing a secret that nobody knows about them and by naming their dream job. While the students were getting acquainted, Dr. Chandler and Charlotte Thomas talked with each student about his/her educational career and degree plan. Throughout the weekend and until the Web Institute ended on Monday, the "SLIS Starbucks" was operated by Nevada Cohort I alum Michael Frazier (MS '04).

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Denton campus, Spring 2006

The spring graduation ceremony on campus, at Murchison Performance Arts Center, was one to remember. SLIS graduate (MS '92) Gretchen McCord Hoffmann, immediate Past President of the Texas Library Association and attorney with Fulbright & Joworski, was guest speaker. Her address was titled "Follow Your Passions Down the Professional Path." Dr. Elizabeth Figa introduced student speaker Lance McGrath (MS '06), an online student who traveled from Nampa, Idaho to deliver his talk. Lance is on the faculty of Northwest Nazarene University where he serves as the user services librarian in the Riley Library. Dean Herman Totten expressed how wonderful it was to have Gretchen, who graduated from our face-to-face program, and Lance, a graduate of the distributed learning program, to represent SLIS at the ceremony. Four Bachelors, 106 Masters, and five Ph.D. degrees were awarded.



Gretchen McCord Hoffmann, convocation speaker for spring 2006 graduation.



Lucinda Wiley, Jana Knezek and Dr. Norval Pohl

Denton campus, Summer 2006

The summer graduation convocation took place at Murchison Performance Arts Center on the UNT campus on August 12, 2006. SLIS was pleased to have UNT President Norval Pohl welcome a capacity audience and take part in the ceremony. This was one of his last official acts as University President before the new president, Dr. Getchen M. Bataille, took office.

The student address titled "Information Professionals: The Architects of Service" was given by Lucinda Wiley (MS '06), one of the first graduates of the Rio Grande Valley IMLS grant program. Dr. Ana Cleveland, Director of the Houston Program, who was instrumental in securing the SLIS grant for the Rio Grande Initiative, introduced the speaker. Jana Knezek (see article on p. 8), convocation speaker, is Director of Library and Textbook Services for the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio and current president of the Texas Library Association. Her speech was titled "Setting the Bar." Immediately



Dean Totten congratulates Tanya Brown and Salvador Dulfo.

following the ceremony, Dr. Pohl invited both speakers and their families to a commencement brunch where he gave them special recognition. Three Bachelors, 159 Masters, and one Ph.D. degrees were awarded.

Nevada graduation, Summer 2006

The Nevada Cohort graduation convocation was held at the Clark County Library Theater, Las Vegas, August 19, 2006. Dean Herman Totten presided over the program, and Drs. Yvonne Chandler, William Moen, and Philip Turner were present to confer the degrees of some 35 masters graduates. Guest speaker Carol Brey-Casiano, Director, El Paso Public Library and Past President of the American Library Association, spoke on "Leadership in Libraries." Student speakers, elected by members of the graduating class, included Tanya Brown (MS '06), "Mining the 21st Century Librarian," and Salvador Dulfo (MS '06), "Go Forth Into the World and Make a Difference!" Among the graduates were recipients of the first group of Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program scholarships. First Lady Laura Bush sent a congratulatory letter to the graduates that was read by Sara Jones, Nevada State Librarian and student in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. A reception followed the ceremony.

HOUSTON BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

A fun and festive event to welcome back current students in the Houston program was held on September 2 at the University of Houston Law Center Commons. Alumni and their families were invited to join students and faculty for a joyful occasion to network and exchange thoughts about the school and faculty. Spencer Simons, director of the O'Quinn Law Library, assisted in hosting the event.

About 120 attendees enjoyed the colorful piñata and sombrero decorations and the buffet table of assorted Mexican delights. Dean Herman Totten and Dr. Ana Cleveland, director of the Houston program, welcomed the group. Activities included distribution of exciting door prizes by Jodi Philbrick and Alexandra Simons, assistant director and student coordinator of the Houston Program respectively, and talking with Dr. Don Cleveland about the early days of the program. Dr. Larry



Dr. Ana Cleveland addressing students.

Enoch and the rest of the SLIS 5200 Web Institute teaching team took time off to join the festivities, along with Houston adjunct faculty members Pat Bozeman, Laura Koltutsky, and Jimmy Newland. Linda Breaker (MS '98) of the Houston Alumni Association, and Margaret Yates, SLIS development officer, also joined the group. Graduates from the first to the most recent Houston class attended. What a great way to kick off the fall semester!

RIO GRANDE INITIATIVE STUDENTS BROUGHT TO UNT CAMPUS

SLIS welcomed the Rio Grande Initiative Fellows to campus and to a dinner held in their honor on October 12. The students, most of whom are completing the MS this fall, are part of a grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to educate future professionals for libraries along the Texas/New Mexico Rio Grande border. Along with receiving funding for their education, fellows are also working as librarians in training at border public and academic libraries. The fellows also attended the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color held in Dallas, October 12-14 (see p. 11).

The dinner was truly a celebratory event. As was pointed out by UNT Provost Howard Johnson, since many of those graduating will be unable to come to campus for the graduation convocation in December, the dinner

provided a more intimate occasion to celebrate their accomplishments. Dean Herman Totten and Drs. Ana Cleveland and Phil Turner, principal investigators of the grant, hosted this wonderful event attended by some 50 fellows, SLIS faculty, and guests. Rio Grande Initiative students who attended both the dinner and JCLC included: Angelica Garcia, Arnaldo Becho, Yvette Lopez, Annabel Trevino, Joel Chirinos, Justin Lawrence, Ezequiel Melgoza, Carolyn Bogardus, Tom Robinson, Sarah Buck, Dennis Daily, Harvey Castellano, Lillian Carl, Virginia Rassaei, Heather Turner, Rose Alvarez, Mayra Garza, and Julia Sibaja.

Felicidades a los estudiantes del Rio Grande!



Front row: Heather Turner and Melody Kelly; Back row: Justin Lawrence, Harvey Castellano, Sarah Buck, and Dennis Daily

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH LIBRARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has funded the Houston Public Library's Fountain of Youth Project, a scholarship program designed to prepare librarians to provide quality services to young library users. Students chosen for the program will study for a Masters degree through the SLIS online program, beginning in Spring 2007. Benefits include full in-state tuition; a stipend for books and expenses; paid membership to a professional organization such as the Texas Library Association, Public Library Association, and American Library Association for two years; and monthly training workshop opportunities. Bilingual applicants in Spanish, Chinese, or Vietnamese are given special consideration. Among other expectations, Fountain of Youth scholars are required to complete the Youth Librarianship Program of Study and to serve two years at Houston Public Library.

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MASTERS/CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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A few changes have taken place in the school library program of study. The first change concerns personnel. Dr. Carol Simpson retired at the end of summer, choosing to serve the School as a modified service professor. (See article p. 11) Although she will continue to teach courses part time, she will no longer have other duties with the program. SLIS will conduct a national search for a new senior level faculty member for the school library program.

Another program change is the way in which teachers register for the exam to be certified in Texas for school librarianship. The state Board for Educator Certification now requires that stu-

dents register with the State at the beginning of their program and take the test recommended by the School they attend. UNT/SLIS recommends that students take the TExES after completing all certification course work. Under the new guidelines, students will have one year after completion of course work to take or retake the exam as often as necessary.

There also is a change in the mentor requirement of the program resulting from a meeting with area school library leaders. Those experts were invited to campus for a day to review the school library program. They made meaningful suggestions, one of which was put into affect immediately. Students are now required to go through their district library coordinator for mentor placement within the district, so long as the district coordinator is willing to take on the responsibility. In regions where there is no district library coordinator, regional library coordinators are taking on the task. Coordinators who wish to join the group of district and/or regional coordinators who are willing to place UNT/SLIS students with mentors should contact Dr. Barbara Stein Martin at stein@unt.edu. For additional details about the mentoring program, see www.unt.edu/lre/mentors/index.htm/

JCLC CONFERENCE



From left to right: Jodi Philbrick, Angelica Garcia, Yvette Lopez (on bottom), Della Pan, Dr. Phil Turner, Dr. Ana Cleveland, and Xinyu (Cindy) Yu

The theme of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), held at the Adams Mark Hotel, Dallas, October 12-14, was "Gathering at the Waters, Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories." SLIS was well represented with a booth and many faculty and students in attendance. Dr. Ana Cleveland and Dean Herman Totten served on the organizing committee, and Drs. Yvonne Chandler, Phil Turner and Maurice Wheeler were presenters. Many of the Rio Grande Initiative students attended, as well as graduate students **Eunkyung Chung**, **Marty O'Neill**, **Della Pan**, **Jodi Philbrick**, **Lynne Simpson**, **Elena Vassilieva**, and **Cindy Yu**. Staff included **Jurhee Curtis** and **Charlotte Thomas**.

ALA CONFERENCE

Volunteers at ALA Annual Conference, June 24-27, 2006: **Sarah Bucak**, Masters student, Las Cruces, NM; **Annie Wrigg** ('05), Columbia, MO; **Ed Rock** ('98), Clemson, SC; **Stephanie Reynolds**, Ph.D. student, Denton. Special thanks to **Dr. Barbara Stein Martin** and **Toby Faber** who spent many hours at the booth. We appreciate the alums who ventured to the back of the exhibit hall to find the SLIS booth. It was great to see each and everyone!

Peggy Zimmerman (MS '05) won the keychain drawing at the ALA conference in New Orleans in June 2006.

PAULA KING RETURNS TO SLIS

Alumni who attended campus classes between 1978 and 1998 will remember Paula King who was always a friendly and welcoming professional in the SLIS offices. While serving as Assistant to the Dean in 1998, she accepted the position of Executive Assistant to the UNT provost, Dr. Norval Pohl. When Dr. Pohl became president, Paula became his Executive Assistant, a position she held throughout his presidency. She returned to SLIS on September 1, 2006, as Executive Assistant to the Dean.

Paula has been recognized with numerous honors such as: the UNT Student Government Association's 2006 University Staff Member of the Year Award; the 2005 Steve Miller Outstanding Employee Award and the 1995 Outstanding Employee Award, both UNT awards; and as Secretary of the Year in 1996 and 1998 by Denton Chapter-International Association of Administration Professionals. In one of the tributes to Paula, it was stated that



"at UNT she became known for three things: her sterling character, her dedicated service to the University and its students, and her willingness to take on new challenges." Her outstanding service to the University has extended over the past twenty-four years. Paula is a Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) through International Association of Administration Professionals (IAAP). *Welcome back, Paula.*

DR. CAROL SIMPSON RETIRES



Associate Professor Carol Simpson, a member of the faculty since 1998, retired in August 2006. She came to the SLIS after long service in the Mesquite (TX) ISD, in the latter years Facilitator of Library Technology. She

holds the B.S. in Ed. from Southwestern University, the M.S. in Curriculum & Instruction and the M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin, and the Ed. D. from East Texas State University. Currently she is a student in the Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, and continues to teach SLIS classes part-time as a modified service professor.

Dr. Simpson's specialization is copyright law as it affects libraries and schools. Her extensive publications on the topic include *Copyright for Schools: a Practical Guide*, 4th ed. (Linworth Publishing, 2005, with earlier editions in 2001, 1997, and 1994), and *Copyright Catechism: Practical Answers to Everyday School Dilemmas* (Linworth Publishing, 2005). Numerous articles on the topic have appeared

in *Library Media Connections*, *The School Administrator*, and other professional journals. Since 1994, she also has written a column, "Copyright Question of the Month," for *The Book Report*, *Library Talk*, and *Library Media Connection*. Her other scholarly activities include serving on the Board of Advisors for *School Technology Leadership Insider* (Brownstone Publications), as editor of *Library Media Connections* (Linworth Publishing), and as consulting editor for the Linworth's Professional Growth Series. She has been a frequent presenter at professional conferences and workshops since the late 1980s. Recent presentations include "Copyright, Administrators, and John Wayne," American Association of School Librarians 12th National Conference, 2005; and "Supporting Ethics in Librarianship," Virginia Educational Media Association Summer Professional Development Workshop, 2004.

Dr. Simpson is an active member of the American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Texas Library Association, Texas Association of School Librarianship, Texas Association of School Library Administrators, and Association of Texas Professional Educators.

DR. MAURICE B. WHEELER

Awarded Tenure

Congratulations are in order. In June, the UNT Board of Regents awarded tenure to Associate Professor Maurice Wheeler. Prior to joining the SLIS faculty in 2002, Dr. Wheeler was director of the Detroit Public Library, a position he had held since 1996. His research areas include public libraries, leadership and administration of libraries, cultural diversity as organizational development, and African American music archives and special collections. Degrees held include the Ph.D. in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh; the M.I.L.S. from the University of Michigan; Master of Music, Voice Performance, University of Michigan; and Bachelor of Music, Shorter College.

Dr. Wheeler has published extensively. Recent publications include *Unfinished Business: Race, Equity, and Diversity in Library and Information Science Education* (Scarecrow, 2004), and *Color Coded: An Index and History of African American Singers at the Metropolitan Opera* (Scarecrow, in press); a chapter in *The Whole Library Handbook*, 4th ed. (ALA, 2004); and refereed articles such as "African American Faculty in Library and Information Science Education: Status, Trends and Issues," *Libres*; "Diversity in Library and Information Science Education: Attitudes and Perceptions," *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*; "Popular Music Imagery as an Information System: Stereotypical Depictions of African Americans in Historical Sheet Music," *International*



Journal of the Humanities. Recent presentations include panel participation in "Critical Consciousness and LIS Education," ALISE Annual Conference, San Antonio, January 2006; "Popular Music Imagery As an Information System: Perceptions of Race and Ethnicity in Historical Sheet Music," International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Prato, Italy, July 2004; "Diversity and Equity in LIS Recruitment, Education, and Readiness," ALA, National Dialogue on the Curriculum of Readiness for the 21st Century Librarian, Chicago, IL, June 2005. In August 2005, he presented "Information Retrieval, Archives and Social Commentary: Researching the Dynamics of Race at the Metropolitan Opera" at a conference held at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.

Dr. Wheeler is active in TLA, serving on the Tocker Foundation Committee, chairing the Cultural Diversity Committee, and serving as a mentor at the TALL Texans Leadership Institute. He also is active in the American Library Association where he has chaired both the Spectrum Scholarship Jury and the Orientation, Training, and Leadership Development Committee, and served on the ALA Council. Honors include the Diversity Award from the University of Michigan Library System, and the Leadership Detroit Award from the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Ana Cleveland



Dr. Ana Cleveland has made several recent presentations: "Meeting the Health Information Needs of the Chinese Population in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex," Texas Library Association District #5 meeting,

Dallas, September 2006 (with **Jodi Philbrick**, **Della Pan**, **Xinyu Yu**, **Marty O'Neill**, and **Lisa Smith**); "5-Minutes Continuing Education: Tips and Tactics for Staying Current When You're Short on Time," Medical Library Association, Phoenix, AZ, May 2006; "Placing Limits on Assistance: Virtual Reference Services in Academic Libraries," (poster session), Medical Library Association, Phoenix, AZ, May 2006 (with **Jodi Philbrick**). She has been appointed as a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, and as a member of the Texas Healthcare Diversity Council. Governor Rick Perry has appointed her to the Texas Radiation Advisory Board.

Dr. Shawne Miksa


Dr. Shawne Miksa presented two papers at the International Society for Knowledge Organization's (ISKO) 9th International Conference, July 4-7, 2006, in Vienna, Austria, hosted by the Center for Translation Studies and the Institute for Educational Sciences at the University of Vienna. The topic of the conference was "Knowledge Organization for a Global Learning Society" and included presentations from ISKO members from around the world. The first of her presentations, titled "Metadata Assistance of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records' Four User Tasks: A Report on the MARC Content Designation Utilization (MCDU) Project," was co-authored with **Dr. William Moen**, doctoral student **Sherhiy Polyakov**, and masters students **Gregory Snyder** (MLS '06) and **Amy Eklund** (MLS '06). The MCDU project, funded by an Institute for Museum and Library Studies National Leadership Grant, involves an empirical investigation of catalogers' use of the MARC bibliographic format's content designation. The second paper, titled "Diffusion of Re-conceptualizations of Bibliographic Control: A Look to the Future Implementation of the

New Resource Description and Access (RDA)," presented findings from Dr. Miksa's Cataloging Tools and Resources in North Texas (CTR-NT) Project, funded by OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant. The project's purpose is to discover the extent and utilization of cataloging tools and resources within technical service departments in the public libraries of the North Texas Regional Library System and the Northeast Texas Library System.

Dr. William Moen

The University granted Dr. William Moen a faculty development leave for fall 2006, in order for him to complete a book manuscript, develop a grant proposal, and write one or more articles. The book, scheduled for publication by Libraries Unlimited in 2007, and tentatively titled "From MARC to XML: Rethinking the Machine-Readable Record in Library Applications," will help readers understand the possible migration from the standard Z39.2 MARC record structure to a structure based on the Extensible Markup Language (XML). The community is actively

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**BETA
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INDUCTEES**

Selection for membership in the UNT/SLIS Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, is by invitation of the faculty and is based on academic performance and professional promise. The SLIS chapter extended invitations to join this prestigious group to two doctoral students and 23 Masters students in spring 2006, and two doctoral students and 31 Masters students in summer 2006.

Spring 2006

Doctoral students:

Richard Anderson,
Jung-Won Yoon

Masters students:

Abdulkader Alabdulkader,
Michelle Barrick, Marianne Bowen, Ann Boyett, James (Beau) Cain, Darrell Cook, Sheetal Desai, Adam Eakins, Rebecca Fernandez, Nathan Hall, Jacqueline Hernandez, Ramon Herrera, Decann Hinkle, Rhiannon Hoff, Ann Howington, Jennifer Hudson Connors, Jacqueline Lundemo, Lance McGrath, Amanda Pape, Patricia Porter, Kathy Roller, Laura Whaley, Ron Wilde

Summer 2006

Doctoral students:

Onaje Johnston,
Jennifer Karr Sheehan

Masters students:

Donald Adair, Kathleen Basoco, Marianne Bowen, Tanya Darnell, Salvador Dulfó, Amy Eklund, Roberta Gebhardt, Kelly Giacomozzi, Penni Glazier, Linda Hanks, Kay Harold, Ramon Herrera, Janet Henderson, Maria Hernandez, Nichols Herron, Theresa Holden, Lee Johnson, Susie King, Mindy Kittay, Melissa Licon, Lauren McMullen, Tracey Minzenmayer, Jamie Morris, Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Stacy Oberdin, Amie Oliver, Monica Phillips, Kristy Price, Jaime Prideaux, Gregory Snyder, Nathan Spackman

discussing the future of MARC, and the extent to which there is a need for a new data format for bibliographic information. Some of this community discussion is being informed by Dr. Moen's current research (with **Dr. Shawne Miksa** as co-PI), the MARC Content Designation Utilization (MCDU) Project <<http://www.mcd�.unt.edu>>. The Library of Congress invited Dr. Moen to a small invitational meeting to discuss "Streamlining MARC," an indication of the national interest in this project. In addition, his proposal for a program at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference was accepted and is being sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services.

Dr. Moen's recent presentations include: a peer-reviewed paper, "Learning from Artifacts: Metadata Utilization Analysis," at the 2006 Joint Conference on Digital Libraries; "Catalogers' Use of MARC: Learning from Artifacts through Metadata Utilization Analysis" at the Research Libraries Group Member Forum; "21st Century Cataloging... Catalogers' Use of MARC... Challenges and Opportunities," at the Nevada Library Association Annual Conference; "Examining MARC Records as Artifacts Reflecting Metadata Utilization Decisions" at the IMLS 2006 WebWise Conference (see summary in First Monday [\[monday.org/issues11_8/moen/index.html\]\(http://www.firstmonday.org/issues11_8/moen/index.html\)\); a half-day workshop, "Catalogers' Use of MARC and 21st Century Cataloging: Challenges and Opportunities" at the Montana Library Association Annual Conference, and a lecture, "Metadata in the Networked Information Environment: Transformation, Reuse, Aggregation, and Interoperability" as part of the Research & Teaching Talk series at the College of Information Science and Technology, Drexel University. He recently completed a 12-month project under contract with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction, to examine the costs of operation of Wisconsin's public library system's shared integrated library systems. With students in SLIS 5223 and a group of interested masters and Ph.D. students, Dr. Moen has worked on two pilot applications for digital repositories. In the spring and summer, students in SLIS 5223 developed a pilot application called Metadata Education and Research Information Center \(MERIC\) that is intended to provide access to learning materials related to cataloging and metadata education. The other pilot project is for an institutional repository application at UNT. The intention is for these pilot projects to gain the necessary support to become production-level systems.](http://www.first-</p>
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FEATURED STUDENTS

RIO GRANDE INITIATIVE



Dennis Daily, a student in the Rio Grande Initiative, will receive the Masters degree in December 2006. While studying for his undergraduate degree in photojournalism at New Mexico State University and working for the University as a

photographer for its publications and news service, he accepted a job in the library's Archives and Special Collections Department to work on a project microfilming materials from an historical archive in Durango, Mexico. The project involved microfilming notary records that were part of the Historical Archives of the State of Durango, dating from as early as 1603, but mostly covering the colonial era (up through 1821) and including the records from the Mexican period (post 1821). The project later included the Historical Archive of the Archbishopric of Durango, an important collection of church records, dating from 1600-1900, that includes valuable information on the early history of New Mexico.

When he moved to Durango in 1997, Dennis's Spanish was very basic. Despite having had four semesters of Spanish in college, he found it difficult to speak or understand the language. Since

everyone he met spoke only Spanish, he was forced to learn the language quickly. While in Durango, he met his wife Veronica Lerma Salas; they were married in a colonial-era church there in 1999. Their daughter Ana Sofia, born in 2004, holds dual Mexican/U.S. citizenship and is learning both Spanish and English at home.

Dennis wears many hats in the Archives and Special Collections Department. He is primarily responsible for the photography collection (some 500,000 images) and other audiovisual formats, but he also processes archival collections, both paper and photographic. He is in charge of all reformatting of materials for preservation and for publication. He spends a great deal of time assisting researchers and providing access to the materials. The collection has been used for several doctoral dissertations, books, and articles from scholars in the United States, Mexico, and Spain.

On his own time, Dennis is working on a documentary project on Durango, creating black and white photographs and making sound recordings of folk and folk-religious traditions of the State. He has had multimedia exhibitions in which the photographs are displayed and various sound recordings play through speakers located throughout the gallery. Another hobby is playing guitar in a couple of traditional music groups.

Dennis is interested in staying in the archives and special collections area of library work, and remaining focused on Latin American collections as well as photographic and multi-media materi-

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als. He is eager to incorporate new technologies to improve access and help preserve these collections. He also is interested in building strong relationships with librarians and scholars in Mexico and Latin America through cross-border participation in projects, partnerships, conferences, and friendships.

NEVADA COHORT



June Engel dates her interest in the library profession to 6th grade when her school opened a new library and asked for student volunteers to help run it. Because she loved the atmosphere and accessibility of materials, she jumped at the chance. "It was

a wonderful experience," she says, "and I have continued working in the field serving in both public and academic libraries even to this day."

June graduated from Humboldt State University in California in 1988 with a BA in English. She worked as a library student assistant during her college days, and after graduation accepted a public library position in Southern California. "Yet, despite all this background in the library field, I was surprisingly not ready to take the plunge and become a librarian." She changed her mind, however, when she attended a co-worker's graduation convocation from an MLIS program. At that event, friends and co-workers remarked to her, "how come you're not up there?" She knew by the end of the evening that it was time to move forward. June is now in her second year of the UNT/SLIS online program with an emphasis on academic libraries, while working full time. "I have a supportive staff here at work in California and an encouraging and caring MLIS team in Denton. I could not be happier. I feel as though my life and career are all coming together for me now."

In her spare time, June studies British Medieval history, with emphasis on the Tudors. She has a collection of Elizabethan costumes and is a regular attendee of Renaissance fairs. "I find that these experiences are the closest thing I have to going back to this period in time. I love to travel so when I am not doing research on Tudor history, you can usually find me traveling to England or some new destination local or abroad."

DISTANCE LEARNING



Valerie Aggerbeck, a dual citizen of the United States and France, was born and grew up in France. Her mother is French and her father is an American. She came to the U.S. in 1998 to attend St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, where she majored in political science and German, graduated magna cum laude,

and was elected into Phi Beta Kappa. In 2005, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School. During her time there, she was a member of the International Moot Court and served as the student director of the school's Child Advocacy Clinic. In August 2005, she entered the SLIS Masters degree program while working part-time at the William Mitchell Law Library in St. Paul, MN. She works at the reference desk and performs a variety of research tasks for the director of the law library.

Valerie's interest in library and information science stemmed from a long time love of libraries, books and learning. She began thinking seriously about becoming a librarian when she took an advanced legal course during her final year of law school. The purpose of the class was to get acquainted with and analyze a wide variety of legal resources and create a pathfinder. It was during that semester that she discovered her passion for researching and learning the law. Her short-term goal is to find a job as a reference librarian working in an academic law library or possibly a law firm. Because of her interests in a wide variety of career paths, her long-term goals are uncertain.

When she returns to France each year, she takes trips to special locations. Valerie, her husband and her parents traveled to Brittany and Normandy this past May. In St. Paul, she is a mentor with the Winona Restoration Justice Program that pairs teenagers, often involved in the court system, with adults in the community.

HOUSTON PROGRAM



Andrea Moore, originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, received the B.S. degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. When Andrea failed to find her job as a client relation specialist for a student loan association unfulfilling, she decided to move to Houston in search of a better career situation. Even

though the move was marked by a series of unfortunate events, she remained resilient. When in February 2005, she was hired as a children's librarian in the Houston Public Library System, she was elated to find that library and information science was everything she hoped for and more. In fall 2006, she decided to pursue the MLIS in Health Informatics and has received full scholarship assistance. "I thank God every day for the opportunity to fulfill my dreams of becoming a professional librarian."

On a more personal side, her hobbies are making kids crafts and reading inspirational books for women. She also has a great sense of humor and is a.k.a. "The Diva."

SPRING AND SUMMER GRADUATES

SLIS awarded 4 Bachelors, 106 Masters, and 5 Ph.D. degrees in spring 2006, and 3 Bachelors, 159 Masters, and 1 Ph.D. degrees in summer 2006.

Spring 2006

Bachelors

Paula Arreguin, In Ho Cho, Jennifer DeLavern (4.0), Lori Dodds (4.0)

Masters

Adbulkader Alabdulkader (4.0), Kayla Anderson (4.0), Deborah Andrews, Michelle Barrick (4.0), Bridget Barry, Carrie Bartsch (4.0), Chaney Bennett, Sharon Borak, Marianne Bowen (4.0), Ann Boyett (4.0), James (Beau) Cain, Sheila Carr (4.0), Kathy Cherry (4.0), Darrell Cook (4.0), Linda Cooper (4.0), Ida Corn (4.0), Rhonda Crow, Cassandra Davis, Sheetal Desai (4.0), Lisa Duke, Adam Eakins (4.0), Vicki Eldridge (4.0), Alisa Ellingson (4.0), Melodee Elliott, Rebecca Fernandez, Xuemei Gao (4.0), Leslie Garnett, Gerrod George (4.0), Nathan Hall (4.0), Michelle Henry (4.0), Jacqueline Hernandez (4.0), Ramon Herrera, William Hicks (4.0), Deann Hinkle (4.0), Gretchen Hock (4.0), Rhiannon Hoff (4.0), Jennifer Hoffman (4.0), Cheryl Hollingsworth, Laurel Holmgren, Ann Howington (4.0), Karen Hoy, Jennifer Hudson Connors (4.0), Debra Hunt, Kimberly Johnson (4.0), Cheska Jones (4.0), Mildred Joseph, Shubhra Kant, Katy Knoll, Janet Kravig (4.0), Leslie LaMastus, Lynn LaStrapes, Carla Lawson, Yunn-Hwa Lii, Jennifer Lockard, Jacqueline Lunderno (4.0), Carolyn Manning (4.0), Stacie Maples, Barbara McArthur (4.0), Lance McGrath (4.0), Rayma Melton (4.0), Noelle Melton, Levi Miller (4.0), Mary Miller (4.0), Jeanette (Hammons) Moore (4.0), Catherine Muehlbrad (4.0), Charity Munoz, Amanda Pape (4.0), Linda Pauze (4.0), Janet Peri (4.0), Patricia Porter, Joy Prather (4.0), Donna Prince (4.0), Amy Punaro (4.0), Lori Purser, Paula Reaves, Windy Reese, Patricia Reichle (4.0), San Juanita Reyes, Carolyn Rhoades (4.0), Tom Rice (4.0), Kathy Roller (4.0),

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Heather Russell (4.0), Gerardo Salazar, Pamela Shaffer (4.0), Misti Shaw (4.0), Anil Sitoula, Meagan Skelton, Angela Strickland (4.0), Jeffrey Swayze-Mcguire, Wanda Tanghlynn, Beth-Ellen Tijerina, Vicki Townsend (4.0), Jennifer Tucker, Renee van Nifterik, Cynthia Villareal, Greciela Villerreal, Jennifer Walling, Sharon Watson, Mary Hannah Watson, Samuel Weehunt, Stacy Wells, Laura Whaley (4.0), Deborah Wheatley (4.0), Ron Wilde (4.0), Sheryl Zachary, Marco Zannier

Ph.D.

Arnie Almquist, Richard Anderson, Diane Neal, Jennifer Sheehan, Jung-Won Yoon

Summer 2006

Bachelor's

Tremaine Hall-Smith, Brandon Clifford, Margaret Devore (4.0)

Masters

Donald Adair, Shelly Alexander (4.0), Patricia Alford, Taressa Anderson, Mandy Andrews (4.0), Veronica Arellano (4.0), Tina Bartholoma, Robert Bartlett, Kathleen Basoco (4.0), Peter Biddle, Pamela Blair-Sheldon (4.0), Melody Boren, Marianne Bowen (4.0), Linda Breslin, Heather Brooks, Tanya Brown (4.0), Amy Bunn (4.0), Andrea Cardon (4.0), Ashley Carr, Kami Carter (4.0), Dalina Cavazos, Scott Clonan, Lenika Coleman, Patricia Conley, Linda Cooper, Emily Copeland, Lora Crews, Rhonda Crow, Alan Cutler (4.0), Tanya Darnell (4.0), Abby Dover (4.0), Salvador Dulfo, Mattie Dunlap, Deborah Eastmond (4.0), Amy Eklund (4.0), Anne Ellis, Cristie Ferguson (4.0), Diana Frazier (4.0), Xuemei Gao (4.0), Roberta Gebhardt (4.0), Alysha Gebhart, Kelly Giacomozzi (4.0), Penni Glazier (4.0), Debra Goheen, Susan Gregg (4.0), Patrick Griffis, Katherine Hahn, Tonya Hall, David Hamrick (4.0), Linda Hanks (4.0), Kay Harold (4.0), Chris Hauser, Janet Henderson (4.0), Maria Hernandez (4.0), Ramon Herrera, Nicole Herron (4.0), Theresa Holden (4.0), Michelle Iruegas (4.0), Elizabeth Jacobs (4.0), Luanne James, Lee Johnsn (4.0), Heather Jurado, Byron Keeling (4.0), Susie King (4.0), Mindy Kittay (4.0),

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STUDENT NEWS

Student Associations

Library & Information Science Student Association (LISSA), the School's student organization, has elected officers for 2006-07. President **Sarah Nelson**, is specializing in youth librarianship, but also has an interest in special libraries. She worked in human resources several years before finding her way to library science. Vice-President **Adrienne Jones** (MS '04), who graduated from the Houston



From left to right, are Adrienne Jones, Sarah Nelson, and Lauren Ko.

program, is pursuing the doctorate through the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program on campus. Her primary interest is in records management. **Lauren Ko**, Secretary, received the Bachelor's degree magna cum laude in computer science from UNT in 2004, before entering the MS program in Library & Information Sciences in spring 2006. Her focus is on information systems. She is working as a library associate in the Fine Arts Division of the Dallas Public Library while pursuing her degree.

The newly formed Special Library Association Rio Grande Chapter Student Group held its first meeting in Los Alamos, New Mexico on March 7, 2006. At the next meeting, held during the New Mexico Library Association conference in May 2006, the group discussed benefits for students including interaction among the group who are all in the SLIS distance learning program, getting involved in leadership roles, mentoring opportunities, and opportunities to identify local talent prior to graduation. **Alex Fang**, contact person for the group, can be reached at Afang@unitech1.com/.

Masters Students



Bryce Benton is the 2006 recipient of the Paul Evan Peters Fellowship for graduate study, awarded by the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI). The fellowship, established to honor the memory of the CNI founding Executive Director, recognizes outstanding scholarship and intellectual rigor. The CNI announcement of the fellowship recipient noted: "Mr.

Benton has demonstrated his talents through participating in various challenging projects for which he has won accolades from faculty and colleagues." Bryce was the technical lead for an institutional repository pilot project involving the DSpace open source system at UNT. He played a key role in the system installation and was also the developer behind the user-friendly interface for accessing the repository.



Tae Kidd, current student and law library assistant, University of Minnesota Law Library, participated in a panel discussion on distance learning library programs at the Minnesota Library Association annual conference on September 28, 2006. The program, titled "Don't Be Afraid of a Long-Distance Relationship: Distance Learning Library Schools," also included students from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Illinois.



Melanie Mason (center) and the cast of "Rumors".

Melanie Mason recently starred in a Theatre Arlington (Texas) production of Neil Simon's manic farce, *Rumors*. In the playbill distributed to the audience, Melanie mentioned having recently received her

Graduate Academic Certificate in Storytelling from SLIS as a proud moment in her ongoing educational pursuits.

Cynthia Oser has had an article, titled "Babies and Libraries: Serving the Youngest Patrons of the Community," published in *Library Student Journal* (September 2006), a peer review student publication of the University of Buffalo, Department of Library & Information Studies. Cynthia, who was the featured scholarship student in the Spring 2006 issue of *Call Number*, wrote the paper in one of **Dr. Elizabeth Figa**'s classes. She works with the children's program at Forest Park Branch of the Dallas Public Library.

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Students

An article titled "Developing the ICT Infrastructure for Africa: Overview of Barriers to Harnessing the Full Power of the Internet," by doctoral student **Daniel Gelaw Alemneh** and Dr. Samantha Hastings, was published in the Winter 2006 issue of *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* (ALISE).



From left to right: Huseyin Durmaz, Suleyman Hancerli, and Ramazan Yalcinkaya.

The Turkish Institute for Police Studies (TIPS), a program under the auspices of the UNT Department of Criminal Justice, submitted a proposal to NATO for sponsorship of a conference focusing on terrorism threats. As a result, a conference titled *Understanding and Responding to Terrorism: A Multi-dimensional Approach*, sponsored by NATO, TIPS, UNT, and other universities, was held at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C., September 8-9, 2006. The conference brought together distinguished participants from academic and law enforcement to examine the terrorism phenomenon in depth, to advance cooperation levels, and to explore workable ways to better prevent and respond to terrorism within a democratic framework. Doctoral students **Huseyin Durmaz** and **Suleyman Hancerli**, who were awarded the grant and served as members of the Organizing Committee, worked for months on paperwork and making arrangements for the conference. They also, along with **Ramazan Yalcinkaya**, presented papers at the conference. All are students in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program.



From left to right: Dr. Guillermo Oyarce, Onaje Johnston, and Brian O'Connor

Onaje Johnston was awarded the Ph.D. degree at the summer 2006 commencement ceremonies in Denton. **Drs. Guillermo Oyarce** and **Brian O'Connor** served as committee co-chairs. Her dissertation is titled "Usability of a Keyphrase Browsing Tool Based on a Semantic Cloud Model."

Sara Jones, state librarian Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City, and a Ph.D. student, was asked by WestPac, the western group of the American Association of Law Librarians, to attend the annual conference as a Valuable Invited Participant for her work on updating the minimum required legal materials to be made available to all residents in Nevada.

Adjunct faculty member and Ph.D. student **Margaret Carroll** has resigned her position at Microsoft-Texas campus and is writing on her dissertation, which she hopes to complete in the next few months. She is serving this fall as one of the instructors in the Nevada Cohort.

Serhiy Polyakov is contributing to a United Nations e-learning initiative called Information Management Resource Kit (IMARK). One of the modules, "Management of Electronic Documents", is currently being translated into the Russian language in cooperation with National Agricultural University, Ukraine. Serhiy took part in this project translating the unit called "Metadata Standards and Subject Indexing". IMARK is a partnership-based e-learning initiative to train individuals and support institutions and networks world wide in the effective management of agricultural information and information management in general. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and partner organizations are developing IMARK..

The Fort Worth Star Telegram article, July 11, 2006, concerning the **Turkish Institute for Police Studies** program based at UNT and funded by the Turkish government, includes quotes from **Samih Teymur**, the institute's director and interdisciplinary doctoral student. The fifteen million dollar program finances Turkish police officers the opportunity to come to the United States to pursue master's and doctoral degrees in subjects that directly apply to their work.

Mary Jo Venetis, Associate Director for Technical Services, University of Texas at Dallas, is one of the recipients of an Amigos Fellowship for use in her dissertation research. Amigos, based in Dallas, is one of the nation's largest library resource sharing networks and a leader in providing information technology to libraries. The purpose of the fellowship is to foster the development of library and information professionals in Amigos member libraries and to further professional development and research in library cooperation and technology.



David Wachanga, from Nairobi, Kenya, is the first International Information Transfer Systems Fellow. The fellowship, established through the efforts of the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, TxCDK, the Provost Office, and the Journalism Department, includes a full time lecturer position housed in the Journalism's Mayborn Institute and assisting with research projects through TxCDK. David will be teaching graduate classes in International Communications and Readings in Mass Communication.

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Jeffrey Kitterman (4.0), Katy Knoll, Abraham Korah (4.0), Becky Lee (4.0), Pamela Lenox (4.0), Melissa Licon (4.0), Doris Lillard, Wendy Lindsey (4.0), Brian Lockhart (4.0), Victoria Lum, Carolyn Manning, Griselda Manrique, Jasper Massey (4.0), Mary McCoy (4.0), Lynette McManus (4.0), Lauren McMullen (4.0), Noelle Melton, Susan Michael (4.0), Sherrylyn Middleton, Tracey Minzenmayer (4.0), Wendi Mondroski, Jamie Morris (4.0), Kristine Mulvihill (4.0), Elma Nieto-Rodriguez (4.0), Frederick Noel, Anita Norton (4.0), Stacy Oberdin (4.0), Amie Oliver (4.0), Livia Olsen (4.0), Maria Ordaz, Julie Overpeck, Patsy Palacious, Robyn Patterson, Cynthia Peterson (4.0), Monica Phillips (4.0), Jennifer Pierce (4.0), Angela Pittman, Brooke Pope (4.0), Cheryl Potter (4.0), Kristy Price, Jaime Prideaux (4.0), Lori Purser, Patricia Quintero, Vicki Read, Mary Reeves, Miesha Robertson (4.0), Judith Robinson (4.0), Michael Rogers, Rosemarie Ryan (4.0), Jerry Sadberry (4.0), Elizabeth Savage (4.0), Rachel Schlutz, Patricia Sheckler (4.0), Sandra Sherman (4.0), Casey Sherrer, Anil Sitoula, Meagan Skelton, Amy Small, Sharon Smith-Scott, Gregory Snyder (4.0), Nathan Spackman (4.0), Vicki Standing (4.0), Martha Stanley, Carol Sterling (4.0), Jessica Stockel (4.0), Andrew Streett (4.0), Wanda Tanghlyn, Beth-Ellen Tijerina, Tania Toro, Lucy Towle (4.0), Marthella Trueba (4.0), Carrie Valdes (4.0), Melissa Van Dusen, Patricia Velez, Margaret Viss (4.0),

STUDENTS IN THAILAND



Left side: Gayle Bogel, Tyler Manolovitz, Tina Russell, Marty Rossi
Right side: Karen Snow, Pam Westby, Robyn Patterson, Sharolynn Pyeatt, Amber Fritschel

On July 27, 2006, Dr. Carol Simpson, Ph.D. Student Barbara Schultz-Jones and ten graduate students traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand to organize and catalog the contents of the Lanna International School Library. The school was founded in 1993 to serve the Chiang Mai community by providing quality education in a coeducational, nonsectarian, English-medium, international school setting. Lana's 257 students in kindergarten through grade 12 represent twenty-four nationalities and seventeen languages. Chiang Mai, in northwestern Thailand, is the country's second largest city with a population of 1,500,000.

Twice each day, the intrepid twelve, crammed into a canopied pick up truck called a Songthaeo, literally "two rows", for a 20-minute ride from the hotel to the school and then back again. Over a two week period, the students installed Mandarin M3, an online catalog, a bar coding system for inventory and circulation, and classified, cataloged, and reorganized the 4000+ items in the library's collection and training the school librarian and faculty in its use.

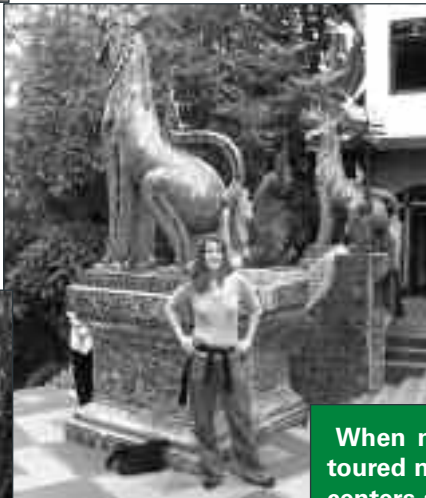


Classifying: Carol, Tyler, Robyn, Pam, and Tina



Above: Amber and Tyler at the school's main entrance.

Hiking outside of Chiang Rai.
Front: Toby Faber, Pam Westby, Amber Fritschel, Robyn Patterson, Gayle Bogel
Back: Tyler Manolovitz, Sharolynn Pyeatt, Marty Rossi, Tina Russell, Karen Snow



Above: Karen exploring the temples.



Above right: Toby and Marty riding with their Mabou on an elephant trek through the highlands.

When not working at the school; the group toured numerous temple sites, visited cultural centers and museums, rode long boats on the Mekonk River in Chiang Rai, trekked on elephants through the highlands from one village to another, toured the royal palace grounds in Bangkok, and shopped at the nightly street bazaars near the hotels.

ALUMNI NEWS

Elva Garza Receives Award

Elva Garza, managing librarian of Austin Public Library's St. John Branch, was named the 2006 Trejo Librarian of the Year. The award is in recognition of her outstanding local involvement advocating for the Latino and immigrant community, her community outreach, and her active nationwide contributions to REFORMA, the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking. The award announcement stated: "She exemplifies the mission of the public library as a critical connecting point for the

community. She is deeply committed to ensuring access to the resources of the library for all members of the community, and has worked with others to remove barriers that prevent access." The award was presented at the REFORMA Fundraiser, June 25, 2006, at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Elva received the MS from SLIS in 1987.



SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

New annual members May-September 2006:

Texas-Taressa Anderson, Garland; Robert Bartlett, Bellaire; Bridget Barry-Thias, Carrollton; Develyn Bone, Houston; Andrea Cardon, Lampasas; Nidia Casillas, Katy; Ida J. Corn, Dallas; Amy Eklund, Dallas; Maurice Fortin, San Angelo; Janet Henderson, Lubbock; Maria Hernandez, San Antonio; Theresa Holden, Palestine; Mary McCoy, Orange; Wendi Mondroski, Lake Jackson; Maria Ordaz, El Paso; Julie Overpeck, Waco; Amanda Pape, Fredericksburg; Angela Pittman, Denton; Tanya Pomeroy, Irving; Donna Prince, Vernon; Jesse Reinburg Fort Worth; Camilla Schneider Fort Worth; Angela Strickland, Greenville; Patricia Velez, El Paso; Mary Watson, Grapevine; Kristen West, Garland; Catherine Whitney, Houston; Pam Wright, Irving.

Out of state:

Susan Gregg, Las Vegas, NV; Byron Keeling, Richmond, VA; Mandy Kittay, Rifle, Co; Susan Michael, Alameda, CA; Rosemarie Ryan, Golden Valley, MN; Margaret Viss, Chatfield, MN

New lifetime members:

Wilma Braudaway, Del Rio, TX; John B. Corbin, Albuquerque, NM; Jennifer Juday, Austin, TX; Robert E. Kelley, Richmond, TX; Rachel Orozco, Richardson, TX; Annadele Ross, Dallas, TX; Tom Rice, San Antonio, TX; Myra Dromgoole Wilson, Seabrook, TX.

Dr. Timothy Stettheimer Receives Honor



Timothy Stettheimer, who received the Ph.D. in 2000 focusing on the field of medical informatics, recently received the John E. Gall CIO of the Year Award from the College of Health Care Information Management Executives and Healthcare Information Management Systems Society. He serves as vice-president and chief information officer for St. Vincent's Hospital in

Birmingham, AL. St. Vincent's, the flagship digital hospital for the St. Louis-based nonprofit Ascension Health Inc., leads the system as well as the industry in the use of innovative and enabling technology such as robotic surgery, pervasive mobile computing, integrated clinical repositories and electronic patient records. Dr. Stettheimer previously served as a regional information services executive in Fort Worth, TX for Florida-based Adventist Health System. He is experienced in all aspects of the digital health care environment.

Texas Library Association



Melody Kelly

Candidates for TLA offices include: **Melody Kelly** and **Jeanne Pyle** for president-elect. Melody, Associate Dean, UNT libraries, received the MLS in 1970. Jeanne, Library Director, University of Texas at Tyler, received the MS in 1985. **Mary Woodard**, who teaches as a clinical faculty member in the School, is a candidate for an at-large position on the Executive Board. Alums and faculty holding positions of leadership in TLA include: **Mary Alford** (MLS '64), District 8 chair; **Joyce Baumbach** (MS '93), ALA Councillor and Executive Board; **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**, Executive Board; **Sue Compton** (MS '82), Executive Board and Task Force on Menology Calendar chair; **Mary Crocker** (MS '95), CE Providers Interest Group chair;

James Karney (MS '84), Literacy Committee chair; **Janet Key** (CAS), Treasurer and Executive Board; **Caroline Kienzle** (MS '93), Executive Board; **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann** (MS '92), Executive Board as Past President and chair Budget Committee; **Victoria (Vicky) Kemp** (MS '99), Public Library Division chair; **Mary Lankford** (BA '52), History of TLA Committee chair; **Dede Rios** (MS '04), District 10 chair; **Miriam Rodriguez** (MS '97), District 5 chair; **Cheryl Smith** (MS '85), Genealogy Round Table chair; **Melinda Townsel** (MS '85), Texas Book Festival Committee chair; **Dean Washington** (MS '02), Black Caucus chair; **Dr. Maurice Wheeler**, Cultural Diversity Committee chair; **Jerilynn Williams** (MLS '79), Intellectual Freedom Committee chair.



Jeanne Pyle

IN MEMORIAM :

Doctorial student **Svetlana Barnes's** infant son died July 12, 2006.

Elizabeth (Robyn) Brinkley (MS '04) died September 20, 2006.

Kathryn Cabaniss (MS '85) died May 13, 2006.

Hazel Gardner (BA '52) died September 21, 2006.

Carol Hall, a student in the Master's program, died November 13, 2006.

Janice Gordon-Kelter (MS '95) died January 6, 2006.

Dortha Kehn (BA '46) died May 11, 2006.

Stuart Nichols, son of Julie Nichols, alum ('02) and adjunct faculty member who has worked with Dr. Elizabeth Figa on LS 5600, died September 9, 2006.

Cynthia Ann Porter (MS '93) died October 20, 2006.

TALL TEXANS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Alumni, faculty, and friends of SLIS were active participants at the 2006 TALL Texans Leadership Institute, a program that provides leadership training for Texas Library Association members. The annual program is designed for mid-career library and informational practitioners, currently employed in the field, who have had at least five years of experience in a professional level position. Laypersons with at least three years of service to the library community are also eligible. This year's Institute was held at the Canyon Oaks Ranch in the Hill Country near Wimberley, Texas, June 12-16.

SLIS 2006 Institute participants included: **Cecilia Hurt-Barham** (MS '00), Decatur Public Library; **Carolyn Davidson** (MS '96), North Texas Regional library System; **Stacey Irish-Keffer** (MS '97), Denton Public Library; **Ella Jones** (MS '03), Fort Worth Public Library; **Tracy Luscombe** (01), McKinney Public Library; **Marcine McCulley** (MS '92), Rockwall County Library; **Jimmy Pearson** (MS '03), Harris County Public Library, Houston; **Elizabeth Philippi** (MS '03), Spring ISD; and **Karen**



2006 TALL Texans

Shull (MS '00), Richardson ISD.

Mentors for the Institute included: **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**, SLIS faculty; **Maurice Fortin** (MS '78), SLIS alum and director of the library, Angelo State University; and SLIS Advisory Board members **Kathy Hoffman**, Executive Director, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Research Medical Library and **Jana Knezek**, Director of Libraries and Textbook Services, Northside ISD, San Antonio.

ALUMNI NEWS**Early Days**

Louise Evans (certificate '38), who died in January 2006, left more than a half million dollars to UNT library collections, scholarships, restoration of the Library mall entrance, and other endeavors. Louise served 42 years (1938-1981) as UNT libraries acquisition librarian, acquiring all materials for basic library collections. In retirement she crossed the State with her sister, buying rare books as well as Texas books for the Texana Collection. She established the Porter-Evans Texana Collection Fund to assure that the Texana Collection would continue to grow. This fund and the Porter-Evans Scholarship Fund she began are named to honor her long-time friend Hinton Porter and her brother G.I. Evans. Louise worked closely with the UNT Foundation and the Office of Development to create the bequests. The endowments are held by the Foundation.

1960s

Maurine Gray (MLS 69), director of the Tyrrell Public Library, Beaumont, Texas, since 1966, has announced that she will retire in December 2006. In response to the announcement, Kyle Hayes, Beaumont city manager, stated: "She has been an asset to the city. And not just to the city as a governmental body, but to the city itself, to the peo-

ple. We're not going to find someone to fill her shoes, but we are going to have to fill the position." In addition to library director, Maurine has held several city posts, including director of community services. She will continue to live in Beaumont.

1970s

Sherilyn Bird (MLS '70) was named Director of Libraries, Texas Woman's University and began her duties July 10, 2006. She has worked in public and technical services positions in public and academic libraries, including Dallas Public Library and Dallas County Community College District. For many years, she was a member of the administrative team as Director for Bibliographic Control at Central University Libraries, Southern Methodist University.

Rosario Garza (MS '77) was named Executive Director of the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (MCLS) and joined the staff there on November 1, 2006. MCLS is an association in the Los Angeles area that shares resources to improve library service to the residents of all participating jurisdictions, making available some eight million books, newspapers, and multimedia resources. She was formerly Assistant Director for Member Services at Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR), a Colorado nonprofit multistate, library cooperative that includes various types of

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libraries (academic, school, public, research, and special) located in 39 states and Canada, some 1,065 in all. During her 22-year tenure at BCR, she assisted member libraries, helping them access and share information resources, developing and promoting new technologies, and delivering training and technical assistance in the use of information services. Rosario's strong management and interpersonal skills, coupled with strong technical knowledge, make her an excellent match for the position of MCLS Executive Director. Her husband, **David Montgomery** (MS '78), also a SLIS graduate, has retired from EDS.

Elizabeth (Becky) Day Grunwald (MLS '77) is librarian at L-3 Communications, Greenville, TX, a leading merchant supplier of secure communications technology, training and simulation, microwave components, and space and wireless products. Their customers include the Department of Defense, selected government agencies, aerospace and defense contractors and telecommunications and cellular customers.

Robert S. Martin (MS '79) gave the spring commencement address at Dominican University and was given an honorary degree. The citation that was read when conferring the degree stated, "Dominican University is pleased to recognize Robert S. Martin for his leadership and advocacy in the field of library education, enhancing the reputation of librarians across the globe." The citation also pointed out that during his tenure as head of the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS), at a time when many programs were being cut, Dr. Martin engineered a record level of federal support and oversaw the awarding of more than \$899 million in federal grants to America's museums and libraries. Dr. Martin is the Lillian Bradshaw Distinguished Professor of Library Science at the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University.

Wynette Schwalm (MLS '74) retired from Fort Worth Public Library on October 31, 2006, where she has served since 1983. From 1992-94, she left to be the director at North Richland Hills Public Library. She returned to Fort Worth Public in 1994 and has been branch manager in 5 branches: Riverside, Meadowbrook, Ridglea, Summerglenn and Northside. She looks forward to traveling and spending time with her 13 year old Dalmatian and four wonderful grandchildren.

1990s



Edward Rock (MS '98), is now Humanities and General Education Reference Librarian at Clemson University. He was formerly the Humanities Information Services Librarian and Digital Reference Coordinator at Tulane University. He had to be evacuated just before Hurricane Katrina hit and lost everything in the devastation that followed.

Miriam Rodriguez (MS '97), Assistant Director for Public Services, Dallas Public Library, presented workshops in May and June 2006, titled "Library Services to Non-English Speaking Users", for the North Texas Regional Library System at Haltom City Public Library and Decatur Public Library.

Others we have heard from include: **1990: Lorraine Lord** is librarian at Monterey High School, Lubbock (TX) ISD and Library Facilitator for Second Schools. **1991: Tracy Westmoreland**, who has returned to Texas after a couple of years in Georgia, has moved to San Antonio where she is working for the Alamo Community College District. **1992: Lisa Smith** is Extension Librarian, Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library, University of North Texas Health Science Center. **1993: Carrie Kienzle** has retired from Irving (Texas) ISD. **1999: Jane Hicks** is on leave from Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she has taught for seven years. **Victoria (Vicky) Kemp** is now technical services manager, Flower Mound (Texas) Public Library. **Emmanuel Merenini** is Division Manager for Information Technology, Houston Public Library. **Catherine Pells**, formerly Youth Adult Librarian at Tomball College and Community Library, is now Branch Manager of the Northwest Branch, Harris County Public Library.

2000 to date

Dreanna Belden (MS '03) has been selected as the Texas Library Association representative to the American Library Association 2007 Emerging Leaders Institute. The selection committee received almost thirty applications from Texas librarians interested in participating in this exciting new initiative. Dreanna was selected from among the group and will receive a travel stipend of \$1,000 to assist in participating in the Institute.

Yunfei Du (MS '02, Ph.D. '03), is Assistant Professor in the Library and Information Science program at Wayne State University

Shammi Gill (MS '00) is Branch Manager of Houston Public Library Walter Branch, a position she has held since 2004. After serving in the Houston Public Library system for 10 years, she decided to get a degree from

SLIS and become a professional librarian. "I serve a diverse community and enjoy my work," she says.

Judye Glick, Support Manager with Amigos Library Services, presented at the Arkansas Library Association conference, Fayetteville, AR, in October 2006.

Jackie Greene is Reference Librarian at the Mitchell Branch of Montgomery County Memorial Library System.

Jeanette Hammons (MS '06), member of the Nevada Cohort who was children's librarian for the past eight years at the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System, has been promoted to director.

Leslyn McNabb, is Special Projects Librarian/Systems Administrator, CDC Public Health Library and Information Center, Atlanta, GA.

Jaime Prideaux, Special Needs/Talking Books Consultant, Southeast Kansas Library System.

Drs. Jung Won Yoon (Ph.D. '06) and **Scott Simon** (Ph.D. '05), who received their doctorates in the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program, have joined the faculty of the University of Southern Florida, Tampa.

Marco Zannier (MS '06) is lead librarian at Elsie High School in Alief ISD located in southwest Houston. During the previous three years, he served as a librarian for Killough Middle School in Alief ISD. In his new position he is starting "some exciting new things at Elsie like cultural programs in the library café before school and virtual reference online at night for research assistance (via chat)." He says of SLIS: "You all have instilled in me a hunger for growth and learning within the field."



Jim Wilson (MS '05) has been appointed director of the Scappoose Library District in Oregon. The District begins on the Columbia River 20 miles north of Portland and extends into the mountains on the west.

Locations and activities of other 2006 graduates include: **Melissa Baker**, new Young Adult Librarian at Mitchell Branch, Montgomery County Memorial Library System. **Sharon Borak**, technical processing clerk, Keller Public Library. **Kathy Cherry**, librarian, Piner Middle School, Sherman (TX) ISD. **Charity Munoz**, district librarian, Lyford (TX) CISD. **Carolyn Rhoades**, librarian, Mesita Elementary School, El Paso (TX) ISD. **Julie Overpeck**, library media specialist, Alta Vista Montessori Magnet School, Waco (TX) ISD. **Kathy Roller**, librarian, West Intermediate School, West (TX). **Mary Miller**, Senior Librarian, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Research Medical Library and Systems Administrator for the Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium.

REMEMBERING SLIS IN YOUR WILL

Over the past few years, SLIS had received several bequests that will positively impact the future of the school and its students for generations to come. This is increasingly becoming a popular way for alumni to give back to the school and often allows them to make a larger gift than they could in their lifetime.

If you have already included SLIS in your will, thank you for elevating us to the status of a family member. We are honored. If not, it may be something you are considering. In either case, notifying the UNT Office of Development of your intentions should be part of the process. Reasons include:

- Notifying us of your intentions allows us to better plan for the future of the school and also allow us to acknowledge the gift today and recognize you in an appropriate manner. Although your attorney is familiar with writing a will, he or she is most likely not familiar with the policies and regulations of UNT.
- A bequest might not actually be the most advantageous way for you to make a gift to SLIS; or changing the way your estate is distributed may reduce the estate and gift tax liabilities for your heirs. A nationally recognized expert in charitable gift planning leads UNT's gift-planning team and can advise on how to make a prudent gift not only to UNT, but to all those who you wish to include in your gift planning. There is no charge for these consulting services.

Remember, we are here to advise you on how to make sure your vision is best realized. We have no authority to make any decisions or changes to your will or estate. All requests for anonymity will be honored. Details of estate plans are not disclosed and are held in the strictest confidence.

For information or to notify us of your intentions, please call Margaret Yates at 940/565-3074.

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

Jing Guo

Jing Guo began the Masters program in spring 2006 and hopes to graduate next year. She came to this country six years ago from China where she received a bachelor's degree from Xiangtan University with a major in accounting. On completing her study, she hopes to find an information professional position either here or in China. In her spare time she loves to read, watch movies, and spend time with her family. She and her husband, a Ph.D. student at UNT, have a ten-year old daughter named Diana. **Mary Todd Suhm**, Dallas City Manager, contributed Jing's \$1,000 scholarship, which will pay her in-state tuition for an entire school year.



PAYING IT FORWARD— STUDENT TO STUDENT GIVING

Last fall, a group of six Ph.D. students from the second distance learning cohort formed the "Cohort II Giving Club." They pooled their money to give an expendable scholarship—the "Bunny Watson Memorial Scholarship"—for a Masters-level student focusing on school or public librarianship. Eleven students gave a total of \$1,000, something none of them could have done individually at this time.

Wendy Stephens, a high school librarian in New Market, AL and one of the contributors, explained that it was classmate and fellow donor Brian Kenney who chose the name. Bunny Watson was the name of a librarian played by Katherine Hepburn in the 1957 comedy *Desk Set*. Wendy hopes the scholarship recipient views the movie that depicts the librarian's triumphs over supposedly omniscient technology.

When asked why she contributed to the scholarship, Wendy said she was paying forward what had been done for her, both at the Masters level and as a Ph.D. student. The group is very excited about their giving club and is already planning their next gift. One of the members, Gayle Bogel, reports that the group hopes to create an endowed scholarship sometime in the future. Cohort I joined in the effort by pledging future book royalties to the Bunny Watson Memorial Scholarship.

Assistant Professor Guillermo Oyarce reacted with enthusiasm when he heard about the gift,

saying it was "wonderful." "I am impressed and inspired by the generosity of these students. We should all strive to emulate their generous behavior. As a faculty member, it is very motivating to know that our students and alumni believe in what we are doing here enough to financially invest in the School," he said.

The recipient of the first Bunny Watson Memorial Scholarship will be named in November.

For more information on establishing your own giving club, please contact Margaret Yates, Advancement Associate at myates@unt.edu or at 940/565-3074.



*IMLS Cohort II
Front row, left to right:
David Scott, Gayle Bogel, Jeanne Holba Puacz,
Shannon Bomar
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Ric Hasenyager, Vivian Cisneros, Wendy Stephens,
Brian Kenney, Sara Jones, Doug Achterman*

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