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CHI CHAPTER HONORS DR. JUDITH SEREBNICK

The 1997 Chi Chapter Service Award will be presented to Dr. Judith Serebnick at the annual BPM Breakfast Meeting on May 1st during the Indiana Library Federation Conference. The breakfast event will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Indiana State Library Auditorium.

Although Dr. Serebnick retired from the I.U. SLIS faculty in the Spring of 1994, her influence remains strong. Perhaps the best accolades are found in the words of her former students: "insightful teaching," "she created a very open, accessible classroom atmosphere," "she brought her formidable intellect, passion, energy and humor to her teaching."

Dr. Serebnick is considered the architect of the SLIS Collection Development course. She also pioneered the popular Intellectual Freedom course. For these and many other accomplishments, coupled with a strong dedication to her students, the School and Indiana University, Dr. Serebnick was honored in 1991 with the Indiana University President's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Her scholarship and research activities cover a broad spectrum of library science areas, including information policy in public libraries, intellectual freedom, collection development, and ethics in scholarly journal editing. In 1994 she was again honored when she received the American Library Association's prestigious Jesse H. Shera Award for Research in Library and Information Science.

Dr. Serebnick obtained a B.S. in English Literature from the City College of New York and an M.A. in English Literature from Pennsylvania State University prior to receiving her Doctorate in Library and Information Science from Rutgers in 1978.

Before coming to SLIS in 1977, Dr. Serebnick gathered a wealth of professional experience at Northwestern University, Princeton University, UCLA and Brooklyn Public Library. She also served as book editor and assistant editor with Library Journal.

Please join us as we pay tribute to this dedicated library professional and celebrate her outstanding career.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to Chi Chapter members on behalf of the 1996-1997 Executive Board. We have been very active this year working to fulfill the BPM mission of promoting scholarship, leadership, and service in the profession.

This fall, we held our second Career Exploration Forum for SLIS students. The forum was very successful because of the involvement of Beta Phi Mu members who were willing to share their experiences and expertise. This year the board also initiated an award to reward outstanding student scholarship. In addition, we continue to recognize outstanding leadership and service contributions through the Chi Chapter Service Award. Your support and dues fund our newsletter and enable the chapter to develop innovative programs that promote the goals of Beta Phi Mu. You can contribute further to the chapter by nominating someone (including yourself) to serve on the executive board or by suggesting a name for consideration for the chapter's service award.

This Spring, I invite you to attend the BPM Initiation and Award Breakfast to be held May 1st in conjunction with the ILF annual conference. The initiates always enjoy meeting members from around the state, and I can tell you from experience that Dr. Serebnick's talk will be both challenging and entertaining.

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IN THE NEWS:

Mary Popp, past Chi Chapter Board member, represented Chi Chapter at the meeting of the BPM Advisory Council at ALA in 1996.

Sylvia Turchyn, past Chi Chapter Board member, will represent Chi Chapter at the 1997 BPM Advisory Council meeting at ALA this summer.

Prof. Stephen Harter participated in a planning meeting at the winter ALISE Conference.

1997 BETA PHI MU INITIATION AND AWARD CEREMONY

The Chi Chapter's annual meeting will again be held in conjunction with the Indiana Library Federation's Annual Conference. BPM will host a continental breakfast (that keeps getting better and better each year) in the Indiana State Library Auditorium on Thursday, May 1st, from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (Indianapolis time). The library is in easy walking distance from the Indianapolis Convention Center and parking is plentiful.

An initiation ceremony for new members will be held following the breakfast. Dr. Judith Serebnick will be presented the 1997 Chi Chapter Service Award and will speak to the group. A brief business meeting to elect new board members will complete the program.

All BPM members of any chapter are invited to attend the breakfast. The cost is \$8.00. You do NOT have to attend the ILF conference to attend the BPM breakfast. However, if you do attend the conference, please register for the breakfast with your conference registration. Otherwise, contact Penelope Mathiesen, 1800 Valley View Dr., Ellettsville, IN 47429; 812/876-3592 or pmathies@indiana.edu. Please register by April 4th.

CHI CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed. If you would like to serve on the board or volunteer to help with a BPM event, please contact Connie Patsiner, 6476 N. Parker, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

CURRENT NOMINEES for the 1997-98 year are:

President:	Connie Patsiner
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Past President:	Margaret Harter
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Voting for officers will take place during the annual breakfast meeting on May 1st.

1996 CAREER EXPLORATION FORUM

Chi Chapter held its second well-attended Career Exploration Forum for students in SLIS programs at the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses on October 11, 1996, from 2-5 p.m. BPM members were also invited to attend. Co-sponsors were the ALA student chapter, InSLA, I-ASIS, SLIS, with additional sponsorship this year from C. Berger and Company of Chicago.

Following refreshments, introductions, and time for participants to gather handouts from the resource table in the SLIS library, the group proceeded to the auditorium for a panel discussion on job opportunities and the skills needed to succeed in academic, public and special libraries; school media centers; and independent information services. Speakers were David Lewis (IUPUI), Wenda Webster-Fisher (Infosource), Yvonne Olinger (Brown County Public Library), Anne Krutulic (Greencastle Middle School), and Bernadette Cline (Eli Lilly & Co.).

Break-out sessions then provided participants an opportunity to talk in small groups with librarians representing various specialty areas: library administration, archives, information brokering, special libraries, children's services, media and electronic services, and public and technical services. Leading these sessions, in addition to the panelists, were: Lisa Brower, Sandra Taylor and Elizabeth Johnson (Lilly Library); Xuan Ma (Indiana Youth Institute); Jean Heidt (MCCSC); Ginny Richey and Chris Jackson (Monroe County Public Library); Jim Morgan (IUPUI); Ann Bristow and Sylvia Turchyn (IUB); Mary Tuytschaevers (Elkhart Public Library); Jill Hobgood (St. Mary's College); Connie Patsiner (IVAN); and Jan Preusz (Vigo County Public Library).

We're well on our way to having this event become an annual tradition. Let us know if you support this service project.

NEW AWARD PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP

This year Chi Chapter has introduced a new award program to recognize outstanding student scholarship at the School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University. The promotion and recognition of scholarship is one of the three goals of Beta Phi Mu, the others being service and leadership. One award will be made each academic year, with the possibility of multiple awards, at the discretion of the Chi Chapter Executive Board.

The award will be made for a specific project or paper that is nominated by any SLIS faculty member. It must have been completed during the current academic year or the previous summer. It can, but need not, have been a paper or project submitted as part of the requirements for course credit.

There are no guidelines as to the form or content of nominated works, except that they be contributions to scholarship in library and information science. Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter Executive Board.

The award will be made late in the Spring Semester. The student will agree to present the work at a Friday Forum, which is a weekly program of research presentations attended mainly by SLIS faculty and doctoral students. Nominations can be made at any time prior to March 1 in the academic year in which the award is granted.

Recognition will include a monetary award of \$100 and mounting of the student award work on the SLIS Web page with a notation of being an award winner. All nominated work will be retained by SLIS as examples of outstanding student scholarship for purposes of documentation for the next ALA accreditation visit, scheduled for Spring, 1999.

Dues and Change of Address

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and are interested in joining Chi Chapter or in renewing your current membership, you may pay your dues at the initiation breakfast or send them to the address below.

Dues are currently \$10 per year. Please make your check payable to Beta Phi Mu and send it, along with this form to Penelope Mathiesen, Treasurer, 1800 Valley View Dr., Ellettsville, IN 47429.

Have you changed your address recently? Please let us know. Also, send a message to the National Society for their records. Address: Beta Phi Mu, School of Library and Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2048.

Name:

Address:

Phone No.:

Is this a new address?

1996 CHI CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

The 1996 Chi Chapter Initiation and Award Ceremony was held for the first time at the Indiana State Library. Everyone enjoyed the location so much that we are returning this year, although a half hour earlier due to ILF's schedule of events. Twenty-three new members were inducted into Beta Phi Mu: Beau David Case, Mary Ellen Ducey, Marilyn Dunker, Barbara Dunn, Kathy Forkner, John Fritch, Peggy J. Fuller, David Greenebaum, Joy A. Kingsolver, Mayumi Koide, Jennifer Lottes, Anna M. Martinson, Rhonda J. McGinnis, Erin M. Noll, Carole E. Petro, Nancy E. Saff, Susan Schlag, Dee Schlatter, Andrew W. Smith, Donna Stevenson, Jeanne E. Sullivan, Margaret A. Wehr, and Paul Yachnes. We encourage these new members, and all members, to keep in touch and notify us of any change in address.

The Chi Chapter Service Award for 1996 was presented to Barbara Evans Markuson, retired Executive Director of the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority. She addressed the group on "Designing Library Services for the 21st Century".

SEE YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Do you have news about yourself or another Beta Phi Mu member? Please let us know. Our readers like to keep up with friends and former classmates. Send your news to Mary A. Tuytschaevers, BPM Secretary, 53689 Michael Court, Elkhart, IN 46514

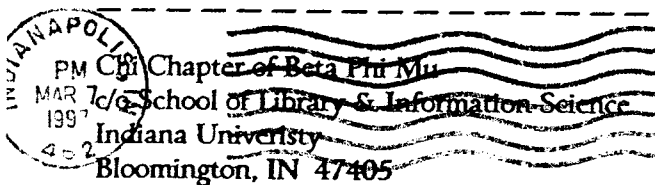
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"... librarianship is an art..." Will Manley
The Manley Art of Librarianship: p. 175

DUES INFORMATION

Our membership year begins at the time of the annual initiation and chapter meeting each Spring. We thank those who have sent in their chapter dues in response to our Fall mailing. The following members of Chi Chapter have their dues paid until Spring, 1998: Rita Barsun, Kay Carlson, Robin Crumrin, Chris Jackson, Donna Heady, Catherine McCall, Marcia Pendley, Carole Petro, Patricia Steele, and Mary Tuytschaevers. If your name is not included, we hope to receive your membership dues for the 1997-98 year at the initiation breakfast. Dues are \$10 per year and may also be paid using the enclosed form.



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