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DEAN'S LETTER



You may remember from my Spring 2007 column that the faculty was planning to choose four candidates to receive offers to join the SLIS Faculty. The faculty easily selected the first three candidates from the pool, but when deliberating about the fourth candidate, became at loggerheads when they repeatedly submitted tied votes between two candidates. After

discussing the faculty selection dilemma with the Provost, SLIS was granted an additional line and was able to recruit and employ both tied candidates resulting in not four, but five dynamic new members of the Faculty! Because details regarding the new faculty members are featured on the cover of this issue, as well as interspersed throughout its pages, I will not provide more details in my column.

As you know, the first year of my deanship was focused on the reaffirmation of the School's ALA Accreditation. The second year was focused on the Doctoral Program Assessment Project for SLIS's Interdisciplinary Information Sciences PhD Program and the School's Strategic Plan. So, as I start the third year of my deanship, for the first time, the SLIS Faculty and I are able to focus on Vision 2020, a plan I mentioned in previous Dean's Columns. The first part of the vision was the hiring of the five new faculty. The second part entails two objectives I plan to lead the faculty in accomplishing during the 2007-08 Academic Year.

The first objective is regarding SLIS's Interdisciplinary Information Science (IIS) PhD Program, a program with which I am sure all of you are familiar. The second objective is regarding SLIS's Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK), a program with which some of you may not be familiar. Consequently, I am including a brief description of TxCDK that I do not feel is necessary to include on the IIS PhD Program.

TxCDK is a research, development and consulting service enterprise. As stated on its Web page <<http://www.txcdk.org/>>, TxCDK was created to "bring together top researchers from multiple disciplines to provide a collaborative framework for enhancing the relationships between individual knowledge workers and the technology-based environments in which they work to advance today's global economy." (You may be interested to note that Dr. William E. Moen, TxCDK's new Director is already making progress toward making TxCDK a self-sustaining and internationally recognized research, development, and consulting service. He successfully proposed and received two grants for TxCDK from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Both grants are to support Dr. Moen's project: A Proof-of-Concept Repository for Learning Objects: Supporting the Reuse and Repurposing of Redesigned Courses and Their Content.)

New plans for both the IIS PhD Program and TxCDK are sure to lead to great accomplishments

for SLIS and the University. Below are Vision 2020's two major objectives regarding the future of the IIS PhD Program and TxCDK, with their associated strategies.

1) Revitalize the Interdisciplinary Information Science (IIS) PhD Program as a rigorous, competitive center of excellence in graduate education and research by working with Dr. Linda Schamber, the Program's new Associate Director, and the SLIS and IIS faculty to do the following: a) review and revise program documents, policies, and procedures; b) expand and improve IIS faculty; c) review and update all curriculum and courses; d) establish and maintain standards, consistent procedures, and standards for students in all stages of the Program; e) facilitate faculty-student collaborative research; and f) organize on-campus activities to encourage extracurricular and informal interactions.

2) Make the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) self-sustaining as an internationally recognized research, development and consulting service for interdisciplinary projects by working with Dr. William E. Moen, SLIS's new Research and TxCDK Director; Dr. Sari M. Pascoe, TxCDK's new Associate Director; the SLIS Faculty; and the TxCDK Fellows to do the following: a) (already accomplished) expand the role of Director of TxCDK to that of Director of TxCDK and SLIS Research, thereby enhancing the IIS PhD Program and raising the research profile of SLIS as a whole; b) provide the means to enable the new Associate Director of TxCDK to assist the faculty in preparing grant proposals; c) support opportunities for TxCDK to provide services to a greater number of TxCDK research fellows; d) network to identify new resources for grants and funding opportunities; e) provide creative means to further enhance the visibility of the Center; and f) support the production of research deliverables, services and products.

Fortunately, SLIS will soon have room to accommodate the physical facilities for both the IIS Doctoral Program and the TxCDK by Summer 2008. The new facilities will occupy the UNT Research Park (the former Texas Instruments property), located four miles from the main Denton campus near the juncture of U.S. Highway 77 and Loop 288, just east of I-35. SLIS's new quarters in the Research Park will include a suite of offices for SLIS administration, a main office, as well as offices for full-time faculty, staff, modified service faculty, adjunct faculty, and teaching assistants. The quarters include a kitchen/break area, as well as space for work and conference rooms. Space will also be provided for SLIS technology support, a computer classroom, research laboratories, offices for doctoral students, and the Graduate General Access Laboratory.

SLIS is looking forward to planning and moving to its new quarters in the coming year. It is also exciting to implement some of my Vision 2020 with the new faculty and the plans for two of the major objectives to be accomplished. As you know, I believe that your School is still the finest library and information studies program in the nation!

Herman L. Totten

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DEAN RAYMOND VON DRAN, 1947-2007



Dr. Raymond F. von Dran, SLIS former dean (1987-1995) and dean emeritus at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, died July 23, 2007 in New York City, three days short of his 61st birthday. During his tenure as dean of SLIS, many changes took place and the School became more visible throughout the state and nation. A com-

petent and committed faculty welcomed Dr. von Dran in fall 1987 and marked the year with retreats and other planning sessions. Over the next several years, the curriculum was reviewed and new courses were added in biomedical information, legal information, and library automation. The School also reached out to provide training opportunities for future professionals in the field. The first extension effort began at Texas Tech University in September 1988, a two-year program with full-time members of the faculty as instructors. In January 1991, a full time program of study was inaugurated in Houston, which continues to be one of the School's most successful ventures. Another major change was phasing out the doctoral program in library science, beginning in 1987, and establishing the UNT Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Information Science in 1992,

an innovative program that is unique in the state and region. Dr. von Dran resigned in 1995 in order to become dean of the Syracuse University library and information science program. In 2006, he announced his retirement as dean, which was to take effect in August 2007. Following a year of administrative leave, during which time he planned to travel the world with his wife, Gisela, he was to return to a professorship at Syracuse. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Beth. Dean Herman Totten and Paula King, special assistant to both Dean von Dran and Dean Totten, attended the memorial service at Syracuse University, September 7, 2007. Those wishing to do so may contribute to the SU Raymond F. von Dran Fund at School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, 343 Hinds Hall, Syracuse NY 13244.



Remembrance of Dr. Raymond von Dran*

I first met Dean von Dran as a student in the UNT Houston Program. Although I was eager to pursue a professional degree in library and information sciences, I came to the first session with some reservations about my ability to complete the program. At the time I was employed full time as a library assistant and also juggling the responsibilities of being a wife and mother of a five year old. In fact, many of my fellow students faced the same or similar challenges.

However, we soon came to realize that Dean von Dran was a supportive and caring leader, not to mention a Texas import like me by way of New York City (or as they would say in Texas, "all hat and no cattle"). His welcoming smile, east coast personality, and hearty laughter were like a breath of fresh air in an atmosphere so different from our own. Over the course of my studies, Dean von Dran constantly reminded me and others, several of whom were members of the traditionally underrepresented groups in our field, of the importance of our goal. He looked to us as the new gatekeepers of our cultural knowledge and the NEW age of information. Dean von Dran was a forerunner in the belief that there was a sense of urgency and need to replenish the impending void that would be left as many of our library colleagues reached the age of retirement. He envisioned us as the future vanguard of the library community. He was an avid recruiter and champion for those who he believed would give back to the profession and to their communities. He raised our consciousness to inspire others by his example and by his vision.

Toward the end of my course of study, I was working almost 70 hours per week at two jobs to finance my education while still meeting my responsibilities at home. I was also commuting from Houston to Denton every weekend, a distance of over 250 miles each way, so that I could take advanced courses. Only God kept me awake during those long and often dark and sometimes difficult journeys. But, it was Dean von Dran who inspired me to persevere and to accomplish my goals because of his commitment to us. So on behalf of my fellow recruits and 1996 graduates of the Houston Program — LeRoy Robinson, Shirley Singletary, and Virgie Paul—we will never forget the encouragement and guidance of our dean, teacher, and friend. Both he and Gisela will always have a special place in our hearts.

*Excerpted from the tribute made at the Syracuse University memorial service by **Angela Williams**, 1996 SLIS graduate, now librarian at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Syracuse University.



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For a Second Time in Thirty Years

In fall 1977, five new faculty members came to the School: Drs. Donald Cleveland, Katherine Cveljo, Doralyn Hickey, James Thomas, and Herman Totten. Exactly 30 years later, in fall 2007, again five new faculty members joined SLIS: Drs. Yunfei Du, Miguel Ruiz, Barbara Schultz-Jones, Vandana Singh, and Dale Thompson. During those three decades, the faculty has more than doubled to its current 19.

Vitas of the two groups reflect how the field has changed in the past 30 years. Except for Dr. Don Cleveland, whose specialization was in information science, the others who came in 1977 taught in traditional library science areas such as classification and cataloging and library administration. The five who arrived in fall 2007 have specialties such as information management systems, digital knowledge management, and information security, reflecting the library and information field of the 21st Century.

The 1977 New Faculty Members



New faculty members in 1977: Drs. James Thomas, Doralyn Hickey, Donald Cleveland, Katherine Cveljo, and Herman Totten

processing, information storage and retrieval, and library systems design and analysis. He retired in 2004 after 27 years of service and continues to reside in Denton. Dr. Doralyn Hickey, who was nationally known in the cataloging and classification area, came from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, where she was serving as dean of the School of Library Science. In addition to cataloging and classification, she taught special collections and archives. She died in 1987. Dr. Herman Totten returned to his native Texas after serving as dean of the University of Oregon library science program. His teaching areas included library administration and nonprint cataloging. He became dean of the School in 2005. Dr. Katherine Cveljo came to SLIS from the College of Library Science, University of Kentucky faculty. Her course areas included special libraries and infor-

mation sources in social sciences, humanities and science and technology. She retired in 1988 and now resides near Cleveland, OH. Dr. James Thomas, formerly with the public schools in Richmond, VA, taught courses in school libraries. He left SLIS in 1982; now retired, he lives in Seattle, WA.

The 2007 New Faculty Members



Dr. Yunfei Du, assistant professor, who received both the MS and Ph.D. degrees from University of North Texas, has been teaching in the library and information science program at Wayne State University since 2003. Earlier he served on the library staff and taught information literacy at Hohai University, Nanjing,

China. He has published a number of peer-reviewed journal articles including a recent one, "Content Analysis of an LIS Job Database: A Regional Prototype for a Collaborative Model," *Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, 57, no. 1 (2007): 17-26, with Barbara Stein and Robert Martin (in press). Along with Dr. Carol Simpson, Dr. Du published a chapter titled "Effects of Learning Styles and Class Participation on Students' Enjoyment Level in Distributed Learning Environments," in *Annual Editions: Computers in Education 04/05*, 11ed (McGraw-Hill, 2003). In 2005 he received a \$6,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for the project "Reading at Risk: a Follow-up Study." Yunfei and his wife Cathy have a seven-year-old son and a three-year-old daughter. Cathy, also a SLIS graduate, is currently teaching undergraduate Chinese. Yunfei's hobbies include fishing and bird watching.



Dr. Miguel Ruiz, associate professor, comes to SLIS after serving on the faculty of the Department of Library and Information Studies School of Informatics at University at Buffalo, State University of New York, since 2002. He holds the MS in computer science and Ph.D. in information retrieval and intelligent systems degrees from the University of Iowa, as well as the MS degree in statistics and BS degree in systems engineering from Universidad de Los Andes, Merida, Venezuela. In both 2005 and 2007, he was honored as a Visiting Scholar at the Lister Hill Center for Biomedical Communications, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. In 2006, he was nominated for the AMIA Homer R. Warner Award

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Five New SLIS Faculty Join SLIS

for the paper "Combining Image Features, Case Descriptions and UMLA Concepts to Improve Retrieval of Medical Images." His most recent refereed article, "Using Data Mining to Predict K-12 Student's Understanding of the Energy Concept," *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, is now in press. He received a \$675,000 grant for "Unapparent Information Revelation: Creation, Visualization & Mining of Concept Chair Graph," from the National Science Foundation, August 2003-August 2007. Miguel and his wife have two daughters, one studying nursing at SUNY Buffalo and the other a senior in high school. He played oboe in the symphony youth orchestra in Venezuela and later played in the professional symphony orchestra in Merida, Venezuela. His wife also is a musician and plays the violin and classical guitar.



Dr. Barbara A. Schultz-Jones, assistant professor, will be teaching courses offered in the school library program. She served as an adjunct professor in library automation processes with the SLIS group who traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand in July 2006, to

organize and catalog the contents of the Lanna International School Library, as well as the groups who carried out similar activities in Chiang Rai and Phuket, Thailand in May 2005, and in Rawai, Phuket, Thailand in May 2004. Barbara received the MS from SLIS in 2002 and will receive the Ph.D. in December 2007. Her BA degree is from University of British Columbia in English literature. Her publications include *An Automation Primer for School Library Media Centers and Small Libraries* (Linworth Publishing, 2006); and "Navigating an Automation Wonderland," *Library Media Connection*, 25, no. 3, 2006: 50-53. Barbara and her husband live in the country outside Denton and enjoy encouraging wildflower fields on their acreage. She has traveled extensively throughout the world, and enjoys quilting and other textile arts. On December 12, 2006, she, along with 700 others from 89 countries, became a US citizen in what she reports was, "a very moving ceremony in Dallas."



Dr. Vandana Singh, assistant professor, comes to SLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she received the doctorate in May 2007. She also holds an MS in computer science from the University of Chicago, an MS in knowledge management systems from Wageningen University, The Netherlands, and a BS in economics from Pantnagar University in India. Vandana has

made several presentations including "Open Help for Open Source: How a Community Shares Technical Help Online," doctoral student research poster competition, ALISE, January 2007; and "Your Mark Is My Dirt: Impact of Email Signatures on Decision Making," 9th International Conference on Decision Support Systems, January, 2007, India. Her research areas include technical support for software, open source software development, online customer support, knowledge management systems, and several other areas. Vandana grew up in the foothills of the Himalayas in India, the youngest child of a mathematics professor. "I have enjoyed university environment all through my life," she says, and feels enriched by having studied at universities in three continents. She enjoys being involved in community service activities. When serving as president of the International Students Union at Wageningen University, she worked toward integrating international students into the local community, work which was extensively reported by local media. She loves gardening and hopes to learn classical Indian dancing.



Dr. Dale Thompson, assistant professor, received the Ph.D. in Information Science & Technology from Syracuse University School of Information Studies in spring 2007. For four years during his doctoral study at Syracuse, he taught a distance education course in risk management for IT professionals, the final

course in a series leading to certification in information security. Prior to entering graduate study, he achieved the "expert analyst" level as an intelligence research specialist in the Defense Intelligence Agency. He served four tours of duty performing 24/7 intelligence watch duties in various command centers such as the Navy Command Center and the National Military Command Center in the Pentagon. His most recent publications include "Sensitive Information: A Review and Research Agenda," *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 2005; and "ICANN and INTEL-SAT: Global Communication Technologies and Their Incorporation into International Regimes," in *The Emergent Global Information Policy Regime* (Palgrave, 2004). Dale and his wife Laurie, assistant vice-president for library services at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, have a daughter, Emily, who is a junior at Lake Highlands High School, Dallas. She is active in the marching band, in which she plays clarinet, and her parents are active in the band club.

Note: See Dean's Letter for additional information.

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CELEBRATION HONORING HAZEL HARVEY PEACE AND BARBARA STEIN MARTIN



August 9, 2007 was truly a red letter day at SLIS. Hazel Harvey Peace celebrated her 100th birthday and Barbara Stein Martin was announced as the first Hazel Harvey Peace Professor of Children's Library Services. The two events were celebrated at a luncheon on campus attended by some 100 guests, SLIS faculty and staff, and University officials.

Mrs. Peace's former student Bob Ray Sanders a 1969 UNT graduate, now associate editor and columnist for the Fort Worth Star Telegram and co-chair of the Peace campaign to raise \$350,000 for the endowed professorship, served as luncheon moderator. Dean Herman Totten welcomed the guests and introduced several speakers. Linda Allmand (BA '60) retired director of the Fort Worth Public Library and member of the Peace fund-raising committee, provided a history of the fund raising effort that started in 2004. Barry Brown, chief of staff for the office of U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess, read a tribute to Mrs. Peace from the congressman that appeared in the Congressional Record, the Proceedings and Debates of the 110th Congress.

HAZEL HARVEY PEACE

was spent at the historically recognized I.M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth, where she served as teacher, debate team coach, counselor, dean of girls, and vice principal. Following retirement, she spent an additional nine years as coordinator of financial aid and later director of student affairs at Bishop College in Dallas.

In Dean Totten's luncheon introduction of Mrs. Peace, he pointed out that this is the first professorship in a state supported university in Texas to be named for an African-American woman. "I have known of Mrs. Peace's contribution to the education of youth all of my professional life" he said. "This professorship honors a woman who exemplifies character, leadership, scholarship and service." Bob Ray Sanders pointed out that at the age of 100, Mrs. Peace is still teaching. At a recent birthday celebration at her church, she stopped the program a couple of times to tell some young girls on the front row the proper way to sit, and later instructed several young men to sit up straight and hold their heads up high. During cutting of the luncheon birthday cake, she also instructed Bob Ray about the proper use of serving pieces.

Mrs. Peace has received many honors including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Fort Worth Independent School System, and the Hercules Award from the

United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County. Although she grew up in an era when African-American children were not allowed to linger among the bookshelves of a public library or read quietly in a corner, the children's department of the Fort Worth Public Library is named in her honor. She was chosen as an Olympic torch bearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics as the torch passed through Fort Worth en route to Salt Lake City. In 2005 she was named an honorary alumna of UNT.



Dr. Totten and honorees.

received the B.A. in education at age 16. She later earned an M.A. from Columbia University and did postgraduate study at the University of Wisconsin and professional study at Vassar College and Hampton University. Her professional career, spanning 46 years,



Bob Ray Sanders, Mrs. Peace and Dr. Totten



Dr. Martin receives crystal nameplate with new title.

DR. BARBARA STEIN MARTIN

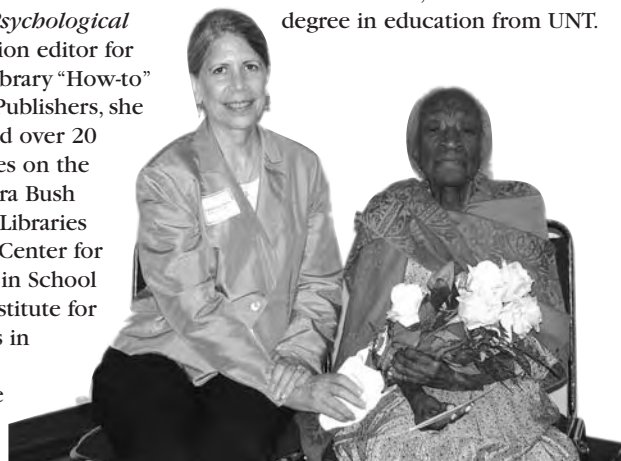
At the August 9 luncheon, Dr. Totten announced Dr. Barbara Stein Martin, a SLIS faculty member since 1984, as the first Hazel Harvey Peace Professor in Children's Library Services. Dr. Martin, a former school librarian in Colorado, Kansas, and Texas, directs the SLIS school library certification program, which was the first in the nation to be entirely available online. More than half of those applying for certification as school librarians in Texas received their training through this program even though there are eight programs available in Texas.

Dr. Martin is the author or co-author of several textbooks: *Running a School Library Media Center* (now in 2nd edition), *Finding and Using Educational Videos*, *Children's Media Market Place*, *Creating Newsletters, Brochures and Pamphlets*, and *Fiction for Youth*. She has served as editor of *The Texas Technology Connection Journal* and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Psychological Research*. As the acquisition editor for school and small public library "How-to" books for Neal-Schuman Publishers, she has acquired and/or edited over 20 books. She currently serves on the advisory board of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries and on the boards of the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries and the Cody Institute for Western American Studies in Cody, WY.

"Children's Literature in the Curriculum" was a conference created,

planned, and promoted by Dr. Martin annually for nine years. The one-day conference included nationally recognized leaders in the area of children's literature and well-known and award winning authors, plus breakout sessions conducted by prominent area professionals.

"Mrs. Peace serves as an inspiration in our profession for all she has done for youth and education. The University of North Texas is pleased and grateful to be able to use her name to promote excellent programs and inspire the next generation of librarians," Dr. Martin said in her luncheon speech. "It will be a challenge to live up to the high standards established by Hazel Harvey Peace," she added, "and I am honored to be associated with her name." She received her BA from the University of Northern Colorado, master's degree in educational media and teacher certification from the University of Nevada at Reno, and doctoral degree in education from UNT.



QUOTES RELATED TO MRS. PEACE AND THE PROFESSORSHIP:

"If she could light in the rest of us the passion that she has for service through education, learning, libraries, books and reading, the world would be a far better place,"
—Gleniece Robinson, Director of the Fort Worth Public Library.

Marie, a sixth-grader whose grandmother attended Terrell High School when Mrs. Peace was dean of girls in the late 1950s and early '60s, says *"Mrs. Peace taught me that you can be hard working and still be able to do fun stuff."*

Adelene Jones, the retired Terrell High School librarian and guest at the luncheon, says: *"Her students learned more Shakespeare from her than in college. She taught Macbeth until they knew it by heart."*

When asked how it feels to be 100 years old, Mrs. Peace tossed her head back and shouted toward the ceiling of the UNT student union, *"Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! You just feel like laughing."*

Mrs. Peace stood at the lectern when time came for her speech and ended by saying, *"Hallelujah, Hallelujah. I am so happy today. If ever this university needs anything that I can provide, please call me."*

When Margaret Irby Nichols told Mrs. Peace her age, her reply was *"Honey, if I were 83, I'd run for President of the United States."*



Dr. Martin and family - husband Dr. Robert Martin, sister Varna Talis, sister-in-law Abbie Landon and mother Dorothy Cohen.

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THE SCHOOL

SLIS IS MOVING



Anyone who has visited UNT's main campus recently can attest to the increased volume of construction projects and a renewed sense of excitement and anticipation on campus. The university's increased efforts to become a student-centered research institution have resulted in the initiation of many facilities-related improvements, including new construction, major renovations, and programmatic moves.

Kendall and Highland Halls will be demolished in summer 2008 to make way for the new Business Leadership Center. This project prompts the reassignment and renovation of several units on campus, including moving the School of Library and Information Sciences to the North Texas Research Park (NTRP) in 2008.

NTRP is located four miles from the main Denton campus near the juncture of U.S. Highway 77 and Loop 288, just east of Interstate 35. The property, purchased by UNT from Texas Instruments in November 2001 for \$8.9 million, features four interconnected two-story buildings of approximately 550,000 square feet. Currently, the home of the UNT College of Engineering, the facility will also house the College of Education's Learning Technologies Program (formerly two departments, Applied Technology Training and Development and Computer Education and Cognitive Systems), and the Computing and Information Technology Center.

*Maurice Wheeler
Associate Professor*

Note: See Dean's Letter for additional information.

TEXAS CENTER FOR DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE

Associate Professor William Moen began a dual appointment as Director of Research and Director of the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) in SLIS on September 1, 2007. In announcing the appointment, Dean Totten stated: "Since he joined the faculty in 1996, Dr. Moen has established an impressive record of sustained scholarly productivity in obtaining external research grants and in publishing and presenting his findings." Dr. Moen has served as TxCDK Interim Director since 2004.

TxCDK <www.txcdk.org> is a University-sanctioned research and development center housed in SLIS. Its mission is to stimulate and support interdisciplinary research encompassing theoretical frameworks

and practical applications that can enhance the creation, storage, organization, retrieval, use and evaluation of information in a wide variety of digital formats. The interdisciplinary center brings together faculty members from across campus with research interest in the broad area of digital knowledge who serve as TxCDK Fellows. One of the commitments of TxCDK is to support and interact with the Interdisciplinary Information Sciences Ph.D. program.

Dean Herman Totten identified the rejuvenation of TxCDK as one of his primary administrative goals for 2007-08, and was successful in securing funding from the University to hire a full-time associate director.

Dr. Sari Pascoe, the new associate director, completed



her Ph.D. at Indiana University with a major in instructional systems technology and a minor in inquiry and fundraising/grant writing. At Indiana, she was recently the grant director for a \$600,000 Department of Education funded international projects involving digital library programs within the U.S. and with Latin American partners in Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

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KATHRYN JONES HOFFMAN

Featured Board of Advisors Member

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. Kathryn Hoffman is a member of this distinguished group.

Kathryn Hoffman, executive director, Research Medical Library, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, earlier served as director of libraries at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, and associate executive director and other positions of authority at Houston Academy of Medicine. She has been named a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information

Professionals Medical Library Association. Other honors include Medical Library Association Hospital Libraries Section Scroll of Exemplary Service 2004, Medical Library Association, South Central Chapter, Distinguished Service Award 2001, and Medical Library Association, Estelle Brodman Award for Academic Medical Librarian of the Year 1990. Her recent publications include "Professional Ethics and Librarianship," *Texas Library Journal*, 81(3):7-11, 2005; and "Profile of a Comprehensive Cancer Center Library," *Journal of Hospital Librarianship* 4(3):79-88. She has taught the SLIS course in health sciences information management as an adjunct faculty member for a number of years, and served as an invited speaker at SLIS All School Days in 2006 and 2007. Ms Hoffman



received the MSLS from University of Illinois and the BA from Case Western Reserve University.

Her daughter **Christine Hoffman** (MS '04) is on the library staff at Texas A&M University.

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Lynnette Jordan, Global IMS Advisor, Exxon Mobil Global Services Co.; **Bonnie Juergens**, ED, AMIGOS Lib. Services; **Obidike Kamau**, Lib. Dir., Texas Southern U; **Leora Kemp**, Virtual Librarian, UNT-Dallas; **Jana Knezek**, Dir. of Lib. and Textbook Services, Northside ISD; **Rhea Lawson**, Dir. of Libs., Houston Public Lib.; **John Leggett**, Dir., Ctr. for the Study of Digital Libs., Texas A&M; **Kevin Marsh**, Network Services Librarian, Texas State Lib.; **Marilyn Mason**, ED, Web-junction, OCLC; **Kay McBride**, Coord. of Lib. Services, Pasadena ISD; **Gillian McCombs**, Dean and Dir., Central Univ. Libs., SMU; **Sandra McLeroy**, Lib. Tech. Specialist, ESC Reg. 6; **Joan Mitchell**, Editor in Chief, OCLC, Inc.; **Susan Phillips**, Assoc. Dean/ Dir. of Law Lib., Texas Wesleyan School of Law; **Eva Poole**, Dir. of Libs., Denton Public Lib.; **Judy Rasberry**, Education Coord., Med. Ctr. of Lewisville; **Dana Rooks**, Dean of Libs., U of Houston; **Kathy Royall**, School Lib. Media Specialist, Crowley ISD; **Peggy Rudd**, Dir. and Librarian, Texas State Lib. and Archives Commission; **Ramiro Salazar**, Lib. Dir., San Antonio Public Lib.; **Susan Skyzinski**, Special Projects Coord., Greenberg Traurig Research Ctr.; **Patricia Smith**, ED, Texas Lib. Assn.; **Laurie Thompson**, Dir. of Libs., UT Southwestern Med. Ctr.; **Paul Thompson**, Assoc. Professor, Dartmouth College; **Clarice P. Weeks**, Lib. Dir., Zale Lib.

The Board of Advisors was begun by Dean Raymond von Dran. The first meeting was held in February 1991.

DR. BRENDA DERVIN Fall Lazerow Lecturer



Dr. Dervin conducting a demonstration.

Dr. Brenda Dervin, who presented the fall ISI Samuel Lazerow lecture at the UNT Environmental

Education, Science & Technology Building on October 3, 2007, is Professor of Communication, Ohio State University, and Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow in Social & Behavioral Sciences, where she has served since 1986. She received her MS and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University in communication research.



Dr. Brenda Dervin

A frequent author and one of the most highly cited scholars in the fields of communication and library and information science, Dr. Dervin spoke on the research approach she developed which she terms a "methodology between the cracks"—the Sense-Making Methodology. The approach seeks to address weaknesses in conceptualization and study of users and at the same time provides a systematic approach that can be used both qualitatively and quantitatively in developing critical praxis for the design of responsive systems. The latter, she emphasizes, can become possible only when communication is conceptualized and implemented communicatively. An index of Dr. Dervin's extensive writings is available at <http://communications.sbs.ohio-state.edu/sense-making/bib/bibdervinindex.html>

Joan Mitchell, Editor in chief, OCLC, Inc., will be the Lazerow lecturer in the spring. For more information, contact Jurhee Curtis, External Affairs Coordinator, jcurtis@unt.edu

Note: Event Sponsors: Thomason Scientific and TxCDK.



Dr. Dervin in class.

NEW AND PLANNED SLIS COHORTS

El Paso, TX cohort

In the summer and fall 2007, SLIS held Web Institutes in cooperation with University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso Public Library, and the El Paso Independent School District. The partnerships offer 50 students the opportunity to pursue the MS



degree online. During the summer Institute, a student and alumni reception was hosted at the home of **Sharon Carr** (MS '89).

Sharon Carr and guests at her home.

Atlanta, GA cohort

The Atlanta Program, in partnership with the State Library of Georgia, Emory University, and Atlanta University Center, has received an IMLS \$773,336 grant for 60 funded students to start the SLIS Master's Program in fall 2008. The Atlanta University Center, the largest consortium supporting African-American higher education in the nation, comprises five historically black colleges in southwest Atlanta: Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, The Interdenominational Center, Morehouse College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine. Grant recipients will be notified on or before June 15, 2008. Georgia's last accredited library school closed in 2005.

Dr. Yvonne Chandler is coordinator of the cohort.

Las Vegas, NV cohort

For the second time UNT SLIS collaborated with the Nevada State Library and Archives, Las Vegas Clark County Library District, and University of Nevada Las Vegas, and received a \$695,378 grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program offered by the IMLS. The grant provides scholarships and learning activities to 40 students pursuing the MLIS degree through the Nevada Program. Additional students will pay their own tuition and fees. Nevada Web Institute IV convened over the 2007 Labor Day weekend with 86 students in attendance who hailed from Nevada, Utah, California, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, and Minnesota.

Dr. Yvonne Chandler is coordinator of the cohort.

Virginia/ West Virginia cohort

Dr. Philip Turner, program supervisor, is in the process of recruiting an initial cohort of students who will begin their studies at a Web Institute that will be held in the Carrier Library of James Madison University on August 17-20, 2008, with the remainder of the classes on line.

The cohort will meet again at that location January 8-11, 2009 for the second Institute. Dr. Turner attended the West Virginia Library Association and Virginia Library Associations fall meetings where he met with UNT SLIS students, alumni, and potential students.



Dr. Turner recruiting for the cohort.

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ELIZABETH FIGA

Featured Faculty Member

Dr. Elizabeth Figa, who joined the SLIS faculty in 2002, has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor. She began her professional career in the nursing/health education fields where she served in areas such as public health nurse educator and public health nurse consultant, prior to entering the library and information science program at University of Illinois at Urbana where she received both the MS and Ph.D. degrees. Her research interests, in

which she has published numerous articles and made a number of conference presentations, include ethnographic study of information retrieval and information behavior, ethnographic study of storytelling and oral tradition, narrative and content analysis, storytelling as information science, plus several other areas. She is actively involved in the National Storytelling Association and serves on the executive board of the Storytelling in Higher Education Interest Group. In 2004, she was elected to the UNT Faculty Senate and serves on its International Education Committee. In 2005, she was awarded the UNT Outstanding Online Teacher and Outstanding Online Course Award.

Dr. Figa does not spend all of her time in serious academic pursuits. Her current hobby is running 5K races for various charities. In addition to running her 5K training routes three times a week, she has been running one race per month. She finished first in her age bracket in the World Craniofacial Foundation Butterfly Boogie 5K Charity Race on June 16, 2007. The Foundation, located in Dallas, raises money to provide pro-bono care for children from around the world who suffer from profound craniofacial abnormalities. She also won in her age bracket at the July Liberty Run in Denton. Her next race is the Freedom Run in Dallas in honor of 9/11.

TOBY FABER

Featured Staff Member



Toby Faber, who has been associated with SLIS both as student and employee since 2003, currently serves as the School's academic counselor. He advises incoming and current master students, including all new Web Institute students, for all programs of study. He also attends local, regional, state, and library association meetings as a recruiter for SLIS. Toby came to the library and information science field from industry where he held a number of management positions. He completed the MS degree in 2004 and has completed all course work and the qualifying exams for an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree. He, along with others, published

"Information Needs and Information Seeking Behavior in an Academic Virtual Reference Environment: A Qualitative and Quantitative Study" in *Educational Media and Technology Yearbook* (32, Libraries Unlimited) and made presentations at the First Annual Electronic Resources and Libraries 2006 Conference and at the 2006 ALISE Annual Conference. As a student in the master's program in 2004, Toby was named LIS Student of the Year and also served as convocation speaker at commencement. He and his wife Sharon, married 26 years, have six children and three grandchildren. His hobbies are photography and numismatist. He is the current chair of the Lewisville (TX) Public Library board.

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BITS & BYTES



Dr. Ana Cleveland (right) made several presentations at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association and the Texas Healthcare Diversity Summit in May 2007. She, along with Jodi Philbrick (left), was presented the Research Award from the South Central Chapter the Medical Library Association for a contributed paper on chat reference services. Dr. Cleveland and Jodi also co-authored an article titled "Virtual Reference Services for the Academic Librarian 2.0" for *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* (in press). Dr. Cleveland continues to keep busy with her service on the Texas Radiation Advisory Board.

Dr. Elizabeth Figa has made a number of presentations. In June, she gave a recruiting presentation for SLIS to 45 attendees at the University of Texas at San Antonio John Peace Library. The audience consisted of many library paraprofessionals as well as members of the community interested in what the SLIS program has to offer. A number of current and past students also attended and gave a panel presentation as part of the program.

She presented "A Brain to Pick, An Ear to Listen, and a Push in the Right Direction: Training and Mentoring the Online Professors of the Future" at the Texas Distance Learning Conference, Research Track, Galveston, March 2007, and "If It Doesn't Fit, You Must Acquit: Storytelling Motifs, Taletypes, and Persuasive Narrativity in the Courtroom" at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, March 2007.

Dr. Shawne Miksa, along with Kathleen Burnett, Laurie J. Bonnici, and Joonmin Kim, published an article titled "Frequency, Intensity and Topicality in Online Learning: An Exploration of the Interaction Dimensions that Contribute to Student Satisfaction in Online Learning" in *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, Winter 2007. Other publications include: "Understanding 'support' of FRBR's Four User Tasks in MARC Encoded Bibliographic Records," *ASIST Bulletin*, 22 (6), August-September 2007; "What Are the Cataloging Issues Students Get Excited About?" *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly*, 45 (3), early 2008; "The Development of a Facet Analysis System to Identify and Measure the Dimensions of Interaction in Online Learning," with others, *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 58 (11), (September 2007). Dr. Miksa has joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Library Metadata* (retitled from the *Journal of Internet Cataloging*), Haworth Press, and is chairing the Resource Description and Access Implementation Task Force, Cataloging and Classification Section, Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, a division of ALA.

Pictured are:
Julie Nichols,
DeeAnn Green,
Kelli Wilder,
Elizabeth Figa,
Marissa Sparks,
DL Grant and
Marti Rossi



Lee Johnson



Dr. Elizabeth Figa

SLIS ranked high in the Librarian Idol Contest, sponsored by Save Half on Books Co. in which over 4.7 million votes were cast. **Lee Johnson**, 2000 SLIS graduate and librarian at San Antonio Christian School, ranked 4th and **Dr. Elizabeth Figa** came in 5th in the Private Schools, Independent Libraries, and University Category. Both Dr. Figa and Lee received \$500 book voucher for their libraries.

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Dr. William Moen has been awarded two grants by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) totaling more than \$378,000 to design, develop and implement a learning object repository that will store and make accessible course content being developed as part of THECB's Texas Course Redesign Project. Dr. Moen was appointed to chair the Texas Digital Library Metadata Working Group, an initiative of a number of Texas universities now in its third year of planning, development, and deployment. The Group intends to provide a digital infrastructure for the scholarly activities of Texas universities and includes digital repositories, an online journal publication system, and a preservation network. He has made recent presentations including: "The Changing Face of Cataloging: Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records" and "Resources in the New Information Landscape: Threats or



Opportunities?" both at the TLA conference in April 2007; a poster session with **Bryce Benton** (MS '07) at the Second International Conference on Open Repositories; the Eppes Lecture at Florida State University titled "The Library's Diminishing Market Share: Rethinking

What We Do"; "Future of MARC: Challenges and Opportunities of 21st Century Cataloging" at the Massachusetts Library Association conference; and "Informing the Future of MARC: An Empirical Approach" at the National Library of Medicine. Drs. Moen, **Shawne Miksa**, and Sally McCallum, Chief of the Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress, addressed a standing room only audience of some 300 people at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference on the future of MARC and the results of the MARC project to inform decisions on that future. See www.unt.edu/wmoen/presentations.htm for portions of these presentations.

Dean Herman Totten represented SLIS at the 2nd Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security, June 14-16, 2007, held in Istanbul, Turkey. The Turkish Institute for Police Studies (TIPS), functionally housed at UNT for over six years, has graduated more students from its Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program than any other TIPS program partner. Dean Totten has developed a close relationship with many of these aspiring Turkish Police, as well as the Turkish Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who invited Dean Totten to represent SLIS at the Conference.

Dean Totten was the speaker for the ALA Committee on Accreditation 50th anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C., June 22, 2007. Dr. Totten has served several terms on the Committee and twice as its chair.

On August 19, 2007, Dr. Totten was featured in the profile section of the *Denton Record Chronicle*.



COA Executive Director and SLIS Graduate Karen O'Brien (MS '04) and Dean Totten

Dr. Brian O'Connor and Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program graduate **Richard Anderson** ('06) presented their recent work on Functional Ontologies and the Computational Analysis of Films at the annual national conference of the University Film and Video Association in August. Dr. O'Connor and Interdisciplinary Ph.D. graduate **Howard Griesdorf** ('00) have written a book for Libraries Unlimited due out this fall entitled *Image Collections: Chauvet-Pont-d'Arc to Flickr*. Dr. O'Connor, along with **Jodi Kearns** (MS '99, Ph.D. '01) and Francisco B-G Moore, published an article titled "Provocations on the Structure of Scholarly Writing in the Digital Era" in *On the Horizon* 15:222-238. On August 10, some 50 students, former students, faculty, and staff attended an Appreciation Day event honoring Dr. O'Connor, who served as Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Information Science Ph.D. Program for a number of years.



UNT President Gretchen Bataille presented one of 11 UNT Staff Contribution Awards to **Jodi Philbick** (MS '06 and current Ph.D. student) in recognition for her administrative and academic work as the Rio Grande Initiative coordinator. The Initiative was funded by a grant to recruit and educate bilingual librarians along the Rio Grande border in Texas and New Mexico.

Dr. Carol Simpson has had a paper titled "All Ill Wind: Libraries and Interlibrary Loan of Audiovisuals" accepted for the Southern Methodist University *Science and Technology Law Review*. The article won the Best Comment Award for 2006-07.

Did you know?

The Department of Library Service in the College of Arts & Sciences became the School of Library & Information Sciences in 1965.



Associate Professor and Associate Dean Linda Schamber began serving as Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Information Science Ph.D. Program in June 2007. Dr. Schamber has a unique and comprehensive knowledge of the program after having successfully initiated and completed the Doctoral Program Assessment Project requested by the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies last year. The Graduate School presented the ILS Ph.D. report to the Provost as one of the two best examples out of all 50 UNT doctoral program reports.

Dr. Barbara Stein Martin has been elected to the Cody Institute for Western American Studies Advisory Board, a group created by the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC), Cody, WY, in 1999 to explore important ideas related to the American west. BBHC is a complex of five internationally acclaimed museums and a research library. The late James Michener termed the BBHC the Smithsonian of the West.



STUDENT NEWS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Storytelling Class Creates Online Concert

Creating Ripples...Making Waves: A Storytelling Concert about Transformation, created by students in **Dr. Elizabeth Figa's** advanced storytelling class, can be viewed at <http://courses.unt.edu/efiga/CreatingRipplesMakingWaves>. For the project, 16 students recorded themselves via digital video telling personal tales, such as "Home Not Home" by **Melodie Franklin**, who was ripped from New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. **Jennifer Torkkola's** tale, "How Boredom Made Me a

Bride," relates how boring summer days in Paris, Texas, led to meeting her Australian husband on the Internet. The website, in which the stories are categorized by themes, includes a description and age rating for each story, as well as a biography of each student. This is the seventh online concert produced over the last several years by Dr. Figa's students. "Anyone can tell a story," says Melodie Franklin. "We hope that people will see these stories, be inspired, and want to tell a story of their own."

Prospective Students from Dallas Public Visit SLIS

SLIS held an information session for 25 prospective students from the Dallas Public Library staff. **Miriam Rodriguez** (MS '97 and 2007 SLIS Distinguished Alumni) was instrumental in requesting the information session. The prospective students were welcomed by **Associate Dean Linda Schamber**. **Dr. Ana Cleveland** served as facilitator; **Toby Faber** (MS '04), academic counselor, walked the group through the admissions process and



presented an overview of the different career paths. **Drs. Maurice Wheeler, Elizabeth Figa, and Guillermo Oyarce** were introduced and answered questions. The prospective students in attendance were recommended by their managers for their work ethics and desire to continue in the library field.

ALA Spectrum Scholarships

The Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under-representing critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession. SLIS is fortunate to have four Spectrum Scholarship students enroll in fall 2007: **Theresa Mbaku, Phuong Vu, Francis Reyes, and Joel Thornton**. Joel received the Dr. E.J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Travel Grant to attend the annual ACRL annual conference.



Theresa Mbaku



Francis Reyes



Joel Thornton



Selection for membership in 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 UNT SLIS Beta Lambda Chapter extended invitations to two doctoral students and 26 master's students in the spring, and six doctoral students and 29 master's students in the summer.

Spring 2007

Doctoral Students: Abdullah Al-Mobarraz, Haley Holmes

Master's students: Marquel Anteola, Bryce Benton, Alma Chavarria, Wayne Cherry, Virginia Christiansen, Susan Cox, Rae DeShong, Jan Edmiston, Brenda Ferguson, Amber Fritschel, Nancy Goralski, Cary Gordon, Fiona Grady, Thomas Greaves, Ellen Heavner, Inga Hsieh, Belinda Jones, Ezequiel Melgoza, Frances Moore, Sarah Nelson, Shannon Peevey, Virginia Rassaei, Lindsay Snitker, James Spence, Carol Stanford, Ashlee Woods.

Summer 2007

Doctoral Students: Shimelis Assefa, Amber Finn, Fatih Oguz, Michael Stephens, Xinya Yu, Selcuk Zengin

Master's Students: Olusola Babatunde, Derika Bailey, Carolyn Bogardus, Valerie Bowen, Lillian Carl, Jane Cavazos, John Fletcher, Christine Gaspard, Cary Gordon, Sheila Green, Jennifer Hepp, Athena Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Joanne Kelly, Misu Kim, Patrick Keey, Eneida Larti, Phung (Pauline) Ngo, Vrena Patrick, Leif Pierson, Stephanie Randall, Stephanie Riceman, Thomas Robinson, Kimareanna Ross-Winston, Karen Sebesta, Rebecca Seevers, Brian Sherman, Iryna Shevchuk, Jill Whitfill

**SPRING AND SUMMER
2007 GRADUATES**

In spring and summer 2007, SLIS granted 4 bachelors, 257 masters, and 16 Interdisciplinary Ph.D. degrees. In spring there were 2 bachelors, 124 masters, and 3 Ph.D.s; in summer there were 2 bachelors, 133 masters, and 13 Ph.D.s.

SPRING 2007 GRADUATES

BACHELOR
Jennifer Lynn Britton, Karen DeWysockie

MASTERS

Laura Alvidrez (4.0), Marquel Anteola (4.0), Richard Arnold, Thelma Barragan, Danielle Batson (4.0), Bryce Benton (4.0), Misty Bishop, Jerry Black, Deborah Bogue (4.0), James Britton (4.0), Regina Burgess (4.0), Hope Cain (4.0), Dyann Campbell (4.0), Angela Catlin, Amy Chandler (4.0), Alma N. Chavarria (4.0), Wayne Cherry, Virginia Christiansen (4.0), Erin Cody, Brenda Coleman, Susan Cox (4.0), Kami Dale (4.0), Shamsha Damani (4.0), Sara Davis (4.0), Evelyn Day, Rae DeShong, Elise Eckhout, Jan Edmiston (4.0), Patricia Enselek (4.0), Caron Ervin, Brenda Ferguson (4.0), Mollye Fleschman, Melodie Franklin, Amber Fritschel (4.0), Grace Fuller (4.0), Laurissa Gann (4.0), Angelica Garcia, Dina Garcia (4.0), Monica Garza (4.0), Scott Gilbert (4.0), Nancy Goralski (4.0), Fiona Grady (4.0), Thomas Greaves, Glenda Griffin (4.0), Deborah Gunderman, Georgia Harding, Miranda Hawkins, Ellen Heavner (4.0), Alan Holway (4.0), Mary Hope, Lisa Howell, Inga Hsieh (4.0), Joseph Hyman (4.0), Diane Janda, April Johnson (4.0), Rona Johnson, Teresa Johnson (4.0), Tomisha Johnson (4.0), Belinda Jones, Courtney Martin, Jeanne Martin (4.0), Jennifer Masterson, Karen McQuaid, Arwen Meador, Mariann Medina (4.0), Ezequiel Melgoza (4.0), Dianna Mitchell, Mandy Molitor, Frances Moore (4.0), Jean Mutschler (4.0), Ramsey Nash, Sarah Nelson (4.0), Kamie Oehrle, Julie Parmer (4.0), Blanca Patlan, Shannon Peevey (4.0), Alex Potemkin, Tessa Powell, Catherine Prather, Julie Pringle, Monica Puig, Brian Rankin, Virginia Rassaei, Buster Ratliff, Collin Rhoades, Keith Rogers, Lorie Runde, Sam Salas, Susan Schmidt (4.0), Toby Schuler (4.0), Kelly See (4.0), Linda Shaw, Susan Shropshire, Christina Sinkler-Miller, Lindsay Snitker, James Spence (4.0), Carol Stanford (4.0), Lee Stanley, Leslie Stapleton (4.0), Dax Stokes, Jeneene Tahaney, Rebecca Taliaferro, Lucy Taylor (4.0), Lue Ann Teal (4.0), Colleen Tedford, Tiffany Thomas (4.0), Joel Thornton, Mary Thornton (4.0), Adrienne Tickell (4.0), Michelle Tobler, Amanda Torrealba, Josephine Vaughn, Thuy Vo (4.0), Carmen Weathersbee, Walter White (4.0), Donna Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Natasha Williams, Elizabeth Willoughby (4.0), Janis Wilson, Jennifer Witherpoon, Ashlee Woods (4.0), Jennifer Yutkowitz (4.0)

PH.D.

Abdullah Almobarraz, Haley K. Holmes, Dana Lyn Watson

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Houston Program Events



Trisha Evans reciting her poem.

On September 1, 2007, over 130 Houston students and alumni attended a western themed Back to School Bash at the University of Houston University Center, the kick off event for the fall semester. The evening

was made special by the presence of Dean Dana Rooks, University of Houston Libraries, who has given invaluable support of the Houston Program. Other recognized guests were adjunct faculty members Jimmy Newland, Helena Vonville, and **Margaret Anderson** (MS '03), as well as teaching assistants **Connie Coyle** (MS '02) and **Marco Zannier** (MS '06). **Tricia Evans**, a current student in the Houston Program, shared a poem she wrote with the audience, after which she journeyed to Reno, Nevada to receive a national poetry award. An impressive array of door prizes, that included cowboy hats used in carrying out the party's western theme, were presented to lucky attendees.

Dr. Ana Cleveland and **Jodi Philbrick** (MS '01) led an orientation for new Houston students

on September 2, 2007, at the University of Houston MD Anderson Library. Houston LISSA officers **Julia Mergel** and **Dara Flinn** gave an overview of the student organization. **Cheryl Rowan**, the new Houston student coordinator, will be assisting Dr. Cleveland, Houston Program administrator, and Houston LISSA in planning events for students in the area.



*Cheryl Rowan
Houston Student Coordinator*

SLIS Study Abroad Opportunity

Next summer, from June 4th through the 20th, a group of ten SLIS students will journey to Tirana, Albania to implement a library automation system in the Tirana International School. Students will experience planning, managing, implementing, and assessing the effectiveness of a sustainable automation system in a fully contained setting. At the end of the time in Albania, they will spend the weekend of June 20-23rd in Rome, Italy. The selection of students will be confirmed by December 14, 2007. **Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones** and **Toby Faber** will accompany the group.

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference

Students who received scholarships and other awards at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in June 2007 included: **Valerie Bowen**, Lexis Nexis Scholarship; **Taciana Williams** and **Clarence Robertson**, Thomson Minority Strait Scholarship; **George Butterfield**, **Karina Condra** (TWU student but UNT law librarianship classes student), and **Ashlee Woods**, grants to attend the Annual Meeting. **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** hosted an alumni and friends reception at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Oak Alley Room during the conference.

OTHER STUDENT NEWS

Tonda Bone, Tarleton State University and current Ph.D. student, published "The Iconic Computer Interface as Cultural Artifact: Its Role in Maintaining the Status Quo" in *Information Systems Education Journal*, 5 (10), 2005. Along with Dena Johnson, she published "Human Factors in GIS Use: A Review & Suggestions for Research" in *Proceedings of ISECON*, v.25, 2007.

Margaret Carroll (Ph.D. program and adjunct faculty) was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society in spring 2007. The society, founded in 1897, describes itself as the "oldest and largest collegiate honor society dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all disciplines." www.PHIKAPPAPHI.org/

Richard Hasenyager (Ph.D. program) has moved from library media specialist in Katy, TX to director for library services in North East ISD, San Antonio.

Adam Lamprecht (masters program) and his wife announce the birth of a son Caleb born June 1.

Michelle Martinez (masters program), along with her mother Carolyn Martinez, published an article in the *World Encyclopedia of Police Forces and Correctional Systems*, 2nd ed. (Thomson Gale, 2006).

Esther Mortensen (masters program) has received a Bound to Stay Bound Scholarship.

Rhiannon Perry (Houston Program) is a reference librarian at LaPorte Branch Library, Harris County Library System.

Tisha Pipes (MS '02, doctoral student and teaching fellow) published a chapter title "Disciplines, Disasters and Emergency Management" in *Information Disasters and Disaster Information: Where Information Science Meets Emergency Management*. She previously published a chap-

North Texas LISSA officers include: **Artemida Kabashi**, president, **Mandie Rhodes**, vice-president, **Lauren Ko**, secretary, **Vanessa Taylir**, treasurer, **Jennifer Lafleur**, SLIS Village manager/member-at-large, **Sharon Cardwell**, member-at-large, **Sean Fitzpatrick**, sergeant at arms, **Emily Billings** and **Melissa Place**, members-at-large.



LISSA members enjoy a picnic.

ter titled "Katrina Bankrupts the Information Rich: Information Poverty in Slidell, Louisiana," in *From Catastrophe: Quick Response Research in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina*.



Diane Rice (left) (masters program), reference librarian/program coordinator, Ada Community Library, Boise, ID,

published "A Perspective on Classical Korean Poetry Written in Chinese: Preparing for the MLIS Study Abroad," in *Pacific Northwest Library Association Quarterly*, Summer 2007.

Jason Sharp (Ph.D. program) received the Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award at the Information Systems Educators 2006 conference; the paper was accepted for publication by the *Information Systems Education Journal*.



Samih Teymur and **Selcuk Zengin** were pleased to have their fellow countryman Recep Gultekin, First Degree Police Chief and Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Turkish National Police, as speaker at the hooding ceremony when they received doctor of philosophy degrees on August 10, 2007. Both Samif and Selcuk are high ranking officers in the Turkish National Police and were students in the Turkish Institute of Police Studies (TIPS). TIPS is based at UNT and sponsors students, primarily mid-level police managers from Turkey, to complete masters and doctoral degrees at more than 50 U.S. universities.



Elena Vassilieva (shown on the right) (Ph.D. program) received the outstanding student volunteer award presented by the UNT Government Association in May 2007.



Cynthia Villarreal (Houston Program) is a children's librarian at Looscan neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System.

Raymond Wells, librarian at Jane Long Elementary School, Brazosport ISD and a former student in one of **Dr. Elizabeth Figa's** storytelling classes, won a *Scholastic Magazine* contest called Read to Us! The contest rules required Raymond to submit a DVD of himself reading to a class. The \$5000 prize is to be used for his professional development.

Marie Wise (current student) published "Expanding Roles for the Institutional Repository," in *OCLC Systems and Services* 23:2 (2007).

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SUMMER 2007 GRADUATES

BACHELOR
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ALUMNI NEWS

CATHY HARTMAN RECEIVES HONORS

Cathy Hartman (MS '92) has been named a Digital Preservation Pioneer by the Library of Congress. The news release states: "The breezy name 'CyberCemetery' doesn't quite convey the significance of this University of North Texas (UNT) Libraries service: archiving expired federal Web sites and making them permanently accessible to the public." Cathy, assistant dean of the UNT Libraries for digital information technologies, helped found the CyberCemetery "as a result of her drive to inform people about what their government was doing and her realization that the Web sites of many federal commissions disappear forever when those commissions end," according to the announcement. After Cathy obtained support from her dean

to pursue the project, a partnership with the Government Printing Office was born. The project's first postings were for three decades of reports from the defunct Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, created to study the relationships among local, state, and national levels of government. Cathy also was awarded two other 2007 awards: the American Association of Law Libraries Public Access to Government Information Award, and the Lexis/Nexis/GODORT/ALA Documents to the People Award.



Cathy Hartman

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SIDNEY WATSON LOWE

Featured SLIS Alumni Society Board Member

Sidney Lowe terms herself a proud graduate of the 2004 UNT SLIS Nevada cohort. She began her library career at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in 1985 as a library assistant where she served several years in circulation, government publications, and two branch libraries. She was considering becoming a professional librarian when she attended an information meeting concerning the distance learning program. "After meeting the dynamic and very enthusiastic **Dr. Phil Turner**, then Dean of SLIS, I was sold," she says. "It was the best decision I've made in years, because it led to my current faculty position as Government Information Librarian for the UNLV Libraries." She passed her mid-tenure review last year and is continuing to meet specific expectations in job performance, scholarship, and service in order to gain



tenure. Accomplishments include co-authoring an article, presenting at conferences, and publishing a book chapter on making the transition from graduate school to the profession. She serves on several committees and has been chair of the Nevada Library Association Scholarship Committee since 2005.

Sidney states that she felt honored in 2006 to be invited to join the Executive Board of the SLIS Alumni Society as its Nevada representative, and strongly encourages all alumni to join the society. "I think it is very important to give back to the school that gave so much to me," she says. "It is a wonderful organization in which to contribute to the success of others, to build new professional relationships, and to stay connected with a great school."

RECENT GRADUATES DOING INTERESTING THINGS

Lesley Daly, who received the MS in 2000, began working at the Wichita Falls Public Library in 1998, where she has served in several capacities: in the reference department, as head of youth services, as collection development and acquisitions manager, and as assistant administrator/operations officer. In March 2006 she was named library director. "Looking back at all of this has made me realize that I really have been blessed to be in the right place at the right time," she says. "I also count myself being very lucky having been able to remain in one location while being exposed to so many different experiences with the public library setting. Having worn so many hats over the past 9 years has really helped develop (I hope) a sense of 'the big picture' here." Lesley is originally from England and makes frequent trips to visit her parents who still live there. Her daughter recently graduated from Midwestern State University and is enjoying a year off before (hopefully) going to medical school. Her son is a sophomore at MSU.



Lesley Daly

Susan Schmidt, who received the MS degree in May 2007, reports that her new position at Southern Methodist University DeGolyer Library resulted from her internship there in the Digital Imaging Department and Photographic Archives. In her position at the DeGolyer, she is working with the photographic archive material from the Texas Instruments, Neiman Marcus, and YWCA collections.

Susan wears another hat as manager of the Children Writing for Children Organization. The nonprofit is supported by grants she wrote and received from Walmart, Bank One, the Thurber House, Ronald McDonald House Charities Local and National, and a number of other entities. The nonprofit is designed to educate the public about children's issues by promoting, publishing, and distributing books written and illustrated by children for children. In *When Mommy Drinks Drugs*, children express themselves through prose and poetry as they describe living with addicted parents.

God Made Me Special is by a young boy who has been diagnosed with Tourette syndrome. *Honoring Pain* includes personal accounts expressing fear, love, and loss. Other books are listed on the website, www.cwcbooks.org/



Susan Schmidt



Sarah Rhodes

Sarah Rhodes, December 2006 MS graduate of the Houston Program, joined the library faculty at Georgetown University Law Library as the Digital Preservation Librarian in February 2007, less than a month after completing her degree. She is managing the Chesapeake Project, a two-year digital preservation program established to preserve and ensure permanent access to vital legal information currently available in digital formats on the World Wide Web. The project is a collaborative venture implemented by the Georgetown University Law Library in conjunction

with the state law libraries of Maryland and Virginia. By the end of the pilot phase, the three institutions hope to lay the foundation for a shared, nationwide digital repository for legal materials. Sarah explains that this is an especially exciting project because it addresses a key issue facing the field of legal librarianship, scholarship, and practice: the preservation of born-digital legal information, published online, and at-risk for permanent loss as URLs change and Web sites are updated.

Sarah found that the Houston program met her needs perfectly by offering a combination of courses online, Web Institutes, and traditional classroom courses held at the University of Houston. When her husband was relocated to Washington D.C., she was able to take her final courses online and complete her practicum at the National Gallery of Art Library. "As a candidate for her position," she says, "the SLIS coursework on my resume—Web Site Development, Special Collections & Archives, Databases & Electronic Information Services, and Digital Imaging for Information Professionals—helped me stand out among the other applicants, especially as a new, entry-level librarian."

Elizabeth Darocha Berenz (MS '05) is a Library Relations Outreach Associate for ARTstor (www.artstor.org), a digital library of approximately 550,000 images in the areas of art, architecture, the humanities, and social sciences with a set of tools to view, present, and manage images for research and pedagogical purposes. In her position at ARTstor, Elizabeth works primarily with international institutions as well as institutions of higher education in the United States to educate the community about ARTstor and teaching with images. In her study for her SLIS degree, Elizabeth concentrated in digital image management. She also holds an MA in modern art

history, theory, and criticism from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Pratt Institute and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Before coming to ARTstor, located in New York City, Elizabeth worked as visual resource librarian at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI and as project coordinator for the Global Resources Network and the area studies program at the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago.



Elizabeth Darocha Berenz

ALUMNI UPDATE

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Early Years

Martha Hughes (BA '44) has been honored for her 40 years of service to the Decatur (TX) Public Library. She received the President's Call to Service Award, signed by President George W. Bush, presented by Mayor Joe Lambert, in April 2007. She also received a Texas Senate Resolution written by Senator Craig Estes and signed by Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. Martha was on the committee in 1967 that started the drive to establish the Decatur library, which opened in 1970. Since that time, she has volunteered her time every Monday sharing the joy of reading with others. Martha also helped establish a library at the Decatur First United Methodist Church.

1970S

Angela Blair (MS '77, Ph.D. '86) is teaching an online class at TWU SLIS and a face-to-face class at the UNT Dallas campus. She is a lead computer teacher in a middle school in Irving TX.



Photo courtesy Dallas Morning News
Laurie Evans and employee
Kimberly Sprowl.

A July 17, 2007 *Dallas Morning News* article that termed **Laurie Evans** (MLS '73) as the visionary director of the Dallas Public Library, states that "some of its

[the library's] programs—either under way or on the drawing board—quickly purge our conception of libraries as collections of dusty books on shelves." Mentioned were a partnership with Parkland Memorial Hospital at which children's librarians go to community clinics to talk to mothers about vaccination programs and the impact of reading on brain development. They also sign the children up for library cards on the spot, help with library card applications, and give them—not lend them—their first book to take home.

A children's library at North Park (the city's most prestigious shopping mall) targets children through sixth grade and is the first children's library in the country to operate in a mall.

The main library's third floor newsroom has four computers dedicated to online media and news as well as a wide screen television on which CNN news rolls at the bottom of the screen. Sometime in 2009, a Discovery Wall in the Children's Center downtown will join the Smithsonian Institution network that transports children to the four corners of the world in real time, visiting such wonders as the Sydney Opera House in Australia. The main library's first floor will be dedicated in part to becoming a "branch library for downtown workers and residents" utilizing such features as self-checkout facilities for books, videos, and DVDs and performance space for evening classes and concerts.

Rod Henshaw (MLS '75) has started his eleventh year as Dean of Cowles Library at Drake University, Des Moines, IA. Rod reports that his library is thriving, and that it is experiencing record levels of usage—on site and virtual. He is currently serving as chair of one of Drake's reaccreditation self study committees, "Acquisition, Discovery, & Application of Knowledge."

The library is also developing a master plan for an addition and renovation. He and his wife Becky (MLS TWU '74) are completing renovation of a vintage home in Des Moines.

Carolyn Lima (MLS '76) along with her late husband John, is the author of *A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books*, 7th ed. (Greenwood Press, 2005), a reference source that provides information about fiction and nonfiction picture books for children, a standard tool for reader's advisory and collection building.



Joe Specht with his mother.

Joe Specht (MLS '72) has retired as director of the library at McMurry University, Abilene, TX. His family, including his 93 year old mother and sister **Melody Kelly** (MLS '74), attended his retirement party.

1980S

Dr. Robert Martin (MS '79) has been named a fellow of the Society of American Archivists. He has been an active member of the Society since 1977 and was honored 2005 with its Council Exemplary Service Award.



Brandia Barnes

Brenda Barnes (MS '86) has been promoted from government information librarian to head of reference at the Mary Couets Burnett Library, TCU, Fort Worth.

1990S

Joel Bangilan (MS '99), formerly with Houston Public Library, is now a librarian with the San Antonio Public Library System.



Sara Baron

Sara Baron (MS '96), the new dean of Regent University Library, has agreed to host an information

session for the Virginia/West Virginia cohort (see article p.9) at her university's library located near Virginia Beach, VA. Sara recently received an Ed.D in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts.

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher has appointed **Garry Collum** (MS '92) to a four-year term on the State Advisory Council on Libraries to represent public libraries. The Advisory Council on Libraries is a legally mandated body that represents libraries and users across Kentucky by providing advisory and evaluative services to the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Gary is coordinator for the Kenton (KY) Public Library.

Lois Falk (MS '97) is manager, Looscan neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System.

Charles Pace (MS '90), director of the St. Louis (MO) County Library, has been elected to the American Library Association's governing council for a three-year term, 2007-2010.

2000s

Susan Clarke is Head of Digital Projects at Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX. "I have worked in several departments including our Help Desk Services, Research and Instructional Services and the newly created Digital Projects Department, since completing my degree online in 2003," she says. When the latter became an independent unit last January, she became the head of the department.

Laura Hilbig (MS '04) reported that she is currently a stay-at-home mom to a two-year old and six-month old triplets. She thinks it will be at least a couple of years before she takes on a different kind of job.



The Hilbig Girls

Kelly Hoppe (MS '03), library media specialist, Bowie (TX) High School, published an article in *Library Media Collection*, August/September '07, title "A Superhero: Who, Me?"

Cynthia James (MS '07) has had a recent job change from teacher to librarian at High Pointe Elementary School in Cedar Hill, TX. She inherited an old dirty collection that has not had a librarian for four years. Worst of all, however, she found that the collection had been arranged by reading



Susan Clark

level regardless of genre, and that accelerated readers have been taken out of the collection.

Scott Klinger (Ph.D. '06) published "Online Ph.D. Programs: A Look at a JESSE Listserv Discussion Thread" in *Journal for Library and Information Science*, Winter 2007 issue.

Anne Marsden (MS '02) published APQC Senior Information Specialist Benchmarking Finance and Accounting in *Finance & Management Special Report*, September 2006.

Lance McGrath (MS '06), user services librarian, Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID, was recently invited by the mayor to join others in the community for a design workshop for the 300,000 square foot Nampa Public Library now in the planning stage. Lance's poem titled "Library" was recently selected as a 1st place adult entry in a creative ideas contest hosted by the Nampa Public Library.

Melissa Rethlefsen (MS '04), education technology librarian at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic College of Medicine's Learning Resource Center, has published five articles in *Library Journal* over the past several years. Her latest article, which appeared in the April 15, 2007 edition, focused on search engines. Her previous writing dealt with social software used for book-

marking and reference management. The link to Melissa's latest article is www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6430406. She also has published articles in *Minnesota Medicine*, *Journal of Hospital*



Melissa Rethlefsen

Librarianship, and *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* is slated to feature

one of her articles in its August 2007 issue and a full-length research piece in its October 2007 issue. Melissa credits SLIS with expanding her horizons. "I think the program really introduced me to reading more from library literature," she says, "so I definitely became more savvy about what the profession had to offer from the program. As I became familiar with the literature, I was able to start tracking technologies."

Bridget Barry Thias (MS '06) published an article titled "Making Medical Fact Finding Easy" as a special contributor to the *Dallas Morning News*, April 17, 2007.



Joyce Valenza

Joyce Valenza (Ph.D. '07), librarian at Springfield Township High School, Erdenheim, PA., published an article titled "Open the door. Let 'em In", in *eVOYA*, April 2007.

Other recent graduate positions: **Margaret Anderson** ('03), education and social sciences librarian, Texas A&M University Libraries; **Veronica Arellano** ('06), psychology and social work librarian, University of Houston Libraries; **Anne Belk** ('04), librarian at Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA; **Katie Gilkinson Chaumont** ('04), Knowledge Manager, Spencer

Stuart; **D.L. Grant** ('05) promoted to assistant manager, Carver Branch, San Antonio Public Library; **WyLaina Hildreth** ('03), teen librarian and program coordinator, Fort Worth Public Library; **Athena Jackson** ('07), digital newspapers project coordinator/archivist, North Carolina



D.L. Grant

State Archives; **Shikun (KK) Jiang** ('05), technology coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region; **Mindy Kittay**

(MS '06) now fiancée director, Rangeview Library District, Boulder, CO area. **Angela Kubala** (MS '00), library supervisor at Thompson & Knight, LLP, Dallas; **Marilyn Masinag** ('07) library position at Shelton, a private school in Dallas; **Cynthia Mielke McFadden** ('03) Outreach Services coordinator/supervisor, Arapahoe Library, CO; **Janet Peri** ('06) has a new position at University of Texas M.D. Anderson Medical Center; **Alexandra Simons** ('06), a librarian at The Art Institute of Houston; **Charlotte Thomas** ('04), librarian relations manager at Thomas West, the west coast branch of Thomson Scientific; **Mary Wagoner** ('04), manager, South Neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System; **Jill Whitfill** ('07), distance and health education librarian, Bethel College, Tennessee; **Mariko Guziur Wilcox** ('04), head of information services, Evergreen Library, Jefferson County (CO) Public Library. A few other recent graduates include: **Melissa Perez** ('04), Asst. Librarian, St. Rita's Catholic School, Dallas; **Delia Rodriguez** ('07), librarian, Houston Federal Reserve Bank; **Christine Sifuentes Gaspard** ('07), Instructional Services Librarian, Briscoe Library, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; **Rebecca Seever** ('07) library media specialist, Van Alstyne (TX) Elementary School; **Aimee Van Heyst** ('07), Dallas Public.



IN MEMORIAM

SLIS has recently received word of several deaths:

- Leta Boyd** (MLS '60), Tucson, AZ
- Margaret Brannon** (BA '47), Clarksville, TN
- Patricia Brown** (BA '51), Odessa, TX
- Virginia Fenno** (BA '49), Friday Harbor, WA
- Rita Groves** (BA '67), Quanah, TX
- Janis Hamilton** (BA '69), Findlay, OH
- Charles Huey** (BA '44), Fort Worth, TX
- Ellen Jeanne** (MS '90), Portales, NM
- David Johansson** (MS '92), Pryor, OK
- Elizabeth Kelsey** (MS '88), Leesville, SC
- Wilma Leverton** (BA '71), Denton, TX
- Pearlie McGill** (BA '54), Andrews, TX
- Loretta Rees** (BA '66), Madison Heights, MI
- Walton (W.B.) Scroggs** (BA '71), Ruston, LA
- Phillip Sims** (MLS '73), Fort Worth, TX
- Annette Stevens** (BA '57), Dallas, TX
- Billie Watson** (BA '49), Irving, TX
- Martha White** (MS '90), Magnolia, TX

Jim Coffey, husband of long time SLIS staff member Leanne Coffey, died on September 26, 2007, after a long illness.

Helen Faber, mother of SLIS academic counselor Toby Faber, died in Rittman Ohio, September 15, 2007.

A Bit of Nostalgia

Here are Some Faculty Members and Deans You Might Remember from Your Time at SLIS



*Norman Howden
1987-1994*



Dean Philip Turner, Dean Dewey Carroll (1973-1987), and Director David Webb (1953-1967)



Dean Raymond Von Dran (1987-1995) and Dean Philip Turner (1996-2004)



*Rose Mary Magrill
1981-1999*



*Hamilton Monroe
1974-1980*



*Kenneth Ferstl
1970-72, 1978-85, 1987-96*



*Sarah Law Kennerly
1951-1977*



*Catherine Murphy
1993-1998*

*Maurice Leatherbury
1994-1996*



*Margaret Irby Nichols
1956-1996*



*June Schlessinger
1988-1992*



*John Corbin
1973-77, 1987-95*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARIANS

A number of SLIS faculty, staff, students, and alumni attended the 6th National Conference of African American Librarians, hosted by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, held at the Fort Worth (TX) Convention Center, August 2-5, 2007. Alumni who came by the SLIS booth to say hello included **Dean Washington** (MS '00) and **Ella Jones** (MS '03), Fort Worth Public Library; **Shirley Singletary** (MS '96), Houston Public Library; and **Greg Sidberry** (MS '91), reference/outreach instruction librarian, Nova Southeastern University Library, Research and Information Technology Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Greg was key chain winner at the exhibit booth drawing. The conference program recognized **Dr. Herman Totten** as the first African American



Mary Moore and Yvonne Chandler with TLA Executive Director Pat Smith

appointed dean of the library school at the University of Oregon, and Hazel Harvey Peace, the first African American women in the state of Texas to have an endowed professorship named in her honor (see article p. 6).

TLA LEADERS

SLIS graduates and faculty who hold leadership positions in the Texas Library Association include ones serving on the Executive Board: **Melody Kelly**, President-elect, **Janet Key**, Treasurer, **Joyce Baumbach**, ALA Councilor, and **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** and **Sue Compton**, Representatives-at-large. Committee chairs: **Lea Bailey**, Bylaws and Resolutions, **Sherilyn Bird**, Conference Program co-chair, **Cheri Gross**, Conference Local Arrangements co-chair, **Marilyn Goff**, Disaster Relief, **Mary Lankford**, History of TLA, **Gretchen Hoffmann**, Intellectual Freedom, **Janis Test**, Library Partnerships, **Maurice Fortin**, Professional Rights and Responsibilities. Committee vice-chairs: **Steve Seal**, Continuing Education and Development, **Jessica Wilcox**, Library Partnerships, **Carolyn Davidson**, Professional Rights and Responsibilities; **Adam Wright**, Publications, and **Molly Dahlstrom**, Scholarship and Research. Round Tables chairs: **Dreanna Belden**, Digital Libraries, **Gretchen Hoffmann**, Doo-Wop Intergalactic, **Sue Sappington**, Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing.

RECENT INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D. RECIPIENTS WHERE ARE THEY?

June Abbas ('02), assist. prof., SUNY Buffalo; **Jason Holmes** ('03) assist. prof. Kent State University; **EnuKyung Chung** ('06) was at the School of Library and Information Science at University of Southern Mississippi, but has recently moved to the Department of Library and Information Science at the Ewha University, Seoul, Korea; **Scott Klinger** ('06), visiting asst. prof., University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science; **Michelynn McKnight** ('04), asst. prof., Louisiana State University; **Diane Neal** ('06), formerly at Texas Woman's University, now on the SLIS faculty at North Carolina Central University in August 2007; **Fatih Oguz** ('07) at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, teaching in their newly ALA accredited Master of Library and Information Science program; **Jun Won Yoon** ('06), School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida; **Xinyu (Cindy) Yu** ('07), asst. prof, University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science.

Some Spring and Summer Ph.D Recipients



Izzet Lofca and Dr. Guillermo Oyarce



Stephanie Reynolds and Dr. Martin



Dana Watson and Dr. Schamber



Dr. Chen, Ramazan Yalcinkaya, and Selcuk Zengin



Stacy Creel and Michael Stephens



Xinyu Yu with Drs. Miksa and Cleveland

ADVANCEMENT

DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Alumni may not be aware of how important their donations are to the School. Some may feel that the small amount they are able to give is not important. Donations, even in limited amounts, however, enable the School to provide scholarship assistance and to support special projects that cannot be funded with state funds. In 2006-07, 74 graduates, who gave in the Eagle 100 category (\$100-\$499.99), donated \$9,834. Those dollars go a long way toward helping the School to carry out its mission of providing quality education to library and information science professionals of the future.

Often graduates contribute to honor a past or current faculty member*. Such donations go into the endowed scholarship fund that has been created in the professor's name. There also are endowed scholarships in the names of several alumni. Undesignated donations are placed in the dean's discretionary fund which also is used to support scholarship or to help meet other needs. Alumni responding to telethon calls made during the fall may indicate a specific fund into which they would like their donation to be placed. For a list of named scholarships, go to the School's website at www.unt.edu/slis/ and click on Alumni in the left sidebar, then click on Scholarships on the left sidebar.



Amanda Pape (MS '06) says she gives to give back. "I am now in a position to 'pay it forward,' and help other students as I was helped." During her five semesters in the masters program, she received three scholarships. At the time, she was a single parent, at one point juggling three jobs, and the assistance was vital to her. Amanda is Special Services Librarian at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX.



Renee Chevallier (MS '91), librarian at Ursuline Academy of Dallas, an all-girl Catholic college prep school, says she gives because she appreciates the excellence of the education she received at SLIS. "I also established professional relationships with colleagues with whom I still have contact and exchange ideas," she says.

Kathy Huber (MS '91), genealogy librarian for the Tulsa (OK) City County Library since 1992, says, "It is my hope that my gifts to SLIS will encourage other non-traditional students to return to school as I did." When Kathy entered school in fall 1989 she was not sure whether she was up to the challenge. "Now, almost 20 years later, there is no question but that I made the right decision. The support of the SLIS faculty and staff as well as the many friends I met made my experience as a student both positive and rewarding."

Connie Moss (MS '92), assistant library director at the William T. Cozby Public Library, Coppell, TX, made a contribution honoring former faculty member Dr. Kenneth Ferstl, who served as her advisor, in recognition of his expertise in his field which she believes was important to her and to the profession.



The Library Willie Endowed Scholarship was created in 2007 by **Willie Braudaway** (MS '03). She made a five-year pledge to create the scholarship as a way to help West Texas students who want to pursue the MS degree in library and information science but cannot move in order to do so. In order to be eligible for an award, students must enroll as an online student and reside in one of the public library systems located in the western part of the state—Alamo, Trans Pecos, Big Country or West Texas. "I am continually grateful to UNT/SLIS," she says, "for providing a program in which all courses required for the degree are available online." Willie, who attended the first Web Institute, is beginning her third year serving as librarian of the Val Verde County Library based in Del Rio, Texas.



**Endowed scholarships for current and past faculty members include: Donald and Ana Cleveland, Doralyn Hickey, Dorothy Thomas, Herman Totten, Kenneth Ferstl, Margaret Irby Nichols, and Sarah Law Kennerly. Doctoral fellowships honor Dewey Carroll and Mark Rorvig.*

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