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# KALEIDOSCOPE,

## An Endless Variety Of Patterns

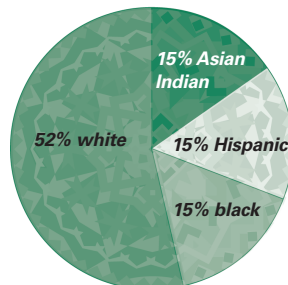
The word “kaleidoscope” derives from “kalos” meaning beautiful, “eidos” meaning form, and “scope”, an instrument for viewing. Included among the several definitions are: variegated changing patterns or scenes; shifting of values, information, fashions; and succession of changing phases or actions. “What better word could describe the School of Library and Information Sciences than “kaleidoscopic?” says **Dean Herman Totten**. “Our students, faculty, and staff represent all ages, races, and ethnicity creating a synergy that yields an endless variety of ideas, viewpoints, and research innovations. Our programs are continually updated to offer variegated tracks that lead to a multitude of employment opportunities. While our values do not shift, our mission is one of action as we meet the challenges of change in the information and technology world.”

For this feature article, we will look at our students, their ethnicity, ages, backgrounds, and program specializations, the diversity in our faculty, and at variations in career paths of our graduates. The emphasis will be on the master's program and the school in current times.

### Faculty

The SLIS faculty consists of 18 highly qualified professionals with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. The ethnicity makeup is 15 percent Asian Indian, 15 percent black, 15 percent Hispanic, and 52 percent white, ranking it as the most ethnically diverse faculty on the UNT campus. Those born outside of the United States include Drs. Jiangping Chen (China), Ana Cleveland (Cuba), Yunfei Du (China), Guillermo Oyarce (Peru), Miguel Ruiz (Venezuela), Barbara Schultz-Jones (Canada), and Vandana Singh (India). All except Dr. Cleveland and Dr. Du, who received all of their degrees in the United States, did undergraduate study in their native countries.

Faculty also came to SLIS with a variety of backgrounds. Dr. Schultz-Jones worked a number of years in management in the Canadian public and private sectors. Dr. Singh holds degrees from universities on three continents. Dr. Thompson spent six years as an intelligence research specialist in the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, achieving the “expert analyst” level. Dr. Ruiz played oboe in the symphony youth orchestra in Venezuela and later played in the professional symphony orchestra in Merida, Venezuela. Dr. Linda Schamber had a career in journalism that predates her career as an educator. Dr. Maurice



Wheeler has a music background and was for six years the director of the Detroit Public Library, the 6th largest public library in the U.S, before joining the SLIS faculty. Dr. Yvonne Chandler, who worked as a law librarian in a private firm for four years, was the first librarian of color to be hired by a major Atlanta law firm. Dr. Larry Enoch had some ten years experience in high technology electronic systems before coming to the faculty. (see p.10).



*Drs. Du, Ruiz, Singh, Schultz-Jones*

Faculty specialties vary and include all types of libraries and technical areas such as information systems analysis and design, metadata, digital imaging, knowledge management systems, bibliometrics, human-computer interaction, cross language information retrieval, automatic question answering, information policy, information seeking behavior, and information security.

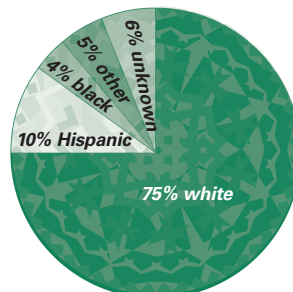
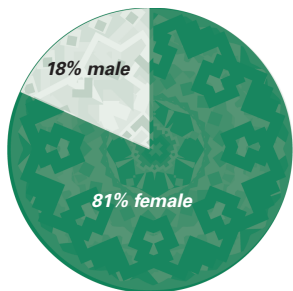
### Degree/Certification Offerings and Programs of Study

SLIS offers degree programs at the bachelor's and master's levels and the Interdisciplinary PhD in information science. In addition, there are offerings in school library certification, graduate academic certificate in advanced management in libraries and information agencies, graduate academic certificate in story telling, and graduate academic certificate in youth services in libraries and information settings.

Students have a variety of programs of study to choose from: general program, health informatics, information organization, school librarianship, information systems, digital image management, law librarianship and legal informatics, distributed learning librarianship, youth librarianship, and a program in the planning stage in digital knowledge management (see p.5-6, 7).

### Students

As might be expected, females dominated the student population with 81 percent (942) compared to 18 percent (213) males in fall 2007. By comparison, the number of males is fewer, but there has been a



decided increase in male students over the years. Total enrollment is about 1,200.

Seventy-five percent of fall 2007 students were classified as white, 10 percent Hispanic, 4 percent black, 5 percent other, and 6 percent unknown. These figures compare favorably with other UNT graduate programs, and are near those of the university as a whole.

Ages include some students in their

twenties who have just completed undergraduate study, but most are older individuals, out of school for some while, who enter graduate study in order to seek a new career. There is no breakdown by age groups available, but it is interesting to note that in spring 2007 one student, Margaret Ballard, completed the master's degree at age 83, taking all of her course work in distance learning mode.



Margaret Ballard

Students come to SLIS with varied backgrounds. Some worked as support staff in libraries, found they liked the environment, and decided to become library and information professional. Some, however, have no background in the field. A few interesting examples include:

- **Dan Wiig**, a student in the Las Vegas cohort, grew up in Minneapolis and moved to Las Vegas to learn about the sports gambling business. He worked at the LV Hilton SuperBook (the largest sportsbook in the world) as race and sports coordinator, where his duties included approving large bets, adjusting odds on games as necessary, and running handicapping contests.



Dan Wiig

- **Dennis Daily** (MS '06), assistant manager in special collections at Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado, Springs, CO, was a professional photographer.
- **Susan Schmidt** (MS '07) was manager of the Children Writing for Children Organization which published books to educate the public about children's issues (see *Call Number*, Fall '07, p.16).



Dennis Daily

- **Grace Fuller** (MS '08) worked with Quantum Energy, a hands on healing modality, an

area in which she is still involved.

- **Evelyn Ramos**, originally from Puerto Rico, is currently catering manager for House of Blues and Wolfgang Puck while attending the program in Las Vegas.
- **Sarah Jessamine Rhodes** (MS '06) worked in the fields of professional writing and public relations.
- **Sara Cope**, a student in the Houston program, bartended for some 15 years in bars, fine restaurants, a rockabilly bar, an English pub-type restaurant, and a couple of very busy and raucous Tex-Mex restaurants.
- **Paul Smith**, another Houston student, is an ex-hairdresser, aspiring novelist, and into eastern literature, dance, and yoga.
- **Sue Wheeler** describes herself as a mature student who came to this country from England with her native Texan husband 17 years ago. She is an avid marathon runner and has participated in more than 25 marathons in 16 states, with a goal of running in each state.
- **Rachel Cox** does not have an unusual background (she is a former teacher), but her location while completing the degree is unusual. She lives in St. Maarten where her husband Cody is attending medical school. Current enrollment also includes students in Stuttgart, Germany, Dakar, Senegal, West Africa, and Asuncion, Paraguay. In the past we have had students from Canada, Israel, Thailand, Peru, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, to name a few. Enrollment also includes students from every state in the United States.



Evelyn Ramos



Sue Wheeler

### Career Paths of Graduates

Although a majority of SLIS graduates serve in public or technical service positions in academic, public, or school settings, a sizeable number seek careers in special libraries of all types, especially medical and legal informatics in which SLIS has strong programs. (See *U.S. News & World Report* ranking, p.6) An increasing percentage of students go into technical or specialized areas. A sampling of graduates in medical and legal settings includes the following:

- Three graduates are at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). **Shikun "KK" Jiang** (MS '05) has a number of responsibilities such as coordination e-licensing for the Region's primary access libraries and scholarly publishing for the Region. **Karen Vargas** (MS '87), who serves as Consumer Health Outreach Coor-



Karen Vargas

dinator at NN/LM SCR, provides health professionals with access to biomedical information and the public access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health. A recent graduate, **Nicole Dettmar** (MS '07), began her position as evaluation and instructional design librarian at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle, WA, May 1, 2008.



Nicole Dettmar

- **Sheila Green's** (MS '07) title is Clinical Informationist at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library. She works closely with residents, faculty, and medical students in an educational and clinical support role, especially those at Baylor College of Medicine on location at Ben Taub General Hospital.
- **Leslyn McNabb** (MS '02), has management and oversight responsibilities for all system libraries at the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Public Health Library and Information Center, Atlanta Georgia. She interned at Cable News Network (CNN) in Atlanta prior to her current position. Leslyn is a member of the SLIS Alumni Society Board.
- **Melissa Rethlefsen** (MS '04) serves as education technology librarian at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic College of Medicine's Learning Resource Center.
- **Barbara Anne Shreffler** (MS '04) is director of constituent strategies at Baylor College of Medicine where she initiates and analyzes research and stays current on information to create an effective approach to constituents so that gift-giving is maximized. The position requires a great deal of problem-solving expertise.
- Two SLIS graduates are in key positions in Thomson West, a leading law publisher. **Michele Lucero** (MS '04) manages Thomson West's librarian relations Western Division which includes Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii. **Blythe McCoy** (MS '07) is West's librarian relations manager for law librarians in South/Southwest areas of the country. Her cities of concentration include Houston, Dallas, Austin, New Orleans, and Birmingham. Michele and Blythe serve as key contacts for law libraries in their division and serve as a consultant to ensure librarians get the most from their West relationships.



Michele Lucero



Blythe McCoy

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- Two other SLIS graduates hold key positions at LexisNexis, leading global provider of business information to professionals in law firms, corporations, government law enforcement, and many other areas.



Rhonda Keaton

Mississippi and Oklahoma.

**Julie Webster-Matthews** (MS student) is librarian relations consultant for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Tennessee.



Julie Webster-Matthews

- **Yvette Williams** (MS '07) is Financial Planning & Knowledge Resource Administrator in the legal department at CITGO Petroleum Corporation. She provides database training for new attorneys, paralegals, and other staff members, maintains the law library, and handles the departmental budget.
- **Mariann Sears** (MS '97), who holds a law degree, is firm-wide library manager for Thompson & Knight LLP, overseeing the firm's libraries in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and New York City. (See also p. 17) She works with another SLIS graduate, **Angela Kubala Kennedy** (MS '00), library supervisor in the Dallas office.

Other graduates have sought careers in areas such as bibliographic utility, distance learning, technical writing, indexing, digital imaging, preservation, website designing/management and software design. A few examples include:



Michael Porter

- **Michael Porter** (MS '05), distance and instructional librarian at Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, is responsible for providing instructional research services to online and off-campus students located nationally and internationally. He develops interactive Web-based tutorials using a variety of tools. (See also p.20)
- **Doug Dunlop** (MS '04) is involved in the Florida Heritage Collection, an ongoing cooperative project of the State University System of Florida to digitize and provide online access to materials broadly representing Florida's history, culture, arts, literature, sciences, and social sciences.
- **Mark Phillips** (MS '04) heads the UNT Digital Projects Lab and is a nationally known specialist in digital preservation and access.
- **Nathan Hall** (MS '06) is digital projects manager at the Photographic Preservation Society in Fort Worth, a nonprofit organization designed to preserve at-risk historically significant photographic collections.

- **Susan Clarke** (MS '03) heads digital projects at Stephen F. Austin State University.
- **Gavin DeCuir** (MS '07) serves as Web designer at Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX.
- **Ben Toon** (MS '94), at Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc., Richardson, TX, a leading supplier of IT and wireline/wireless network solutions, manages the library's functions, supports the competitive intelligence team on the company's Intranet site, and manages several survey projects.
- **Athena Jackson** (MS '07), editor at Alexander Street Press, Alexandria, VA, is exploring the world of academic publishing. She formerly worked on a grant-funded project, the North Carolina Newspaper Digitization Project at the North Carolina State Archives.
- **Monica Rivero** (MS '06) is project coordinator, Digital Library Initiative at Rice University, Houston
- **Heather Poinsett-Dunbar** (MS '07) is a research analyst at the Small Business Development Center Network (SBDCNet) Institute of Economic Development in San Antonio.
- **Dreanna Belden** (MS '03), serves as coordinator of grants and development at the UNT libraries; her work focuses on the Portal to Texas History, a digital gateway to collections held in libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives.
- **Sarah Jones** (MS '03) is a research associate at Spence Stewart, a leading privately held global executive search firm located in Dallas.



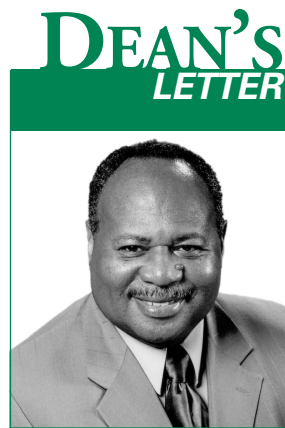
Athena Jackson

Others are in museum settings: **Samuel Duncan** (MS '91), library director, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth; **Valarie Swayze** (MS '04), museum librarian, University of Texas at San Antonio; and **Jo Glenn** (MS '01), Metropolitan Art Museum, New York.

## Feedback from Graduates

This sampling of SLIS students and graduates is designed to portray SLIS as a multifaceted environment where faculty and staff, through well-designed programs of study, prepare professionals to assume a wide variety of positions. Positive feedback from graduates concerning the training received at SLIS and satisfaction with their profession is expressed frequently. **Daniel Knight** (MS '98), U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center, San Antonio, states, "I'm now in an amazing position where my confidence and skills developed in the SLIS course work gives me the ability to succeed in this talent rich arena." **Ben Toon** (covered above) states, "My education at UNT helped prepare me for my different roles since I've graduated. The projects we did in school, both individually and in groups, gave me the experience and confidence to take on big projects in my career." **Barbara Anne Shreffler** (covered above) comments that "my library training learned at UNT gave me a solid knowledge of how information is gathered, stored, and distributed." **Mariann Sears** (covered above) says it well: "I truly believe that I was BORN to be a law librarian. There isn't a single aspect of my work that I dislike."

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As many of you know, the School of Library and Information Sciences (SLIS) has embraced the University's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan and is a vital part of the University's reaching its strategic goals, including its goal to become a research university that emphasizes interdisciplinarity. In fact,

in my column in the Fall 2007 issue, I reminded you of my Vision 2020 plan that emphasized research and interdisciplinarity. One of the goals was to establish several new programs of study (POS) to address the changing needs of students and employers. During the Fall 2006 Faculty Retreat, three POS were identified: digital knowledge management, information security, and crisis information management. As you know, new faculty hired in 2007 brought SLIS expertise in these areas. Because of the potentially broad scope of the digital knowledge POS, there was uncertainty whether the POS structure could reasonably accommodate what was needed to address that scope. So, in September 2007, I established the Ad Hoc Committee on Digital Knowledge Management Curriculum (DKMC) with the following charge:

- Identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies expected by potential employers who hire information professionals to work with and develop technologies, applications, and services in the broad arena of digital information
- Determine the goals and objectives of this area of study
- Articulate a curriculum (i.e., overall contents organized into a set of specific courses) to prepare master's students with the identified knowledge, skills, and competencies
- Identify learning objectives and assessment methods for the individual courses and the overall curriculum
- Develop new courses, adopt existing courses, or revise existing courses for the curriculum
- Determine timelines and resources needed for course development

I appointed 12 members to the Committee: Drs. Jiangping Chen, Guillermo Oyarce, Ana Cleveland, Miguel Ruiz, Yunfei Du, Vandana Singh, Elizabeth Figa, Dale Thompson, Barbara Schultz-Jones, Cathy Hartman, UNT Libraries, Dr. William Moen, chair, and Mark Phillips, UNT Libraries.

For the past year, the SLIS Advisory Board has provided substantial input into the Committee's work. The Board met February 4, 2008 after completing an online survey created by the DKMC to get the Board's input on what graduates would need to learn in order to assume positions that develop, manage, and maintain digital information and services. During the meeting, Board members worked in breakout groups to discuss the results of the survey

and delve more deeply into the potential of this curriculum for SLIS, students, and employers.

The survey and the breakout groups revealed strong support from the Board for this curriculum initiative. A major concern of many Board members, however, was that SLIS would replace current SLIS offerings. I have assured them that the new curriculum will enhance SLIS's existing courses, not replace them. The enhancement of new curriculum will expand SLIS's ability to produce graduates ready for the challenges of the digital information and technology environment. The following knowledge and skills were indicated by 80% or more of the Board members as important:

- Critical thinking
- Ethics
- Evaluation methods and Internet-based tools
- Management
- Marketing / informing
- Research methods
- Restrictions on the use of digital content
- Standards
- User experience and usability
- Web servers and services
- Writing

Because SLIS faculty is already engaged in a comprehensive review and revision of the master's core courses, it will act on the Board's input to integrate digital information and technology knowledge and skills as the core courses are redeveloped.

The Board brought out many wonderful ideas. Two stand out to me at this time in the process:

1) It will be critical to have a name for the curriculum that resonates with both students and employers. Top name preferences are Digital Content Management and Services and Digital Content Management. The intention of an appealing name is to not only attract students from traditional sources, but also to attract potential students who may not have considered a master's in library and information sciences. As one Board member stated, "make sure the program name has a broad appeal to all types of organizations." 2) The Board also felt that graduates from the new curriculum, as well as all SLIS graduates should be: adaptable and flexible; able to identify new and potential uses of technology to meet new needs and use in innovative ways; risk-takers, unafraid of failing; reactors, quick to respond; and outcome and evaluation-oriented.

The Board also raised several pertinent questions including:

- Will this be an ALA-accredited program?
- Are 36 credit hours sufficient to prepare these graduates?
- Should it be a whole new program or an extension of the master's degree?
- Will this prepare students for a library professional position, or a different profession?

These and other questions will be addressed as the Committee continues to work. The plan is to be ready to implement the new curriculum in fall 2009.

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The Committee intends to collect more feedback from the Board as well as use a revised online survey to reach out to Texas Library Association members and other potential groups who may have a stake in this new curriculum.

Interestingly, in January 2008, Dr. Wendy K. Wilkins, UNT's Provost, charged UNT units with another research and interdisciplinary initiative with a call for Research Clusters—groups of faculty researchers that would “cluster” and research based on an interdisciplinary concept. The Clusters were required to create a research proposal that supports the University's strategic goals, utilizes more than one department across disciplines, lists potential research areas, suggests possible collaborators, and outlines plans for additional faculty and other resources to make the Cluster effective. The University will select an undetermined number of clusters to fund from the 37 that were submitted. SLIS is proposing three clusters for the University's consideration: 1) Digital Visual Thinking; 2) Digital Work Spaces; and 3) Health Informatics (biomedical informatics).

The Digital Visual Thinking Cluster includes members from SLIS, the Computing & Information Technology Center (CITC), and the College of Arts & Sciences Radio, Television, and Film (RTVF) department. Members are: Brian O'Connor, SLIS Professor; Richard Anderson, CITC Information Security Coordinator; and Melinda Levin, RTVF Chair. The Cluster has identified the following possible areas of research:

- Task-based hunting for images
  - Cognitive engagement with images
  - Document hunting strategies
- Editing style and viewer engagement with documentaries
- Effects of image size on viewer perceptions
- Ultra-High resolution photographic representation of realia (looking at the “real” world and looking at photographs with optical characteristics equal to human vision)

The Digital Work Spaces Cluster includes members from the SLIS faculty, the University Libraries, the Department of Communication Studies (CS), the Department of Learning Technologies (LT) and the Department of Anthropology (DA). The Cluster is co-coordinated by Dr. William E. Moen, Director, Texas Center for Digital Knowledge, and Cathy Hartman, Assistant Dean of Libraries. Other members are SLIS faculty Drs. Yunfei Du and Barbara Schultz-Jones, Assistant Professors; Dr. Brian O'Connor, Professor; Dr. Elizabeth Figa, Associate Professor; CS faculty Drs. Karen Anderson and Zuoming Wang, Assistant Professors; LT faculty Dr. Scott Warren, Assistant Professor; and AD faculty Christina Wasson, Associate Professor. The Cluster has identified the following possible areas of research:

#### People: Users, Creators, and Social Engagement

- User behavior
- Information seeking
- Information creation
- Scholarly communication
- Online persona
- Social impacts of technology

#### Information: Content and Collections

- Information life cycle management
- Information preservation (systems, workflows, policies)
- Knowledge representation (metadata, visualization)
- Digital repositories (institutional, data, learning objects)
- Personalized collection building

#### Environments: Contingencies, Systems, and Services

- Construction of theory-based tools
- Information retrieval and searching
- Human computer interface
- Social networking tools
- Web services

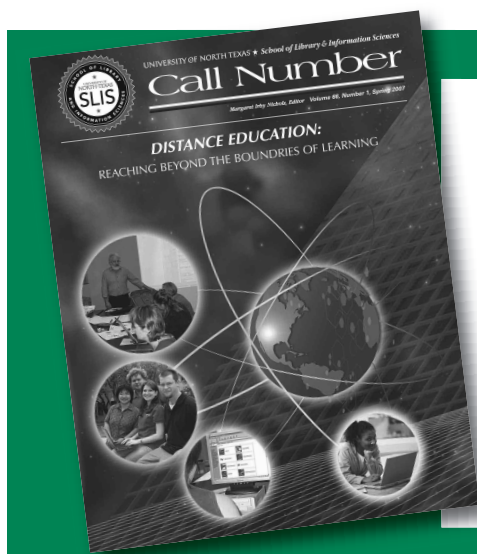
The Health Informatics Cluster includes faculty from SLIS and faculty from the College of Engineering Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department. Co-coordinators are SLIS faculty Dr. Ana Cleveland, Professor and Dr. Miguel Ruiz, Associate Professor. Other SLIS members are Dr. Yvonne Chandler, Associate Professor, Drs. Jiangping Chen, Yunfei Du, Shawne Miksa, Guillermo A. Oyarce, and Vandana Singh, Assistant Professors. CSE members are Dr. Armin Mikler, Associate Professor and Drs. Rada Mihalcea, JungHwan Oh, and Xiaohui Yuan, Assistant Professors. The Cluster has identified the following possible areas of research:

- Consumer health informatics and health information literacy
- Computational methods applied to health information:
  - Computational epidemiology
  - Biomedical Natural Language Processing (BioNLP)
  - Medical image processing
- Health information management, retrieval and decision support systems
- Medical indexing
- Social and legal issues in health information

As you can see, this is an exciting time for SLIS as it embarks on the journey toward being part of an emerging student-centered, research institution. I will keep you posted on the progress of the new Digital Knowledge Management Curriculum, as well as the Provost's decision regarding SLIS's Cluster proposals. It is, as always, an honor to be Dean of the best library and information sciences school in the nation!

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## CALL NUMBER WINS AN AWARD

*Call Number* has received a silver award from the In-plant Printing and Mailing Association, a national organization. The award will be presented at the Association's annual meeting in Tunica, MS in June. UNT received 6 awards in all from the Association, ranking third among the top winners.

*Call Number*, published as the School's newsletter since 1939 and now a 24-page magazine, is edited by Emeritus Professor Margaret Irby Nichols, who retired from the SLIS faculty in 1996 after serving 41 years. She has edited the *Call Number* since 1988 as well as a number of years during the 1970s.

# THE SCHOOL

## SLIS HEALTH INFORMATICS PROGRAM RANKED BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT



On the magazine's annual guide to the best graduate schools, the *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the SLIS master of science in library and information science degree program in health librarianship third in the Nation and first in Texas. The program tied with the University of Washington for third place and finished just behind the University of Pittsburgh and the University of North Carolina. The health informatics program, established in 1988, is known for its innovative, high quality course of study as reflected by the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking. "The health informatics program integrates theory with practice by providing a forward-thinking curriculum that prepares graduates to work in the information-

intensive field of healthcare and biomedicine," said **Dr. Ana Cleveland**, director of the health informatics program and head of the Houston program. The program provides a wide range of opportunities for students to interact with leaders in the profession inside and outside the classroom environment. Graduates of the program work at prestigious healthcare organizations across the Nation (See several examples p. 2) and hold leadership positions in professional associations. The January 21, 2008 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* recognized the University of North Texas for its graduate-level distance learning programs in education and library and information science.

## TxCDK HOSTS LECTURES



On December 4, 2007, **Eric Lease Morgan**, head of the Digital Access and Information Architecture Department, Notre Dame University Libraries, presented the fall 2007 Funda-

mentals of Digital Knowledge Lecture. During the presentation, titled "Today's Digital Information Landscape: Plenty of Problems to Solve, Plenty of Solutions to Choose From," he addressed the ongoing challenges for collection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of data, information, and knowledge for digital libraries. The archived webcast of his presentation is available at <http://media.unt.edu:8080/ramgen/cmp/TxCDK/Morgan.rm>.

Morgan was previously president and chief executive officer of Informations, Inc. The company provides consulting, teaching, and computer programming services to library entities, assisting with instruction, creation and maintenance of digital library collections

and services that are relevant to patrons. At Notre Dame, he has created many information services using Internet and computing protocols. He received his bachelor's degree from Bethany College, Bethany, WV and the master of information science degree from Drexel University, Philadelphia.

On April 24, TxCDK hosted a special lecture by **Amanda Neill**, director of the Herbarium at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT). The lecture addressed the ongoing challenges for managing and sharing vast amounts of biodiversity data generated in the field, laboratories, and herbaria. BRIT has developed ATRIUM, an online biodiversity information system that facilitates the collection, organization, and sharing of organismal and ecological information. This information system provides tools for research organizations that increases the speed and extends the capabilities of biodiversity research by facilitating the processes of sharing, collaboration, and publication. Jason Best, BRIT IT Manager for the ATRIUM system, discussed some of the technical aspects of the system.



## TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MOVING TO UNT

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA), founded in 1897 and housed on the University of Texas at Austin campus since its beginning, will move to the UNT campus in fall 2008. The prestigious nonprofit education and research group publishes the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, a scholarly journal, and the *New Handbook of Texas*, a comprehensive encyclopedia of Texas geography, historical events, and historical people. The online version of the encyclopedia averages four million page views a month. The *Texas Almanac*, recently acquired by TSHA, also will be moving to UNT. TSHA is regarded by historians as the nation's most dynamic regional history organization. The Association's president stated that UNT is a logical choice for relocation in that it has the state's largest program in Texas history and a university press that publishes many books on Texas subjects.

## HOUSTON ISD/SLIS COLLABORATION

The Houston Independent School District's Department of Library Service, in collaboration with SLIS, will recruit and educate teachers to become certified school librarians. The IMLS grant, which provides funding for 30 participants, is designed to address the need for certified librarians to serve the city's increasingly racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse student population. The project will place emphasis on, but not be limited to, recruiting bilingual teachers. Twenty-seven fellows have entered the project, with three additional ones expected in summer 2008.

### DID YOU KNOW?

SLIS will celebrate 70 years of service to the library and information profession in 2009.

## SLIS BOARD OF ADVISORS

**Fred Heath**, chair, Vice Provost & Dir. of Gen. Libs., Univ. Texas at Austin.; **Rosie Albritton**, Lib. Dir., Prairie View A&M Univ.; **Adrian Alexander**, Dean of Libs., Univ. of Tulsa; **Jacqueline Allen**, Dir. of Libs. & Imaging, Srvs, Dallas Musm. of Art; **Martha Bedard**, Dir. of Librs. UNM; Barry Bishop, Dist. Dir. Lib. Info. Srvs, Spring Branch ISD; **Barbara Blake**, branch mgr., Lubbock (TX) Pub Lib; **Renee Bougard**, Assoc. Dir., Nat'l Network of Libs. of Med.-South Central Reg., Houston Acad. of Med., TX Med. Cntr. Lib.; **Holly Buchanan**, Assoc. VP for Knowledge Mngt & IT Dir., Health Sci. & Informatics Cntr., Univ. of NM; **Tyrone Cannon**, Dean, Univ. Librs., Univ. of San Francisco; **Sharon Carr**, Dist. Lib. Dir., El Paso ISD; Margaret Carroll, Doc. Teaching Fellow, former Mgr. for Microsoft Corp; **Johnny Carson**, Nat'l Acct. Mgr., Brodart Co; **Bobby Carter**, Assoc. VP for Info. Resrs.& E.D. of Lib., UNT Health Sci. Cntr. Ft. Worth; **Lisa Castro**, Dir. of Lib. Srvs., Art Inst. of Dallas; **Marianne Comegys**, Chair, Dept. of Med. Lib. Science, LSU Health Sciences Center; **Colleen Cook**, Dean of Evans Lib., TX A&M Univ.; **Daphne DeLeon**, Div. Admin., Nevada State Lib. and Archives; **Gail Dickinson**, Asst. Prof, Dept of Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, Darden College of Edu., Old Dominion Univ.; **Carol Doll**, Dir., Sch. Librarianship Prog. Dept. of Edu. Curriculum and Instruction, Darden College of Edu., Old Dominion Univ; **Elizabeth Eaton**, E.D., HAM-TMC Library; **Laurie Evans**, Dir., Dallas Pub. Lib.; **Joshua Ferraro**, Pres. Tech., LibLime; Oscar Garcia, Dean, College of Engr., UNT; **Teena Garvin**, Lib. & Media Srvs. Coord., Garland ISD; **Rhoda Goldberg**, Interim Dir., Harris County (TX) Pub. Librs; **Donald Grose**, Dean, UNT Libs.; Sharon Gullett, Lib. Media

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## 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 Board of Advisors. This group of some 50 members meets each spring to offer invaluable insight into preparation needs of students entering the profession. The Board, begun by **Dean Raymond von Dran**, held its first meeting in February 1991.

### *Spring 2008 Board of Advisors Meeting Digital Knowledge Management Program*

The Board of Advisors met for an all-day session on February 4, 2008, at the UNT Discovery Park, the site where SLIS will move later this year. Following a continental breakfast and welcome from the Dean, the group was provided an update on the state of the School. One of the objectives of the Board is to act as a "sounding board" for the dean and faculty by provid-

ing insights and feedback related to the school's programs. In carrying out this charge, the board members were divided into focus groups to discuss and make recommendations concerning the digital knowledge management program of study, a new curriculum initiative.

The digital knowledge management program of study will prepare professionals to meet the challenges of managing the life cycle of digital assets, no matter their types and formats or their method of delivery. Professionals completing this curriculum will have acquired the knowledge and up-to-date technical skills necessary to manage digital assets, build applications, and develop services that respond to institutional and individual user needs. (See page 4 for additional information on program.)

Following the luncheon, at which board members and SLIS faculty were introduced, the highly beneficial meeting reconvened for focus group reports and a business session.



## NEW BOARD MEMBERS



*Farzaneh Razzaghi reading Call Number*

**Marianne Comegys**, chair, Department of Medical Library Sciences, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA; **Gail Dickinson**, assistant professor, Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction, Old Dominion University; **Carol Doll**, program director

for school librarianship, Department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction, Old Dominion University; **Laurie Evans** (MLS '74) director, Dallas Public Libraries; **Joshua Ferraro**, president technology, LibLime; **Rhoda Goldberg**, interim director, Harris County (TX) Public Library; **Rhonda Keaton**, librarian relations consultant, LexisNexis; **Melody Kelly** (MLS '73), associate dean, University of North Texas Libraries; **Blythe McCoy**, librarian relations manager, Thomson West; **Farzaneh Razzaghi**, library director, University of Texas Pan American; **Larry Sall**, dean of libraries, University of Texas at Dallas; and **Gerald Saxon**, dean of the library, University of Texas at Arlington.

A roster of the complete Board is included in sidebars located on these pages.



## FEATURED BOARD MEMBERS

### *Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson and John Carson*

**Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson**, who has served on the Board for two years, is executive director of the Houston Public Library, serving over 2.2 million people of diverse ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds, and ranking seventh among the nation's largest public library systems. Before moving to Houston, Dr. Lawson served in a number of capacities including deputy director of the Detroit Public Library, chief of the Brooklyn (NY) Public Library's Central Library, and assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at Wayne State University.

During her relatively short tenure in Houston, Dr. Lawson has launched HPL-Express, a new and innovative library service, the first of its kind in the United States, which virtually changes the face of how urban public library service is delivered to the community. At the first of four planned locations, HPL Express Southwest contains an abundance of computer work stations and free digital connectivity; it also provides library program offerings that include computer courses, age-appropriate events, virtual tutoring, and access to the library's vast collection of 119 databases for researchers, students, and small businesses. In addition, the Looscan Neighborhood Library, a state-of-the-art facility and the City of Houston's first "green" building, has been reopened. Future plans include the African American Library at the Gregory School that will serve as a resource and repository to preserve, promote, and celebrate the rich history and culture of African Americans in Houston and surrounding area, and the reopening of the newly renovated Central Library and the renovated historical houses at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogy Research.

Dr. Lawson is the recipient of numerous professional and civic accolades and serves in a leadership capacity in a number of professional, educational, and community organizations. She holds a BA in



*Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson*



*John Carson*

political science from Morgan State University, MLS from the University of Maryland College Park, and a PhD in Library & Information Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**John Carson**, national account manager, Brodart Co., Books & Automation Division, with over 42 years of service to the library industry, is serving his second year on the SLIS Board of Advisors. He began his career with Brodart in 1966 as a cataloging supervisor after being released from the U.S. Air Force. He worked his way through various departments within the company as product manager, sales consultant, sales representative in Brodart's Southeastern and South Central District, and sales manager until he was promoted to national sales manager in 1987. He assumed the role of national accounts manager in 2003.

**Dr. Barbara Stein Martin** reports that before he moved away from the area to assume his current position, John came each semester to talk with students about ordering, using a vendor in collection development, what to look for in "discounts", differences in book bindings, and other related matters. "He never pushed Brodart," she says, "but presented a generic overview with insights that gave our students a great advantage in their understanding of working with vendors."

John has been actively involved for 16 years in Friends of Libraries USA, the national organization that provides resources, services, and networking opportunities for friends, trustees, and foundation organizations across the country to increase and enhance their efforts on behalf of libraries of all types. He was elected the organization's president for 2007-08. He also is active in the Texas Library Association's Texas Professional Association of Library Sales (TPALS) and was Mr. April (pictured on a motorcycle) in the 2007 Men of TLA calendar, a fundraiser for the organization's Disaster Relief Fund.

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Conslt., Tyler, TX; **Sebastian Hammer**, CEO, Index Data; **Kathy Hoffman**, Ex. Dir., Univ. of TX M.D. Anderson Cancer Cntr., Houston; **Joan Howland**, Prof. of Law & Assoc. Dean of Info. & Tech., Univ. of Minnesota Law Sch.; **Joan Jarosek**, Dir. Lib. Svcs., Jones Day, Dallas; **Sara Jones**, Dir., Carson City (NV) Pub. Lib.; **Lynnette Jordan**, Global IMS Advisor, Exxon Mobil Global Svcs.; **Bonnie Juergens**, ED, Amigos Library Services; Obidike Kamau, Dir., TX Southern Univ.; **Rhonda Keaton**, Lib. Relations Consul., Lexid Nexis; **Melody Kelly**, Assoc. Dean, UNT Librs.; **Leona Kemp**, Virtual Librn., UNT-Dallas; **Jana Knezek**, Dir., Libs. Svcs., Northside ISD, San Antonio; **Rhea Lawson**, Dir. of Libs., Houston Pub.; **John Leggett**, Dir., Cntr. for the Study of Digital Librs., Prof. Computer Sci., TX A&M Univ.; **Kevin Marsh**, Network Svcs Librn., TX State Library; **Marilyn Mason**, ED Web-junction, OCLC; **Kay McBride**, Coord. Of Lib. Svcs., Pasadena ISD; **Gillian McCombs**, Dean & Dir. of Libs., SMU; **Blythe McCoy**, Lib. Relations Mgr., Thomson West; **Sandra McLeroy**, Libr. Tech. Spec. ESC Region 6; **Joan Mitchell**, Ed.-in-Chief, OCLC; **Susan Phillips**, Assoc. Dean, Dir. Of Law Lib., TX Wesleyan Sch. Of Law; **Eva Poole**, Dir., Denton (TX) PL Syst.; **Judy Rasberry**, Ed. Coord., Medical Cntr of Lewisville Texas; **Farzaneh Razzaghi**, Dir., Univ. of Tx Pan American; **Dana Rooks**, Dean of Libs., Univ. of Houston; **Kathy Royall**, High School Librn., Everman (TX) ISD; **Peggy Rudd**, Dir., TX State Library; **Ramiro Salazar**, Dir., San Antonio PL Syst.; **Larry D. Sall**, Dean of Librs, UT Dallas; Gerald Saxon, Dean of Librs., Univ. of TX at Arlington; **Patricia Smith**, ED, TLA Laurie Thompson, Asst. VP Lib. Svcs., Univ. of TX Southwestern Med. Cntr., Dallas; **Paul Thompson**, Assoc. Prof, Computer Sci., Dartmouth College; Clarice Weeks, Lib. Dir., Zale Lib., Paul Quinn College.

## THE SPRING ISI SAMUEL LAZEROW MEMORIAL LECTURE

On February 4, 2008, **Joan S. Mitchell**, editor in chief, Dewey Decimal Classification System, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., presented the ISI Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Thomson Scientific. She has spoken extensively in the area of knowledge organization. Her presentation, titled "Re-imagining Classification: Dewey in the Knowledge Representation Space," addressed the promise and challenges for classification in the knowledge representation space in terms of content, viewpoint, international collaboration, formats and identifiers, and machine-to-machine web services. A video of the presentation is available through the SLIS homepage website, [www.unt.edu/slis/](http://www.unt.edu/slis/)

In 2005, Ms Mitchell was awarded the Melvil Dewey Medal by ALA. She serves on the editorial board

of Knowledge Organization, and is a member of the ISKO Scientific Advisory Council and UNT SLIS Board of Advisors. Prior to joining OCLC in 1993, Ms Mitchell was director of educational technology at Carnegie Mellon University and an adjunct professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. She has held various other positions in academic and special libraries.



## SLIS PLANNING EDUCATIONAL TOUR FOR LIBRARIANS

**Dean Herman Totten** will host a four-day educational tour of the New York Public Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Those joining the tour will not only have a fun learning experience, but will also earn continuing educational hours. The tentative itinerary designates August 3 as travel day, August 4, New York City Public Library tour plus time to shop and see the city, August 5, Metropolitan Museum of Art tour with an evening Broadway show, ending August 6 with travel home. Rates start from \$843 per person, including hotel (double occupancy), and travel based on departure city. Added tours, shows and meals are additional. For rates, please contact Christi Rush Hawley, Branch Manager, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Carrollton, Texas, at 1-800-289-4585. Deadline: \$100 deposit due June 30, 2008.



## FACULTY & STAFF

### DR. YVONNE CHANDLER

*Prestigious Award Recipient*



#### Associate Professor Yvonne Chandler

was selected as one of the two winners of the prestigious President's Council Outstanding Teaching Award for 2008. She will share this honor with Dr. Bert Hayslip, Jr. of the Psychology Department. The awards were presented at the UNT Spring Faculty Meeting and Award Ceremony on April 30, 2008.

Dr. Chandler, who is coordinator of the Las Vegas and Atlanta Programs, joined the SLIS faculty in 1993. Her research areas include legal information services and research, Internet resources and services, and education for library and information services. She teaches courses in access and retrieval and law library management. An active member of the Texas Library Association, she frequently serves on the Conference Program Committee and was elected to a three-year term on the Association's Executive Board in 2005. She also is an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) as well as the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL), having served as its president in 2006.

### DR. ANA CLEVELAND

**NAMED LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR**

**Dr. Ana Cleveland** received the Librarian of the Year Award from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) during their 2007 annual meeting. Brian Bunnet gave a laudatory speech about her contributions to the field of health sciences librarianship and informatics. Dr. Cleveland considered it an especially rewarding occasion since her mother, Ana Divino, was in attendance to see her daughter receive the award, along with many of her current and former students.

Dr. Cleveland also received the 2007 Librarian of the Year Award from HealthLINE (see *Call Number, Spring 2007*), and was featured in *Library Journal* for her outstanding mentoring of students. Her research on complementary and alternative medicine was acknowledged by SCC/MLA when she and **Tom Casteel** won first place in research.



*Dr. Ana Cleveland with her mother, Ana Divino*

## LAWRENCE ENOCH

### *Featured Faculty Member*

**Dr. Lawrence Enoch** has been a part of SLIS for the past 22 years, serving as an adjunct professor (1986-2001), instructor (2001-2006), and lecturer (2006 to date). In his current position, he is manager of SLIS 5200, Introduction to Information Organization, for which he coordinates the Web institutes and Denton class sections and develops class materials and course content. This required course is among the first that students take on entering the program.

Dr. Enoch holds both the MS in library and information sciences (1985) and the Interdisciplinary PhD (1992) from SLIS, as well as an undergraduate degree from Kansas State University. On completing the master's degree, he became coordinator of online services/ bibliographic instruction at Willis Library (1985-1990).

From 1990 to 1994 he was senior staff specialist at MCI Communications Corporation Information Resource Center, performing research and reference services for MCI



clientele and developing library technical resources. From 1990 to 1997, he was manager of the network MCI Library, network MCI Services Division at MCI Communications Corporation. His responsibilities were to design, build and manage a nationwide high technology electronic library system using Lotus notes, Intranet Web sites, networked CD-Roms, and other tools to provide services to more than 30,000 employees at over 200 sites. From 1998 to 2000, he was senior librarian/market research coordinator - Corporate Research Library at Electronic Data Systems Corporation, where he was responsible for all aspects of market research acquisition

and distribution functions for 130,000 employees. Additionally, he has been a consultant since 1993, specializing in strategic direction and planning, marketing, business plans, website strategy and development, and marketing for libraries. Clients include the State of Illinois, Microsoft, Special Library Association, Harris Methodist Health Center, High Speed Network Services, May & Co., and others.

Dr. Enoch lives in Denton with his wife, children and grandchildren. His hobbies are wargaming and woodworking. Wargaming involves pushing hundreds of meticulously painted one-inch tall model soldiers around on a landscaped tabletop in hopes of outmaneuvering the opponent's soldiers. Since he started wargaming over 30 years ago, he has painted some 20,000 figures representing Vikings, Romans, Patriots, paratroopers, and many others. He and his fellow hobbyists also carry out battles with ships of all ages from ancient galleys to modern missile firing submarines.

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## TISHA PIPES

### *Featured Staff Member*



**Tisha Pipes** has worn several hats at UNT. Currently, she is SLIS Academic Budget Officer (since 2006) and Special Assistant to the Dean. From 2002-2005, she was Assistant to the Faculty

Executive Assistant to the President, Office of the President. She also has served as a teaching fellow for several SLIS courses—Introduction to Information Professions, Management of Information Agencies, and Information Resources/ Services in Cultural Diverse Communities—and is a student (all but dissertation) in the Interdisciplinary PhD in Information Science program. She has served as an adjunct professor at Texas Woman's University, teaching desktop publish-

ing, as an instructor at Grayson County College and North Central Texas College, and in conducting continuing education classes for the Texas Educational Service Center, Region XI, Fort Worth.

Tisha holds an MS degree in computer education and cognitive systems and an MS in library science, both from UNT, and has been admitted to several national and international honor societies—Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Phi Mu, Alpha Sigma Lambda, and Kappa Phi Alpha—and graduated Summa Cum Laude when she received her bachelor's degree in communications from TWU.

She has published numerous articles in newsletters and other publications, and contributed chapters to two books: "Information Disasters and Disaster Information: Where Information Science Meets Emergency Management" in *Disciplines, Disasters & Emergency Management*, D.A. McEntire, ed. (Charles C. Thomas Publisher, 2007), and "Katrina Bank-

rupts the Information-Rich: Information Poverty in Slidell, Louisiana" in *Learning for Catastrophe: Quick Response Research in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina* (University of Colorado National Hazards Center, 2006). She is active in TLA, ALA, ALISE, and ASIS&T.

On the more personal side, Tisha's favorite downtime past-time is watching a good movie, but she also loves to sing, play the piano, and write songs appropriate for pop or country tastes. She has four grown children—Jerrod, a pediatric resident at Baylor Children's Hospital planning to specialize in pediatric cardiology; Ryan, an English, Spanish, and ESL teacher in the Dallas ISD; Neil, a simulation engineer at Bell Helicopter; and Lindsey, soon to graduate with a degree in legal studies, who will enter law school in the fall—plus two grandchildren, Haley and Cameron, ages 9 and 2. She and her husband John have four dogs that bring them much joy—Cairn-Terriers Barkley and Katey, Yorkie-Poo Maggey, and a Yorkie named Zoey.

# FACULTY BITS & BYTES

Dr. Ana Cleveland, Della Pan, Dr. Jiangping Chen, Cindy Yu, and Jodi Philbrick co-authored an article titled "Analysis of the Health Information Needs and Health Related Internet Usage of a Chinese Population in the United States" that will be published this year in the Chinese journal *Library and Information Service*.

Dr. Cleveland also made seven presentations at the fall 2007 meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, in collaboration with several of her master's and doctoral students and colleagues: "Teaching the Chinese Population How to Find Quality Health Information on the Internet" with Della Pan, Dr. Jiangping Chen, and Jodi Philbrick; "The Integration of Informatics in the Curricula of Nursing Schools" with Jodi Philbrick and Michael Robertson; "Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Current Medical Information Research" with Della Pan and Jodi Philbrick; "Blogging in Academic Health Sciences Libraries" with Jodi Philbrick; (first place winner for research), "A Review of the Effectiveness of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) as Applied to Twenty Common Health Problems" with Tom Castell (MS '08); "The IMLS-Funded Informatics Fellowship: A Progress

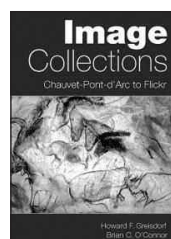
Report" with Gale Hannigan, Martha Bedard, and Jodi Philbrick; and "An Intern's Adventures in a College of Medicine LRC" with Dawn Kruse, Gale Hannigan, and Bobbie Ann White.

With others, Dr. Cleveland made two TLA presentations: "Social Networking: A Primer for Librarians" with Michael Robertson and Jodi Philbrick and "Is an MLS for Me?" with Marco Zannier and Jody Philbrick (panel group) at the District 8 meeting in Houston. Other presentations included "Medical Librarians... Aren't Just about Books," VIVA! Project, Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library, Houston; and "Moving Forward... Your Career in Libraries," North Harris Montgomery County Community College Library System Staff Development Day, The Woodlands, TX

Other news from Dr. Cleveland includes: election as chair-elect of the Medical Library Education Section of the Medical Library Association, appointment to the planning committee for the 2009 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, and, due to her many research awards from the last three years, appointment to the Research Committee of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

Dr. Yufei Du hosted the international reception at the fall 2007 annual conference of the American Society of Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). He is chair of Special Interest Group – International Information Issues (SIG –III). He was co-winner of the ASIS&T SIG-of-the-Year Award in 2007.

At the TLA Annual Conference in April 2008, Drs. Miguel Ruiz and Dale Thompson presented a program titled "Protecting the Bytes: Information Security for the Novice."



Dr. Brian O'Connor and Howard Griesdorf (PhD '00), director of training, UniFocus, Carrollton, TX, have published *Structures of Image Collections: From Chauvet-Pont-d'Arc to Flickr* (Libraries Unlimited, 2007). Dr. O'Connor and his son Ethan presented an invited paper at Document Academy annual gathering in Madison, WI on March 27, 2008, titled "Verisimilitude and High Resolution Digital Representations of Realia". The current issue of *UNT Research* has on page 41 "Fingerprinting Film," Dr. O'Connor and Richard Anderson's hugh pattern of colors that hangs in the ISB hallway.

## SLIS Faculty at Commencement



Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones, at her hooding, with Dr. Linda Singh, and Ruiz.  
Drs. Chen, Chandler, Martin, Wheeler, Thompson, Singh, and Ruiz.

Dr. Carol Simpson, associate professor now serving in modified service and a JD Candidate for May '08 at the SMU Dedman School of Law, was a keynote speaker at the 2008 Georgia Conference on Information Literacy. Information literacy is defined as the ability to know when there is a need for information, and to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.

Dr. Shawne Miksa, as part of her duties as chair of the RDA Implementation Task Force, has helped to organize an informational program session for the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, on June 25. She will be joined by Dr. Barbara Tillett, Library of Congress, and Dr. Glenn Patton, OCLC, to discuss the role of the FRBR and FRAD in the new cataloging rules, Resource Description and Access (RDA), scheduled for release in mid-2009, as well as implementation issues and strategies.

At the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in April 2008, Dr. Miksa held a pre-conference focused on preparing for RDA, aimed at catalogers and administrators. The one-day session, titled "Hello RDA, Goodbye AACR2," attended by a record crowd, was co-sponsored by SLIS, AMIGOS, and the TLA Texas Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers Round Table.



She published an article, titled "Them! Google's Ambivalence toward Library and Information Science," in *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, (Oct./Nov.2007, pp. 30-32), which was chosen as Editor's Pick in *Informed Librarian Online*, November 2007. She also provided a written response to the draft report of the Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control at the Library of Congress. The response, titled "You Need My Metadata: Demonstrating the Value of Cataloging," was published in the *Journal of Library Metadata*, spring 2008.

Dr. Miksa will co-author "Faceted and Enumerative Classifications" with Dr. Kathryn La Barre, GSLIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for inclusion in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*. Her proposal for a paper on British classificationist Barbara Kyle has been accepted for a 2009 special edition of *Libraries & the Cultural Record* titled "Pioneering Women in Information Science."



Adam Moen, 8 year-old son of Dr. William Moen and his wife Monica, was the student profile feature in the *Denton Record-Chronicle* newspaper, February 19, 2008. His hobbies are soccer, piano, and playing with Legos; his favorite subject in school is math; and his hero is his dad.

Faculty Bits & Bytes, continued

**Dr. Elizabeth Figa** and doctoral candidate **Tonda Bone** presented a paper, titled "Librarian on Board! Research Results and a Framework for Designing Librarian-in-the-Classroom Services," at the 2008 TLA Annual Conference. Dr. Figa was appointed to the UNT Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Senator Group II. The executive committee of ten from among the Faculty Senate meets regularly with the University president.

**Dr. Figa and Erin O'Toole**, UNT Libraries, presented "Betwixt Wind and Water: Research Project Results on Libraries-in-the-Classroom Distance Learning Service" at the Texas Distance Learning Association conference, March 2008.



Dr. Figa and Erin O'Toole

## STAFF BITS & BYTES



**Jurhee Curtis**, external affairs coordinator, and her family welcomed twins, Olivia and Caroline Holcombe (at left), born September 25, 2007.

**Theresa Jackson**, assistant to Academic Budget Officer, has a new granddaughter, Jocelyn (at right), born October 29, 2007.



**Margaret Yates**, SLIS development officer, her husband Steve, and big sister Lucy welcomed William Quinney Yates to their family, born November 8, 2007.

Two student employees in the SLIS Budget Office received Outstanding Student Employee Awards, **Megan Carroll** in fall 2007 and **Valerie Jackson** in spring 2008. The awards were presented during the employee recognition party held each semester.



Left: Megan Carroll and her mother, Laura Vogel.  
Right: Valerie Jackson.



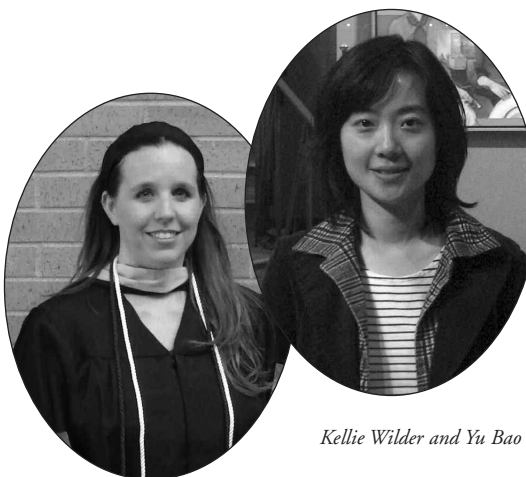
**Pat Nordstrom**, formerly SLIS advancement representative, is retiring from UNT.

## STUDENT NEWS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### HONORED STUDENTS

Each calendar year, the SLIS faculty selects outstanding students who are recognized at the annual UNT Honors Day ceremony, this year on April 18. **Kelli Wilder** (MS '07) and **Yu Bao** were the honored students selected for 2007.

Kelli Wilder, who received the master's degree and graduate academic certificate in advanced management of information agencies in December 2007, is working as a temporary reference librarian at the University of Texas in San Antonio and as a teaching assistant for **Dr. Miguel Ruiz** of the SLIS faculty. She hopes to gain a permanent position in an academic library setting where she can pursue her goal of increasing information literacy skills in college students. After completing her undergraduate study in communications with a public relations emphasis, she managed restaurants for some five years, but hoped to continue her studies on a graduate level. While sorting through papers at home, she came across a file of career assessments she had taken over the years through school and work. All of the assessments mentioned librarian as a suitable career choice for her personality and aptitudes. When she began researching librarianship and distance learning pro-



Kellie Wilder and Yu Bao

grams on the Internet, she was most impressed with what UNT SLIS had to offer. "My time with UNT SLIS has been so rewarding," she says. "I am dearly grateful for all of the wonderful guidance I have received from the faculty and staff at SLIS. I have learned so much from the professors, students, mentors, and attending association events." She added that, "**Dr. Elizabeth Figa** is one of the positive influences in my college career." Kelli, the LISSA San Antonio Chapter president in 2007, lives in San Antonio with her husband David and three-year-old daughter Hannah.

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## BΦM BETA PHI MU INDUCTEES

The UNT SLIS Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society, extended invitations to 19 students in fall 2007. Selection for membership is made by faculty invitation and is based on academic performance and professional promise. Only 25% of the graduating class who meet the criteria for selection can be considered. Students selected for fall 2007 represent a cross section of the School's student population: distant and in-residence students, students representing a variety of programs of study, international students, and students from six different states.

### The fall 2007 inductees include:

#### Master's students

Yu Bao, George Butterfield, Deborah Callaway, Nicole Dettmar, Corinne Dickman, Lori Dodds, Kristy Fey, Stephanie Horne, Gloria James-Avalos, Dawn Kruse, Patricia Lude, Wendy Marsh, Adam Northam, Lawrence Phillips, Shannon Romtvedt, Jason Springman, Brink Trammell, Monica Trumbly, Kelli Wilder

#### Spring inductees:

#### Doctoral student

Janet Walker Peterson

#### Master's students

Shelley Barba, Albertine Calman Maria Canavan, Cynthia Dolezal Kari Eickhoff, Susan Francis Kelly Gandy, Kristyn Helge June Henson, Lissa Holland Artemida Kabashi, Jeanne Kennedy, Lauren Ko Justin Kovalcik, Melody McCotter Julia Mergele, Barbara Mitchell Jeannie Naylor, Elizabeth Owens Amanda Rhodes, Kathy Rush Paul Smith, Jody Trisko Alicia Vanderbroek, Lynn Wexler, Daniel Wigner Deidra Woodson

## FALL COMMENCEMENT

## MS

Ninety-four SLIS students received the Master's degree at fall 2007 commencement:

Susan Abu, Carol Atkinson (4.0), Barb Bachmeier (4.0), Angela Bailey (4.0), Yu Bao (4.0), Kris Billings, Susan Black, Ronald Bowden (4.0), Mandrell Bufford, Tami Burich, Brian Burns, George Butterfield (4.0), Deborah Callaway (4.0), Dauna Campbell, Courtney Cernosek, Lauren Churchill (4.0), Emily Cunningham, Christa Dahm, Vanessa David, Pamela De La Rosa, John Decker (4.0), Gavin DeCuir (4.0), Deanne Dekle (4.0), Jennifer Demas (4.0), Nicole Dettmar (4.0), Corinne Dickman (4.0), Lori Dodds (4.0), Kristy Fey (4.0), Sean Fitzpatrick, Ebony Fondren, Sherri Gamble, Elizabeth Grama, Donna Green, Jing Guo, Katherine Hayes, Charla Hollingsworth (4.0), Stephanie Horne (4.0), Gloria James-Avalos, Susan Jones, Timothy Judd, Karolyn Kassoff (4.0), Tracey Knouse, Dawn Kruse (4.0), Jennifer Kuca (4.0), Adam Lamprecht, Martha Lewis, Maria Lopez, Patricia Lude (4.0), Wendy Marsh, Lisa Martinez (4.0), Michelle Martinez (4.0), William Mayer, Katie McCarthy, Tamlyn McCoy (4.0), James McGowen (4.0), Cliff McMahon, Barbara Miner, Victoria Minnick (4.0), Teresa Mott, Barbara Mroz (4.0), Yvonne Mulhern, Paula Murray, Marjorie Nissen, Adam Northam (4.0), Cynthia Oser (4.0), Jennifer Patterson, Rhiannon Perry (4.0), Lawrence Phillips (4.0), Heather Poinsett-Dunbar (4.0), Marguerite Radhakrishnan (4.0), Herldine Radley, Christi Reed (4.0), Sylvia Reyna, Suzanne Ritchey, Sylvia Rodriguez, Angela Romero, Shannon Romtvedt (4.0), Karen Shiver (4.0), Jason Springman (4.0), Joanna Stone, Katherine Terrell, Alyson Todd (4.0), Stacie Tong (4.0), Brink Trammell (4.0), Maria Trousedale, Monica Trumbly (4.0), Wee Valdez (4.0), Amanda Vernor, Gregory Walz, Faith Wanner (4.0), Elizabeth White, Kelli Wilder (4.0), Kathryn Wright (4.0), Kimberly Wygant, Xifan Yao (4.0)

## PhD

Three students received the PhD: S M Faizur Rahman, Barbara Schultz-Jones, David Ndirangu Wachanga.

*Honored Students, continued from page 12*

**Yu Bao**, from Shanghai, China, received a B.A. degree from Fudan University in Shanghai, the M.S. from SLIS in 2007, and has begun her doctoral studies in the University Interdisciplinary PhD Program. She was employed at the Research and Instructional Services of UNT Libraries as a graduate library assistant throughout her master's program and looks upon its very supportive staff as another family. She also pays tribute to her advisor, **Dr. Jianguing Chen**, for her instruction and support along with others in the school. "I am impressed by the SLIS people who work diligently and patiently, helping students from various backgrounds effect real change and improvement in their careers and lives," she says. "The program cares for the true wellbeing and development of every student. It imparts students the knowledge of the up-to-date information world, preparing them to become powerful interpreters of information phenomena or to lead in every influential information professional service." One of her interests is in seeing theories and practice working together and the mutual help and development of the two.



### Debi Cronley Receives Scholarship

**Debi Cronley**, who entered the program last fall, has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship by the New Mexico Library Association. Debi began working at the Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, as a junior in high school and never left; she is currently the library's system administrator. She holds an undergraduate degree from the College of Santa Fe and expects to receive the SLIS master's degree in 2009.

## SLIS FORMS ASIS&T STUDENT CHAPTER



The first meeting of the American Society of Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) student chapter was held on March 14, 2008. **Tyson McMillan** was named chair, **Shelli Sharber**, vice-chair, and **Alex Pettit** secretary-treasurer. Other students in attendance included: **Sutthinan Chuenchom**, **Jan Reed**, **Stephen Kirk**, **Wandee Tangsathikulchai**, **Mehmet Demircioglu**, and **Bekir Cakar**. **Drs. Miguel Ruiz** and **Shawne Miksa** are serving as sponsors. **Drs. Yunfei Du**, **Linda Schamber**, and **Jianguing Chen** were also in attendance.

### Clyde Henderson Elected Treasurer of NMLA



**Clyde Henderson**, Navajo Technical School, has been elected treasurer of the New Mexico Library Association.

## OTHER STUDENT NEWS

## MASTERS

**Wendy Adair**, a student in the Houston program, has been named Vice-President for University Advancement at Texas Southern University.



**George Butterfield**, a student in the law librarian program, had three commentaries included in LLRX.com (Law and technical resources for legal professionals) recently: "Is a J.D. necessary for law librarians?", June 25, 2007 ([www.llrx.com/features/jdnecessary.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/jdnecessary.htm)), "Congressional Budget Office launches topical health website," September 28, 2007 ([www.llrx.com/features/cbohealth.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/cbohealth.htm)), and "An overview of selected legal digital libraries", June 25, 2007 ([www.llrx.com/features/legaldigital.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/legaldigital.htm)).

**Lori Rosales Curry**, an ALA Spectrum Scholar, appears in a photograph in the January/February 2008 issue of *American Libraries*. Capstone Publishers, along with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), paid for the flight and

registration for Lori and three other Spectrum Scholars studying at other library schools, to attend the national conference of the American Association of School Librarians in Reno, Nevada. The Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the need for under-represented ethnic groups within the profession.

**Martin Shupla** is a children's librarian at Sterling Municipal Library, Baytown, TX.

A research paper **Joy Worland** wrote for **Dr. Elizabeth Figa's** class (LIS 5445) has been accepted for publication by *Children and Libraries: The Journal of the Association for Library Services to Children*.

The article's topic is treatment of gender in preschool books 1960-1990.

**Pauline Phung** and David Martin were married on September 23, 2007.

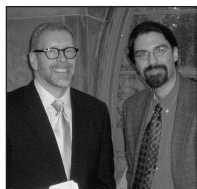


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# OTHER STUDENT NEWS

## DOCTORAL

**Brian Kenney**, editor-in-chief of School Library Journal, presented the ISI Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture Program at Dominican University GSLIS, April 19, 2007.



Brian Kenney  
with Michael  
Stephens, '07

**Svetlana Barnes** and her husband Tim with new baby Erik.



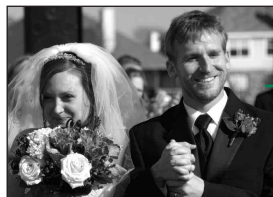
**Michael Robertson** and James G. Jones have had an article accepted for publication in 2009: "Exploring Academic Library Users' Preferences of Delivery Methods for Library Instruction: Webpage, Digital Game, and Other Modalities," *Reference and User Services Quarterly* (48:04).



**Melanie White** published a chapter titled "Law and Disorder in Cyberspace: How Systems of Justice Developed in Online Text-Based Gaming Communities" in *The Players' Realm* (McFarland & Co., 2007). She presented "Controlling Information Delivery: Search Engine Personalization Tools for Library Use" at the Joint Meeting for the Northern California and Nevada Medical Group (NCNMLG) and the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA), February 7, 2008.



**Nathan Hall** (MS '06, doctoral student) and **Monena Wynne** (MS '07) were married April 5, 2008. They met in Dr. Moen's SLIS 5200 class in fall '04.



## GRADUATES, STUDENT AND FACULTY PRESENTATIONS AT ASIS&T AND ALISE

Faculty and student presentations at the fall meeting of the American Society of Information Science & Technology included poster sessions: **Daniel Alemneh** (PhD student), **Mark Phillips** (MS '04), and **Dreanna Belden** (MS '03), "Integrating Controlled Vocabularies into Cultural Heritage Digital Collections: the Portal to Texas History Digital Experience;" **EunKyung Chung** (PhD '04) and **William Moen** (faculty) "The Semantics of Semantic Interoperability: A Two-Dimensional Approach for Investigating Issues of Semantic Interoperability in Digital Libraries;" **Miguel Ruiz** (faculty) with others, "Usability and Effectiveness Evaluation of a Course-Advising Chat Bot;" **Hong Xu** (PhD student), "The Current Situation of Faculty Participation in Institutional Repositories—A Study of Sources of Copyright Knowledge;" **JungWon Yoon** (PhD '06), "Finding Images Expressing Emotional, Affective, Abstract, and Symbolic Meaning;" **June Abbas** (PhD '02), "Tagging the Tags...Process Observations and Analysis of Conversations in Metatagging at an ASIS&T Interactive Poster Session;" **Diane Neal** (PhD '06); and **Jason Holmes** (PhD '06), "Analysis of Eye-tracing on Students Searching for Information in a Heterogeneous Resource Web Portal."

A number of master's and doctoral students and faculty members made presentations at the Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE) Annual Conference held at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, January 8-11, 2008: **Dr. Elizabeth Figa** (faculty), **Brian Kenney** (PhD student) and **Stacy Creel** (MS '07) participated in a panel titled "Preparing Future LIS Faculty: Discussion of Alternative



Scott Klinger (PhD '06); Elise Lewis, Doctoral Candidate; Abebe Rorissa (PhD '05); Elena Vassilieva, Doctoral Candidate; Sergey Polyakov, Doctoral Candidate

Models. **Pok W. Chin** (PhD student) presented a poster titled "The Relationship between Searching Subject Domain Knowledge, Information Retrieval User Interface, and Self-Efficacy for Online Information Retrieval among Library and Information Science Students." Other poster sessions were presented by doctoral candidate and metadata specialist **Daniel Alemneh**, "Metadata Enhancements and Quality Assurance Mechanisms", and doctoral students **Elise Lewis**, "An Intersection of Interactivity: Exploring User Preferences, Use and Image File Formats;" **Elena Vassilieva**, "User Education for Efficient Use of the Electronic Collections on the Academic Libraries Websites;" **Hong Xu**, "The Theory Analysis of Faculty Participation in Institutional Repositories;" and **Serhly Polyakov**, "Adding a User Developed Vocabulary in DSpace."

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## SPRING GRADUATES

### BS

Jaime Lee Eastman, Summa Cum Laude (4.0); Jennifer Moore, Magna Cum Laude

### MS

Margaret Allen; Katherine Anderson; Laura Austin, 4.0; Jo Ann Ballantine; Shelley Barba; Diana Barker, 4.0; Eric Bender; LaKeshia Black; Donna Blackmeir; Jennifer Bobo, 4.0; Sarah Borders; John Bullion; Melanie Burford; Albertine Calman, 4.0; Maria Canavan, 4.0; Thomas Casteel, 4.0; Brenda Cheatham; Toyya Cisneros; Chad Clark; Megain Comanche; Dana Corbin; Annissa Cosentino, 4.0; Michael Cowan; Steven Dasheiff; Kenneth Dayer, 4.0; Melissa Dease, 4.0; Michele Delmar, 4.0; Helen Denious; Cynthia Dolezal, 4.0; Jacquelyn Dorn; Dee Ann Douglas; Karen Eads; Christopher Edwards, 4.0; Kari Eickhoff, 4.0; Gena Falcon; Greg Fowler; Susan Francis, 4.0; Heather Freas-Adair; Kirsten Furl, 4.0; Kelly Gandy, 4.0; Violeta Garza; Oscar Gonzalez; Katherine Goodnight-Click; Matthew Hall, 4.0; Kelly Hamill; Melissa Hayes; Kristyn Helge, 4.0; Shelley Henderson; June Henson, 4.0; Kimberly Herrington; Lissa Holland, 4.0; Amelia Howard; Amanda Marissa Jurkis; Artemida Kabashi, 4.0; Vicki Kattner; Jeanne Kennedy, 4.0; Lauren Ko, 4.0; Justin Kovalcik, 4.0; Lisa Kuehl, 4.0; Sherry Lamb; Mary Lasley; Christina Lister, 4.0; Rita Lovell; Eden Lowry; June Lucky, 4.0; Jayson McClendon, 4.0; Melody McCotter, 4.0; Dena Melvin; Julia Mergele; Jennifer Miller; Jane Miller, 4.0; Barbara Mitchell, 4.0; Lee Morrison, 4.0; Ann Mount, 4.0; Carmen Mazingo, 4.0; Jeannie Naylor, 4.0; Jennifer Newman, 4.0; Becky Owens, 4.0; Elizabeth Owens, 4.0; Peggy Page; Megan Prickett, 4.0; Shelly Puckett, 4.0; Kathleen Reeves; Tiffany Reitz; Amanda Rhodes, 4.0; Diane Rice; Adrea Ricke; Michelle Roberson; Kathy Rush, 4.0; Aubrey Schubarth, 4.0; Angela Seagroves; Suzanne Severns, 4.0; Andrew Shaw, 4.0; Rebecca Shuffield, 4.0; Allison Smith, 4.0; Christina Smith; Paul Smith, 4.0; Sallie Smith; Mary Spears; Elhahm Spikes, 4.0; Kathrine Stewart; Vanessa Taylir; Jody Trisko, 4.0; Charles Tucker; Alicia Vanderbroek, 4.0; Lynn Wexler, 4.0; Daniel Wigner, 4.0; Brenda Willey, 4.0; Deidra Woodson, 4.0

### PhD

Suleyman Hancerli; Janet Peterson; William McWhorter

## LISSA CHAPTERS SPONSOR EVENTS

### *Houston All School Day*

At the fall 2007 Houston LISSA All School Day, **Dr. Don Cleveland** presented a memorial to former **Dean Raymond von Dran**, founder of the Houston program, who died in August 2007. The panel of speakers for the event included **Monica Rivero** and **Phil Montgomery** from Rice University and **Dr. Barry Bishop** from Spring Branch ISD. Also present were **Dean Herman Totten**, who addressed the group, and **Dr. Melissa Pierson** of the University of Houston, Department of Education. **Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones**, new member of the SLIS faculty, was also in attendance.

The spring 2008 Houston All School Day took place on April 5, at the University of Houston, MD Anderson Library, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion. Topic for the gathering was advocacy for all types of libraries. Lunch was provided and a town meeting with **Dean Herman Totten**, **Dr. Ana Cleveland**, and **Jody Philbrock** followed, with advising conducted afterward. **Dr. Yunfei Du**, new member of the faculty, was also in attendance. On the evening prior to the All School Day meeting, a recruitment dinner was held at Eric's in the University of Houston Hilton with 29 individuals from the Houston area interested in the SLIS program in attendance. Present also were Houston area adjunct faculty, the directors and coordinators of the grants SLIS has with Houston ISD (see article p.6) and Houston Public Library, **Drs. Du** and **Barbara Schultz-Jones** along with SLIS Academic Counselor **Toby Faber** also were in attendance.



*Jerilynn Williams (MLS '79), the 2000 Outstanding Alumni, Montgomery County Library System director, speaks to group.*

### *Denton Lecture*

On November 16, **Dr. Shawne Miksa**, assistant professor, presented a program at the School titled "Are you ready? Resource Description and Access (RDA): a preview of how library cataloging is about to change." She stated that the new standards and practices will radically change how information organization and access is practiced in libraries and that professionals must be prepared and proactive in meeting the changes.

### *San Antonio All School Day*

The San Antonio All School Day, with the theme librarians in the age of connectivity, took place on December 1, 2007 at the Baptist Health System Bruce A. Garrett Medical Library Conference Room. Speakers included keynoter **Ramiro Salazar**, director, San Antonio Public Library, and a panel consisting of **D.L. Grant** (MS '05), a librarian at San Antonio Public Library Carver Branch Library; **DeeAnn Green** (MS '04), reference librarian, John Peace Library University of Texas at San Antonio; **Dede Rios** (MS '04), director, Bruce A. Garret Medical Library; and **Marty Rossi** (MS '04), Education Service Center Region 20. In attendance were students, alumni, librarians, and prospective students in the San Antonio area.

### *Interdisciplinary Information Science PhD Program Colloquium Series*

The Interdisciplinary Information Science (IIS) PhD Program is sponsoring a colloquium series that will address multiple topics of interest to the IIS PhD community. Each colloquium is an open forum intended to bring IIS PhD students and faculty together to discuss information science research and issues and to meet and mingle socially. In addition to the Joan Mitchell ISI Lazerow Memorial Lecture, that took place on February 4, 2008 (see p.9), speakers included SLIS faculty members **Drs. Miguel Ruiz**, March 14, **Vandana Singh**, April 11, and **Brian O'Connor**, May 2.

## SLIS STUDY ABROAD

SLIS faculty member **Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones** and **Toby Faber**, SLIS Academic Counselor, are taking 12 students abroad in June to implement Follett's Destiny automation system in the Tirana International School in Tirana, Albania. The participating students are traveling from Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah via Rome, Italy to Tirana, Albania. The group will tour the south coast of Albania during the two week stay and spend the final weekend in Rome, Italy. Dr. Schultz-Jones says, "this is a wonderful opportunity for SLIS students to experience planning, managing, implementing, and assessing the effectiveness of a sustainable automation system in a fully contained setting, while enjoying a culturally diverse environment." Participants look forward to sharing their adventure when they return home.

### *ALUMNI DINNERS – Utah and Oklahoma*

Alumni, students, and faculty met for a dinner sponsored by **Dean Herman Totten**, the School, and the UNT SLIS Alumni Society at the Utah Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, May 2, 2008. Alumni met with Dean Totten at the Oklahoma Library Association conference on April 21, for a champagne and strawberries reception.

### *UNT Career Center Services*

The services of the UNT Career Center are available to students and alumni. A recent Library and Information Sciences Networking Night was held at which SLIS alumni shared their networking and job search best practices with the students. Connect to <http://careercenter.unt.edu/video/index/html> for information about the Center's services.

Alums on the panel were: School librarian and regional coordinator, **Cherry Fuller** (MS '85); Corporate researcher, **Sarah Jones**, (MS '03); Computer science and library science faculty, **Kaye Bray**, PhD, TWU Faculty (MS '94)



*Sara Jones, Rosanne Caldwell Ratliff (MS '98), associate director, Baylor Health Sciences Library, and Kaye Bray*



# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALBERTA MAYBERRY

### *2008 SLIS Outstanding Alumna*

**Alberta Mayberry**, who received the UNT Interdisciplinary PhD in 1991, was selected as the 2008 SLIS Outstanding Alumni. She was recognized at UNT Alumni Appreciation Day luncheon on April 18, and at the SLIS TLA dinner on the previous evening (see p.23).

Dr. Mayberry, with the U.S. Department of State since 1993, assumed duties as the Executive Director and Assistant Inspector General in the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. State Department and Broadcasting Board of Governors in 2006. In November 2007, she was selected to become Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Cape Town, South Africa. In addition to the overall management of the post, she will represent U.S. interests in three provinces of South Africa – Western, Eastern, and Northern Cape – roughly half of the land area and 28 percent of the population. She takes up her position there in August 2008.

Dr. Mayberry's earlier overseas tours of duty with the Department of State have included



*Dr. Don Cleveland with honoree Alberta Mayberry at awards luncheon.*

Dakar, Senegal, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Algeria, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where she served in various positions from management officer to charge d'affaires. As an Overseas Building Operations Area Management Officer, she was responsible for the U.S. embassy facilities in 13 European posts.

Before joining the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer, she had a 22-year career in academia. Positions held included reference librarian at Texas Southern University, Carnegie-Mellon Administration Fellow at Emory University, coordinator for educational technology and assistant professor at the Amadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, public services librarian at Houston Community College, and as library director at Bishop College, Dallas.

A native of Houston, Dr. Mayberry calls Langston, Oklahoma home when not in Washington, D.C. She is the mother of four sons and the grandmother of seven.



## MARY SUHM

### *2008 UNT Distinguished Alumna*

**Mary Suhm**, Dallas City Manager, who received the MLS from SLIS in 1974, was

named a University of North Texas Distinguished Alumni at a dinner held on April 18. This award, first presented in 1965, is the University's most prestigious award. It is given to individuals for their distinguished professional prominence and extraordinary contributions to society which have elevated the reputation of the University.

After serving numerous positions in libraries and in positions in Dallas city government, Mary Suhm became Dallas City Manager in spring 2005. She functions as chief executive officer for the city and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the municipal organization. Responsibilities include implementing the annual budget, amounting to over two bil-

lion dollars, and overseeing some 13,000 employees. The City of Dallas homepage states that "Ms. Suhm's abilities have earned her a reputation for creativity and innovation in meeting challenges facing a large city. She has played a long standing leadership role in assessing departmental operations of the City."

Mary's first job after completing the library and information sciences degree was as director of the Allen (TX) Public Library. She later joined the staff of the Dallas Public Library as a branch manager and later established and managed the central library's Urban Information Center. At that time the Urban Information Center was a unique service designed to support not only those in city government, but citizens seeking information on organizations and other facets of urban life. It was from that position that she was tapped for city government service.

Mary's first position in city government was as

assistant to the mayor, followed by a number of other appointments: assistant to the city manager, municipal court administrator, executive assistant director of the Dallas Police Department (first female non-sworn executive in the Department's history), assistant city manager, and first assistant city manager. On June 8, 2004, she was named Interim City Manager and designated City Manager a year later.

Mary, who also holds the Master of Public Administration degree from UNT, has received a number of other honors. The North Central Texas Council of Government presented her the Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management, and in 2006 she was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Council of Dallas County.

Mary is the third SLIS graduate to receive the University's highest alumni honor. She is preceded by **Mary Lankford** in 1982 and **Linda Allmand** in 1998.

## UNT SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD 2008-2010

**Kathy Huber** (MS '91), Tulsa (OK) City County Library, president; **Carolyn Bogardus** (MS'07), Port Isabel (TX) Public Library; **Terry Clower** (Ph.D. '97), Assoc. Dir., UNT Ctr Economic Development; **Susan Elliott** (MS '90), Odessa (TX) College Library; **Corinne Hill** (MS '95), Denton (TX) Public Library, UNT Exes representative; **Leslyn McNabb** (MS '02), Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; **Connie Moss** (MS '92), Coppell (TX) Public Library; **Marti Rossi** (MS '04), Education Service Center, Region 20, San Antonio; **Mariann Sears** (MS '97) Thomson & Knight LLP; **Margaret Irby Nichols**, retired SLIS faculty/Call Number editor, ex-officio; **Jurhee Curtis**, UNT SLIS External Affairs, ex-officio.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The SLIS Alumni Society Board expresses their sincere gratitude to each alumnus who supports this organization. A major objective of the Society is to fund scholarships and develop ongoing relationships with our alumni. Become a member today!

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<http://www.unt.edu/slisalumni/MembershipAppForm.pdf>

## SLIS ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD

### Featured Members

**Kathy Huber** (MS '91), Board chair and Oklahoma representative, is Genealogy Librarian at Tulsa (OK) City County Library. In her spare time she serves as a docent at Philbrook Museum of Art and Oxley Nature Center, both in Tulsa. She has published articles on research tools and historical topics in several publications, including *United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine*, the *Tulsa Annals*, and *National Genealogical Society Research in the States Series*. She is active in both the Oklahoma Library Association and Texas Library Association. Kathy's bachelor's degree also is from UNT.

**Carolyn Bogardus** (MS '07), who represents south Texas, was a member of the Rio Grande Valley Initiative grant. She is library director for the City of Port Isabel, TX. She and her husband Barry, originally from Long Island, New York, have been residents of Texas for six years. Prior to moving to Texas, her professional careers included 13 years in the restaurant business, seven years in the defense subcontractor industry, and six years in the banking industry. Her undergraduate degree is in business management and communications from Adelphia University, Garden City, NY.

**Terry Clower** (PhD '97), PhD representative, is associate director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at UNT that provides economic and public policy consulting services to clients in the private, non-profit, and public sectors. Prior to joining UNT in January 1992, Dr. Clower was employed in private industry in logistics and site locations management positions. In addition to his work with the Center, he has performed consulting services

to municipalities and companies in the electronics, telecommunications, and publishing industries. In addition to the B.S. in marine transportation from Texas A&M University, he holds an MS in applied economics from UNT.

**Leslyn McNabb** (MS '02), who represents Georgia, serves as team lead for library systems and systems librarians at the Center for Disease Control & Prevention Public Health Library and Information Center (CDC), Atlanta, GA. She has management and oversight responsibilities for all CDC library systems and system librarians. Prior to coming to CDC, she was an intern/librarian at Cable News Network (CNN) Library, in Atlanta. In addition to the MS, she holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology. (See also p.2)

**Mariann Sears** (MS '97), Houston representative, is firm wide library manager for Thompson & Knight LLP, where she oversees six professional librarians and two library clerks at her Houston locale. From her office there, she manages the firm's libraries in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and New York City, overseeing a budget of some \$3 million. She practiced law for some 15 years and later served as briefing attorney for the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston, where she met her future husband Justice Ross A. Sears. They have been married for 21 years and have a daughter in the Peace Corps, now in the second of a two year tour of duty. She is a volunteer in Meri, a remote mountain village in the extreme northern district of Cameroon, working with local villagers to improve the quality of the village's water supply. (See also p. 3)



Kathy Huber



Leslyn McNabb



Carolyn Bogardus



Mariann Sears



Terry Clower

# ALUMNI UPDATE

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## Early Years

**Mary D. Lankford** (BA '52) has a new book titled *Mazes Around the World* (HarperCollins, 2008). Her eight other books include *Christmas USA*, and *Birthdays Around the World* (HarperCollins), and *Christmas Customs Around the World* (William Morrow). Her honors include TLA's Distinguished Service Award (1985), University of North Texas Distinguished Alumni Award (1992), and the SLIS Outstanding Alumni Award (1989). She retired as director of libraries at the Texas Education Agency in 2003.

## 1970s

**Sherry (James) Adams** (MLS '74) retired in November 2007 as head librarian at the *Houston Chronicle*, the position she has held since 1978. During her tenure there, she hired two other SLIS graduates as assistant librarians, **Barbara Seebbers** (MS '78) and **Melissa Mantel** (MS '81). Barbara moved on to a law library and Melissa is still at the *Chronicle*.

**Daphne Kerley** (MLS '71, CAS) has retired from her position as library director at Connors State College, Warner, OK after 18 ½ years there and a total of 43 years as an academic librarian; she now lives in Quanah, TX.

**Shirley Brooks Laseter** (previously **Shirley Williams**) (BA '75) retired in January 2008 as director of the Muir S. Fairchild Research Information Center, Air University and Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, after more than 27 years. General Stephen R. Lorenz presented the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award to her during the retirement ceremony.



Letha Hopkins

The editor takes full responsibility for having failed to include **Karen Wielhorski** (MS '77) in the listing of TLA Leaders in the fall 2007 issue. Karen, executive director of the Alfred R. Neumann Library, University of Houston-Clear Lake, is the 2007-08 chair of the TLA Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee.

**Jane Swanson Shelton Mertz** (MLS '76) retired in January 2008 as director of the Richardson (TX) Public Library after 30 years of service. She says it was a lucky accident that she became a librarian, and it has been "the best career in the world."

**Janis Test** (MS '79), information services manager at Abilene (TX) Public Library, was selected as one of the few national participants in the Public Library Association/3M Corporation Leadership Institute, held as a preconference preceding the Public Library Association's 12th National Conference in Minneapolis, MN on March 25, 2008. The Institute focused on developing leaders and creating transformational change agents within the library profession. Participants learned how to set a change strategy, how to handle various challenges, and what innovations can be most productive in implementing, driving and defining change.



Janis Test

Other news includes: **Candace Battenfield Sawyer** (MLS '75) is manager at Oak Forest Neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System. **Ted Drake** (MLS '81) has retired from Tarrant County Community College South Campus. **Sue Haas** (MLS '79) has joined the staff at Carrollton (TX) Public Library. **Letha Hopkins**

(BA '77) is principal of Forney (TX) High School; **Joan Singleton** (MLS '70) is director of the Bartlesville (OK) Public Library, a position she has held since 2001.



Joan Singleton

## 1980s

**Lucy Buchwald** (MS '82), is director of the Barr Memorial Library at the U.S. Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Her library was rated the best in the South Eastern Region of the Installation Management Command.

**Ann Burlingame** (MS '88) serves as assistant director of the Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC. Her mother, **Margaret Burlingame** (MLS '74), is retired and lives in Santa Fe, NM.

**Vince Jenkins** (MS '86) has been technical services librarian, Center for Instructional Materials & Computing, University of Wisconsin-Madison, since 2004. His career also includes positions held at the University of Kentucky, Northern Arizona University, and the Maricopa County Community College District, Phoenix, AZ.



Francis May

**Francis May** (MS '84) The UNT Rare Book Room held its sixth annual Edible Book festival on April 1, 2008.

The event was sponsored by the Friends of the UNT Libraries and facilitated by Edward Hoyenski (MS '97), Assistant Curator. Francis won Best Tasting Entry for her submission, "Stonehenge Decoded."

**Ruthann McTyre** (MS '87) has been elected vice-president of the Music Library Association and will serve as president for 2009-2010. She is head of the Rita Benton Music Library at the University of



Ruthann McTyre

Iowa. She previously (1992-2000) was head of the Crouch Music and Fine Arts Library at Baylor University.

**Will Stuiwenga** (MS '89) is Statewide Database Licensing Project Manager, Washington State Library, Olympia.



Will Stuiwenga

**Gayle Wilkinson** (MS '84) and her family have moved from Bedford, TX to Rio Rancho, NM. Both Gayle and husband Larry, who is a native New Mexican, are retired from the HEB (TX) ISD.

## 1990s

In the fall 2007 issue of *Call Number*, **Sara Baron** (MS '96) was mistakenly reported to have received her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is, indeed, a student in the program, but has not yet completed the dissertation. Sara is the dean of Regent University Library, Virginia Beach, VA.



Career Expo display

**Catherine Beard** (MS '91), library system administrator at Longview (TX) Public Library, and **Susan Black** (MS '07) represented UNT SLIS at the Greater Longview Organization of Business and Education Career Expo on April 2-3, 2007, in Longview. Career Expo provides an opportunity for businesses and professional organizations to tell students about their professions and hopefully recruit them to consider their fields.

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# ALUMNI UPDATE



**Angela Blair** (BA '77, MS '86, PhD '92) is currently the computer specialist at a middle school in Dallas ISD.

Angela Blair

She is writing the curriculum

for a course about technology for new DISD employees using Moodle. She also is teaching an online course for TWU SLIS and a course titled Computers in the Classroom at the UNT Dallas campus.



**Carolyn Davidson** (MS '96) and the North Texas Regional Library System (NTRLS) received the 2007 LE@Der Award from

UNT Lifelong Education @ Desktop (LE@D). The Award was created to recognize exemplary use of LE@D's tutorials in providing a combination of online and face-to-face continuing education for library staff. Carolyn is assistant director and continuing education consultant for NTRLS.

**Scott Goldy** (MS '98) accepted the position of instructional librarian at Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL in July 2007.

**Cathy Hartman** (MS '92), UNT libraries assistant dean for digital technology, led the way for the UNT libraries to earn a \$448,545 National Leadership Grant from IMLS. The two-year grant will help support the information needs of genealogists as they interact with the Portal to Texas History. The site provides users with a digital gateway to information contained in Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and private collections.

**Lana Perkins** (MS '97) has a new position, coordinator of advanced academic programs for Burleson (TX) High School. She is currently working in the areas of GT, advanced placement and college

readiness.

**Cholly Rolater** (BA '66), MS '90) was named Secondary Librarian of the Year by the Dallas Association of School Librarians.

Other position news includes:

**Joel Bangilan** (MS '99), a librarian with the San Antonio Public Library System; **Lois Falk** (MS '97), manager of the Looscan Neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System; **Stan Gardner** (PhD '92), a new position as dean of library and instructional services at University College of the North, Manitoba, Canada.

## 2000-2004



Maureen Ambrosino

**Maureen Ambrosino** (MS '01) published a comic strip (termed an article-turned-comic) concerning library advocacy titled

"The Metamorphosis or How I Went from Being a Quiet Bystander to a Raging Library Activist" in the January 2008 *School Library Journal*. It can be seen online at [www.schoollibraryjournal.com/info/CA6515886.html](http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/info/CA6515886.html)=20. Maureen is youth services consultant, Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, Shrewsbury, MA. She published a piece for the Perspectives column in *Public Libraries*, January/February 2008 issue about her LSTA-funded Year of the Teen project in Massachusetts.



A panel from *The Metamorphosis*

**Sharon (Boon) Bordenave** (MS '02), who lives in France, reports that she is using the electronic resource skills acquired through her SLIS Master's program to assist her husband, a petroleum engineer, to access professional needs. She also has been teaching Internet and other search skills one-on-one and in French.

**Laura Cleveland** (MS '01) recently accepted the director's position at the Columbia County Library in Magnolia, AR. The library houses a State branch, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Laura says she spends her weekends polishing the storytelling skills she originally learned at SLIS.

**Jeff Coyle** ('00) became director of the Ottawa (KS) Public Library on November 1, 2007. Prior to his new appointment, he was director of the Kingwood Branch of the Harris County Public Library, a suburb of Houston. In addition to the MS from SLIS, Jeff holds a B.A. degree from Benedictine College and a M.S. degree from University of St. Thomas, both in philosophy. Jeff and his wife Connie have three young daughters. He is a native of Atchison, KS.

**Kelly Hoppe** (MS '03), Bowie (TX) High School librarian, has published a book titled *Library Aide Antics* (Library Media Connection, March 2008), a personal narrative which explores the author's experience in working with library aides who are high school seniors.

**Diane Rasmussen Neal** (PhD '04), by invitation from the editor, guest edited a special section in *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* (34, Oct-Nov 2007) on Folksonomies. Her introductory article was titled "Folksonomies and Image Tagging: Seeing the Future?" The issue is available at [www.asis.org/Bulletin/Oct-07/index.html](http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Oct-07/index.html). Diane, now at North Carolina Central University, went to England in March 2008 to an invitation-only conference called the

Oxford Round Table. The session she attended was titled "The Regulation of Cyberspace: Balancing the Interests." She also presented a paper there titled "Who Controls Online User Data, and Who Should Control It?"

Other news and positions includes: **Margaret Anderson** (MS '03), an education and social sciences librarian at Texas A&M University Libraries; **Yvonne Condron** (MS '01) moved to a new position at Frisco (TX) Public Library; **Kemo Curry** ('00), appointed manager at Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Houston Public Library; **Steven Gilman** (MS '02), formerly with Lockheed Martin, is now assistant librarian for the Denton County (TX) Law Library; **Lois Kraft** (MS '03), librarian at American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Houston; **Courtney Paige O'Neal** (MS '04), a public services librarian at the University of Texas-Health Science Center, Houston; **Anne Seddelmeyer** (MS '02), a librarian II in technical services at the Laredo (TX) Public Library; **Mary Wagoner** (MS '04), manager, Smith Neighborhood Library, Houston Public Library System.

## 2005 to date

**Kenny Chao** (MS '05) has been promoted to the position of adult services manager at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, Fort Bend County (TX) Library System, where he has served for two and a half years. Kenny says he has found the skills learned in the SLIS program to be invaluable in adapting to the operations of a public library.

**Stacy Creel** (PhD '07), a full-time faculty member of the St. John's University Division of Library and Information Science in New York, has been appointed editor of *Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA) by the magazine's publisher, the Scarecrow Press. Stacy has held positions in children's/young-adult departments in Houston, New York, and Tallahassee public library systems. In announcing her appointment, the



Stacy Creel

publisher stated, "We're very excited about the fresh new potential Stacy brings to VOYA.

The magazine has grown tremendously over the past ten years, and now it's poised to jump to the next level. Stacy has the skills, background, and enthusiasm to lead this publication into the future." VOYA, now in its 30th year, reaches more than 20,000 youth-serving professionals. It includes informative articles on the development of young-adult programs and aids in collection development.

**Shikun (KK) Jiang** (MS '05) is the technology coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine – South Central Region. KK not only graced the cover of the October 15, 2006 issue of *Library Journal*, but was given an interesting write-up by Editor-at-Large John N. Berry III (p.33). At the time she was an Oak Ridge Institute for Science Fellow at the Information Center of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. Berry termed her "a modern information professional." (see p.2)

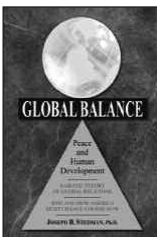
**Margaret Lincoln** (PhD '06), media specialist at Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, MI, published a feature article in the November 2007 *School Library Journal*. The article concerned an event that students from her high school and across the state experienced after reading *All But Her Life* by holocaust survivor Gerda Klein. With support from the local public library and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Mrs. Klein was invited to speak to high school students from throughout the city. Other high schools became interested in the project when Margaret prepared lesson plans and a teaching guide based on the book, which she presented at the Michigan Association for Media in Education Conference. More than 3,400 requests to attend Mrs. Klein's presentation

poured in from schools across Michigan, a demand that far exceeded the school auditorium's seating capacity of 1,900. A web-based solution, made available through a nonprofit collaboration launched by universities to provide high-speed online access to benefit education, brought the event to those unable to attend.

**Crystal Matovich** (MS '07), Katy (TX) ISD, received a \$500 check from the Sundown Elementary School from the Captain Planet Foundation to apply toward building an organic vegetable/butterfly garden for children in the 1st grade. The grant resulted from a grant writing assignment in a SLIS course in spring 2007.

**Cindy Oser** (MS '07) was promoted to assistant manager of a Dallas Public Library branch just two months after graduating. She had served the Dallas system as a children's librarian for some three years (hired because of having a master's in education). "I attribute my early promotion to my library management courses and feel that the SLIS program prepared me well," she says.

**Michael Porter** (MS '05), distance & instructional services librarian, Nova Southeastern University Alvin Sherman Library Research and Information Technology Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL, has been selected to participate in the ALA Emerging Leaders Program for 2008-09. The Program is designed to prepare 100 librarians new to the profession in leadership skills that are applicable on the job and as active leaders with the Association.



**Joe Stedman** (PhD '06) has a new book titled *Global Balance: Peace and Human Development*, a theory as to why and how American must change course now. Dr. Stedman details the critical and growing dependencies our nation faces and explains the risk of this dependency to the security, economy, and democracy of our

country. He presents a rational business plan for the future.

Other positions includes: **Veronica Arellano** (MS '06), a psychology and social work librarian, University of Houston Libraries; **Shimelis Assefa** (PhD '07), a tenure-track faculty position at the University of Denver, and a new daughter,



Baby Abigail Assefa

Abigail; **Molly Dahlstrom** (MS '06), assistant professor/reference librarian at Austin (TX) Community College; **Dennis Daily** (MS '06), assistant manager of special collections for Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs, CO; **Fred H. Karr** (PhD '05), retired from his position at EDS on November 30, 2007; **Scott Klingler** (PhD '06), visiting assistant professor, University of Southern Mississippi SLIS; **Alexandra Simons** (MS '06), a librarian at the Art Institute of Houston; **Jill Whitfill** (MS, '07), a distance and health education librarian at Bethel College at McKenzie, TN; **Xinyu (Cindy) Yu** (Ph.D. '07), an assistant professor at the University of Southern Mississippi SLIS; **Remeo Vamder Veem** (MLS '06), moved from an elementary to a junior high school library position in the Lakota School District in Ohio.

**New positions for recent MS graduates:**

Spring 2007: **Laura Alvidrez**, a librarian, Parkland Middle School, El Paso; **Thelma Rodriguez Barragan**, librarian, Harshel Antwine Elementary School, El Paso; **Misty Bishop**, teacher, Klein, TX ISD; **Dyann Campbell**, librarian, Alice Ponder Library, Mansfield, TX ISD; **Amy Lee Chandler**, technical services librarian, MCAS Miramar Base Library, San Diego, CA; **Alma Chavarria**, senior library service specialist, Houston Public Library; **Virginia Lynn Christiansen**, librarian, Armstrong Elementary School, Conroe, TX; **Elise Eckhout**, school librarian, Grand Prairie, TX; **Jan Edmiston**, catalog librarian, Cardinal Beran Library, St. Mary's Seminary;



Amy Chandler

**Patricia Enselek**, G.W. Carver Elementary, Garland (TX) ISD; **Caron Elaine Ervin**, library media specialist, Brundenburg Intermediate School, Duncanville, TX; **Laurielle Garcia**, librarian, Frank Roberts Elementary School, San Benito, TX; **Glenda Griffin**, senior library technician, Goodfellow Air Force Base Library, San Angelo, TX; **Sister M. Liliane Janda**, librarian, Nazareth Academy; **Janet (Bolin) Kravig**, technical services librarian, Oklahoma Panhandle State University; **Jean Mutschler**, librarian, University of Houston System at Cinco; **Sarah Nelson**, Grand Prairie (TX) Public Library; **Kamie Oehrle**, research librarian, Brown McCarroll LLP, Austin; **Julie Jones Parmer**, librarian, Hal Peterson Middle School, Kerrville, TX ISD; **Catherine Denise Prather**, librarian, Jane Long Elementary, Midland, TX; **Virginia Rassaei**, Spanish language cataloger, University of Texas at El Paso Library; **Buster**



Buster Ratliff

**Ratliff**, operations coordinator, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, TX; **Kelly See**, intern at Ericsson, Plano, TX..

**Summer 2007: Rebecca Kelly Bendel**, library technician, Lewisville (TX) Public Library; **Carolyn Bogardus**, library director, Port Isabel (TX) Public Library (See p.17); **Jane Cavazos**, librarian, Wheatley Middle School, San Antonio ISD; **Leigh Collazo**, librarian, Keller, TX ISD; **Sheila Green**, clinical informationist, Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Center Library (See p.2); **Tracey Johnson**, librarian, Lakeview elementary School, Trophy Club, TX; **Jennifer Larriviere**, librarian, Towne Center Elementary, Coppell, TX ISD; **Brenda Park**, librarian, Llano Junior High, Llano, TX; **Melissa Perez**, assistant librarian, St. Rita's Catholic School, Dallas; **Delia Rodriguez**, librarian, Houston Federal Reserve Bank; **Ryan Tainten**, a librarian at Dallas Public Library and electronic resources librarian, Greenhill School, Dallas; **Raelene Tschirhart** a librarian at Wagner High School in San Antonio; **Colleen Watson**, Brighton (CO) Public Library;

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

### IN MEMORIAM

**Alice Craighead** (MLS '76), age 75, died March 10, 2008. In a feature article about her in the Fort Worth Star Telegram by John Austin (March 12, 2008), she is described as book lover, bicyclist (to mark her 50th birthday, she biked 100 miles in 24 hours), gardener, and beekeeper. She taught elementary school for eight years and was an elementary school librarian for 22 years, with most of her career in the Crowley, TX ISD.

**Kaye Elizabeth Munden** (BA '65), age 76, died December 28, 2007. She was a highly regarded librarian at the L.D. Bell High School (H-E-B, TX school district), who retired in 1993 after 37 years service.

**Jess Sheets**, husband of Shirley Sheets (MS '70), former member of UNT Libraries staff who retired from the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries as associate director, died in early December.

SLIS also has learned of the deaths of: **Keith Burns** (BA '67), October 5, 2007; **Carla Balvin** (MS '80), February 29, 2008; **Glenda Fay Stevens** (MS '02), November 27, 2007; **Anita Roberts** (BA '60), January 2, 2008; **Linda Raney** (BA '65), February 27, 2008; **Jean Langford** (BA '52), February 27, 2008; **Dana Rae Lovvorn** (BA '73), February 28, 2008; **Cheryl Barry** (MS '88), October 10, 2007; **Gene Arthur Hetsel** (PhD '97), Asst. Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ., November 8, 2007; **Cynda Overton** (MS '88), February 20, 2008.



Sharon Dressel



Christine Gaspard

instructor, Washoe county schools, Sparks, NV; **Angela Bailey**, youth services librarian, Colleyville (TX) Public Library; **Susan Black**, gov-

**Sharon Reed Dressel**, librarian, Townley Elementary School, Irving, TX; **Christine Sifuentes Gaspard**, instructional services librarian, Briscoe Library, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio.

**Fall 2007:**  
**Carol Atkinson**, librarian/media

ernment documents library assistant, Longview (TX) Public Library; **Mandrell Bufford**, interlibrary loan coordinator, Baylor Health Sciences Library, Baylor College of Dentistry; **George Butterfield**, legal reference librarian, Creighton University Law Library, Omaha, NE; **Deborah Callaway**, librarian, Larry J. Ringer Public Library, College Station, TX; **Emily Cunningham**, assistant at St. Marks School of Texas, Dallas; **Corinne Dickman**, branch manager, Washoe County Library system, Sparks, NV; **Elizabeth Grama**, librarian site manager, Microsoft Library, Irving, TX; **Katherine Hayes**, school librarian, Fannin Elementary school, El Paso, TX; **Susan Jones**, librarian, Woden, TX ISD; **Tracey Knouse**, a librarian, San Antonio Public Library; **Dawn Kruse**, library assistant, Copperas Cove, TX ISD; **Adam Lamprecht**, youth services librarian, Frisco (TX)

Public Library; **Martha Lewis**, a librarian, Memorial Primary, New Braunfels, TX; **Patricia Lude**, media specialist, Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools; **Wendy Marsh**, a librarian, Denton (TX) ISD; **Barbara Mroz**, business research analyst; **Adam Northam**, library assistant II, Texas A&M Commerce; **Rhiannon Perry**, reference librarian, LaPorte (TX) Community Library; **Herldine Radley**, information desk assistant manager, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Library, Dallas; **Shannon Romtvedt**, on-call librarian, Salem (OR) Public Library; **Faith Wanner**, a librarian, Dickinson State University, ND.

### Spring 2008:

**Tom Casteel** (MS '08) has been awarded a fellowship to attend the PhD program at Drexel University.

## ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alumni Society board awarded five \$1,000 scholarships for spring 2008, utilizing funds from the Lady Kate Medders Scholarship Fund\* that was created to honor an early faculty member (1935/36-1953). The recipients are: **Amanda Montgomery**, **Patrina Epperson**, **Zuequn "Della" Pan**, **Jennifer Simmons**, and **Daniel Wiig**.



**Amanda Montgomery**, who lives in Waco, hopes to be a librarian in the field of digital imaging. Her background is in art history, commercial art, and social sciences. She reports that she is the first in her family to seek a master's degree.

**Patrina Epperson**, the single mother of a son, discovered the SLIS Houston Program while working as a processing specialist and assistant in the University of Houston Replacement Project for O'Quinn Law Library. She is currently employed at Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library, Texas Southern University, and hopes to continue working in the law library area after graduation.



**Zuequn "Della" Pan**, from Changsha, Hunan Province, China, is a doctoral candidate in the Interdisciplinary PhD Program. She holds a master's degree in management information systems from Kean University, NJ. Before coming to the United States, she studied clinical medicine in Hunan and worked three years in management of online health information.



**Jennifer Simmons**, Anderson, SC, earned the B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina College of Mass Communications and Information Studies. She is the recipient of several awards and certificates for her work as a photo-journalist in the Carolinas and Georgia. While residing in Texas, she was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery's Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher for her volunteer work with the Army. She is the wife of a retired Army sergeant, the mother of two children ages 8 and 9, and is currently employed with the Children's Services Department of the Anderson (SC) County Library. She expects to graduate in August 2008 with the MS and a graduate academic certificate in storytelling.

**Daniel Wiig**, a native of Minneapolis who now lives in Las Vegas, is in his second semester with the Nevada cohort. He earned both the B.A. in psychology and M.A. in human resources and industrial relations from the University of Minnesota. He has worked in human resources and in the Las Vegas gaming industry, but is currently employed as an adult services assistant at the Sahara West Branch of the Las Vegas/Clark County Library District. (See also p.2)



\*All revenues collected from life memberships in the SLIS Alumni Society and \$15 from each annual membership are added to this scholarship fund.

# ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS PRESENTERS AT TLA CONFERENCE

An impressive number of alumni, faculty, and students, some 70 in number, made presentations at the Texas Library Association (TLA) Annual Conference in Dallas, April 15-18. Those whose names were spotted on the program\* include:

Faculty: **Elizabeth Figa, Shawne Miksa, Miguel Ruiz, Dale Thompson**



*Dr. Miguel Ruiz, SLIS faculty*



*Joyce Valenza, PhD '07*



*Mary Jo Venetis, PhD student presents Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Robinson*



*Jennifer LaFleur, MS student and Elena Vassilieva, PhD student*

Students: **Tonda Bone, Mark Dolive, Lani Draper, Nathan Hall, Jennifer Lafleur, Turmanell Maples, Janice Newsum, Tuan Nguyen, Elena Vassilieva, Christine Walczyk, Mel White**

Alumni: **Susan Allison (MS '86), Deban Becker (MS '05), Dreanna Belden (MS '03), Kaye Bray (MS '94, PhD '03), Debbie Brightwell Brown (MS '94), Skye Bryant (MS '86), William Buckner (MS '90), Suzanne Cahill (MS '83), Susan Chandler (MS '04), Susan Clarke (MS '03), Bea Cochran (MS '97), Carolyn Davidson (MS '96), Celita DeArmond (MS '96), Annie Downey (MS '04), Jesse Ephraim (MS '03), Lorin Fisher (MS '00), Kayce Halstead (MS '88), Stephanie Robyn Hamilton (MS '96), WyLaina Hildreth (MS '03), Amanda Hipp (MS '01), Christina Hoffman-Gola (MS '04), Gretchen McCord Hoffmann (MS '92), Cresencia Huff (MS '05), Stacey Irish-Keffer (MS '97), Andrew Jackson (MS '04), Laura Jewell (MS '05), JoTisa Klemm (MS '96), Shelly Lane (MS '04), Bill Lukenbill (BA '61), Amanda Lunn (MS '02), Diane Lutz (MS '98),**

**Robert Martin (MS '79), Frances May (MS '84), Patricia Peters (MS '90), Mark Phillips (MS '04), Dede Rios (MS '04), Carol Roark (MS '93), Miriam Rodriguez (MS '97), Martha Rossi (MS '04), Patricia Shontz (MS '93), Cheryl Smith (MS '85), Jennifer Smith (MS '02), Marianne Smith (MS '05), Brenda Talley (MS '91), Karen Thompson (MS '05), Amanda Torrealba (MS '07), Greg Tramel (MS '93), Ami Uselman (MS '04), Joyce Valenza (PhD '07), Paul Waak (MS '03), Robert Weiner (MS '96), Rosemary Whitten (MLS '78), Heather Williams, Jerilyn Williams (MLS '74), Adam Wright (MS '95).**

*\*If others were missed, please send information to the editor, Margaret Irby Nichols, at nichols2514@charter.net, for inclusion in the next issue.*

## TLA

Without the assistance of the following groups of students, all the many responsibilities at TLA would have been impossible. Many thanks to:

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 Elena Vassilieva  
 Christine Willard**

Alumni Society dinner:  
**Jo Ann Ballantine  
 Arta Kabashi  
 Jennifer LaFleur  
 Elena Vassilieva  
 Christine Willard**

TLA key chain winner:  
**Minerva Alaniz (MS '04)  
 Cindy Oser (MS '07)  
 Lora Crews (MS '06)  
 Teresa Williams (MS '06)**

## TLA LEADERS



*Joyce Baumbach*



*Melody Kelly*



*Maribel Garza-Castro*

**Maribel Garza-Castro (MS '03)**, librarian at St. John's School, Houston, has been elected to a three-year term on the TLA Executive Board. She joins two other SLIS graduates, President **Melody Kelly (MLS '72)** and ALA Councilor **Joyce Baumbach (MS '93)** on the TLA governing board. **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** (faculty member) and **Janet Key (CAS)** completed their terms at the end of the 2008 Annual Conference.

Other SLIS graduates elected to key positions in the Association include: **Edward Kownslar (MS '92)**, chair-elect, Automation and Technology Round Table; **Melissa Johnson (MS '00)**, chair-elect, Electronic Resources & Serials Management Round Table; and **Karen Nichols (MS '88)**, chair-elect, Reference Round Table.

# SLIS AT TLA

## SLIS DINNER

The SLIS Alumni Society Board hosted an elegant evening during the TLA annual conference in Dallas. On April 17, 2008, 254 alumni and friends (196 alumni and friends and some 58 faculty, staff/students and board of advisors members) gathered at the City Club of Dallas atop the green-lit Bank of American Building in downtown Dallas. Those present enjoyed the spectacular view, wonderful food, great program, and jazz provided by Richards' Brothers band. Dean Totten welcomed the guests, recognized faculty—all current faculty were in attendance—as well as retired faculty, members of the Alumni Society Board, and other guests. The five new faculty members presented a fun musical presentation.

Kathy Huber, Alumni Society chair, introduced Dr. Alberta Mayberry, 2008 Outstanding Alumni (see p.16), who gave a memorable acceptance speech for which she received a standing ovation. She closed her speech with these remarks: "I fondly remember and deeply appreciate the words of my PhD commencement speaker, longtime Mayor of Fort Worth Bob Bolen. He implored the UNT graduates of the Class of 1991 to seek a career in public service. He reminded us that it was important to give back and to help lead this great country that we love in order to keep it great. I heeded his call for leadership and service when I joined the U.S. Department of State. I want to report to you that I am an excellent U.S. government employee, an outstanding leader, and a fine Public servant. Despite being harangued and called a bureaucrat, I do a great job representing you overseas, and I take great pride in serving my country. Again, thank you for honoring me and for honoring the fulfillment of an American Dream."



The new faculty members perform at the TLA Dinner.



TLA Booth



Martha Hood (MS '04), Hope Taylor (MS '03),  
Joan Wilton-Rice (MS '06) and  
Adrianne Jones (MS '04)



Kathy Huber presenting Alberta Mayberry the Outstanding Alumni award.



Dr. Alberta Mayberry met with Dr. Ana Cleveland's class and others at TLA.



# A Bit of Nostalgia

*Some memories of SLIS*



*1950s Classes*



*Mark Rorvig*



*Jonel Condon*



*Dr. Paul Kruse*



*Amanda Spink, 1994*



*1996 SLIS office staff: Tonda Haralson, LeAnne Coffey, Greg Straughn, and April Pace.*



*1980s  
Computer Lab*

# ADVANCEMENT

## DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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- SLIS receives 100% of any monies you donate to the School through Call Mean Green.
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what all those small gifts have added up to so far!

- Major funders take note of how many alumni support their schools. Each SLIS graduate who makes a gift – no matter what size – casts a “vote of confidence” for the school and its programs, and increases the percentage of alumni who participate in supporting UNT. That “participation” figure is used by *US News & World Report* – and others – in ranking colleges and universities.
- When you support a discretionary fund through Call Mean Green, you are providing us with the ability to purchase things we might not otherwise be able to obtain with state dollars or tuition and fees.

- When you support a scholarship, you are saying “thank you” to the person who created that endowment and you are helping to increase the amount of the annual award we can make from that endowment.

In the last issue of *Call Number*, we provided quotes from five fairly recent graduates as to why they donate to the School. Our graduates in earlier years also are strong supporters. As the partial list of 2006-07 donors reported on the opposite page will attest, some alumni continue to give generously after being out of school for many years, even into retirement. The quotes that follow are from three earlier graduates, along with a quote from a scholarship recipient.



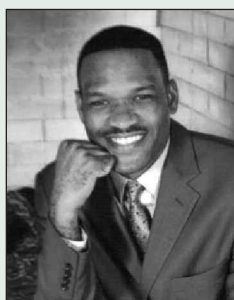
**Clarice Luce** (BS '72, MLS '75) says “I give to SLIS because I think it is very important to honor the professors that have given so much of themselves to help the students in the SLIS programs. With the rising costs of tuition and fees, it is more important than ever to provide scholarships to help students who would not otherwise be able to further their education. UNT/SLIS is a wonderful program and I am very proud to be an alumnus of the school.” Clarice is retired from Willis Library at UNT in 2002 and just completed modified service. She is married and has two daughters, one a police officer and the other a junior at the Air Force Academy.

**Noe Guerra** (BA '68, MLS '75), head of reference in the William F. White Library at Del Mar College, says “I feel humble, fortunate, and proud to have received my library degrees from North Texas. The excellent education/training that I received has enabled me to become a better person and a better librarian. I have tried to support North Texas through the years because I want this institution to continue providing educational opportunities to future librarians and leaders in the library profession.” Noe serves on the Odem Public Library Board, is an active member of TLA, and has attended or served as a team leader for TLA's Legislative Day for the past 14 legislative sessions. He is married and lives in Corpus Christi.



**Orella Brazile** (MS '82, PhD '91) has been teaching at Southern University, Shreveport, LA since 1968 and currently serves as the library director and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. She says, “I am very grateful for the support that was shown by Dr. Totten and others as I commuted the 480 miles on Saturdays to attend classes. I feel the need to give back in appreciation for the encouragement and support given during those long commutes. I probably would not have made it every trip, leaving Shreveport at 4:00 a.m., getting to Denton by 8:00 a.m., staying in class until 4:00 p.m. or later, and arriving in Shreveport most times after 9:00 p.m. God's grace and the support of Dr. Totten and other faculty members....who increased my energy and willingness to complete my goal of obtaining the PhD in my field. As I mentor students and other young people, I recite my case of the value of starting and finishing a worthwhile goal.”

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



**Clarence Robertson II** earned his BS in Criminal Justice from UNT in 1995. He is currently employed full-time at Jackson Walker, LLP in Dallas, Texas. He is also a recipient of a 2007 George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and is a member of the National College Honor Society. Clarence has been married for six years and anticipates graduating in 2009.

Clarence says, “I decided to enroll in the SLIS program through the encouragement of four people: **Thom Austin** (MS '92) of K&L

Gates (formerly Hughes & Luce LLP), **Ann Jeter** (BA '75) and **Marty Sheppard** (MS '96) of Jackson Walker LLP, and **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**. They have been very influential and instrumental in my pursuit of law librarianship. Since entering the program in 2006, I feel the exposure to law librarianship and technology in law libraries together have created new opportunities. When I graduate from the SLIS program, I plan to seek out a unique position in law librarianship that will continually challenge my knowledge and skills. Having received a SLIS scholarship this semester has allowed me to focus on school and relieved anxiety from financial pressures that would have existed otherwise. I believe the SLIS program provides excellent support for students to succeed.”

## SLIS DONATIONS

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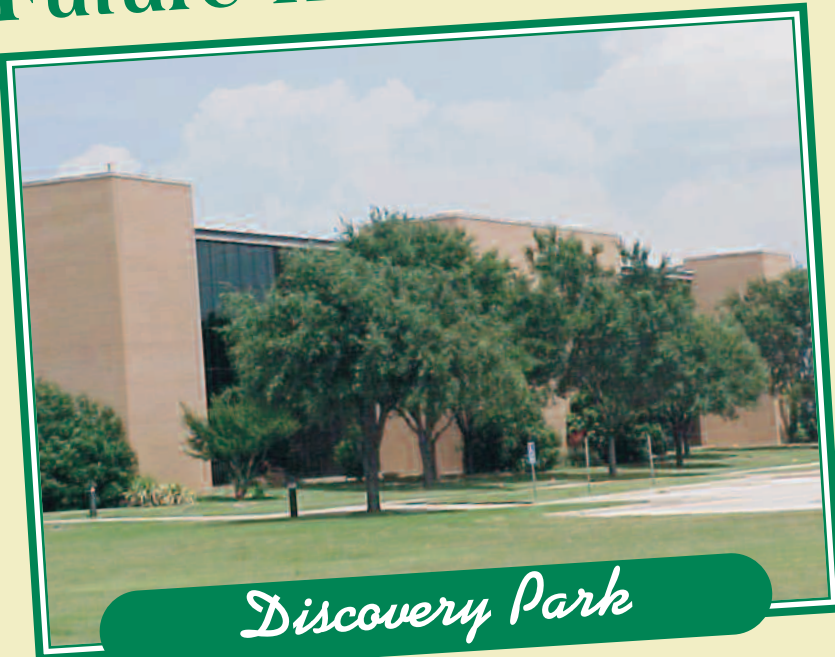
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