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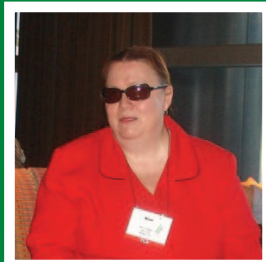
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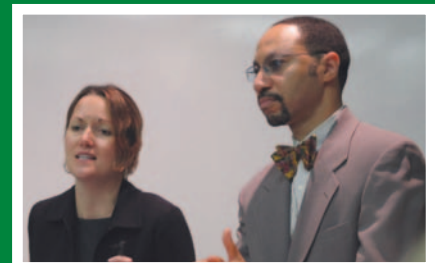
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Dr. Herman L. Totten

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERMAN L. TOTTEN

The last few months have been busy and exciting as we engage in the process of re-accreditation review by the American Library Association. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why accreditation is important, what it entails, how you have helped, and where we are now.

Accreditation is a critical entry-level professional requirement for our graduates, as you know from the phrase "master's degree from an ALA-accredited program" in position announcements. It follows that accreditation is critical to the continued success of the Master's Program, because it ensures a high level of quality and credibility at a national and international level.

ALA has six standards for accreditation for master's programs, related to the school's (1) mission, goals, and objectives; (2) master's degree curriculum; (3) faculty; (4) students; (5) administration and finance; and (6) physical resources and facilities. The standards are more comprehensive than one might expect, encompassing factors such as the relationship of the Master's Program to our other degree programs and the extent of recognition and support of the School by the University. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read them in their entirety (<http://www.ala.org/ala/accreditation.htm>).

My own appreciation for the standards and the review process grew enormously in the seven years I served on the Committee on Accreditation (COA), including two terms as chair and two years on the standards revision subcommittee. I am extremely proud to note that our program has been continuously accredited for 41 years, since 1965. This does not mean, however, that we can or do take accreditation for granted. To the contrary, we have put enormous effort into examining our progress since the last review in 1998.

The changes have been dramatic. First, we have experienced tremendous growth, as the size of the student body has more than doubled. The growth was an overwhelmingly positive response to the School's move into distributed learning, which in turn has propelled the School to a position of state and national lead-

ership in distributed learning for the field. Second, we have significantly revised the master's curriculum. The required core courses and focused programs of study have been retooled for a new generation of students who are entering a dynamic and rapidly evolving profession. The third major change is in the School's administration with the recent appointments of the new Dean and Associate Dean.

A challenge of preparing for COA review has been describing what has become a huge and complex program, along with the impressive efforts of our faculty and staff to respond to the changes quickly, creatively, and effectively. For each ALA standard, our self-study report, called the Program Presentation, contains description, assessment, and recommendations. The self-study has brought us to a greater understanding of the School as a whole, its strengths and weaknesses, and how it fits into the larger picture of the professional and competitive environment at state and national levels.

We are particularly grateful for the enthusiastic response we have received to our requests for participation in special meetings and surveys. Both internal constituents (students, faculty, staff, and University officials) and external constituents (alumni, Board of Advisors, and employers) have been involved in many ways. In fact, everyone who has responded to one of our surveys in recent years has contributed invaluable data for this effort.

There are three major stages to the accreditation review process. The first was submission of our Program Presentation in February and the second was a site visit in April. The third stage comes in late June when COA renders its decision. It would be inaccurate to call the decision the final stage, because it is actually the beginning of the next cycle of planning and evaluation. Of course, I scarcely need mention that, because we know that continuous evaluation is the key to the success of any enterprise. As always, we value and heed your comments and suggestions for our ongoing evaluation and improvement.

Our apologies to serials librarians!

There was an error in the numbering sequence of the volume and issue of the Fall 2005 Call Number. It should have been Volume 64, Number 2, Fall 2005 (not Volume 64, Number 1, Spring 2005). We suggest that you make a correction to the print issue with a note in the catalog and electronic records. All subsequent issues will carry the correct numbering.

SLIS MAKES CLEAN SWEEP OF TOP TLA AWARDS

At the 2006 Texas Library Association conference, held in Houston April 24-28, two of SLIS's own received, the Lifetime Achievement Award, **Professor and Dean Herman Totten** and alumna **Jerilynn Williams**, and alumna **Beth Wheeler Fox** was named Librarian of the Year. These top association awards were presented at the first general session.



Dean Herman Totten

Dr. Herman Totten, who joined the SLIS faculty in 1977 and became dean in 2005, has served Texas libraries and TLA for almost three decades. During his years as a TLA member, he has served as both chair and member of many of the Association's committees and task forces and as its president in 2000-2001. As an outstanding teacher and workshop presenter, he has influenced students and library staff members throughout Texas and many other states. Among his other awards and honors are the 2001 ALA Melvil Dewey Award for Creative Professional Achievement, the 1999 Association for Library and Information Science Education Outstanding Teacher Award, and the 1992 ALA Black Caucus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Library and Information Science Education. In 2004, President George W. Bush nominated Dr. Totten to a five-year term on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment in January 2005.



Jerilynn Williams (MLS '79)

Jerilynn Williams, library director for Montgomery County, Texas, received the MLS from SLIS in 1979. She has held positions as a school librarian in Texas and New York, as associate director of the Bryan (Texas) Public Library, and as coordinator of the Houston Area Library System, a public library cooperative serving 28 counties in southeast Texas. Jerilynn has served on the national board of directors for the Public Library Association and as chairperson for the Texas Library Association Public Libraries Division. She was one of eight librarians selected to represent Texas at the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in 1991. Currently she is involved in planning three new Montgomery County Library facilities that voters supported

with a \$10 million dollar bond package in 2002. In 2003, she received the Texas Library Association's SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award and the PEN/Newman's Own First Amendment Award for her defense of access to information. The Houston Trial Lawyers Foundation honored her in spring 2004, for her ongoing efforts to ensure citizens/First Amendment rights. In 2000, Jerilynn was named the SLIS Distinguished Alumni.



Beth Wheeler Fox (BA '67)

Beth Wheeler Fox is director of the Travis County's Westbank Community Library that she began with a box of donated books. It is now a model community library with circulation of a half million items a year. It is through her leadership that the Westbank Library has become a shining example of a successful community library dependent heavily on volunteer effort. Knowing first hand how difficult it is to keep libraries going without governmental support, she recognized the need in Texas for legislation permitting library districts to be funded by sales tax. She convinced others of the need and co-chaired the successful grassroots effort to pass the Texas library districts legislation. Hers was the first library district in Texas, which has been followed by some 12 others with more to come. She has become a consultant for libraries interested in establishing library districts in Texas as well as numerous other states. As was stated in the presentation of the award, "she has truly changed our library world." Her library was the Texas Municipal League Outstanding Public Library in 2004 and was cited by Thomas J. Hennen as one of the Best Public Libraries in the U.S., 1999 and 2000. Beth received the ALA John Cotton Dana Award for Creative Fundraising and has been named the Texas Library Association's Community Librarian of the Year. She received the B.S. with a major in library science and history from UNT in 1967.

Other SLIS faculty and alumni who have received the Lifetime Achievement Award, previously called the Distinguished Service Award, are **Dr. Robert R. Douglass** (1964), **Mary Lankford** (1985), **Margaret Irby Nichols** (1990), **June Kahler Berry** (1998), and **Dr. Robert Martin** (2002). Those who have been named Librarian of the Year include **Dr. John Corbin** (1981), **Dr. Glenn Sparks** (1983), and **Linda Allmand** (1985).

Program presenters at the 2006 TLA conference included:

Faculty: Drs. Jiangping Chen, Samantha Hastings, Shawne Miksa, Herman Totten

Staff and students:

Cassandra Berry, Margaret Carroll, Mary Durio, Corrie Marsh, Michael Stephens, Gary Wercham

Alumni: Susan Allison, Lee Bailey, Cynthia Batman, Carolyn Davidson, Douglas Ferrier, Maurice Fortin, Valli Hoski, Corinne Hill, Caroline Kienzle, Diane Neal, Diane Wahl, Rebecca Walls, Jerilynn Williams

A special thank you to our booth volunteers at TLA:

Bennett, Chaney
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Seagroves, Angelia
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Corrie Marsh
Gary Wercham

HIGHLIGHTS OF SLIS GATHERINGS AT TLA CONFERENCE

Over 200 alumni, faculty, students, and friends attended the annual SLIS party at the TLA conference in Houston, April 27, 2006. SLIS Rocks! was the theme, and it did. Music, dancing, food, and fun—all equally successful—were the order of the day. The setting, the sixth floor Conference Room & Rooftop Terrace of the South Texas Law Library, was ideal. As one alum stated, “I heard that the other school’s receptions were sparsely attended. I thought ours was spectacular. Good attendance, an absolutely perfect venue, excellent food and the best group of folks around anywhere.”

Highlights of the evening included recognition of Kim Charlson (MS '84), 2006 SLIS Distinguished Alumna, who was introduced by Jeannie Pyle, a classmate at SLIS who nominated Kim for the honor. Kim, along side Jubilee, her beautiful guide dog, made a gracious acceptance speech. The SLIS Alumni Society presented departing faculty member Dr. Samantha Hastings (see article p.9) a gift in grateful appreciation for her ten year service to SLIS. The Alumni Society announced its newly elected executive board members (see page 20 for Alumni Society Board selection).



Dr. Elizabeth Figa with students Kristen West, Melissa Hayes and Nicole Herron



Dr. Totten with colleagues at the First General Session



Gretchen McCord Hoffmann (MS '92), TLA President



Dr. Carol Simpson and Mary Lamprecht with alums Beverly York (MS '04) and Janice McNeil (MS '03)



Nancy Neal, Edward Lukasek (MA '04), Poom Sunbachawi-Taylor (MS '05), Sarah Rhodes, Barbara Sbreffler (MS '04), Elena Vassilieva, Annie Neidinger at Alumni Party



(Back Row) Devery Johnson, Renee Vander Veen, Tina Russell, Sheila Green, Barbara Mitchell, Allison Wilson, Jessica Williams; (Front Row) Kim Charlson, Dr. Ana D. Cleveland, Ellen Bringbam-Sanders, Derika Bailey, Melissa Hayes



Dr. Sam Hastings with Mary McCoy, Barbara Mitchell, and Sheila Green at the LiFA Luncheon

Special thanks to Elena Vassilieva, Ph.D. Student, for the TLA photos.



HIGHLIGHTS OF SLIS GATHERINGS AT TLA CONFERENCE



Alums Valli Hoski (MS '01), Diana Steinman (MS '99), Beverly Li (MS '01), Kevin Marsb, Annet Riley, Kalyani Anandaraman, and Carolyn Greeney at presentation



Erin O'Toole with alums Sbaun Smith (MS '04) and Martha Tartton (MS '79) at presentation



Strong supporters Phil and Gloria Gray (MS '70) at Alumni Party



Alums Mark Phillips (MS '04) and Cathy Hartman (MS '91) with students Erin Dorris, Leslie Stapleton, Teri Everett, and alums Homero Vazquez-Garcia (MS '04), Athena Jackson, and Dreanna Belden (MS '03)



Cassandra Berry, SLIS Doctoral student and UNT Associate VP for Equity and Diversity at presentation



Dr. Shaune Miksa with alums Cris Accardo (MS '00) and Pam Spooner (MS '91) at presentation



Gary Werchan answers a LE@D question for Saima Kadir ('03)



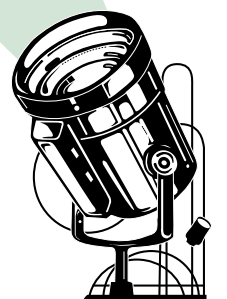
Students with Kim Charlson (MS '84)



Dr. Jiangping Chen (center) and Toby Faber (right) with alums



Joe and Ruth Dabstrom with daughter and SLIS student Molly and Karen Wielborski (right)



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Linda Schamber
Associate Professor
and Associate Dean

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Jiangping Chen
Assistant Professor

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Professor and Director of the
Houston Program

Donald Cleveland
Professor Emeritus

John Corbin
Professor Emeritus

Katherine Cveljo
Professor Emeritus

Larry Enoch
Lecturer

Elizabeth Figa
Assistant Professor

Samantha Hastings
Associate Professor

Shawne Miksa
Assistant Professor

William Moen
Associate Professor and
TxCDK Interim Director

Margaret Irby Nichols
Professor Emeritus

Brian O'Connor
Professor and
Associate Director
Ph.D. Program

Guillermo Oyarce
Assistant Professor

Carol Simpson
Associate Professor

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Mary D. Lankford (BA '52)



Lynnette L. Jordan (MLS '78)

both of her parents to enter library school when her father retired from the military. Mary Lankford and Lynnette Jordan, mother and daughter are an outstanding example. Mary was well established as a librarian when her daughter decided to follow in her professional footsteps.

Mary D. Lankford, librarian, author, workshop presenter, and consultant, received the B.A. degree from SLIS in 1952 and later earned the MLS from Texas Woman's University. Now retired, but still active in the profession, she continues to write, speak, and hold leadership positions in the American Library Association (ALA) and Texas Library Association (TLA). During her career, she has served in important positions such as director of library and media services for the Irving (Texas) ISD (1966-1996) and as assistant director and later director of libraries at the Texas Education Agency (1999-2003). She is the successful author of eight books for young people, such as *Christmas Customs Around the World* (William Morrow), *Christmas USA* (HarperCollins), *Birthdays Around the World* (HarperCollins, in progress), as well as several professional publications including *Leadership and the School Librarian* (Linworth, in press). One of her recent professional contributions was serving as chair of the first school library standards committee, the resulting standards now having been approved by the Texas State Library and the boards of both the Texas

SLIS LEGACY

*Mary D. Lankford and
Lynnette L. Jordan*

Mother and Daughter Alumnae

Over the years, SLIS has had many legacies—daughters and sons who followed parents or grandparents into librarianship, and one instance in which a daughter persuaded

Education Agency and Texas Library Association (TLA). Her honors include the American Library Association's Grolier Foundation Award (2002), TLA's Distinguished Service Award (1985), University of North Texas Distinguished Alumni Award (1992), and the SLIS Distinguished Alumni Award (1989). Mary served as president of TLA 1975-76.

Lynnette L. Jordan, whose work environments over a period of 27 years have included international oil and gas consulting firms, several oil and gas companies, and management consulting firms, is currently an advisor with Exxon Mobil Corporation's Global Information Management Services Group. In her position, she provides direction and expertise for best practices in library and records management services across Exxon Mobil Corporation's worldwide operations in 200 countries. The goal is to standardize information management and identify cost management opportunities company-wide relating to services, processes, publications, databases, software, and overall management of information stewarded by the business units, libraries, and records centers. As a strong proponent of maximizing organizational effectiveness through information and knowledge management, Lynnette has served as a change agent for several companies and information partners by questioning conventional wisdom, promoting better processes, and advocating informed decision-making. Lynnette's current position takes her to many locations around the world. At this time, she is in Russia for the second time this year.

Lynnette received the B.S. degree in radio, television & film production from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974, and the MLS from SLIS in 1978. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of SLIS, which she chaired in 2003-2004, and was previously on the VIP Board of Lexis-Nexis. She is active in the Special Libraries Association in which she has served in various capacities. Lynnette was the Fall 2005 SLIS convocation speaker. (see p. 12)



Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler

DR. YVONNE J. CHANDLER

Featured Faculty

Associate Professor Yvonne Chandler, who joined the faculty in January 1993, teaches in the areas of information and access services, law library management, legal information and access services, government information, and information and access services in the social sciences. She also serves as director of the legal information management program and advisor for the School of Community Services Bachelor's of Applied Arts and Sciences program in Legal Information Services.

Dr. Chandler's undergraduate study at the historically Black Clark College was in Afro-American history. Since both of Dr. Chandler's parents were educators, her mother a high school principal and father a college professor, later college president, she was determined not to be a teacher. Little did she know that becoming a librarian would lead to "the family business." Undergraduate students at Clark were allowed to take classes at Atlanta University's graduate school, so she began taking courses in the School of Library and Information Studies in 1977, her junior year. After graduation, she entered the library science program at Atlanta University and interned at the Coca Cola Company in the Marketing Library. Her assignment was to index Coca Cola commercials from around the world and input the records into a database, her first experience in using computers to manage library records.

When Dr. Chandler asked Clark's academic dean Dr. Paul Brown for permission to take classes in the library school across the street at Atlanta University, he sent her to his wife, Dr. Lorene B. Brown, a professor at Atlanta's School of Library & Information Studies and later dean. Dr. Lorene Brown became her mentor and advisor, and it was she who sent Dr. Chandler to the University of Michigan to study for her doctorate. After completing course work, Dr. Chandler returned to Atlanta to serve on Dr. Brown's staff as Assistant for Special Projects and Recruitment. Dr. Chandler says the

Drs. Brown have been her surrogate parents since the death of her own parents. "With everything Dr. Lorene Brown has done for me in my professional and personal life, she only asked one thing - 'Promise that you do as much for other students of color.' I have kept that promise and made it an important aspect of my professional career."

During her graduate study at Atlanta University, Dr. Chandler was assigned to write a biographical paper about a prestigious and important African-American information professional. Coincidentally, she was assigned Dr. Herman L. Totten. She earned an "A" on the paper, and years later joined him on the faculty at the University of North Texas.

Prior to entering the University of Michigan to pursue the doctorate, Dr. Chandler worked for four years at a private law firm, Kutak Rock & Hule. She was the first librarian of color to be hired by a major Atlanta law firm. Her original plan was to become an academic librarian in the area of archives or rare books. That changed when she took legal research, her last course in library school. She says she "took to it like a duck to water."

Dr. Chandler is the author of *Legal and Regulatory Research on the Internet* (Neal Schuman) as well as articles in *Law Library Journal*, *Library Trends*, and *Spectrum*, *The Journal of Library Administration* and a chapter in *Evolving Internet Reference Resources* (Haworth Press). She has conducted workshops and made presentations for many professional association meetings, academic institutions, and corporations.

Dr. Chandler is currently President of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries and a newly elected member of the Executive Board of the Texas Library Association. She is the faculty liaison for the UNT/SLIS Student Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and recently completed a term as chairperson for the Student Academic Relations Committee of the Special Libraries Association.



Dr. Donald Cleveland

Dr. Donald Cleveland

Named Professor Emeritus

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Don Cleveland. The UNT Board of Regents awarded him Emeritus status in December 2005. Dr. Cleveland joined the SLIS faculty in 1977 and retired in 2004. In 1984, when the School obtained

its first personal computer, Dr. Cleveland wired the kits together and set up the first computer lab at the School. In the following two years, new generations of computers were installed, and he created and taught the first courses in computer literacy. He was a mainstay in the School's effort to keep up with the developing information technology. In 2004 he received the Outstanding Information Science Teacher of the Year Award at the annual meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

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FACULTY AND STAFF BITS & BYTES

Faculty News

Dr. Jiangping Chen presented two workshops: Chinese QA and CLQA: NTCIR-5 QA experiments at UNT, Proceedings of NTCIR-5 workshop, Tokyo, Japan, December 2005, available at <http://research.nii.ac.jp/tcir/workshop/OnlineProceedings5/data/CLQA/NTCIR5-CLQA-ChenJ.pdf>, and Chinese information retrieval using Lemur: NTCIR-5 CIR experiments at UNT, Tokyo, Japan, December 2005 available at <http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/workshop/OnlineProceedings5/data/CLIR/NTCIR5-CLIR-ChenJ.pdf>. She was assisted in the presentations by students **Rowena Li**, **Pok Chin**, **Fei Li**, and **Cong Xuan**.

Dr. Elizabeth Figa and **E. Kyung** (MS /05) presented "A Multidimensional Scale Model to Measure the Interactivity of Virtual Storytelling" at the International Conference on Virtual Storytelling, Strasbourg, France, November 2005. In March 2005, **Dr. Figa**, **Dr. Paul Tarau**, **EunKyung Chung**, and **Dr. Rada Mihalcea** presented "Semantic Document Engineering with WordNet and PageRank" at the ACM Symposium on Applied Computing, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

An article in the March 24, 2006 *Dallas Morning News*, headlined "Technology Preserving History," concerns work of the Photographic Preservation Society, for which **Dr. Samantha Hastings** is a founding member and serves as its technical adviser. The purpose of the Fort Worth-based non-profit is to digitally preserve historic photographs for museums or groups that might not otherwise be able to do so. "Their goal is to eventually create an online virtual museum," according to the article. The society's first project involves scanning 2,500 photographs dating back to the 1880s for the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame.



Roger Leonard and Sam Hastings

Dr. Samantha Hastings was married to Roger Leonard, Florida artist, Dec. 30, 2006.

Dr. Carol Simpson spoke at the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) annual conference held October 6-9, 2005, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her speech, targeted to library media specialists, administrators, classroom teachers, library supervisors, technology coordinators, and curriculum specialists, was titled Copyright, Administrators and John Wayne—A Parable.

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The award is given in recognition of a distinguished teacher of information science, based on such criteria as unique contribution to the teaching of information science and impact on colleagues and students. In addition to the teaching award, Dr. Cleveland received an ASIS&T special



Dr. Brian O'Connor with recent mural

In December 2005, **Dr. Brian O'Connor** presented "Before My Eyes: A Personal Point of View" at the Art Six Coffee House in Denton. The show consisted of three murals composed mostly, he says, "of recent images of things that have happened around me." Dr. O'Connor, who shot his first roll of film in the first grade, before writing his first sentence, says he "continues making images and publishing academic research on describing, retrieving, and using photographs for communication."



Metroplex Technology Business Council RFID group members pictured are Paul Bendel (V.P.MTBC), Allen Griebenow (CEO Access Inc), George Brody (CEO Globe Ranger Inc), and Corrie Marsh (TxCDK UNT)

Corrie Marsh, associate director of TxCDK, is quoted in a feature article in the *Dallas Morning News* titled "Telecom Corridor Gets a New ID Tag: Business Council Is Rebranding, Remaking the Area RFID Hub." Her report on the NISO-UNT RFID Institute, held in Denton October 25-26, 2005, appeared in the Winter 2005 issue of *Texas Library Journal*.

Former SLIS dean **Ray von Dran** (1987-1995) has announced that he will retire as dean of the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University in August 2007, after serving eleven years. He says that he is "looking forward to returning to the classroom and focusing attention on teaching and research."

Coordinators for the student SLIS off-campus programs are: **Alex Simons**, Houston student, **Cynthia Williams** (MS '04), El Paso; **D.L. Grant** (MS '05), San Antonio; **Lynn Beck** (MS '04), Minnesota; and **Michael Frazier** (MS '04), Las Vegas.

president's award for the design and implementation of the first interdisciplinary doctoral program for information science. Since retirement, Dr. Cleveland has been writing children's books. He has published one book and another is in production. (see additional information p.8)

FACULTY HOBBIES

The SLIS faculty is a scholarly group, devoted to their research, writing, teaching, and other professional pursuits, but they also are well-rounded individuals with varied outside interests. At the editor's request, several faculty members have shared information about their hobbies.

Dr. Donald Cleveland reports that he has never had a "hobby" in the precise definition of the term, but has always had numerous non-job interests. From about age 9, he started building little radios and at one time had a low-level ham operator's license. At about the age of 7, he started drawing cartoons and published his first one while in high school. He partially paid for his college expenses with cartoons, and has continued drawing over the years. He and his wife **Dr. Ana Cleveland** have an extensive library consisting of cartoon collections in all guises, how-to-books, and a collection of animation art, including original art from *The Lion King*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and other Disney films. They also own originals and limited editions of *Bugs Bunny and the Gang*, and lately they have acquired original art from TV's *Peanuts* and beyond. Ana does all the negotiations with art dealers, which she does very well. Upon retirement he started writing children's books, which he says he "doesn't know if that is a hobby or a second-time-around career." He has published one book and the second one is in production, due out in 2008. Currently, he is "fiddling with incorporating the cartooning into children's books. Not picture books or early chapter books, but perhaps middle-grade humor books, both fiction and non-fiction."



Dr. Enoch's tabletop wargames

Dr. Larry Enoch's hobby is tabletop wargaming, which involves pushing hundreds of meticulously painted one-inch tall model soldiers around on a landscaped tabletop in hopes of outmaneuvering his opponent's soldiers. Participants use several of many commercially available rule sets to guide and adjudicate their battles. "Afterwards," he says, "we spend hours arguing who won and why, and what would have happened if we had more time, or if luck had been different, or if the Tiger tank had not broken down crossing the railroad tracks." He has been doing this for thirty years, in which time he has collected armies representing Vikings, Romans, Patriots, paratroopers, and many others. He has painted some 20,000 figures since he started gaming. Participants also carry out battles with ships of all ages from ancient galleys to modern missile firing submarines. "My favorites are

sailing ships such as Spanish Galleons."

Dr. Elizabeth Figa believes she is "hard wired" to dance. Her parents were dancers, and a fond memory is first dancing to the tunes of Frank Sinatra while holding on to her father's fingers with her toes on the top of his shoes. As a little girl, she took lessons in ballet, tap dancing, and later, baton twirling. As she grew up in New England with an Irish fiddler grandfather who lived around the corner, contra dancing and Irish step dancing were also features of her life. She says she "went away" from dancing for a number of years. After a serious car accident in fall 2004, in which she was struck by a drunk driver, her rehabilitation doctor recommended she take dancing classes to help improve her imbalance problems, which led to her being reconnected with dancing. Currently, she is focusing on West Coast Swing Dancing and her dream is to compete in Pro-Am competitions with her dance teacher, U.S. Open Master's Division Swing Dance Champion, Tom Daniell, who lives in Bedford, Texas.

Dr. William Moen grew up on a farm in Minnesota and no matter where he has lived, playing in the dirt is his primary avocation and, he tells us, his mechanism for maintaining sanity. Texas weather and soil have presented interesting challenges. For the past ten years, his work-in-progress is transforming his yard into a haven of native plants and grasses. Lots of ground covers, in the place of turf grasses, flagstone pathways, and stone retaining walls combine to create a wonderfully textured, relatively low maintenance, and wildlife friendly landscape. His website www.unt.edu/wmoen/Family/photos/YardSumme r2004/FrontWalkway.jpg provides a visual description.

Dr. Brian O'Connor's hobby is building and using kayaks. He says, "It's your boat when it has your blood," a rough translation of an Inuit saying about kayaks. He speaks of his craft with great feeling. "It speaks to me of the passion, the creativity, and the delight that go into constructing a boat out of a few pieces of wood, some artificial sinew, and some canvas (seal skins don't hold up well in Texas). Paddling a few miles of Texas river or open water in California puts me directly into the water world in a craft of my own making—its strengths and weaknesses on the water are all your own doing. Interestingly, following the lead of generation

upon generation of people whose lives and livelihood depended on the design and quality of their boats brings the modern builder a craft with characteristics suited specifically to that builder—my boat is designed to fit exactly my needs, not a manufacturer's average. In the end, it is fun to build a boat and it is fun to be on the water."



Dr. Brian O'Connor, kayak builder

Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) Fellows

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Fatih Oguz
Tom Kidenda
Barbara Schultz-Jones
Elise Lewis
EunKyung Chung
Jodi Philbrick
David Wachanga
Serhiy Polyakov
Shimelis Assefa
Onaje Johnston
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JOAN S. HOWLAND AND GILLIAN M. MCCOMBS

Featured SLIS Board of Advisors

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. The group meets each spring to offer invaluable insights into preparation needs of students entering the profession. Two members of this eminent group, **Joan S. Howland** and **Gillian M. McCombs**, are highlighted below.

Joan Howland, Roger F. Noreen Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Information & Technology, University of Minnesota Law School, is recognized for her work in law and technology, American Indian law, legal research, and law librarianship. She teaches courses in American Indian legal history and law in cyberspace. In 2003 she received the prestigious Spirit of



Joan S. Howland

Law Librarianship Award in recognition of her extensive volunteer efforts with a variety of legal aid programs serving the legal and technological needs of American Indians living in traditional communities. She is co-author of a forthcoming book, *Retention and Promotion of Minorities in American's Libraries*, and author of *The Law of American Thoroughbred Racing for Scholars, Practitioners, and Participants* (1998), as well as a number of articles in professional journals. Her degrees include: BA University of California at

Davis, MA University of Texas at Austin, MLS California State University, JD University of Santa Clara, and MBA University of Minnesota. Ms Howland's law school has hosted the SLIS Minnesota masters cohort for the last several years.

Gillian McCombs, who served as chair of the Advisory Board in 2005-06, has been Dean and Director, Central University Libraries, Southern Methodist University since 1998.



Gillian M. McCombs

The Central Libraries System consists of eight libraries with more than two million volumes and employs over 80 librarians and support staff. She recently published a chapter in *Perspectives, Insights and Priorities: 17 Leaders Speak Freely of Librarianship* (Scarecrow Press, 2005), titled "The Fog of My Career: Some Reflections and Lessons Learned." Other publications include *Access Services: The Convergence of Reference and Technology* (Haworth Press) and articles in *The Bottom Line: Managing Library Finances, Library Trends, and College & Research Libraries*. Her degrees include the BA with honors from the University of Warwick, England, MA in Librarianship, Leeds School of Librarianship, England, and Masters of Public Administration, University of Albany, SUNY.

FACULTY MEMBER BECOMES DIRECTOR

Dr. Samantha Hastings to Join the University of South Carolina

Associate Professor Samantha Hastings, a member of the SLIS faculty for the last 10 years, will join the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science as director on August 1, 2006. The School, founded in 1972, became part of the University's College of Mass Communications and Information Studies when it merged with the journalism school in 2002. The college and its schools, which enroll almost 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, serves via distance education as the primary educator for librarians in Maine and West Virginia and has also served students in Virginia and Georgia. The school has been authorized to begin a doctoral program in 2007.

Dr. Hastings's specialty areas include digital image retrieval, cultural heritage, telecommunications, automated systems and networks, and evaluation research.

At UNT, she has been a Fellow of the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge, developed and taught many courses, written and directed a number of grants, and served as chair of many doctoral committees. She also served as the SLIS Interim Dean during the 2004-2005 academic year, where she brought intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm to this inherently difficult role.

Dr. Hastings is the immediate past president of the American Society for Information Science



Dr. Samantha Hastings

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DR. TOTTEN HONORED WITH RECEPTIONS

Five receptions welcoming Dr. Herman L. Totten as dean were held during the fall, attended by alumni and friends in the library community: November 3, Dallas Public Library, hosted by Director Laurie Evans; November 10, at the home of alumna Sandra Sharps, Prosper; November 11, Fort Worth Public Library, hosted by Director Gleniece Robinson; December 3, Houston; and December 9, Denton. Attendance was 75 or more at each of the gatherings.



Dr. Totten with hosts John and Sandy Sharps (MS '97) at Prosper reception



Adeline James with Dr. Totten at Fort Worth reception



Alum Lorna Beckleu (center) with Edna Lowery and Dr. Totten at the Dallas reception



Dr. Totten, Hazel Harvey Peace, alum Linda Allmand (BA '61), and Drs. Barbara and Robert Martin ('79) at Fort Worth reception



Dr. Totten and Provost Howard Johnson at Denton reception



Dr. Totten and President Norval Pobl at Denton reception

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of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; **Joan Howland**, Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Information & Technology, University of Minnesota Law School; **James Hundemer**, Director of Libraries, Houston ISD; **Kathy Jones**, Director of Libraries, Amarillo (Texas) ISD; **Sara Jones**, Director, Nevada State Library, Las Vegas; **Lynette Jordan**, Global Information Manager Services, Exxon Mobil Global Services, Co.; **Bonnie Juergens**, Executive Director, Amigos Library Services, Dallas; **Jana Knezek**, Director, Libraries and Textbook Services, Northside ISD, San Antonio; **Toni Lambert**, Acting Director, Houston Public Library; **John Leggett**, Director, Center for the Study of Digital Libraries; **Marilyn Mason**, Program Director, Gates Portal Project, OCLC; **Gilliam McCombs**, Dean & Director of Libraries, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; **Joan Mitchell**, Ed.-in-Chief, OCLC; Patricia Phillips, University Librarian, University of Texas at El Paso; **Judy Rasberry**, Education Coordinator, Medical Center of Lewisville, Texas; **Harry Robinson**, President and Chief Executive Officer, African American Museum, Dallas; **Dana Rooks**, Dean of Libraries, University of Houston; **Kathy Royall**, Library Media Specialist, Icenhower Intermediate School Library, Mansfield (Texas) ISD; **Peggy Rudd**, Director, Texas State Library, Austin; **Ramiro Salazar**, Director, San Antonio Public Library System; **Patricia Smith**, Executive Director, Texas Library Association; **Susan Skyzinski**, Senior Librarian, LEXIS-NEXIS; **Jim Stephens**, President, EBSCO, Inc.; **Laurie Thompson**, Director of Libraries, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; **Paul Thompson**, Senior Research Engineer, Dartmouth College.

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and Technology and was nominated for the Richard W. Lyman Award. She is currently serving on the Texas Library Association President's Task Force on Library Professionalism and has held many other important positions in that association.

Before coming to SLIS, Dr. Hastings was a consultant in the Bureau of Library Development for the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services. She received the Ph.D. from Florida State University and holds the MLS from the University of South Florida, and the BA from the University of Arizona.

Dean Herman Totten, speaking for all of the SLIS family, says, "We will miss Dr. Hastings, but wish her every success in her new endeavor."

RECRUITING

SLIS faculty and staff have conducted a busy recruiting program throughout the spring semester. In Utah, Associate Professor **Yvonne Chandler and staff** recruited students at the State Library, Weber State University, Weber County Library, Ogden, Utah, Salt Lake City Public Library and Brigham Young University Library, and the University of Nevada-Reno Library in February, and at the Utah Library Association conference May 17-19.



Dr. Yvonne Chandler recruiting at Weber State Library, Salt Lake City, Utah



Sara Jones, Ph.D. student with Charlotte Thomas, SLIS Web Institute Coordinator, with recruits in Reno.

Toby Faber, Academic Councilor, conducted a recruitment session at the Ysleta (Texas) ISD on February 9 and at the New Mexico Library Association conference in Farmington, April 19-21. Dean Herman Totten and Dr. Ana Cleveland recruited in Houston March 25. Jurhee Curtis, External Affairs Manager, and Gary Wercham recruited at the Oklahoma Library Association in March.

Did you know...

In the recently announced U.S. News & World Reports, the SLIS program in Health Librarianship ranked 3rd in the Nation.

ALA MIDWINTER IN SAN ANTONIO

The 2006 American Library Association Midwinter Conference, held in San Antonio January 20-25, was a busy time for faculty, students, and staff. Many alumni and current students, as well as others seeking information about the masters and doctoral programs, dropped by the SLIS booth on the exhibits floor. Dean Totten hosted a breakfast attended by alumni donors. The UNT/SLIS San Antonio Student Association chapter hosted a reception at the San Antonio Public Central Library. Several Ph.D. students presented poster sessions at the Association of Library & Information Science Education (ALISE), held immediately prior to the ALA meeting (see names and topics p. 14) Alums who stopped by the SLIS booth: **Sara Baron** (MS '96), **Elizabeth Darocha Berenz** (MS '05), **Christina Biles** (MS '01), **Kathryn Boone** (MS '90), **Susan Elliott** (MS '90), **Judy Garrison**, **Katherine Jacobs** (MS '03), **Steven MacCall** (MS '92, PhD '99), **David Quigley**, **Dede Rios** (MS '04), **Priscilla Shontz** (MS '93), **Carol Schuetz** (MS '96), **Leslie Stapleton**, **Jan Stone** (MS '03), **Will Stuiivenga** (MS '89), **Terry Summey** (MS '87), **Karen Vargas** (MS '97) and **Angela Williams** (MS '97).



Alums Susan Elliott (MS '90) and Kathryn Boone (MS '90) at ALA Midwinter

Thanks to our Volunteers

Students and alums who worked at the SLIS booth during ALA Mid-Winter, January 20-23 in San Antonio included: **Veronica Anderson**, **Nathan Hall**, **Richard Hasenyager**, **Starr Hoffman**, **Jimmy Jimenez** (MS '05), **Sara Jones**, **Nancy Neal**, **Linda Nichols**, **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez**, **Amanda Pape** (MS '06), **Sarah Rhodes** (MS '06), and **Marti Rossi** (MS '04).



Mary Jo Fernandez (left), Kaye Lennox, both of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation with D.L. Grant (MS '05), alum and SA coordinator

HOUSTON PROGRAM COURSE OFFERING

In fall 2006, SLIS alumna **Gretchen (McCord) Hoffmann** (1992) will be teaching Intellectual Property for Information Professionals (SLIS 5960.080). Gretchen is a Senior Associate at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP in Austin. This is a long awaited course, and Houston Program participants are delighted to have Gretchen on hand to teach it.

ALL SCHOOL DAY

Denton

A large gathering of students came to the University of North Texas campus for the annual Denton All School Day on Saturday, April 1, 2006. The theme of the program was "Information Privacy and Security in Libraries." Keynote speakers included: Gretchen McCord Hoffmann (MS '92), Attorney at Law and President of the Texas Library Association; Dr. Maurice Wheeler, Associate Professor, UNT/SLIS; Scott Jackson, UNT Libraries; and David Wood, UNT Information Security. Dr. Barbara Stein Martin spoke during lunch, and in the afternoon, Dean Herman Totten held a town meeting. Door prizes and gift bags were provided, along with breakfast and a box lunch.



David Wood



Gretchen Hoffmann ('92), and Dr. Maurice Wheeler

FALL GRADUATION CONVOCATION



Lynnette Jordan (MS '78)

At the Fall 2005 graduation convocation held on December 16 at the Murchison Performing Arts Center, SLIS awarded 85 Masters and three Ph.D.s. (See sidebars pp13-14 for a list of graduates.) Student speaker Jennifer Whitt, whose degree concentration is in digital image management, presented an original poem titled "Oh, the places we'll go!," as inspired by Dr. Seuss (see sidebar this page for excerpts). Lynnette Jordan (MS '78), an advisor with Exxon Mobil Corporation's Global Services Group (p.5), delivered an address titled "Breaking Barriers: Courage, Curiosity and Questions."



Kathy Hoffman giving Janet Peri one of the gifts

Houston

Houston students and over 90 guests attended the Houston All School Day on March 25, 2006, at the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion of the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library. Five speakers shared their expertise on the program theme "Information Services for the Connected Generation." Dr. Elizabeth Figa, SLIS faculty; Clara Fowler, University of Houston Libraries; Saima Kadir (MS '03), Houston Public Library; Kathy Hoffman, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Research Medical Library; and Norma Mendoza, University of St. Thomas and Rice University business schools. Dean Herman Totten opened the program with an informative report of current SLIS initiatives. Dr. Ana Cleveland, Houston Program Director, honored Kathy Hoffman for her outstanding support of the SLIS Houston Program. Door prizes were given to a number of guests. The Houston Library & Information Science Student Association held an election for new officers. (see sidebar for list of officers)

UPCOMING SUMMER ADVENTURES FOR TWO HOUSTON STUDENTS

Two Houston Program students, Ferstl Scholar Sarah Rhodes and Athena Jackson, have exciting educational plans for the summer. Sara is among 16 graduate students selected from applicants across the nation to participate in "Florentine Art and Culture: Resources and Documentation," a three-credit-hour course being offered this summer in Florence, Italy through the Cultural Informatics Program at Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science. The course is taught in collaboration with Florence's Uffizi Library and the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze.

Athena is staying a bit closer to home. She has been invited to intern at the National Anthropological Archives (NAA) in Washington, D.C. For eight weeks, she will be involved in NAA's joint linguistics project with the Museum of Cherokee Indians. Working in their Digital Imaging Lab, Athena primarily will be scanning and cataloging new image assets in NAA's online public access system. She hopes to return with valuable experience in working with a project that benefits not only preservation of early North American cultures, but also library and information science.

Houston Student Association Officers Elected

Nancy Neal, President
Veronica Arellano, Vice President
Athena Jackson, Secretary
Michele Lucero, Member-at-Large (Alumni Liaison)

FALL GRADUATION

Excerpted from "Oh, the places you'll go!" (as inspired by Dr. Seuss), Jennifer Whitt, student graduation speaker, fall 2005 convocation.

*We did it! We made it!
We have our robes on,
Soon we'll be hooded,
Soon we'll be gone.*

*We're classmates this minute,
And colleagues so soon;
But how did we get here,
right here in this room?
Ready and waiting to walk out
the door...
Ready to get on the library
floor...*

*We started with Core.
We saw what we could do,
Once we had graduated
and began something new.*

*We looked at information,
It was discussed and analyzed,
We did the IOP and concept
briefing
We classified and organized.*

*From there we moved on,
To the program that we chose,
Learning what suited us best
To see where it would go.*

*Some developed websites,
And looked at special libraries
There was storytelling,
management
And digital technologies.*

*We have cited our sources with-
in an inch of our lives
We know it backwards and for-
wards and up and down sides;
Copyright, privacy, and the
Patriot Act
We debated, discussed and
learned all the facts.*

*Thank you to the professors
who've taught us so well
We won't let you down, our
success will prevail.*

2005 GRADUATES

SLIS awarded 85 masters and three doctoral degrees in the fall 2005 graduation convocation.

Ph.D.s

Heather Hall, Scott Simon, Janet Macpherson

Masters

Karen Adams, Sara Adams (4.0), Jana Atkins (4.0), Judy Austin, Sajjad Bari, Janet Benedict (4.0), Vera Bever (4.0), John Birkman (4.0), James Borchert (4.0) Betty Brasseux (4.0), Mary Castleberry, Matthew Christy, Hope Cockrell, Pamela Cook, Elizabeth Darocha (4.0), Joy Davis, Bradley Debrick (4.0), David Denny (4.0), Savannah Earnest (4.0), Todd Enoch (4.0), Pamela Farmer (4.0), Teri Fettig (4.0), Jayson Felty (4.0), Beth Folsom (4.0), Tammy Gawryszewski (4.0), Mary Goetz, Jacqueline Greene (4.0), Christy Hames (4.0), Nancy Haney, Shannon Harris (4.0), Stephanie Hatley, Tara Hoopes (4.0), Jimmy Jimenez, Peter Jones (4.0), Marci Kemble (4.0), Melani Kimery, Adam Kiskinis, Margaret Knapp (4.0), Jena Krauss (4.0), Suzanne Landry, Sandra Larios, Pamela Lattin, Eileen Lee (4.0), Jacqueline Lindup, Phyllis Macmillan (4.0), Julie Manax (4.0), Shelli Mangum (4.0), Martha Marquez, Michele McBride, Cynthia McClain, Pamela Meissner (4.0), Angelia Miles, Darren Miguez, Andrea Morris (4.0), Linette Neal, Marsha Nelson (4.0), Teresa Nelson (4.0), Susan Norris (4.0), Patrick O'Callaghan (4.0), Christina Ostroff, Anne Paulson, Chris Pegg, Linda Pizarro, Tanya Pomeroy, Ursula Quanstrom (4.0), Amy Quigley, Davalyn Redford, Dia Reeves, Jennifer Rowan (4.0), Roberto Salinas, Anne Sheridan, Jan Steele (4.0), Susan Street, Maria Stroligo, Brenda Stroud (4.0), Karen Thompson (4.0), Frank Thomson, Sandy Tillman (4.0), Janice Tumberlinson, Aurora Vega (4.0), Jennifer Whitt, James Wilson (4.0), Nicole Winslow (4.0), Kristi Wittmann (4.0), Pam Wright (4.0)

SCHOOL NEWS

DR. JOHANNA DRUCKER, ISI SAMUEL LAZEROW MEMORIAL LECTURE SPEAKER

Art and Poetry in the Digital Age was the topic of the Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture held at the UNT Student Union on March 29, 2006. **Dr. Johanna Drucker's** presentation, "Knowledge Modeling & Metadata: Digital Environments for Critical Analysis," featured her work in digital humanities projects in art, literature, computer science, poetry, and library & information science. Dr. Drucker, who was introduced by her long-time friend **Dr. Brian O'Connor**, is internationally known as a book artist and experimental visual poet. Her recent work focuses on aesthetics and digital media, particularly graphical communication and the expressive character of visual form. Her work has been exhibited and collected in the Getty Center for the Humanities, the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Marvin and Ruth Sackner Archive of Visual and Concrete Poetry, the New York Public Library, Houghton Library at Harvard University, and many other locations. Her

scholarly books include: *Theorizing Modernism*, *The Visible Word: Experimental Typography and Modern Art*, *The Alphabetic Labyrinth*, *The Century of Artists' Books*, and *Figuring the Word*. Her most recent work, *Sweet Dreams: Contemporary Art and Complicity*, was published (2005) by the University of Chicago Press. She is the Robertson Professor of Media Studies, Department of English, University of Virginia.

The highly successful lecture, attended by over 100 (twice that of last year's lecture), included an audience of SLIS and TWU students and faculty, and UNT faculty from the Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Art Departments. **Sponsored by Thomson Scientific.**



Dr. Johanna Drucker with a student and Dr. Brian O'Connor

STUDENT NEWS

BACHELORS

Three students in the SLIS undergraduate program are recipients of the Board of Regents Scholarship of \$1,000 each: **Jaime Eastman**, sophomore, 4.0; **Jennifer Moore**, sophomore, 4.0; and **Jennifer Delavern**, senior, 3.596. The scholarship is given to outstanding entering freshman who rank in the top 10% of their high school graduating class and score at least a 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years or until the student completes his/her undergraduate degree.

MASTERS

The Fitzgerald Family Trust on behalf of Gumdrop Books awarded three scholarships to SLIS students: **Marissa Criswell**, a biology teacher at Cinco Ranch High School, Katy, Texas; **Dawn Kruse**, library assistant at Holly Parsons Elementary School, Copperas Cove, Texas; and **Patrica Velez**, librarian at Hillcrest Middle School, El Paso, Texas. The scholarships were announced at the TLA conference in Houston, First General Session.

Wendy Adair, one of the newest students in the Houston Program, is Associate Vice Chancellor and Associate Vice President for Public Affairs at the University of Houston. Dana Rooks, Dean of University of Houston Libraries, recruited her to the program. Wendy possesses an exceptional background in marketing, and in 2001 was selected as the Marketer of the Year by the Houston chapter of



Wendy Adair

the American Marketing Association. Despite her success in this field, Wendy has always dreamed of becoming a youth services librarian. Her passion is to help children and she thinks that libraries are proper avenues in which to do so.

Annie Eastmond, who will graduate in August, says "this has been a great program." One of her face-to-face classes in preservation (5290) taught by Randy Silverman, a well-known preservationist at the University of Utah, took a field trip to the Brigham Young University's Special Collections where they saw cuneiform as early as 2100 BC, papyrus, individually bound volumes hand-transcribed by monks, an original leaf of the Gutenberg Bible, along with many other fascinating items. She works as a circulation substitute at any one of the 18 county library system branches in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jim Spencer, a student in the Houston Program whose concentration is in health informatics, is Manager of Clinical Resources at the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston—Dental Branch (UTDB). He is currently involved in a number of exciting projects at UTDB that focus on creating a paperless clinical environment. So far, a new patient management/electronic health record system and an interfaced dental picture archives and communication system have been installed.

Students receiving the American Library Association Spectrum Scholarships include: **Veronica Inez Arellano**, **Tanya Brown**, **Maria Lucia Hernandez**, **Texeno Lynette Roberson**, **Yunn-Hwa Lii**, and **Joel Thornton**. The Spectrum Scholarships are a part of the Association's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under representation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D.



Samih Teymur

Samih Teymur, Featured Doctoral Student

Samih Teymur, a student in the Ph.D. program, is general coordinator of the Turkish Institute for Police Studies (TIPS), a program under the auspices of the UNT Department of Criminal Justice. When Samih received the masters degree in sociology from UNT, he decided to establish an institute to combine the practical experience of the Turkish National Police in policy areas with the academic and theoretical foundation represented by masters and doctoral education in the United States. The TIPS program, which brings mid-level managers of the Turkish National Police to the United States to earn advanced degrees, was the result. The program's main goal is to introduce modern police techniques to the Turkish National Police Force and, more recently, to combat terrorism. Since the first group of 11 Turkish police managers arrived in 1999, nearly 200 have participated in TIPS. Samih believes the program's greatest value lies in "creating a connection between law enforcement in Turkey and in the United States." In his home country, Samih is an Ankara police major.

The threat of terrorism throughout the world motivated Samih and his fellow TIPS members to organize an international conference in Istanbul. He sought and received support from the prime minister of Turkey and the UNT community. As a result, the Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security took place in June 2005. The conference, with academicians and politicians from 63 countries in attendance, was deemed a great success. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students represented UNT. **Drs. Samantha Hastings, Guillermo Oyarce, Herman Totten, and Phil Turner** were invited conference speakers. Recent UNT Interdisciplinary Ph.D. graduates **Suleyman Ozeren** and **Almet Yayla**, along with current student **Elise Lewis**, also presented their research findings

The Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science was well represented at the January 2006 Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference posters session in San Antonio. Participants were **Stacy Creel**, "Just Another Sexy Product? Online Browsing Catalogs for Children"; **Toby Faber**, **Rowena Li**, **Jeanne Holba Puacz**, and **Wendy Stephens**, "Profiles of Information Seeking Behavior in an Academic Virtual Reference Environment;" **Cheryl Lawson**, "Facilitating Distributed Learning Among Librarians: Findings from LE@D"; **Margaret Lincoln**, "The Outline and Onsite Holocaust Museum Exhibition as an Informational Resource"; **Michael Stephens**, "Who Are 'the Blog People? A Survey of Librarians and their Motivations for Blogging"; **Linda Swarlis**, "How Cognitive Styles and Tablet PCs Impact Performance in Science Classrooms"; **Joyce Valenza**, "The Impact of School Library Websites on the Information Seeking Habits and Behaviors of Young Adults"; **Mary Jo Venetis**, "21st Century Leadership in Library and Information Science"; and **Erin Wyatt**, "Access and Utilization of Virtual Library Services for High School Students Enrolled in Distance Education Courses."



Richard Anderson

Richard Anderson's dissertation defense was held March 10, 2006. His topic is titled "Functional Ontology Construction: A Pragmatic Approach to Addressing Problems Concerning the Individual and the Informing Environment." **Mary Durio** (MS '98), curator in the UNT Rare Book & Texana Collection, was mentioned in an article in the March 7, 2006 *Wall Street Journal*, titled "Keeping Track of Miniature Books Is No Small Feat."



Mary Durio



Sara Jones

Sara Jones, IMLS cohort student and State Librarian of Nevada State Library & Archives, is featured on the doctoral program website, <http://web2.unt.edu/isdoc>. Prior to coming to her current position five years ago, she was director of Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System, Elko, Nevada.

In a February 2, 2006 *New York Times* feature story, headed "Not just a 'book checker-outer'; school library media specialists' expertise crucial to student achieve-

ment," **Rowena Li**, a school library media specialist at Bayside High School in Manhattan, is shown assisting a student with a research project.



Elise Lewis

Ph.D. Student **Elise Lewis** (MS '03) competed in her first triathlon in Kona, Hawaii, April 2, 2006. She finished in 3 hours 57minutes. Her goal was 4 hours.

Margaret Lincoln published "Museums give kids a firsthand—and powerful—look at the past" in the February 1, 2006 *School Library Journal*. Margaret is media specialist at Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, MI.

On March 21, 2006, **Diane Neal** defended her dissertation titled "News Photography Image Retrieval Practices: Locus of Control in Two Contexts." Her committee included Drs. Brian O'Connor and Shawne Miksa (co-chairs) and Howard Greisdorf.



Dr. Shawne Miksa Co-chair with Diane Neal

Michael Stephens will join the faculty of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois as an instructor in August 2006. When he completes the doctorate he will be promoted to assistant professor. His interview with Chris Harris, the "Digitally Re-Shifted School Librarian" at ALA's Tech Source is at www.tecsource.ala.org/blog.2006/02.

An article by Linda Swarlis was included in *Understanding In the Library: Papers of the Treasure Mountain Research Retreat #12*, October 5-6, 2005, Gilmory Retreat Center, Pittsburgh, PA. Treasure Mountain is an assembly of researchers and practitioners who meet periodically to explore major issues in the school library media field.

Mary Jo Venetis became Associate Director of Technical Services at the University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library, March 1, 2006. She was formerly manager of acquisitions and interlibrary loan at the Dallas Public Library



Mary Jo Venetis

Yan Wu has an article titled "The Relationship of Bandwidth, Interaction, and Performance in Online Courses: A Study" in the Spring 2006 edition of the *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*. The article is available online at www.westga.edu/~distance/jmain11.html and www.westga.edu/%7Edistance/jmain11.html.

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BETA PHI MU INDUCTEES

Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, founded in 1948, recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Each semester, faculties of the 43 chapters send invitations to eligible graduate students to join this prestigious group. The SLIS chapter extended invitations to four doctoral students and 20 Masters students in Fall 2005.

Doctoral students:

Baris Aksakal, Arne Almquist, Janet Macpherson, Ahmet Yayla

Masters students:

Sara Adams, Jana Atkins, Vera Bever, James Borchert, Betty Brasseux, Bradley Debrick, David Denny, Savannah Earnest, Jayson Felty, Tammy Gawryszewski, Tara Hoopes, Jacqueline Lindup, Phyllis Macmillan, Michele McBride, Julie Manax, Davalyn Redford, Jan Steele, Karen Thompson, Aurora Vega, Jennifer Whitt

ALUMNI NEWS



Kim Charlson (MS '84) with Jubilee

The SLIS Alumni Society Executive Board selected Kim Charlson, director of the Braille and Talking Book Library, Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts, as the 2006 Distinguished Alumna. Kim, who received the masters degree from SLIS in 1984, is known nationally and internationally for her expertise in library services to those with disabilities, Braille literacy, adaptive technology in libraries, and information access. In 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. Currently, Kim is chair of the Braille Authority of North America, the standard-setting body for Braille in the U.S. and Canada, serves on a number of committees for the Library of Congress National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and has been appointed a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Policy. She is active in a wide range of consumer advocacy areas including arts access and audio description, Braille literacy, adaptive technology, civil rights, guide dog access issues, and special education. Her publications include *Establishing a Braille Literacy Program in Your Community: A Handbook for Libraries and Other Community Organizations*, and contributions to numerous publications, including a chapter on Braille library

Kim Charlson Named 2006 Distinguished Alumna



Jeanne Pyle (MS '85) and Kim Charlson

services in *Braille: Into the Next Millennium*, published by the Library of Congress. She also is a contributing author to *Making Theatre Accessible: A Guide to Audio Description in the Performing Arts*. Kim is the only U.S. library director who happens to be blind. Her guide dog's name is Jubilee.

Kim was honored at the 2006 Texas Library Association SLIS alumni reception on April 27. **Jeanne Pyle** (MS '85), who nominated Kim for the honor, introduced her. Because Kim was unable to make an additional trip from Massachusetts to Texas in order to participate in the annual UNT Honors Day on April 21, Dr. Robert Martin ('79), who received the honor in 1996, represented the School at the Honors Day luncheon on campus.



Kim Charlson with the Drs. Sondra and Ken Ferstl

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Texas Library Association, under the auspices of the People to People Ambassador program, sponsored a professional and cultural program for Texas librarians to travel to Russia. In October 2005, **Corinne Hill** (MS '95), collection development librarian, Denton Public Library System, and chair of the Texas Library Association Public Library Division, served as leader of the group of 18 Texans. The purpose of the tour was to meet with Russian librarians to discuss customer-driven services and international standards for information sharing and education. In addition to Corinne, five of the group were SLIS graduates: **Maria Bellavance** (MS '85), Southern Methodist University; **Sue Haas** (MLS '79), Richardson Public Library; **Shirley Wallick** (MS '90), Amarillo (Texas) ISD; **Phyllis Macmillan** (MS '05), Texas Youth

Commission; and **Mary Sikes** (MS '93), Fort Worth Public Library. Their visits included the Russian State Library in Moscow and the Library and Information Resources Department, and the Scientific Library of St. Petersburg State University. The group toured the Hermitage in St. Petersburg and the Kremlin in Moscow, attended the Bolshoi Ballet, visited Red Square, and explored Moscow Metro Stations, which, Corinne says, "seem like luxurious palaces with breathtaking architecture and artwork." Shirley was awed by the depth of Russian history compared to our brief timeline in the U.S. Maria was impressed by the Russians' pride in their art and literature and their desire to inculcate that pride in future generations. Sue especially enjoyed meeting the Russian people and talking with them about their life and culture.

Connie Walker Tours Japan

Connie Walker, director of the school and community libraries in Venus, Texas, and a 2005 SLIS graduate, has recently returned from a three-week tour of Japan as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher's Program (JFMF). The program is sponsored by the government of Japan and provides American primary and secondary school teachers and administrations with fully funded short-term study tours of Japan. The JFMF program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States. Participants travel to Japan with other educators, learn about Japanese culture and education, and return to implement a self-designed plan to share their knowledge and experience with their students, colleagues, and community.

Connie, with a group of 200 educators, participated in the November tour and saw Tokyo, Hiroshima and surrounding areas at one of the most beautiful times of the year. In Tokyo, they attended workshops concerning all aspects of Japanese life, toured official government offices, saw Kabuki performances and Japanese dancers, visited temples, shopped in the Ginza, and sampled Japanese foods.

Connie was a part of a smaller group of 20 who traveled to Hiroshima where they toured schools. Connie, of course, was most interested in



Connie Walker ('69) en route to tea with young Japanese guides

the school libraries and commented that except for the print in the books, they were very much like libraries in American schools. The most sobering day of the tour was spent at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, which honors those who died as a result of the atomic blast of 1945. Emphasis of the memorial is to promote peace and to abolish the use of nuclear weapons. The group was transported by ferry to the island of Miyajima where they spent the night in a Japanese inn, wore Japanese robes, slept on futons, experienced a banquet (fish heads and all), and were offered the experience of group bathing. Connie confides that she declined. In summing up her experience, Connie said, "I fear that no matter how many presentations or displays I do concerning my adventure, I will never be able to capture and beauty and peace of this remarkable country."

IN MEMORIUM

Three alumni who were students in the program when the School was in its infancy have died. **Louise Evans**, who died January 20, 2006, took courses and received certification before the Department of Library Service was begun in 1939. **John Robert Willingham** died in Lawrence, Kansas, February 1, 2006. He received the first B.S. in L.S. degree conferred by the College of Arts and Sciences in 1940. **Lee Brawner**, who died February 8, 2006, was awarded the B.S. in L.S. in 1957. All three went on to distinguished careers.

Elizabeth Benson (BA '76) of Roanoke, Texas, died on May 3, 2005.

Lee Brawner, (BS '57) who died February 1, 2006, was Executive Director Emeritus of Metropolitan System of Oklahoma City Libraries (city and county) at the time of his death. He had served as director of the Oklahoma City System from 1971 until his retirement in 1999. Prior positions included administration positions with the Dallas Public Library, assistant director of the Texas State Library, and director of the Waco Public Library. Lee was highly regarded nationally as a consultant in areas of building and facility planning, communication and marketing, needs assessment, staff development and training, and strategic planning. The week before his death he had conducted a charrette for the Keller (Texas) Public Library. He also was recognized for taking a stand on important issues, particularly in defending intellectual freedom, including his challenge when police confiscated copies of the film *The Tin Drum* from his library. He was honored with many awards including the Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award in 1998 for his efforts in educating Oklahomans about the dangers of censoring library materials, and the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Library Endowment Trust, an award that was later named for him. The system boardroom in the main Oklahoma City Public Library is named in his honor. He was honored as a SLIS Distinguished Alum in 1989.

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Early Days

Linda Gerstenberger Rivera (LRE), retired as librarian at El Paso (Texas) High School, reports that serving as an evaluator for a local district's federal grant to improve literacy has kept her in touch with schools. She also reports that serving as docent and librarian for the El Paso Museum of Art give her opportunities to employ lifetime skills and learn new ones. Husband Julius continues to teach at University of Texas at El Paso in Lifelong Learning, a program he founded. Their travels last year included a month in France and a visit to Colombia.

1970s

Lea Bailey (MLS '76) is now library director for Irving (Texas) ISD.



Judy Ann Hibbitts ('71) and her library

Judy Ann Hibbitts (MLS '71), who was an elementary school librarian in the Fort Worth and Arlington ISDs, retired in 2001. For 11 years (before and since retirement), she has been librarian of a most impressive church library, the Meredith Memorial Library of First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas. Since 1951, the library has grown from a small classroom area housing 300 books to an 1823 square foot area housing over 7,000 books, 350 videos and DVDs and 90 audio books. The fully automated library hosts several events each year, including a summer reading club and story times for preschool children. Judy Ann says, "I am grateful to still be doing what I love—even in retirement!"

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Louise Evans, who died January 20, 2006, began her 43-year tenure with University of North Texas Libraries when she became secretary to the library director in age 19 in 1939. At that time, the director personally ordered all books and journals. The mechanics of the task fell to the director's secretary. As the workload grew, Miss Evans finished her certification and bachelor's degree in business administration and became the library's acquisition librarian. She headed that department until her retirement in 1981.

Sherry Isbell Fox (MLS '68), Mountain Springs, died February 1, 2005. She had served as librarian at Irving (Texas) High School and Paschal High School in Fort Worth, and assisted in researching and writing numerous books on genealogy.

Carolyn Heizer (BA '53) died in Dallas on February 21, 2006.

Zola Bell Prichard (MLS '55) died in Kerrville, Texas on January 20, 2006.

Victoria, newborn granddaughter of Sandy Sharps (MS '87), died on January 23, 2006.

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Robert Martin (MS '79) has been named a founding member of the newly formed Louis Round Wilson Academy, convened by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. Members of the international group, selected for their broad range of experiences, are charged with addressing "a future of constant change in which new knowledge professionals—experts who can help locate, evaluate, and guide users to credible, comprehensive information that is relevant and reliable—must anticipate and understand the information needs of tomorrow's society." The academy met in Chapel Hill October 6 and 7, 2005, and in Granada, Spain in March 2006.



Katherine (Kippy) Jagoe Massey ('74) with Alyce Guyman and Jesse Taylor ('66)

The first book published by **Katherine (Kippy) Jagoe Massey's** (BA '66, MLS '74) new company, Pearson Publishing, titled *Deal With Me*, received attention in an *Austin American Statesman* article, February 16, 2006. The book of poems is by Alyce Guyman and illustrated by guitarist/artist Jesse Taylor. A second collection of poems, also by Guyman and illustrated by Taylor, is in process. A sad note: Jesse Taylor died March 7, 2006. Kippy's publishing company, located in Corpus Christi, has six books out and three additional ones in process. She can be reached at www.PearsonPub.US or by email at Info@PearsonPub.US/.

Joe Specht (MLS '72) is the author of *The Women There Don't Treat You Mean: Abilene in Song* (State House Press, 2006) in which he surveys a potpourri of songs in which Abilene, Texas plays a role. The tunes range from the 1890 "The Cowboys' Christmas" to the 2004 "The Jewel of Abilene." The book includes a six-song compact disc featuring local Abilene performers. Joe's presentation at the Texas State Historical Association March 3, 2006, in Austin, "Great Big Taters in the Sandy Land: The Musical Friendship of Bob Wills and Hoyle Nix," was a toe-tappin' success. Joe, Director of Jay-Rollins Library at McMurry University, Abilene, can be reached at jspecht@mcm.edu.



Joe Specht ('72)

An article tracing the career of Mary (Todd) Suhm (MLS '74), headlined "Rise from librarian to city manager hardly a smooth ride," was a front-page feature in the Sunday, February 26 *Dallas Morning News* Metro section. "How she got there is characteristic of a career in which Ms. Suhm has exceeded expectations and won over her harshest critics at every juncture," the article states. Mary, appointed Dallas City Manager in spring 2005, was SLIS commencement speaker in Spring 2005.

Amanda Williams (MS '78), formerly with the Central Texas Library System, is an assistant branch librarian with Austin Public Library.

Mohamed Zehery, who received the first doctorate in library science awarded by SLIS in 1975, has been director and associate professor, Lima Campus Library, Ohio State University at Lima since 1992. His earlier experiences include serving as director of the National Scientific & Technical Information Center, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and chief technical advisor, UNESCO, Paris, France.

1980s



Sharon Carr ('89)

Sharon Carr (MS '89), library coordinator, El Paso ISD, has been appointed to a six-year term on the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. In 2001, Sharon was named SLIS Distinguished Alumni.

Connie Healer (MS '85), a librarian in various settings within the Arlington (Texas) ISD since 1983, calls herself a "split personality" librarian. She currently serves an alternative high school four days a week and a preschool for bilingual students on the remaining day. "Had it not been for the wide variety of classes and personal interaction with (and encouragement from) my professors," she says, "I firmly believe I would have questioned the fulfillment of my lifelong dream of becoming a librarian." She pays tribute to her teachers: "From my children's lit classes and Dr. Ken Ferstl's young adult literature class, I gained perspective of the right book for the right reader. Although I agonized through Dr. Magrill's collection development and cata-



Connie Healer ('85)

logging a la Dr. Ferstl, the knowledge and training has never failed me. Mrs. Nichols inspired me to enjoy the challenge of finding the elusive and obscure answer sought by a student or teacher, and Dr. Totten's assuring guidance and personal experiences opened my eyes to understanding and utilizing so many management/ administrative styles in working with the personalities of my faculties/administrators throughout my school career.

1990s

Marsha Barker (MS '92) became coordinator of the Texas Panhandle Library System in January 2006. She was formerly Assistant Coordinator of the North East Texas Library System.

John M. Cys (MS '93) has retired as catalog librarian at Midwestern State University. He and his wife continue to live in Wichita Falls.

Bruce Evans (MS '95), Baylor University Music Librarian, has been elected as chair of the Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG) of the Music Library Association.



Joan Gosnell ('95)

The donation of the J.C. Penney archives to Southern Methodist University's DeGoyler Library in 2004, where **Joan Gosnell** (MS '95), is the archivist, was the topic of a December 8, 2005 article in the *Dallas Morning News*. Some 36,000 pounds of photos, correspondence, speeches, ledgers, catalogs and company publications chart the growth of the department store chain from James Cash Penney's first dry goods store established in 1902, to its 1,020 current locations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Cheri Gross (MS '96) became director of the Carrollton (Texas) Public Library on February 13, 2006. The city has two libraries, the Josey Ranch Lake Public Library and the Hebron & Josey Public Library. Cheri was formerly the Haggard Library Manager in Plano, Texas.



Cheri Gross ('96)

Heather Hepler (MS '99) is awaiting publication of her first novel in May 2006, *Scrambled Eggs at Midnight*. Penguin Press accepted the book, along with another novel, in summer 2005.

Vicci Kemp (MS '99) has a new position at Irving Public Library. She was formerly with the Fort Worth Public Library.

Charlotte Kuser (MS '91) retired from Dallas Public Library in November 2005.



Elizabeth Mengel ('93)

Elizabeth Mengel (MS '93) has been appointed head of collection management at the Johns Hopkins University's Sheridan Libraries. She will develop programs to evaluate collections, user needs, academic priorities and fiscal resources, and recommend and implement strategic priorities for the collection.

Jennifer Ottervik (MS '90), music librarian at the University of South Carolina, is currently serving as the placement officer for the Music Library Association and editing the *Music Reference Services Quarterly*.

Carol Roszell (MS '97) reports that she now holds two jobs with the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church: archivist for the 28 county Central Texas Conference, housed at Texas Wesleyan University, and director of the Multi-Media Resource Center for the conference.

2000 to Date

In a February 5, 2006 *Dallas Morning News* article concerning the UNT Library's Portal of Texas History Project, **Dreanna Belden** (MS '03), project development director, explains the program as "a digital gateway to the rich collections held in Texas libraries, museums, archives, private collections and by other historical groups." By year's end, the article states, "the online project will host 100,000 pages of Texas historical content, including art and maps." **Cathy Nelson Hartman** (MS '91), assistant dean of UNT libraries, started the project a couple of years ago with grant money. Go to www.texashistory.unt.edu to sample the project content.

Maureen Ambrosino (MLS '01) is now the Youth Services Consultant for the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System. She was formerly the Youth Services Librarian at the Cinco Ranch Branch of Fort Bend County Libraries in Katy, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM

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John Robert Willingham, who died February 1, 2006, pursued a career in English rather than library science. After receiving the doctorate in English from the University of Oklahoma in 1953, he taught at Centenary College (Louisiana) from 1953 until 1961. At that time he joined the English faculty at the University of Kansas where he taught courses in American literature and literary criticism and served as director of freshman-sophomore English until retirement in 1985. He also directed the English Department's annual conferences for high school and college teachers and twice led the UK summer Institute in Britain. Over the years, he held offices in the South-Central Modern Language Association, Modern Language Association of American, and Louisiana Folklore Society, and was on the College Entrance Examination Board. He was the first graduate of SLIS after it became a school and was elected Distinguished Alum in 1990. John Willingham's son, J. Robert, also attended SLIS, graduating with an MS in 1972.

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ANNUAL MEMBERS OF THE SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY

In-state: Kerry Aalbers, Burseson, Michelle Barrick, Allen; Leslie Beatty; Dallas; Cynthia Belmar, Katy; Sian Brannon, Fort Worth; Develyn Bone, Houston; Molly Bynum, Irving; Nidia Casillas, Katy; Rhonda Crow, Harlingen; Judy Daniluk, Flower Mound; Sheetal Desai, College Station; Beth Folsom, Lufkin; Maurice Fortin, San Angelo; Marsha Harper, Abilene; Pamiela Hight, Wylie; Rhiannon Hoff, Victoria; Catherine Hurst, Houston; Ida Iwanier, Dallas; Donna Kearley, Highland Village; Leora Kemp, De Soto; Adam Kiskinis, Houston; Margaret Knapp, Fort Worth; Victoria Lamb, Farmers Branch; Michele Lucero, Houston; Kevin Magavern, McKinney; Beverly McCalmont, Argyle; Linda McMillan, Fort Worth; Cynthia McClain, Fort Worth; Pamela Meissner, San Antonio; Ann Milnor, Dallas; Laurie Mitchell, Houston; Debra Moseley, Katy; Saidah Ochoa, El Paso; Jim Pearson, Baytown; Helene Ray, Bedford; Denise Rhoads, Farmers Branch; Miriam Rodriguez, Dallas; Elmer Sackman, Fort Worth; Camilla Schneider, Fort Worth; Mary Sikes, Ft Worth; Judith Srygley, Forney; Tanya Pomeroy, Irving; Judy Tate, Livingston; Peggy Tooker, Abilene; Alison Tyler, Houston; Mary Voegtle, Dallas; Cyndy Williams, El Paso; Pam Wright, Irving.

Out of state: Susan Bloomfield, West Kenne, ME; Deanna Causey, Las Vegas, NV; Edward Fieldman, Las Vegas, NV; Fran Gebhart, Manchester, MO; Ellen Hayes, Las Vegas, NV; Rosanne Herstad, Shakopee, MN; Deborah Igoe, Bismarck, ND; Patricia King, Magna, UT; Mindy Kittay, Rifle, CO; Carol Maksian, Fort Myers, FL; Mary Melberg, Richfield, MN; Glenn Musser, Henderson, NC; Joan Quansnitschka, Vernon, CT; Coleen Schmidt, Guymon, OK; Joan Vestal, Boise, ID; Denne Wesolowski, St. Paul, MN; Andrea Wirth, Albany, OR; Sheri Zachary, Newport RI.

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Pauline Eng (MS '05) has been promoted to Resource Librarian (otherwise known as cataloger) at Tyler (Texas) Public Library. She had held her previous position as a para-professional reference librarian for the past 16 years.



Pauline Eng ('05)



Cynthia Hansen ('05)

Cynthia Hansen (MS '05) is library director of the Texas State Technical College, Marshall.

Christine Hoffman (MS '04) is an undergraduate specialist librarian at Texas A&M Evans Library.

Apologies are due **Joanne Montanye** (MS '05) who pointed out to us that she was correctly listed in the Spring 2005 issue of Call Number as a spring graduate, but not identified as a member of the Minnesota cohort. "We distance students formed a special bond," and says, "and I would hate to be left out of that acknowledgement at the very end."

Nancy Hogsett (MS '05), librarian at Atherton Elementary, Arlington (Texas) ISD, published an article titled "Teaching Dewey" in the January 2006 edition of *Library Media Connections*.

Margaret Vargo (LRE Certification '05), Carver Elementary School, Georgetown, Texas, reports that she took the lead on a grant-writing project for her school that resulted in its winning a \$50,000 E-grant. "I would not have had the knowledge needed to undertake such a project without the experience I had, especially in SLIS 5050," she states. "You designed an outstanding program of study for those of us who are unable to attend regular classes at a university, and I feel blessed to have been given such a firm foundation for my new career."



Colleen Mounse (MS '05); Cindy Williams, and Saidah Ochoa (MS '05) at Border Library Association Banquet

At an awards banquet held by the Border Library Association, a professional group in the El Paso area, two SLIS graduates were honored as being new members of the profession, **Colleen Mounsey** ('05) and **Saidah Ochoa** ('05). Another SLIS graduate, **Cindy Williams** ('06), served as Hospitality Chair for the banquet. The Border Library Association membership consists of librarians located in far west Texas, southern New Mexico, and Mexico.

Positions and locations of a few fall 2005 graduates: **Janet Benedict**, adult services librarian, Hartford County Library System, Bel Air, MD; **James Borchert**, project archivist, South Dakota State University/Briggs Library, Brookings; **Angela Dacus**, director, Kilgore Memorial Library, Dumas, TX; **Nathan Farley**, Electronic Services Librarian/Asst. Professor, Northwestern College, Lakeville, MN; **Megan Dazey**, library technician, University of Oregon, Eugene; **Juli Gonzalez**, Children's librarian, Siskiyou County Library, Yreka, CA; **Gwen Henderson**, circulation librarian, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library, Houston; **Martha Martinez**, librarian, El Paso (TX) ISD; **Chris Pegg**, digital learning services librarian, Angsburg College, St. Paul, MN; **Carol Herrington**, director, Palestine (TX) Public Library; **Jared Howland**, electronic resources librarian, Brigham Young University, Orem, UT; **Amanda Lefebvre**, electronic services librarian, Jenkins & Gilchrist, LLC, Dallas; **Jose Martinez**, director, Port Arthur (TX) Public Library; **Cissy Mattingly**, librarian, Fort Worth ISD; **Anne Paulson**, library media specialist, Lake Placid Elementary School, Saranac Lake, NY; **Linda Spiro**, government reference librarian, Fondren Library, Rice University, Houston.

ELECTION RESULTS

Two SLIS alumni were elected to important TLA posts in the 2006 election. Susan Compton, director of library services, Flower Mound Public Library since 2000, was elected as representative-at-large to the Executive Board. Joyce Baumbach, director of libraries, Plano Public Library System since 1999, was named ALA Councilor. Susan received the MLS in 1982, and Joyce in 1993.

Other SLIS alumni and faculty serving on the Executive Board are Caroline Kienzle (MS '93), director of media services, Irving (Texas) ISD, Janet Key (CAS), Tarrant County College-SE, TLA Treasurer, and Dr. Yvonne Chandler of the SLIS faculty. Melody Kelly completed a three-year Executive Board term in April 2006.

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SLIS Alumni Society Announcement

The SLIS Alumni Society is pleased to announce new board members have been selected from geographic areas: **Dede Rios** (MS '04), San Antonio area representative; **Shirley Wallick** (MS '90), Lubbock area representative; **Karen Vargas** (MS '97), Houston area representative; **Barbara Shreffler** (MS '04), Houston Alumni Association President, and **Sidney Watson** (MS '04), Nevada area representative.

Current Board members who will continue in 2006-07 are:

Deanna Belden (MS '03), **Melody Kelly** (MS '73), and **Cathy Hartman** (MS '91). **Corrine Hill** (MS '95) will represent the UNT Exes and **Margaret Nichols** (BA '45), will serve as an ex-officio member.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – Spring 2006

Brock-Saxe Scholarship
Nicole Galindo

Dewey E. Carroll Graduate Fellowship
Angela Bailey, Deborah Bogue, Teresa Hooper

Distance Education
Heather Bankson, Diana Barker, Melody Boren, Catherine Campbell, Amelia Chau, Alma Chauarria, Virginia Christiansen, Lenika Coleman, Stephanie Cummings, Jace Daily, Kay Daniel, Marie Franco, Georgia Harding, Mary Henderson, Rona Johnson, Tomisha Johnson, Juanita Kamalipour, Stacy Kaminski, Mindy Kittay, Janet Kravig, Kerri Lockwood, Vilma Martinez, Lance McGrath, Cynthia Melenson, Susan Michael, Gayle Nesson, Amanda Pape, Julie Parmier, Samuel Passey, Tessa Powell, Jaime Prideaux, Christa Pryor, Shelly Puckett, Herldine Radley, Kathleen Reeves, Kathy Roller, Wanda Rundell, Adria Sampson, Carrie Scarr, Jeffrey Sherman, Shawn Thompson, Jennifer Yutkowitz

Doralyn J. Hickey Scholarship
Bryce Benton, Nathan Hall, John Harvey, Misu Kim, Phung Ngo, Megan Prickett, Iryna Shevehuk

H.W. Wilson Scholarship
Angela Pittman

Margaret A. Carroll Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Award
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CYNTHIA OSER

Scholarship recipient

Cindy Oser, a native of the 9th Ward in New Orleans, always knew that being literate and edu-

cated were the only ways out of poverty. That is why she never missed a day of high school and worked her way through college.

After taking the long route from being a mother of three in as many years out of college, to being a teen probation counselor in New Orleans during the 1990s, to becoming a kindergarten teacher in Plano, she found her way to the Dallas Public Library System and the UNT School of Library & Information Sciences. "I wanted to reach the general community, not just a classroom. The public library gives me an outlet to spread literacy on a much wider scale. I feel that's the key to saving all these kids."

"Without these scholarships, I could not become a librarian. This education would be put on hold indefinitely."
—Cindy Oser

Currently, she is children's librarian at the Park Forest Branch of the Dallas Public Library. In addition to working full-time, she is also in her fourth semester of coursework, holds a 4.0 grade point average, and supports two of her children, including paying her son's college tuition. Her hard work has been rewarded with the receipt of multiple \$1,000 scholarships from SLIS to assist her with tuition. Cindy says, "without these scholarships, I could not become a librarian. This education would be put on hold indefinitely."

Her work with the children's program at Forest Park is highly successful, especially her Cross-Aged Teen Book Club. "She is extremely creative and is a good fit for our community. She brings a unique prospective to our library. We are pleased to have her," says Assistant Branch Manager Barbara Billmyer. Cindy anticipates graduating in 2007.



MELBA HARVILL

Donor

SLIS Advancement Associate Margaret Yates recently visited with Dr. Melba Harvill, distinguished alum, to learn more about the Melba S. Harvill Scholarship, which she created in 2001 to provide financial assistance for full- or part-time students in SLIS. Below are excerpts from their conversation.

What prompted you to create an endowment for SLIS students?

First and foremost, I felt it was a worthwhile endeavor. UNT was so good to me in providing an excellent education to prepare me for my career, especially in Library and Information Science. It was a way for me to repay them and help make it possible for others to receive the same excellent education.

How does it make you feel to know that you will be helping SLIS students earn that excellent education in perpetuity?

It is so hard to put into words. I feel fortunate that I have been able to do it. It just gives me a good warm fuzzy feeling.

"Creating an endowment was a way for me to repay the school that gave me so much."
—Melba Harvill

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

They help those students earn their degrees who otherwise would not be able to go through the program.

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

Oh, yes!

Dr. Harvill, a four-time graduate of UNT having earned her B.A., M.A., M.L.S. and Ph.D. from the University, retired from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas after serving as library director for fifteen years. As director, she said, she was able to accomplish all of her goals for the library before retiring. Always

loyal to the Mean Green, Dr. Harvill served on the SLIS Capital Campaign Steering Committee 2000-2004, and was a charter member of the North Texas Exes Board. She has been an active volunteer in Wichita Falls since 1974, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Riverbend Nature Conservatory as chair of the Building Committee. The Conservatory is scheduled to open in Fall 2006.



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As part of our effort as a School to be more proactive in communicating with our alumni and more responsive to your needs, we are making several changes over the next year. *Call Number* will continue to be published twice a year, but you will receive intermittent correspondence from us when there is something of major significance to report or something we feel will be of interest to you.



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The faculty and staff are working hard to launch a new and improved website for the School. On this website will be a much revised alumni page. Among the topics will be: Update Your Contact Information, Give Us Your Thoughts or Ask Your Question, and Stay Connected (No Matter Where You Live).

It is our hope that you will be pleased with the changes. If you are not, or you would like to share an idea, please tell us. Your ideas and feedback are important. We look forward to communicating with you soon.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2nd annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Writers Conference of the Southwest, scheduled for July 15, 2006 at Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas, is sponsored by the UNT Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism.

Author Gay Talese, considered to be founder of "new journalism," will deliver the keynote speech. Dr. Mitch Land, a TxCDK fellow, is director of the Mayborn Institute.

For more information and ticket prices, contact Brandee Harrawood (940) 565-4564, ext. 4564.

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Clara Fowler of the UH Libraries speaking to the students at the Houston All School Day on March 25, 2006.

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