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Message from Interim Dean Samantha Hastings

I hope your spring and vernal equinox have been as lovely as our sea of bluebonnets here in North Texas. Spring for SLIS has been almost as exciting as the wildflowers. This issue of the *Call Number* is filled with news and Ms. Margaret Nichols had the wonderful challenge of having more text and photographs than space – an editor's dream! To better organize the content we have added sections for **Faculty and the School, Development, Students, Alumni, and Texas Library Association.**

This column is dedicated to our alumni and our board of advisors.

Alumni

I realized at the Texas Library Association meeting in Austin that our school produces leaders in all types of roles. On pages 21 and 23, you will find the most recent evidence from the election results at TLA. UNT SLIS pretty much swept the elections this year! From **Gretchen McCord Hoffmann** as incoming president of TLA to **Janet Key** for Treasurer and **Christopher Salerno** as Board member, UNT SLIS alumni are taking charge. In addition, our own **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** was elected to the TLA executive board. Also, please see the

articles about **Kim Charlson** and **Brandon Quarles** as further evidence that SLIS alumni are top-notch! Our outstanding student awards this year went to **Serhiy Polyakov, Dede Rios, Christina Hoffman, Michael Fraser** and **Toby Faber** which indicates the type of students who will continue the SLIS tradition (pages 13 and 14.)

One of the most rewarding aspects of serving as your dean this year is the joy of personally meeting so many of our alumni. The common thread among all the alumni I've met is the passion they hold for the School and the great job they do as ambassadors of SLIS. The following tales are only examples of the wonderful things our alumni do for SLIS.

- When we started the campaign to build the **Kenneth Ferstl** Scholarship we had a timeline of one year to reach endowment level. The response was fantastic. The generosity and support shown by all is a wonderful affirmation that our alumni want to help our current students and honor our faculty (page 9.)
- On a recruiting trip to the Rio Grande Valley, each library I visited had at least one of our alumni on staff. From Corpus Christi to Brownsville and every town between, our graduates are library directors, associate directors, department heads and librarians extraordinaire. **Noemi Garza, Mabel Hockaday, Gilda Ortega, Ruben Rendon,** and **Gerardo Salazar** hosted our recruiting sessions and made me feel like I was home. The valley is such a vibrant, exciting place and I am so pleased that SLIS is part of the IMLS funded Rio Grande Initiative (page 14.) I so look forward to my next visit y espero que todos mis amigos nuevos en el valle estan bien.
- When the Library of Congress announced the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) **Cathy Hartman**, Head of Digital Projects at UNT Libraries, came to me with the idea to apply for this important funding opportunity, so SLIS and the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) agreed to collaborate. Cathy charged forth and secured a partnership with the California Digital Library and New York University to collect and preserve digital materials. Without Cathy's leadership we would not have secured this \$2.4 million in funding. SLIS is indebted

to both Cathy and **Melody Kelly** (Associate Dean of Libraries) for always thinking about us as a partner. (page 4.)

As I said, these are only examples of some of the outstanding work from our alumni.

It was very rewarding to see so many of you enjoying the balmy Austin evening at the TLA reception. I know that I could write a book filled with the stories of how each one of you continue to up hold the grand tradition of providing leadership in a dynamic information environment.

Board of Advisors

Our annual spring board of advisors meeting on February 14, 2005 in Denton was a great success. After my state of the school address, **Philip Turner** introduced the board members to our accreditation process and discussed how the Committee on Accreditation (COA) runs the process. Then the SLIS Faculty presented briefs about their current research projects. Several of the board members mentioned that they appreciated the briefs and felt they knew much more about the work we do. At lunch we formed working groups for the ALA accreditation standards. Each group was led by SLIS faculty members and an assigned member of the Board. The goal for each group was to discuss whether or not we meet the standard and how we can do better. For the standard on Mission, Goals and Objectives, **Eva Poole**, led the discussion. For the standard on Curriculum, **Lynette Jordan** led the discussion. The focus group for Faculty was led by **Gilliam McCombs**. The Students standard discussion was led by **Jacqui Allen. Margaret Carroll** led the discussion for the Facilities and Resources standard. The group's results will become part of our Presentation for Accreditation during fall 2005. My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation go to each member of the SLIS Board of Advisors for your contributions, guidance and advice. One of the suggestions from the board is to improve the frequency and quality of communications during the year. We are working on some ideas to help this happen.

Closing

So on to this wonderful issue of the *Call Number* remembering that SLIS needs and appreciates every single one of you! Thank you for being the best alumni and most talented board of advisors any school could want.

Samantha Hastings

Drs. Moen and Miksa

Receive IMLS Grant to Conduct Analysis of Catalog Records

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities, awarded a National Leadership Grant of \$233,115 to the University of North Texas-Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) for a project investigating the coding of information in catalog records from the OCLC WorldCat database.

TxCDK Fellows Dr. William E. Moen and Dr. Shawne D. Miksa are the Principal Investigators of the project entitled MARC Content Designation Utilization: Inquiry and Analysis. SLIS Ph.D. student **Serhiy Polyakov** and Master's students **Amy Eklund** and **Gregory Snyder** serve as Research Assistants.

Dr. Samantha Hastings, SLIS Interim Dean, describes this project as "just the type of funded research that leads to core development in our field...the first of its kind that will be an important contribution to what we know about how content in library catalogs is actually being coded for organization and access. How the information is organized directly influences how people get the information they need."

During the course of the 2-year project, Drs. Moen and Miksa will investigate the extent of catalogers' use of MARC 21, the mark-up language used by catalogers worldwide to create electronic catalog records. The Online Computer Library Center (www.oclc.org), a nonprofit computer library service and research organization, initially agreed to supply one million records for this project. After recent discussions, OCLC agreed to provide the project with all of its approximately 55 million bibliographic records. This new development will significantly increase the accuracy of the research results. The OCLC WorldCat database contains unique bibliographic records shared by more than 50,000 libraries in 84 countries and territories around the world.

Dr. Moen explains that current MARC 21 specifications define nearly 2000 fields and subfields available to library catalogers working to create catalog records for a wide variety of materials. In the Z-Interoperability project, funded in 2003 by another IMLS National Leadership Grant, Moen discovered strong indications that only 36 of the available



(L. to r.) Dr. Miksa, Bryce Benton, Gregory Snyder, Serhiy Polyakov, Dr. Moen and Amy Eklund

MARC fields accounted for 80% of all utilization. These preliminary findings have important implications for library catalogers, standards developers, and people involved in the machine generation of metadata.

Dr. Miksa describes how this project will provide research strategies to examine MARC records as artifacts of the cataloging process. She emphasizes that resulting data will greatly inform cataloging education and curricula which is critical to the continued development and improvement of information retrieval systems in libraries worldwide.

Details of the project can be found at <http://www.mcdtu.unt.edu>, a website created and maintained by SLIS Master's student **Bryce Benton**.

The Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) is a research, development and consulting service enterprise that brings together top researchers in information science, criminal justice, business information systems, computer science, and technology and cognition. TxCDK provides 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.*

Amy Eklund

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Dr. Jiangping Chen

Dr. Jiangping Chen joined the SLIS faculty in Spring 2004 after receiving her doctorate in Information Transfer in December 2003. She has a number of research projects underway including cross-language information retrieval, automatic question answering, and Chinese natural language processing. For her dissertation proposal, she was the recipient of the 2003 American Society of Information Science & Technology/ISI Dissertation Proposal Award. The dissertation is titled "The Construction, Use, and Evaluation of a Lexical Knowledge Base for English-Chinese Cross Language Information Retrieval."

With the support of the School, Dr. Chen conducted research on Automatic Question Answering in 2004. She developed an automatic question answering system called EagleQA and participated in TREC (<http://trec.nist.gov>) 2004 QA track evaluation. It was the first time that UNT had participated in TREC QA evaluation. The EagleQA system performed above the median among the 28 participating groups worldwide, which was quite impressive for a first-time participant. The UNT performance on definition questions (test questions requiring a definition of a person or a particular object/event) was ranked fifth, and the performance on list questions (test questions that asked for multiple answers from multiple documents) was ranked eighth among the 28 participating systems.

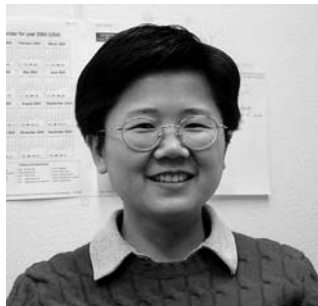
Dr. Chen received a UNT Junior Faculty Grant and Summer 2005 Fellowship to continue her research on Cross Language Information Retrieval and Automatic Question Answering. She also received the Learning Enhancement Grant from the Center for Distributed Learning (http://www.unt.edu/cdl/about_cdl) to move SLIS 5970, Database Modeling and Design Information Professionals, to distributed format. The course will become a formal catalog course in 2006 with a new course number, SLIS 5707.

Dr. William Moen and Dr. Chen submitted a proposal to the Association of American Publishers to build a Web database in response to their distributed format. The proposal has been approved and the project is in progress. The database will serve as a connection between authors of books and the libraries.

The *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology* has accepted for publication Dr. Chen's paper titled "A Lexical Knowledge

Base Approach for English-Chinese Cross Language Information Retrieval." Another paper, co-authored with Anne Diekema titled "Experimenting with the Automatic Assignment of Educational Standards to Digital Library Content," has been accepted by the 2005 ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (<http://www.jedl2005.org>), a peer-reviewed conference. At the 2005 Texas Library Association Conference she gave a presentation titled "Establishing Your Own Knowledge Base for Reference Services."

Dr. Chen, who was born in Hubei, People's Republic of China, received the B.S. in Information Science in 1988 from Wuhan University and the Master's in 1995 at the Information and Documentation Center, Chinese Academy of Science, in Beijing. We are truly fortunate that Dr. Chen chose SLIS as her new home. *



Dr. Jiangping Chen

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Cathy N. Hartman and Dr. Samantha Hastings Receive Grant



The Library of Congress' National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) has announced that the University of California's Digital Library, in partnership with the University of North Texas and New York University, are to receive \$2.4 million in funding to identify, collect, and preserve digital materials within a nationwide digital preservation program. Cathy Nelson Hartman (MS '91), Head of Digital Projects, UNT Libraries, and Dr. Samantha Hastings of the SLIS faculty, are the UNT Investigators.

The three partner institutions will assess the needs of researchers, curators, and data owners, and develop Web archiving tools for use by libraries to select, capture, curate and preserve collections of Web-based government and political information. UNT will lead the Content Identification and Selection path by creating assessment tools and using the resulting data to develop a common collection-planning framework—a set of collection development guidelines that are extensible for use by a broad range of users to assess and collect Web materials.

The Library of Congress is leading this massive digital preservation program to help ensure that the students, historians, and lifelong learners of tomorrow will be able to study these subjects with the same degree of comprehensiveness and reliability that historians of the past enjoyed when they were studying less ephemeral analog materials. The awards totaling more than \$14.9 million were made to eight institutions and their partners, with matching funds provided by the recipient institutions in the form of cash, in-kind, or other resources. See the Library of Congress press release at: http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/about/pr_093004.html.

Cathy Nelson Hartman
Class of '92

Paul Kruse 1912-2003

Dr. Paul Kruse, a member of the faculty from 1965 until his retirement in 1977, died in Seattle in November 2003. During his tenure at SLIS, he taught courses in reference, administration, special libraries, and history of books and printing. As a practitioner, he held positions in Jacksonville, Florida, Golden Gate College, and several other locations. In 1962-64 he received a Fulbright Grant to serve as a library advisor at the University of

Teheran, Iran; the following year he was a lecturer at the library school of the University of Ceylon. In 1968, he was library consultant at Universidad Santa Marion de Antigua, Panama, under a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development. Dr. Kruse received the B.A. degree from John Fletcher College, the B.S. in L.S. from the University of Illinois, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago.

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Margaret Irby Nichols

SLIS History Now Available

How far we have come! In eight decades, education for librarians and information scientists at the University of North Texas progressed from three courses focusing

on the practical use of books and libraries, library organization, and administration, taught by the librarian, Mrs. Pearl McCracken, in 1925, to becoming one of the outstanding schools not only in the State and Nation, but internationally as well. With an enrollment well over 1,000, the current faculty of 16 offer programs in school media, medical and legal informatics, information organization, information systems, digital image management, storytelling and youth librarianship, academic and public librarianship, and administration. Between 1996 and 2004, this diverse and talented group brought over \$4 million into the School through grants. With over \$3 million in endowments, resulting largely from the success of the Capital Campaign conducted by alumni and friends of the School in the early years of the 21st Century, the School can continue its stellar performance as a leader among professional schools throughout the country. The exciting story of how all this came about is related in text and brief historical notes.

The new version brings the text and other sections up through 2004, when the School turned 65. In addition to revisions and updating, some 40 photographs have been added. In addition to the text covering the School's history under the administration of nine directors and deans, there are added historical notes highlighting events and "firsts", a listing of deans, a roster of faculty, and lists of Outstanding Alumni Awards and Outstanding Student Awards.

The School's brief history, first compiled by Emeritus Professor Margaret Irby Nichols in 1989, in celebration of the School's 50th anniversary, and updated in 1999 by Margaret Irby Nichols and Dr. Herman Totten, has again been revised and expanded. The compilers relied heavily on reports and other materials prepared by Deans Dewey E. Carroll, Raymond Von Dran, and Philip Turner, and on information contained in *Call Number*. Others who assisted with the project include Drs. Samantha Hastings,

Philip Turner, Herman Totten, Ana Cleveland, and Donald Cleveland, as well as Melody Kelly and Jurhee Curtis.

Copies of the updated history, *School of Library and Information Sciences, A Brief History, 1939-2004*, were distributed to those attending the reception at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in April 2005, and mailed to many others.

Copies available upon request at slis@unt.edu with a subject line "SLIS History" or by phone at 940-565-3565. *

TxCDK Update



One of the functions of the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge is to provide input and resources to maintain and enhance the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science. In order to further this function, TxCDK and SLIS have established an Advisory Committee for the IS Doc program. The Advisory Committee consists of the TxCDK Director, who serves as chair, a group of members drawn from the ranks of the TxCDK Fellows and the Information Science faculty, with the Associate Director and Coordinator of the IS Doc program serving as ex-officio members. The Committee also assists in the review of new applicants.

The 2005 Advisory Committee members are: **Nick Evangelopoulos**, Business Computer Information Systems-ITDS faculty; **Elizabeth Figa**, SLIS faculty; **Mitch Land**, Journalism faculty; **Jim Poirot**, Education-Technology & Cognition faculty; **Victor Prybutok**, Business Computer Information Systems-ITDS faculty; **Herman Totten**, Faculty Special Assistant to the UNT President; **Philip Turner**, Vice-Provost for Learning Enhancement; and **William Moen**, SLIS faculty, TxCDK Interim Director and Committee Chair.

Corrie Marsh
Associate Director TxCDK

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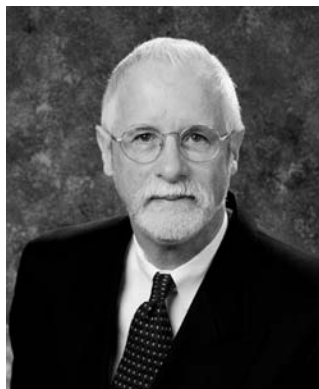
Dr. Philip Turner Assumes Role As Vice Provost For Learning Enhancement

Since arriving at SLIS as Dean in 1996, Dr. Phil Turner also served concurrently as Associate Vice President for Distance Education until July 2004. At that time, per the request of UNT President Norval Pohl, he assumed the position of Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement. Dr. Samantha Hastings has been serving as Interim Dean of SLIS while a national search is underway for a permanent dean.

In addition to attending to the details required in administering the largest e-learning program at a Texas public higher education institution, Dr. Turner is involved in some very exciting initiatives. His favorite is the Blended Learning Project in which faculty are involved in transforming five large enrollment undergraduate courses. These courses will be taught as both face-to-face and blended in the fall of 2005. "The challenge," stated Dr. Turner, "is to decide which is best taught in a physical context and how that context should be arranged, and what is best taught in the virtual environment." The faculty and instructional consultants meet monthly for a working lunch as they share their journey toward blended learning. To learn more about this project, see <http://www.unt.edu/cdl/blendedlearning/> **Agnes Goz Pearcy**, a student in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science, is working with the faculty in evaluating the outcomes of these courses as the topic of her dissertation.

Other initiatives include the implementation of a new Outstanding Online Teaching/Courseware Award. This award includes a \$500 recognition for the best online course teaching and/or courseware and also creates a process in which excellent teaching and course development can be recognized.

While his work as Vice Provost for Learning Enhancement is a university-wide effort, Dr. Turner hopes that benefits will accrue directly to SLIS. A good example of



Philip Turner

this is UNTeCampus.com, which is a portal to information about online courses at UNT. Because SLIS has such a large number of students who rely on online courses for their program, this campus wide tool is especially beneficial to SLIS students. It has become for many SLIS students, the most important single

source for course information.

While increasing the focus on his leadership role in the use of emerging technologies in teaching and learning at UNT, Dr. Turner is still very much connected to SLIS. "I insisted that I would be able to continue my connections with SLIS students," Dr. Turner said. He continues to teach SLIS 5000, Introduction to the Information Professions, in the spring and summer semesters to SLIS entering students and to the entering cohort students each fall. He loves the excitement of the entering classes, especially at the dinner the night before the Web Institute when students from all over meet for the first time.

The many students who take SLIS 5080, Research Methods and Analysis, feel Dr. Turner's teaching influence, since it is his courseware that is used in this class. He also teaches this class each summer to the students in the Nevada or Minnesota Cohort as well as serving as the advisor to the vast majority of those cohort students. Dr. Turner also administers the Nevada and Minnesota Web Institute Programs.

His other SLIS activities include serving as Principal Investigator in two funded projects, **LE@D** and the Rio Grande Initiative, both IMLS-funded initiatives. He also works with Dr. Ana Cleveland in the Health Informatics IMLS Project. He is very excited to see the impact on the "real world" of librarianship that these projects are making.

"I am enjoying my new position very much," Dr. Turner said, "but I am delighted that I can still stay involved to such an extent with SLIS." ❄

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Medders Seminar Board Room

On February 14, 2005, SLIS celebrated the reopening and naming of the newly established Seminar Board Room, ISB 202. The John Medders Seminar Board Room was established through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson to recognize her late husband. The establishment of the room goes back several years to when Mrs. Johnson contacted Philip Turner, who was SLIS dean at the time. Dr. Turner visited Mrs. Johnson in Bellevue, Washington several



Kippy Jagoe Massey (left), Ann Jagoe with portrait of Lady Kate Medders (right)

times to discuss ways in which John Medders might be honored. "During these visits, I had the opportunity to get to know Mrs. Johnson, a delightful, generous, and articulate woman. Through her stories, I learned more about a true SLIS 'legend,' Lady Kate Medders, who was SLIS's first faculty member. I also got to meet, through her recollections, John Medders who had a remarkable career and became a nationally known expert in stereo optics."

Students who attended classes in the old ISB 202, will especially appreciate the transformation that has occurred. This room is now a state-of-the-art facility and a wonderful place to meet or attend class.

Over 100 SLIS faculty students, alumni, and friends attended the unveiling celebration. Among those in attendance were Kippy Jagoe Massey (MLS '74) and her sister Ann Jagoe, granddaughters of Lady Kate Medders and nieces of John Medders. Dr. Turner said of the occasion, "Holding the unveiling on February 14th was very appropriate. The establishment of the John Medders Seminar Board Room is an inspiring act of love and devotion that will endure through future generations."

Faculty and Staff Bits and Bytes

Dr. Elizabeth Figa gave the keynote address titled "Magic Pills, Toy Boxes, and Imagination: The Cultural Legacies of Storytelling," at the Harriet Dickson Reynolds in Celebration of the Child Conference in October 2004. In November 2004, she, along with Paul Tarau and Jesse Ephraim, presented "Enhancing the Virtual Storytelling Experience with Metadata Driven Voice Enabled Conversational Agents" at the American Society of Information Science & Technology Conference.

Dr. Shawne Miksa has been named to the Library Technology Now (LTN) Editorial Board. She also is chair of the Thesaurus Review Board. In November, at the American Society of Information Science & Technology Annual Conference, she gave short papers at several panels and completed her duties as 2004 chair of the History and Foundations of Information

Science Special Interest Group.

Mary Lamprecht, who came to SLIS in December 2003 as an administrative assistant in the Dean's office, was promoted to Assistant to the Dean on March 22, 2005, following the resignation of Georgia Quintero. Mary is also the proud parent of a little girl, Mary Kathleen Lamprecht, born February 1, 2005.

Dr. Brian O'Connor, Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Information Science Ph.D. Program, and **Mike Pullin**, Project Manager for the IMLS-funded Distance



Adam, Mary and Mary Kathleen Lamprecht

Independent Ph.D. Program, took first place in the Faculty Poster Session competition of the Association of Library and Information Science Education Conference in Boston in January 2005.

Dr. Maurice Leatherbury, formerly a SLIS faculty member, is now UNT Associate Vice President for Computing and Chief Technology Officer. ☼

Dr. Shawne Miksa Checks Out Cataloging Practices



Dr. Shawne Miksa

Dr. Shawne Miksa has received \$14,700 from OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Studies Research Grant to conduct a survey of cataloging tools and resources within technical service departments of North Texas public libraries. The 73 public libraries in the North Texas Regional Library System (NTRLS) are serving as the initial sample for this project. The idea for the study arose from the desire to understand the realities of everyday operations of a cataloging department and how those realities intersect with the state of cataloging practice and education as it is reported in the library and information science literature. The idea comes also from an educator's need to prepare new catalogers for real-time cataloging, but who is continually frustrated when faced with the inability to send both local and distance students to their own local libraries to observe or even borrow cataloging tools. With the demand for web-based cataloging courses on the rise, the ability to supplement course materials with hands-on experiences is critical to the success of both the student and instructor.

CTR-NT (Cataloging Tools and Resources-North Texas) will attempt to put into motion processes to address these important broader issues by instigating a study with the local cataloging environment of these North Texas public libraries. Doctoral students **Barbara Schultz-Jones** and **Toby Faber** are serving as research assistants.

The research will address the following questions:

- How comprehensive are the cataloging resources and tools found within the technical services departments?
- What is the level of utilization of these tools and resources by staff, both professional and paraprofessional?
- How are currency and reliability of the tools and resources determined?
- How often are staff trained or updated in the use of these tools and resources?

- What factors, such as budgetary and staff limitations, affect the availability of these tools and resources to the libraries?

A comprehensive survey, follow-up interviews with select libraries, and two focus groups will be conducted. The focus groups were held at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, in April. Results of the survey and interviews will be presented and discussed.

Dr. Miksa hopes the results of this regional study will serve, in the absence of any such tool to date, as a necessary benchmark for catalogers responsible for the quality control of library catalogs. In essence, it will lead to the creation of a list of cataloging resources and tools that every technical service department should possess. Such a list would help ensure a level of consistency in library cataloging across the board, especially if disseminated and endorsed by such institutions as OCLC or by organizations such as Association of Library and Information Science Educators, the American Library Association, or the Library of Congress. More details about CTR-NT can be found at http://www.courses.unt.edu/smiksa/Projects/CTRNT_index.htm/

Dr. Brian O'Connor Lecture Series Speaker



Dr. Brian O'Connor

Dr. O'Connor was invited to speak at the Drexel University College of Information & Technology Distinguished Lecture Series in November 2004. He lectured on photocopying acts. O'Connor also was a keynote speaker at the Mine's Eye Symposium on Digital Images and Museums. The event was sponsored by the Southern California and Northern California Chapters of the American Society of Information Science & Technology.

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Kenneth L. Ferstl Scholarship



Ken and Sondra Ferstl

A library science scholarship honoring Dr. Kenneth L. Ferstl, a long time member of the SLIS faculty, has been established. Students who took his courses in cataloging and classification, public libraries, adult services, and services to the aging during the 1970s, 1980s, and until the mid-1990s, remember him fondly, especially for his wonderful sense of humor.

Ken, a Wisconsin native, came to North Texas in 1959 as an undergraduate student, where he earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in library science and music education. Graduate degrees in library science were added to his credentials with an MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Ph.D. from Indiana University-Bloomington. He returned to SLIS in the 1970 and taught for more than 20 years. His teaching career ended in 1994 after he suffered cerebral aneurysms and a stroke. In his recovery, he has volunteered at the Denton Public Libraries and remained active in the Texas Library Association.

Ken and his wife **Sondra** continue to reside in Denton. They travel frequently, especially to Santa Fe during opera season. Sondra, who holds the Ph.D. in French from University of Wisconsin-Madison, taught at UNT in the Department of

Foreign Languages for a number of years. In the early 1980's, she moved to staff positions at the UNT Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Office of Research & Academic Grants. She concluded her career in research administration at Texas Woman's University where she was Associate Dean for Research for 15 years until her retirement in 2003.

On April 7, Ken and Sondra Ferstl, along with 2005 Outstanding Alumni **Brandon Quarles**, were honored at a champagne reception held during the TLA conference in Austin. Ken and Sondra were also recognized at the alumni reception when their photograph for the SLIS Wall of Honor was unveiled.



*Dr. Hastings recognizing Ken and Sondra Ferstl
at Alumni Reception*

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Hazel Harvey Peace Recognized

At the UNT-Exes Alumni Awards Dinner on Honors Day, April 8, 2005, President Norval Pohl recognized Mrs. Hazel Harvey Peace with an Honorary Alumna Award. The honor was awarded Mrs. Peace in recognition of the SLIS Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship in Children's Library Services created last year as a tribute to her. Mrs. Peace's former students, friends, and Fort Worth leaders raised over \$350,000 to establish the professorship in the name of this revered educator and community leader.

Mrs. Peace and several of her guests were brought to campus from Fort Worth via the Regal Eagle, a \$1 million bus donated to UNT by Bill and Margot Winspear of Dallas. Attendees included Dr. and Mrs. Philip Turner, Dr. Herman Totten, Linda Allmand ('61) Ann Bracey ('72), and Melody Kelly ('74), all of whom served on the recent SLIS Capital Campaign.

In her remarks, following the presentation, Mrs. Peace expressed the pride she feels from her association with UNT. She stressed the importance of guaranteeing that there are well-trained, degreed librarians "to guide and educate our children."

For more information on the Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship or to make a gift to it, contact Margaret Yates at 940/565-3072 or myates@unt.edu. *



Margaret Yates SLIS Advancement Associate

We all have dreams. Most of us see them as unattainable visions out of our grasp. The truth is, most of them can come true—sometimes we just need help making them a reality.

My dreams started as a little girl in a library with a book. Now one of them is becoming a reality as I work to advance the School of Library and Information Sciences at UNT and promote the importance of librarians and information specialists in all areas. Knowledge

and information are one of the pillars of civilization, and the management of them is vital to an educated society.

Thank you to all the faculty, staff, advisory board members, and alumni who have been so generous with their time and counsel since my arrival in October. The dedication and passion I see all around me in SLIS and at UNT as all those on this campus pursue their dreams - students, faculty and staff - inspires me.

As a development officer, it is my goal to reconnect all of you to SLIS and UNT. In order for a school to remain viable it needs its alumni - they are its history. UNT is no exception. The advice and input of our alumni are vital to the continued success of the Library and Information Sciences program. We want to meet with you; we want to hear what you have to say. It is important to all of us. And,

if you have not been to campus since it gained dozens of trees and a new front entrance, please come visit. You will be amazed at how much this campus has grown and changed!

It is also my goal to help our alumni and friends transform their dreams into reality. UNT recognizes the value of its alumni and wants to support them throughout their lives. To assist our alumni and friends in turning their dreams into realities, the development office offers independent advice on estate and tax planning free of charge. Just call for an appointment. You will be amazed at what really is within reach. What is your dream? (940-565-3072 - myates@unt.edu)



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The two cohorts will be together in June 2005.

Ph.D. Application Deadline

Nov. 15, 2005

For more information about the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, contact the Associate Director, Dr. Brian O'Connor— (boconnor@lis.admin.unt.edu), or Jurhee Curtis, the IS doctoral student coordinator (jcurtis@lis.admin.unt.edu)

News From the IS Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program



Faculty and First Year IMLS Cohort

SLIS is pleased to announce that the second cohort for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Distance Ph.D. has been chosen. The group of ten students is from eight states—Alabama, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, and Texas. They will begin their coursework at the summer 2005 Institute, June 14-19. The first cohort will join the new students for the last part of that week. The first group will begin their second year in the program this summer.

The ten students who make up the new group include Douglas Achterman, Gayle Bogel, Shannon Bomar, Vivian Cisneros, Richard Hasenyager, Sara Jones, Brian Kenney, Jeanne Puacz, David Scott, and Wendy Stephens. Those in the first cohort



Abmet Yayla dissertation defense.

are Stacy Creel, Toby Faber, Cheryl Lawson, Rowena Li, Margaret Lincoln, Michael Stephens, Linda Swarlis, Joyce Valenza, Mary Jo Venetis, and Erin Wyatt.

Seven students in the resident program presented dissertations this spring: Abebe Rorissa (chair, Sam Hastings), Alan Livingston (chair, Kathy Swigger), Fred Karr (co-chairs, Sam Hastings and Brian O'Connor), Brian Grams (chair, Linda Chamber), Suleyman Ozeren (chair, Sam Hastings), Josie Reyna (chair, Kathy Swigger), and Ahmet Yayla

(chair, Sam Hastings). The five students who defended their dissertation proposals include: Jung Won Yoon, Richard Anderson, Scott Simon, Jennifer Karr, and Janet Macpherson.

There are currently about 100 students in the SLIS Ph.D Interdisciplinary Program



Abebe Rorissa at dissertation defense.

with applications arriving on an almost daily basis. New students in the resident program include: Cynthia Batman, Tonda Bone, Huseyin Durmaz, Siddik Ekici, Amber Finn, Kate Finstad, Suleyman Hancerli, Stephen Larson, Fei Li, Edgar Lopez, Adrienne Mraz, Michael Robertson, Joseph Stedman, Lei Shi, Elena Vassilieva, Cong Xuan, and Ramazan Yalcinkaya.

Michael Stephens, a student in the first IMLS Ph.D. Program cohort, was chosen as a 2005 *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker. For more information about him, see article on p.22.

Joyce Valenza, IMLS Ph.D. student, will receive the prestigious American Association of School Libraries Highsmith Research Award at the ALA conference this summer. The AASL award, established in 1933, includes a grant of up to \$5,000 to conduct innovative research aimed at measuring and evaluating the impact of school library media programs on learning and education.*

Victoria Kravchyna Recognized By UNT President Pohl at Commencement



Victoria Kravchyna

At each graduation ceremony, UNT President Norval Pohl has established a tradition of recognizing students of outstanding achievement in their road to an education. One of the students recognized at the fall 2004 ceremony was Victoria Kravchyna, who

received the doctorate from the UNT Interdisciplinary Ph.D Program in Information Science. "Her story," said President Pohl, "is a compelling example of the immense impact of higher education."

Victoria grew up in a small farming village of 800 people in the central part of Ukraine called Moldovka. She earned an undergraduate degree in education in her native country. During the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, Vika, as she likes to be called, found herself a single mom, living at home with her mother and sister, working a library job in Ukraine that barely covered living expenses for her and her son, Misha. That experience led Vika to believe that education could open the door

to a better life, so she applied for and won a \$50,000 information agency scholarship that brought her to Louisiana State University to earn her master's degree in library and information science.

Leaving everyone she knew in Ukraine, Vika finished the degree in two years, while working to send money back home to support her family. She then came to UNT with a fellowship for a certificate in digital imaging management in SLIS. With diligence she worked that into an information science doctoral program. Before beginning the program, she returned to Ukraine to bring her son Misha back with her to Denton. "This day," said President Pohl, "her graduation is as much for Misha as for Vika. He took on a host of adult responsibilities to support her, and he's spent so many days in class with her that she believes he's entitled to a portion of the degree. The people in Vika's village view her as a true hero and are proud and amazed at her accomplishments." ❄

Mother and Daughter Address SLIS Graduates



Dr. Hastings, Christina Hoffman, Dr. Turner and Kathy Hoffman

Fall 2004 SLIS Graduation included talks given by Christina Hoffman, Master of Science Candidate in Library Science and her mother, Kathy Hoffman. Christina spoke of her experiences as "A Third Generation Librarian." Her mother, Kathy Hoffman, spoke to the candidates about "Building for Tomorrow." Kathy Hoffman is the Executive Director of the Research Medical Library at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Lis and Phil Turner Outstanding Paper Award

The Lis and Phil Turner Outstanding Paper Award was given to two students in 2004-05: **Elizabeth Haluska-Rausch** and **Deborah Wheatley**.

Elizabeth's project, "JSTOR," was submitted by **Teri Dalston**, instructor for SLIS 5615:

Electronic Databases and Information Services.

Deborah's paper, "Dust Revolution," was submitted by **Dr. Florence Mason**, instructor for SLIS 5712: Horizon

Technologies for Library and Information Centers.

The awards, which included checks for \$100, were presented on UNT Honors Day at a luncheon at the Union. The recipients were also honored at the Honors Day Convocation on April 8. ❄

SCHOOL of LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES

Students

2004-2005

FALL 2004
GRADUATES

SLIS awarded 94 degrees in fall 2004, 1 bachelors, 92 master's, and 1 Ph.D.

Bachelor of Science:

Kimberly Ridgeway Moore

Master of Science:

Suman Aladangady (4.0), Minerva Alaniz, Nancy Allen (4.0), Billie Bailey, Lynne Beck (4.0), Brian Bell, Mary Bilbrey, Jennifer Brewer, James Britsch, Charles Burchard (4.0), Tammy Burns, Tomirra Calaban, Dana Callaway (4.0), Alison Campbell, George Canning, Susan Chandler, Kelly Christianson, Kim Clynch, Teri Cryer, Sarah Ewald-Boeglin (4.0), Robert Fox II, Eva Gaydon, Noreen Geeban, Brad Golod (4.0), Christopher Gray (4.0), DeeAnn Green (4.0), Thomas Haase, Jennifer Hamrick (4.0), Holly Hankins (4.0), Mark Haywood (4.0), Laura Hilbig, Cynthia Hinckley, Christina Hoffman (4.0), Denise Hulett, Christy Jarrett (4.0), Katherine Jones (4.0), Linda Kay, Laurie Kirkscey (4.0), Monica Lewis, Katherine Lozich, Edward Lukasek, Cheryl Martin (4.0), Jose Martinez, David (Randy) McDonald, Karen McMinn (4.0), Eleuteria (Terry) Mendoza, Karen Metcalf

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Outstanding Student Awards

The SLIS faculty has designated five students in the Master's degree program as Outstanding Students. Each was recognized at the UNT Honors Day ceremonies on April 8, and at the TLA Alumni Southwest Mixer April 7. They include **Serhiy Polyakov**, Outstanding Information Science Student from 2004 graduates; **Dede Rios**, Houston Faculty Recognition Award; **Christina Hoffman**, Texas Faculty Recognition Award; **Michael Fraser**, Nevada Faculty Recognition Award, and **Toby Faber**, Outstanding Library Science Student Award.

Serhiy Polyakov who received the MS in Information Science degree from SLIS in May 2004, is currently a resident student in the UNT Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science. He also serves as a research assistant for the UNT's Texas



Serhiy Polyakov

Center for Digital Knowledge. Prior to attending UNT, he worked as an assistant instructor in information technology at Ukrainian Agricultural University where he received his undergraduate degree and first masters. His interests include information retrieval, metadata, and information systems. On completing the Ph.D., he hopes to work in an information agency or a university. He would like to participate in research activities focusing on information science and the design and development of information retrieval systems.

Dede Rios, who received the MS from SLIS in May 2004, is currently a reference and instruction librarian at Our Lady of the



Dede Rios

Lake University in San Antonio. She also is liaison librarian to the School of Business and the Worden School of Social Work. Prior to entering library school, she worked in the medical field for twenty years. When she quit her job and returned to school to complete her bachelor's degree, she realized she loved the academic world and wanted to pursue a career that would enable her to become a part of

it. When she attended a library school information session presented by **Dr. Ana Cleveland**, "I was hooked," she says. She is serving on the campus Freshman Orientation Planning Team, leading the campus Catholic Book Club, editing the library's newsletter, and serving as chair-elect for TLA District 10.

Christina Hoffman received the MS in December 2004 as well as completing the Graduate Academic Certificate in Advanced Management in Libraries and Information Agencies. She was chosen by the faculty as the student speaker to share her perspectives as a third



Christina Hoffman

generation librarian at the second independent SLIS graduation convocation. During her student days at A&M, where she earned her bachelor's degree in political science, she worked in the library's Interlibrary Loan/Documents Delivery Department. While attending library school, she worked as a student assistant in the Dean's office and with the SLIS faculty, contributing to research projects and events. Her first paper was published in the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, and she co-authored and presented a paper with **Dr. Samantha Hastings** at the Association of Library and Information Science Education conference in January 2005. She continues to work on additional research and a web based library tutorial project with the A&M Medical Sciences Library while searching for a professional medical library position in Houston.

Michael Fraser was a member of the first graduating class to receive the Master



Michael Fraser

of Science degree from the Nevada Cohort. He was chosen by his graduating class to give the student commencement address at the Nevada ceremony in August 2004. Michael has worked in the University of Nevada Las Vegas Libraries since 2002. He is manager of the

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Preservation/Conservation Laboratory where his duties include cleaning, repairing, rebinding, and reformatting library materials. He will also be Coordinator of the Nevada cohort beginning in June 2005. A native of Oklahoma, Michael holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa.

Toby Faber, currently a student in the IMLS Distance Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science, spent over 25 years in corporate management before coming to SLIS. He received the MS from SLIS in 2004 with an emphasis on public library management. Toby plans at this time to complete his Ph.D. and teach library &

information science in a library school. He is currently working as a teaching/research assistant in the area of cataloging and classification and as an adjunct for the School Library Media program of study. He serves on the board of his local public library and



Toby Faber

is the graduate student representative for the UNT SLIS Dean Search Committee and the UNT SLIS Capstone Committee. *

Bienvenidos a los estudiantes del Rio Grande! Welcome to the Rio Grande Students!



The Rio Grande Initiative students and Lily Torrez, coordinator of the program.

SLIS welcomed new members of the Rio Grande Initiative Cohort at the SLIS 5000/5600 Houston Web Institute in January 2005. The 18 students are part of an IMLS grant received by SLIS to educate bilingual librarians to fill the many professional librarian vacancies in the libraries along the Texas/New Mexico Rio Grande border. Throughout their enrollment in the program, the students will be working as librarians-in-training at various partner public and academic libraries along the border. The grant pays the student's tuition, fees, and travel to Web Institutes and Rio Grande Initiative meetings. In conjunction, the partner libraries are committed to contributing a minimum of \$10,000 per year toward the students' salaries.

The students who were welcomed to the program are:

- Luanne James, Julia Sibaja, and Lucinda Wiley – Brownsville Public Library
- Dennis Daily – New Mexico State University Library
- Rose Alvarez and Mayra Garza – Speer Memorial Library, Mission, Texas

- Sarah Buck – Thomas Branigan Library, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Angelica Garcia and Arnoldo Becho – South Texas Community College Library
- Yvette Lopez, Annabel Trevino, Joel Chirinos, Javier Garcia, and Justin Lawrence – University of Texas at Brownsville Library
- Virginia Rassael, Harvey Castellano, and Lillian Carl – University of Texas at El Paso Library
- Heather Turner – Weslaco Public Library

Lily Torrez, coordinator for the grant, is an integral part of the Rio Grande Initiative. She brings many years of experience as a librarian, including serving as the librarian on the Semester at Sea program. She works closely with the students and **Drs. Phil Turner, Ana Cleveland, and Arlita Hallam**, the principal investigators of the grant.

In January, the students attended an orientation meeting before the Web Institute where they had a chance to get acquainted and to learn more about the SLIS program. **Drs. Don and Ana Cleveland** hosted an evening reception for the students during the Web Institute.

The students are currently enrolled in SLIS 5000 and 5600 and will take classes in the summer. They will meet in McAllen during the summer for a weekend filled with enrichment activities.

We have a great group of students that are passionate about becoming professional librarians to serve the border communities!

Dr. Ana Cleveland

FALL 2004 GRADUATES

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- (4.0), Elizabeth Meyer
- (4.0), Michaela Moore
- (4.0), Lindsey Nevins,
- Tammy Nichols (4.0),
- Karen O'Brien (4.0),
- Roseann Oden (4.0),
- Courtney Paige O'Neal,
- Jacque Osborne, Barbara Paciotti, Bobbee Pennington, Pamela Pinkerton (4.0), Rebecca Poli, Mark Pratt, Melissa Ramirez, Rosaelena Ratte, Melissa Retblefsen (4.0), Anne Rboten, Diane Roberts (4.0), Michael Robertson (4.0), Martha Rogers, Katharine Rolfes (4.0), John Ronald, Martha Rossi (4.0), Donna Schardein, Irma Shook, Barbara Shreffler, Patricia Stigger, Judy Tate, Trina Taylor (4.0), Lee Torrants, Jess Turner (4.0), Julie Ullman, Kartbikadevi Unnikrishnan (4.0), Mary Wagoner (4.0), Susan Waldrop (4.0), Bobbie Walker, Mary Wallace (4.0), Heather Waltman (4.0), Candice Watkins (4.0), Peter Watts (4.0), Cynthia Williams (4.0), Denise DeArmond Wright, Patricia York (4.0), Kimberly Young (4.0), Steven Zach.

Ph.D.:

Victoria Kravchyna

Spring Speakers



Dr. Paul Thompson

The Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in IS, the North Texas ASIS&T Chapter, and LISSA, the SLIS student organization, set a goal to host a variety of researchers to speak with students and faculty during informal gatherings at SLIS. This spring three speakers have come to discuss current research and trends in the field.

On February 11, 2005, students welcomed **Dr. Paul Thompson**, who is affiliated with the Computer Science Department and the Institute for Security Technology Studies at Dartmouth College. His presentation, entitled "Semantic Hacking and Security Informatics," covered many areas of his current research including the process of building more secure information systems and the authentication of information on the web.



Drs. Jodi Kearns and Brian O'Connor

Dr. Jodi Kearns, who received the MS from SLIS in 1999 and the Ph.D. from the UNT Interdisciplinary Program in Information Science in 2001, returned to UNT on March 10, 2005 to speak about her current work. Her talk concerned research on issues dealing with representation, educational practice, and children in which she discussed the affects physical attributes have on the presentation of information. She also talked to Ph.D. students about the process of writing a dissertation and how to continue with the research.

Dr. Scott Nicholson, faculty member at Syracuse University, who received the Ph.D. from the UNT Interdisciplinary Program in Information Science in 2000, was the April 27 speaker. His "Bibliomining Across American" 2005 tour is sponsored by OCLC and the Information Institute at Syracuse University. His presentation, "Introduction to the Bibliomining Process," focused on data associated with library services useful in decision-making, balancing patron privacy and data retention, the bibliomining process, and the role of the bibliomining process in library measurement and evaluation. *



Dr. Scott Nicholson

Scholarship Recipients

Shimelis Assefa

SLIS General Scholarship

Leslie Adair

Doralyn J. Hickey Scholarship

Angela Bailey

SLIS General Scholarship

Sajjad Bari

SLIS General Scholarship

Chaney Bennett

Doralyn J. Hickey Scholarship

Jennifer Brumley

Mark E. Rorvig Graduate Fellowship

Gwendolyn Cobb

SLIS General Scholarship

Amy DeNomme

Doralyn J. Hickey Scholarship

Sarah Devereaux

Doralyn J. Hickey Scholarship

Xuemei Gao

SLIS General Scholarship

D.L. Grant

Dewey E. Carroll Graduate Fellowship

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Students Attend SWALL Conference in Little Rock



Emily Cunningham, Saranab Earnest, Dawn Smith, Laini Wolman, Julie Webster-Matthews, Natasha Jenkins, Mary Freyberg, and Las Vegas grad Michelle Lucero.

A number of SLIS students, alumni, and faculty attended the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in March,

hosted by the University of Arkansas - Little Rock School of Law.

Dr. Yvonne Chandler, Vice President/President Elect of the

Tales From a Successful Houston All School Day

On February 19, 2005, over 60 Houston students and faculty attended the Houston All School Day at the Hilton University of Houston, organized by **Dr. Ana Cleveland** and Ph.D. student **Jodi Philbrick**. The theme for the Day was "The Role of Standards in LIS Education: Insuring the Quality and Integrity of Your Professional Degree."

The day's events started with a SLIS status report given by **Interim Dean Samantha Hastings** and a welcome by Dr. Ana Cleveland. At the heart of the Day



Katby Jones, Jodi Philbrick, Anne Neidinger

was the presentation given by guest speaker **Thomas Leonhardt**, Director of the Scarborough-Phillips Library at St. Edward's University, Austin.

Mr. Leonhardt, who is a member of the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation, gave an insightful and informative overview of the ALA accreditation process.

Mr. Leonhardt's presentation led into a working luncheon where the Houston



Dr. Ana Cleveland with Stephanie Fulton and students.

students and faculty actively participated in a discussion of the ALA Standards for Accreditation. Each table at the luncheon was assigned a specific standard, e.g., Mission, Goals, and Objectives, or Curriculum, and was asked to discuss how they perceive SLIS is meeting the standard. A member from each table gave a report of the table's discussion, followed by a question and answer session conducted by Dr. Cleveland.

At the end of the day, lucky Houston students and faculty received door prizes handed out by Dean Hastings, Jodi Philbrick, and Houston teaching assistant **Nidia Casillas**. Overall, it was an exciting participatory event that provided outstanding feedback for the SLIS accreditation process. Both Interim Dean Hastings and Dr. Cleveland were very pleased with the quality of feedback they received from the Houston students and faculty.

Dr. Ana Cleveland and Jodi Philbrick

Association, served as program chair. She reported that at a special student roundtable with Victoria Trotta, President of the American Association of Law Libraries, "Our students took over the meeting." Students attending included: **Emily Cunningham**, **Sarah Earnest**, **Dawn Smith**, **Laini Wolman**, **Julie Webster-Matthews**, **Natasha Jenkins** and **Mary Freyberg** from the Minnesota Cohort.

Most of the program topics covered issues that are important not only to law librarians, but all information professionals in general, such as the issues of blogging, internet security, and handling change. Speakers for the conference included **Dr. Herman Totten**, SLIS Faculty and Faculty Executive Assistant to the President of UNT, SLIS Adjunct Professor **Dr. Florence Mason**, library consultant and owner of F. Mason and Associates, and alumni **Matt Condon** (MS '01), Baylor University School of Law Reference Library, **David Whelan**,

Director of the Cincinnati Law Library Association, and **Anna K. Teller**, SLIS Adjunct Professor and Associate Director Texas Wesleyan School of Law Library. Current SLIS students also were speakers: doctoral student **Barbara Fullerton**, Director of Law Library Services, Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, master's students **Julie Webster-Matthews**, Librarian Relations Consultant, Lexis-Nexis, and **Catherine Whitney**, Applications Consultant/ Librarian Relations, Global Securities Information Inc.

A highlight of the conference was the opening dinner held at the Clinton Presidential Center Library. Conference attendees had full access to the exhibits, movies, and displays of the library as the only attendants. During the business meeting, Dr. Chandler was officially made President for 2005-2006 and received a huge gift basket of Arkansas Treats from the SLIS faculty, presented by Dr. Totten. ☼

Scholarship Recipients

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Lee Johnson

Dewey E. Carroll
Graduate Fellowship

Lance McGrath

SLIS General
Scholarship

Amanda Pape Bolme

SLIS General
Scholarship

Jaime Prideaux

Mark E. Rorvig
Graduate Fellowship

Patricia Reichle

Dewey E. Carroll
Graduate Fellowship

Andrew Spackman

SLIS General
Scholarship

Holly Stewart

Dewey E. Carroll
Graduate Fellowship

Elena Vassilieva

Mark E. Rorvig
Graduate Fellowship

David Wachanga

Margaret A. Carroll
Interdisciplinary
Ph.D. Award

Selcuk Zengin

SLIS General
Scholarship

Lisa Mehl

SLIS General
Scholarship

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Students

SLIS Student News



Christopher Childs

Christopher Childs, student speaker for the May 2005 graduation convocation, made a number of stops before ending up in the MS program at UNT. He was born

in New Jersey, grew up in several states along the east coast, went to college at Louisiana Tech University, graduated from Purdue, and worked for a bank in Indiana and a medical billing company in Virginia. When he decided to return to school, and was not certain of an educational objective, a friend suggested he volunteer at a library for at least six months to see whether he might be interested in a library career. The genealogical research that he did in the Richmond Public Library as a volunteer appealed to him, but public library work did not. In researching universities offering accredited library and information science programs, he discovered the SLIS Health Informatics program that did have an appeal. During his time in the MS program at SLIS, he served as vice-president and president of the Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA), and for his internship, he worked on the Go Local Program for the National Library of Medicine.

Word is being spread through the Newberry Library in Chicago about the MLS program at SLIS. When asked "Why Texas?" for a "staff spotlight" in the Library's newsletter, Program Assistant **Elizabeth Darocha** with the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance and a current student in the master's program, replied, "It's actually more convenient to go to Texas than to UIUC (University of Illinois campus in Chicago), as I'm not required to visit campus as often." She further explained that she is required to spend only two weekends at UNT/SLIS over the course of an estimated year-and-a-half of study, and that she received a scholarship that grants her in-state tuition. Elizabeth says she was initially doubtful about claims that the online program (consisting of discussion boards, weekly online chats, and intensive reading and writing assignments) promoted a well-rounded approach to the curriculum. Now, however, she agrees with the dean who told her these would be the most

interactive courses that she would ever take. Elizabeth, who has a master's degree in art history from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, enrolled in the SLIS digital management program of study to prepare for a future career at an art museum. ☼



Beta Phi Mu Inductees

Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Each semester, faculties of the 43 chapters extend an invitation to eligible graduate students to join this prestigious group. Eighteen SLIS Masters students and one doctoral student received invitations in Spring 2005. They include the following:

Doctoral student:

Victoria Kravchyna

Masters students:

Javier Aguilar, Melanie Barajas, Melissa Beavers, Colleen Bischof, Doris Black, Anne Botkin, Nidia Casillas, Chris Childs, Kendra Creighton, Ellen Doray, Elizabeth Haluska-Rausch, Cynthia Hansen, Deborah Igoe, Linda McMillan, Helene Ray, Toyia Senter, Norma Steeves, and Eric Terry.

**Out of State
Masters Distance
Program Cohort
Statistics**

Nevada

Class of 2004 - 34

Minnesota

Class of 2001 - 24

Minnesota

Class of 2003 - 28

Minnesota

Class of 2005 will graduate this summer

Kim Charlson

Receives Honors

Kim Charlson, who received the master's degree from SLIS in 1984, has received two recent honors. In spring 2004, she was inducted into the Massachusetts Library Association Hall of Fame, and in spring 2005, she was named a *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker. Kim is known nationally and internationally for her expertise in library services to those with disabilities, Braille literacy, adaptive technology in libraries, and information access, is director of the Braille and Talking Book Library at the Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts.

Blind since childhood, Kim is a Braille reader and avid user of talking books. She chose librarianship as a career, she says, because she wanted to be "in a decision-making capacity in the library field and influence the direction of library services to people

with disabilities." Through her work at Perkins, she provides librarians with a model of exemplary service to the blind and visually impaired. Her library, which services more



Kim Charlson

than 18,000 patrons, circulates more than 500,000 items each year: recorded books, Braille books, and described videos (mainstream films with a special audio track describing the visual content). Borrowers can search for and order reading materials through the library's online catalog, and through the website, borrow playback equipment, ask reference questions, and request staff to record or make Braille copies of specific titles.

Kim is the only library director in the United States who happens to be blind. Her husband says she is "all libraries, dogs, and Braille." She joins four other SLIS graduates and students who have been named as *Library Journal's* Movers and Shakers, **Corinne Hill** (MS '95) and **Cathy Hartman** (MS '92), who received the honor in 2004, and **Michael Stephens**, one of our IMLS sponsored doctoral students and **Miriam Rodriguez** (MS '97) who along with Kim, are 2005 Movers and Shakers (see p.22). ☼

Brandon Quarles

Named 2005 SLIS Outstanding Alum



Dr. Yvonne Chandler and Brandon Quarles

The SLIS faculty and UNT/SLIS Alumni Society selected Brandon Quarles, Baylor University Law Library Director and Professor of Law, as the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus. Brandon, who holds the B.A. degree with a major in business administration from Southwestern University, is a cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. He received the MS in Library Science from SLIS in 1995.

As director of the Law Library, Brandon manages all library operations including budget administration, collection development, personnel management, and long-range planning. He also teaches two law school courses, Legal Analysis and Research and Communications. His publications include *Legal Research for the Texas Practitioner* and *Specialized Topics in Texas Legal Research* (scheduled for publication in 2005), co-authored with Professor **Matt Cordon** (MS '01), plus chapters in several other publications. Prior to coming to Baylor in 1998, he practiced civil trial law with the Dallas firm of Passman & Jones in 1993-94, and worked as a Reference/Research Services Librarian at the University of Richmond School of Law in 1996-1998.

Brandon was honored at a champagne reception during the Texas Library Association conference in Austin on April 7, recognized at the 2005 SLIS Alumni reception, and honored at the annual UNT Honors Day celebration on April 8. ☼

Check out the



Event Calendar

<http://www.unt.edu/slis>

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Alumni

Alumni Update



We Are Everywhere!

1970s

Marsha Harper (MLS '71), who has retired as director of libraries at Abilene Christian University, received an honorary doctorate from ACU in December 2003. **Judy Fouts Patrick** (MLS '72) and her husband C.J. have moved from the piney woods of East Texas to Florida, where Judy is still selling books on the internet. **Evlyn Schmidt** (MLS '75), director of McKee Library, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, is current chair of the University and College Division, Oklahoma Library Association. **Mary Tod Suhm** (MS '76), Acting City Manager, City of Dallas, will be the SLIS spring graduation speaker. **Denise Karimkhani** (MS '77), who has served in various capacities at the Townsend Memorial Library, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, for 16 years, was promoted to Director of Learning Resources in August 2004, when **Robert Strong** (MLS '73) retired. **Kathy Massingill Manck** (MS '79) has returned to the field after an absence of several years and is librarian at Gilmer (Texas) High School Library.

1980s

Lori and Bill Raley (MS degrees '86) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 15, 2005. Bill is library manager of the South Garland (Texas) Branch Library and competes in mountain bike races in his spare time. Lori has been a full-time mom for the past 18 years to their 2 sons—Michael who is finishing his freshman year at Purdue University and Jason who is a sophomore at Garland High School. **Lisa Blackwell** (MS '87) is bibliographic services librarian, Appalachian School of Law Library, Virginia.



Lisa Blackwell



Tony New

Tony New (MS'88), who recently competed in the United Country Western Dance Council World Championships, won two awards: Second Place Overall in Male Line Dance Classic Open, and Second Place Overall in Male Line Dance Classic Crystal. "Open" is the unrestricted age division, and "Crystal" is an age restricted division for dancers 30 years of age or older. Tony is assistant library director at the McKinney (Texas) Public Library.

1990s

Teresa Tillery (MS '91), library director at Richland Hills (Texas) Public Library for the past four years, reports that she continues to get "outstanding" ratings on her performance reviews and is happy with her chosen career. After serving as university librarian for Global University since receiving the MS degree in 1998, **Nick Wilson** and his wife Ruth moved to Cape Town, South Africa, on April 1, 2005, where Nick serves as semi-nary librarian at Cape Theological Seminary, a school offering BA and MA degrees in theology and religious education. **Kristin Boyett** (MS '99) is back at UNT as Project Manager for the Multimedia Development Lab in the Media Library.

2000

Paul Witt (MS) has joined the faculty of the Communication Studies Department at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

2001

Denise Aelvoet, (LRE), in her third year as a librarian, has been selected as teacher of the year at her middle school in Hondo, Texas. Denise, a former chemistry teacher, says "I feel so blessed to have had this second [career] wind." **Valli Hoski's** (MS) position at Amigos Library Services, Dallas is to support libraries with training and services related to electronic, traditional, and virtual reference collections and resources.



Valli Hoski and Harry Fasick

Prior to joining Amigos, she served as youth services librarian at Lancaster (Texas) Veterans Memorial Library.

Breaking News!!

Karen O'Brien, member of Minnesota II Cohort, who will receive the MS in May 2005, has been named Director of the Office for Accreditation of the American Library Association. Look for more information about her and the position in the next issue of *Call Number*.

Breaking News!!

Congratulations to the new Director, Dallas Public Library, **Laurie Evans**, MLS class of 1973.

2002

Eva Maddox (MS) retired from Texas A&M University after 18 years of service and almost 6 years with TAMU libraries. Five days later, she started a new job as Science Librarian at the St. Croix Campus of the University of the Virgin Islands. Her position is federally funded as a part of the Virgin Islands-Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitiveness in Research (VIEPSCoR). When not working, she enjoys reading on the front porch of the lemon yellow cottage that she rents in the rainforest, hunting for sea glass and other treasures along one of many sparkling beaches, swimming in azure waters, and hanging with friends on weekends. **Elaine Mosely** (MS), Library Media Specialist, Thurgood Marshall High School, Fort Bend ISD, Missouri City, Texas, presented 'Slimin' on the Web,' at the Texas Computer Education Association Conference in February 2005. "Slamin," she notes, "is a performance poetry that provides a creative outlet for students of all ages and encourages young people to express feelings in an environment that is safe." **Steve Reames** (Ph.D.), who is at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, is continuing research on utilizing spatial data. He recently received a \$74,000 grant and requested another \$104,000 from the USDA. He is proactive in the local community and serves on several boards. **Michelle Toon** (Ph.D.), Baylor University microcomputer specialist, has launched a program called SeniorNet Learning Center of Waco. Her program is affiliated with a national nonprofit organization that provides people ages 50 and older with education and access to computer technologies. The program differs from other computer classes in that everything is geared to seniors. Teachers and volunteers are over the age of 50, classes are small enough to allow for one-on-one help, and instruction focuses on tasks seniors are most interested in, such as e-mailing and genealogy research. Classes are taught at a local church, making parking easily accessible.

2003

Brooke George Boon (MS) married David Boon at the Ritz-Carlton-Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nevada, on June 22, 2004. She recently accepted a position as Client Service Manager at RIA, a division of the Thomson Corporation. **Matthew Denton**

(MS) is Deputy City Secretary, The Colony, Texas. **Joseph Duffy** (MS), librarian at Memorial High School, Edgewood ISD, San Antonio, Texas, announces the birth of his third child, Katherine Grace, born December 30, 2004. **Annie Epperson** (MS) is instructional librarian at University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. **Stephanie**



Pam Finney with son Jack

Folse (MS) is IT librarian at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

Pam Finney (MS) is head librarian at the Spring Hill Public Library, Spring Hill, Tennessee. **Saima Kadir** (MS) is assistant manager of InfoLive!, Houston

Public Library's chat reference service.

Alexis Linoski (MS) is collection development librarian and webmaster at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway.

Jane-Peyton Rogers (MS) is in her fourth year as assistant librarian at El Paso (Texas) High School.

2004

Minerva Alaniz (04) is Social Sciences Librarian, Texas Tech University. **Melanie Barajas** (MS) has accepted a full-time position with the Richards Group. **Brian Bell** (MS) is a Librarian I at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Library. **Chuck Burchard** (MS) is a librarian at the Hirsch Library, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. **Katie Gilkinson Chaumont** (MS) is working as a research analysis for



Enam Haque

Spencer Stuart, an executive search firm.

Christopher Gray (MS) is Children's Librarian at Freeman Branch, Harris County Public Library, Clear Lake, Texas. **Enam Haque** (MS) is a librarian

at Wichita Falls (Texas) Public Library. **Mark Haywood** (MS) is a reference librarian and in charge of the ESL program at Parker Williams Branch, Harris County (Texas) Public Library. **John Kurtenbach** (MS) is the librarian at Escuela Bella Vista, Maracaibo, Venezuela; next year he will be school librarian at the American International School of Mozambique.

Michelynn McKnight (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor at Louisiana State University's School of Library and Information Science.

Tamara Meredith (MS) is director of the

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Recent Promotion!

1999 Ph.D. Graduate

Steven MacCall has been promoted to Associate Professor and given tenure at School of Library and Information Studies at The University of Alabama. Congratulations!

Alumni Update (continued)

IN MEMORIAM

Laura Brown (MLS '70), long-time librarian in the Fort Worth ISD and strong supporter of SLIS, died in Fort Worth, November 10, 2004.

Maxine Clarke, friend of the School, died in Fort Worth on November 8, 2004. Several years ago, Maxine established the **Virginia Clarke Endowed Scholarship Fund** in memory of her sister. Virginia Clarke served as librarian of the University's lab school during the 1940s and 1950s, and directed school library practicums during that period. Maxine, who graduated from North Texas in 1940, served as an Aeronautical Engineer for General Dynamics from 1943 until her retirement in 1973.

Eaton (Colorado) Public Library. **Mari Moon** (MS) is librarian at Wilshire Elementary School, Hurst Euless Bedford ISD, Texas. **Paige O'Neal** (MS) recently became a medical bibliographer for Majors Scientific Publishers. **Bobbee Pennington** (MS) began her position in youth services at Bryan (Texas) Public Library in November 2004 where she plans and presents the weekly preschool story hour. She also is active in the Storytelling Guild of the Brazos Valley and the Writer's Guild. **Renee Porter** (MS) is librarian at Willowridge High School, Houston. **Martha Rossi** (MS) is director of the Learning and Technology Center, Baptist Health System School of Health Professions. **Jane Schwarz** (MS) is Legal and Justice Advocate for The Turning Point (Rape Crisis Center of Collin County, Texas). She recently researched and wrote a

training manual for law enforcement personnel on how to address abuse and sexual assault against older individuals and individuals who have a disability. **Barbara Shreffler** (MS) is director of constituent strategies at Baylor College of Medicine. **Kelly Steckler** (MS) has been promoted to director of the Mandan Public Library, Mandan, North Dakota. **Jan Stone** (MS) has accepted a position as Head of Public Services, Florida International University College of Law Library. **Heather Waltman** (MS) is catalog and reference librarian at the Fred Parks Law Library, South Texas College of Law, Houston.

2005

Tremain Jackson (MS August 05) is Branch Manager, South Branch, Abilene (Texas) Public Library. ☼

SLIS Graduate

Gretchen McCord Hoffmann

President of the Texas Library Association

Gretchen McCord Hoffmann, who received the M.S. degree from SLIS in 1992, is the 2005-2006 President of the Texas Library Association. Since receiving a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001, she has served as an attorney at Fullbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Austin. Prior to entering law school, Gretchen was coordinator of library instruction at the University of Houston Libraries for four years and a reference librarian at University of Texas at San Antonio for two years. Her Bachelor of Arts degree is from Rice University.

In keeping with her legal specialty in intellectual property, Gretchen has published a number of articles on copyright for the *Texas Library Journal*. She also has published two books on the subject: *A Guide to Copyright in Cyberspace: Questions & Answers for Librarians* (Neil Schuman, 2001), and *The Cybrarian's Manual* (American Library Association, 2000). She served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Texas Journal of Women and the Law*, 2000-2001, and Chief Article Editor for *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*, 2000-2001.

Gretchen has been an active member of the Texas Library Association since entering the profession in 1992, serving on numerous committees and round tables: Reference Round Table, New Members Round Table, Library Instruction Round Table, Scholarship & Grants Committee, Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee, Legislative Committee, Doo-Wop Intergalactic Round Table (past Lead Singer), and Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table (chair). She was a TALL Texan in 1997.

Gretchen is a second generation TLA president; her father Joe McCord was president in 1995-96. Her conference, which will be held in Austin in April 2006, has as its theme "Libraries: Igniting the Passion!"

Other SLIS graduates and faculty who have served as president of TLA include: **Arthur Sampley** (1949-50), **Robert R. Douglass** (1962-63), **Maurine Gray** (1974-75), **Mary D. Lankford** (1975-76), **Margaret Irby Nichols** (1984-85), **Linda Allmand** (1986-87), **Charles Harrell** (1990-91), and **Herman Totten** (2001-2002). ☼



Gretchen McCord Hoffmann

Library Journal Movers and Shakers

Library Journal Movers and Shakers are selected from the more than 150,000 librarians in the United States and Canada now affiliated with public, academic, school, legal, medical, corporate, and institutional libraries. The honorees are cited for their innovative, often unheralded achievements advancing library sciences to a broader public. The 51 Movers and Shakers chosen in 2005 include 33 women and 18 men. Three of those chosen this year are SLIS students or graduates. They join two other graduates, **Corinne Hill** and **Cathy Hartman**, who received the honor in 2004.

Michael Stephens, one of ten students awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant in the SLIS Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, First Year Cohort, is head of



Michael Stephens

Networked Resources Development and Training at St. Joseph (Indiana) County Public Library. He also serves as adjunct faculty member teaching the required computer technology course to library school students at Indiana University-South Bend. When St. Joseph County became the first public library to offer internet services, Michael learned that he had a knack for technology as well as teaching people how to use it. When word spread about how effective and entertaining his training sessions were, he became a popular workshop presenter. He also teaches through his web log, Tame the Web (www.tametheweb.com.ttwblog). His MLS degree is from Indiana University. (see p.11 for more information about Michael)

Miriam Rodriguez, who received the MS from SLIS in 1997, is Multicultural Services Coordinator at the Dallas Public Library, the first librarian to hold that position. A native Cuban, Miriam, her engineer husband, and children arrived in Texas in 1983. At first she worked in a bakery and later at the Small Business Development Center. Through someone she met in the latter location, she was hired by the Dallas Public Library to work mainly with Spanish-speaking patrons, which eventually lead to her enrollment in SLIS. Librarianship, Miriam

notes, addresses the many challenges new Americans face. "I want to make the transition easier for them," she states. "Since many from other countries are not familiar with the concept of a public library, it is important to seek them out and to take the library to their neighborhoods."

Kim Charlson, director of the Braille and Talking Books Library at Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts, graduated from SLIS in 1984. Kim, who herself happens to be blind, directs a library which serves more than 18,000 patrons. In 2004, she was named to the Massachusetts Library Hall of Fame. A more complete article about Kim is on page 18. ☼

Alum *Matthew Cordon* Receives Award



(left to right) Bob Martin, Brandon Quarles and Matt Cordon at TLA cbampaigne reception.

Matthew Cordon (MS '01), Reference Librarian and Associate Professor of Law at Baylor University Law Library, was the recipient of the 2004 Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Outstanding Article Award. His article, "Beyond Mere Competency: Advanced Legal Research in a Practice-Oriented Curriculum," was published in the *Baylor Law Review* in 2003. The Award was presented during the Academic Law Libraries - Special Interest Section reception during the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting. Matt is co-author with **Brandon Quarles** (MS '95 and 2005 SLIS Outstanding Alumnus) of *Legal Research for the Texas Practitioner*, 2004. ☼

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Alumni

Librarians Gather at the State Capitol



Cathy Hartman and Melody Kelly

Alums Melody Kelly ('74) and Cathy Hartman ('92), along with some 2,500 others, gathered at the State Capitol during the TLA conference in April for the first Rally for Texas Libraries. Most dressed in red, they beat drums, waved banners and signs, and reminded legislators that libraries, *An Investment that Works*, must have funding restored in this legislative session. ☼

SLIS Drawing Winners

Drawings at the booth and at the reception:

Karen Baen
—SLIS keychain

Scherel Carver
—SLIS keychain

Cathy Hartman
—SLIS polo shirt

Adrian McCulloch
—SLIS polo shirt

TLA Election Results



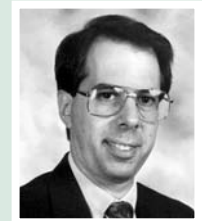
Dr. Yvonne Chandler



Janet Keys



Jana Knezek



Christopher Salerno

A SLIS faculty member, an alumna, and two adjunct professors were elected to top positions in the 2005 Texas Library Association election. **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** of the SLIS faculty, was elected Representative-at-Large to the Executive Board, and **Janet Key** was named Treasurer. **Jana Knezek**, who is director of Library and Textbook Services, Northside ISD, San Antonio and an adjunct faculty member at SLIS, was selected President-Elect. A fourth elected position, Representative-at-Large, went to **Christopher Salerno**, Director of Learning Media, Carrollton-Farmers Branch (Texas) ISD, who holds a doctorate in Educational Administration from UNT and is a SLIS adjunct and clinical faculty member. Janet, who received the Certificate of Advanced Studies from SLIS in 1992, is Director of Library Services, Tarrant County (Texas) Community College – Southeast Campus. Janet also is serving as Program Committee co-chair, along with SLIS alumna **Sue Compton**, for the 2006 TLA Conference. Interim Associate Dean and Visiting Assistant Professor **Arlita Hallam** was named Supervision, Management, and Administration Round Table chair-elect.

Faculty and Alum Presenters at TLA

SLIS was well represented on the 2005 TLA conference program. Among faculty and students who made presentations were: Michael Baldwin, Dr. Yvonne Chandler, Dr. Jianping Chen, Dr. John Corbin, Jane Dillon, Maurice Fortin, Mike Hanna, Cathy

Hartman, Dr. Samantha Hastings, Sharon Herfurth, Gretchen McCord Hoffmann, Frances May, Dr. Shawne Miksa (2 programs), Dr. William Moen, Connie Moss, Robert Williams, and Adam Wright. ☼



Grants, Scholarships, and Stipends

The Texas Library Association invites applications for scholarships, research grants and conference stipends.
<http://www.txla.org/html/awards.html>

SPECIAL THANKS to the SLIS student volunteers at TLA:

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SLIS Alumni Party at TLA

The Town Lake view pool area of the Radisson Hotel in Austin rocked to the tune of the Haywire band, accompanied by the clapping hands and dancing feet of the UNT/SLIS alumni, faculty, and students. This Roving Reporter estimates that almost 200 attended our first ever “come and go mixer” featuring a delectable buffet of Mexican finger food and appropriate beverages specifically designed to tempt the ravenous appetites of attendees eager to cast off the responsibilities of Conference duties. Informality was the theme of the evening as everyone mixed and mingled sharing memories with the latest gossip and family/professional news.

Our Interim Dean, Samantha (Sam) Hastings presided over the evening’s festivities delighting everyone with her usual wit and humor. Dean Sam recognized special guests, Ken and Sondra Ferstl, and announced the creation of the Kenneth L. Ferstl Scholarship Fund. Alumni of a certain age remember Dr. Ken’s captivating cataloging, public libraries, and other courses, wicked finals, and generous support of his students. This scholarship will continue the Ferstl’s support to future generations of SLIS students. Our former Dean, Phil Turner, was also recognized for his multitude of accomplishments as dean with the unveiling of his official dean’s portrait, destined to hang in the SLIS Board Room. Dr. Turner will continue to teach, and as a SLIS ambassador extraordinaire, continue recruitment and site visits in many of our distant education locations.

Dean Sam also presented well deserved recognition to several of our outstanding students (see pp.13-14).

Our “oldest living graduate,” Emeritus Professor Margaret Irby Nichols, was recognized not only for her irreplaceable work as editor of the *Call Number* and the latest update to our School’s history, but for keeping the spirit of service to SLIS alive. Copies of the history were available to everyone at the mixer and a pdf version will be available on the SLIS website.

As the evening progressed, the tempo of the party increased and the famous Congress Street bats streamed out into the moonlight over the glistening Town Lake. Several Eagle-eyed UNT grads spotted cuckoos in our nest when alumni from other schools began drifting in to sample the famous hospitality of our annual TLA get together. The success of our Austin evening was due to the excellent arrangements made by the talented SLIS staff members, Jurhee Curtis, Elena Vassilieva and Jennifer Lafleur.

Can we top this spirited event? Attend TLA in Houston next year to find out and watch the fall issue of *Call Number* for tantalizing hints on what to expect!

Your Roving Reporter,
Melody Kelly
Class of '74



Alumni Southwest Mixer



Melody Kelly receives Distinguished Service Award



Ana Cleveland and Christina Hoffman

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SLIS Alumni Party at TLA (continued)



Margaret Nichols receives special award from SLIS.



Sam Hastings and Philip Turner



Kimberly Long and Jennifer Spence



Chris Salerno, Ginny Jarvis, Yvonne Chandler



Champagne Reception



John Corbin, Bob Martin, Barbara Stein-Martin with Lynne Handy



Ken Ferstl, Sharon Carr, Martha Edmundson



Sbaune Miksa, Sam Hastings, Sondra and Ken Ferstl



Ken and Sondra Ferstl, Judith Deek

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