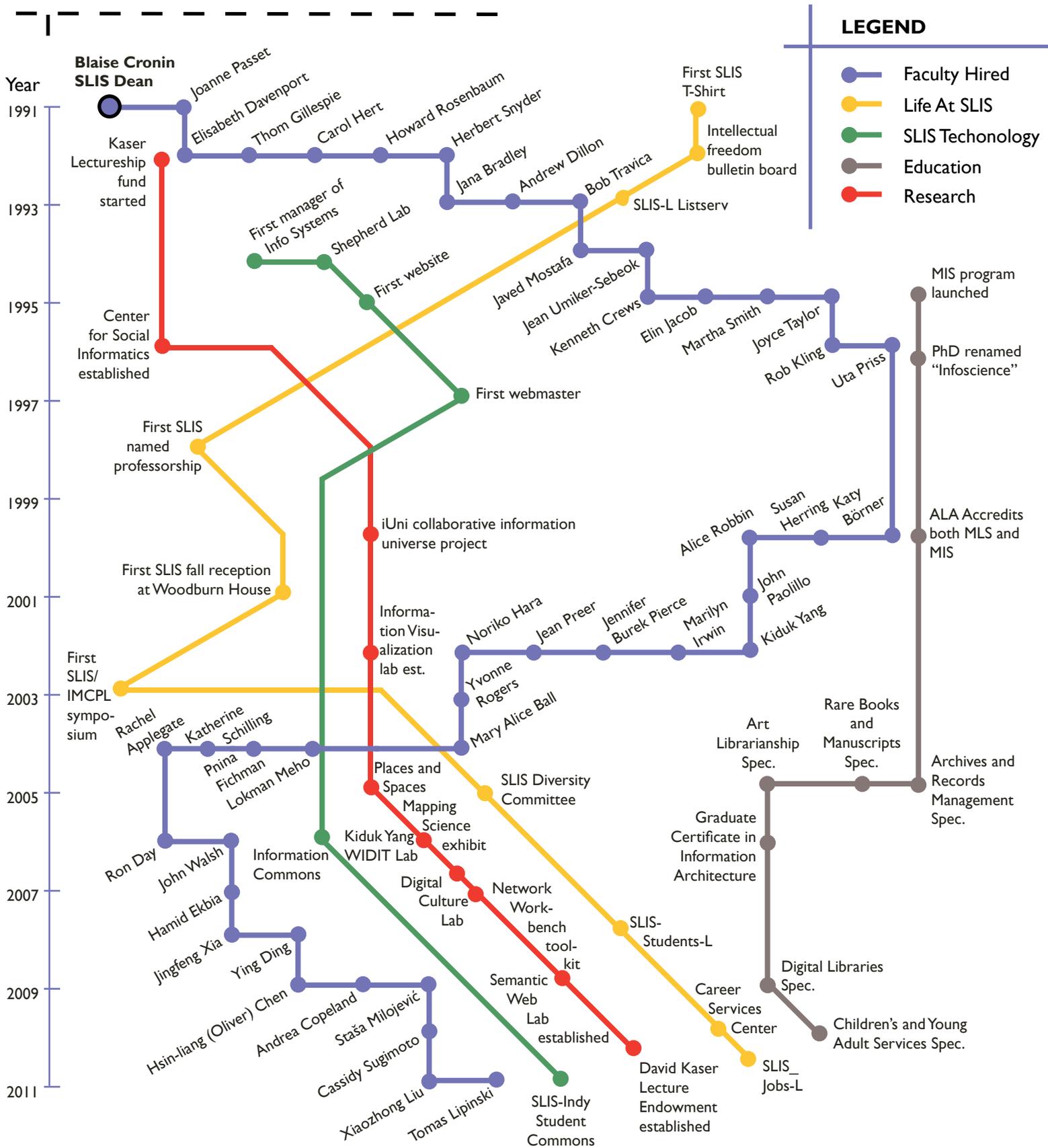


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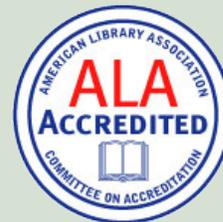
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### Reaccrediting Master's Programs

The Indiana University School of Library and Information Science master's programs have been continuously accredited by the American Library Association since 1951/52. The next comprehensive review of the school's MLS (Master of Library Science) and MIS (Master of Information Science) degree programs will take place in Spring 2012. This process includes on-site visits to the SLIS Bloomington and SLIS Indianapolis programs by an External Review Panel.



### Debora Shaw appointed Dean of SLIS

Indiana University Executive Vice President and Bloomington campus Provost Karen Hanson has announced that she has appointed Debora Shaw Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, effective September 1, 2011.

Provost Hanson noted that Dean Shaw, a member of the school's faculty since 1988, "has received strong support from SLIS faculty and staff as interim dean. She has served with distinction as interim, providing energetic and effective leadership of the school."

She concluded, "I am confident that Ralf's years of experience, her unstinting commitment to SLIS, and her excellent administrative judgment will allow the school to continue what has been a tradition of excellence."

# Dean's Note



Twenty years is customarily considered a generation, a reasonable length of time over which to assess growth and development. That's how long Blaise Cronin was at the helm for SLIS, and – like the world in general – the school has witnessed many changes and accomplishments during those years. Blaise himself anticipated and contributed to his share of these developments. Rather than focus solely on his agency, however, this issue of SLIS Network reflects on his tenure by looking back at some of the developments in and around SLIS over a score of years. The timeline on our cover, designed by Asik Pradhan, provides a visual representation of this generation at SLIS.

Technological milestones at SLIS include hiring our first Manager of Information Systems, Geoff McKim, in 1994 (see story, page 12). A year later we had our first web-site and in 1997 our first webmaster. Technology for SLIS students continues to be a priority. The computer lab was renamed the Shepherd Lab, in memory of Associate Professor Clayton Shepherd, in 1991. Three years later the CITED computer lab was created, located in the SLIS Library. In 2001 part of the library was made into a computer classroom and in 2006 the remaining space became the SLIS Information Commons. Technology support for students in Indianapolis has continued to improve, with plans underway to create a dedicated commons for SLIS students.

Two decades have witnessed major changes in SLIS educational programs as well. The Master of Information Science program began in 1995; in 2000 SLIS was one of the first two schools to receive ALA accreditation for master's programs in both library science and information science (the other was at the University of North Carolina). Through the 1990s SLIS moved from offering courses all across the state to focus on programs in Indianapolis and Bloomington. The move was confirmed with the appointment of Danny Callison as Executive Associate Dean for SLIS Indianapolis in 2001. Technology has also assisted in supporting state-wide access to SLIS courses; we have largely migrated from video to web-based instruction. New courses introduced cover topics such as strategic intelligence, electronic commerce, information architecture, genealogy and local history, metadata, ontologies, gender and computerization, preservation, electronic records management, library philanthropy, and reference sources for rare books – to name just some of the specialized preparation for the next generation of information professionals.

SLIS faculty members continue to produce research that

is widely recognized and highly cited. Milestones from the past two decades include the David Kaser lecture series, inaugurated in 1995. In 1997 SLIS hosted the National Science Foundation Workshop “Advances in Organizational and Social Informatics.” Several collaborative efforts have helped coordinate research activities, including the SLIS Usability Lab, Marketing Signs Research Division, Copyright Management Center, Center for Social Informatics (renamed in honor of Rob Kling in 2004), iUni collaborative information universe project, Information Visualization lab, WIDIT (Web Information Discovery Integrated Tool) lab, Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center, Digital Culture Lab, Semantic Web Lab, and the Center for Research on Mediated Interaction. The first “Places and Spaces” Mapping Science exhibit was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in 2005. The Network Workbench (version 0.8.0) toolkit for network analysis, modeling, and visualization premiered in 2007.

Faculty members have come and gone over 20 years. The cover timeline shows all the faculty hires since 1991; obviously not every one remained at SLIS, but they each contributed to the school through research and teaching. Retiring faculty, approximately in chronological order, include: Marian Armstrong, Nancy Lair, Judith Serebnick, Josefa (Monina) Abrera, Herbert White, Stephen Harter, Shirley Fitzgibbons, Joyce Taylor, Verna Pungitore, and Thomas Nisonger.

And of course life at SLIS has reflected the special interests and enthusiasms of the denizens of the school. This issue of SLIS Network aims to provoke memories of our social community. Please join us physically or virtually.



Debora Shaw  
Dean  
SLIS Bloomington and  
Indianapolis  
Professor of Library and  
Information Science

# SLIS Alumni Board President



In this issue, SLIS is looking back at 20 years of Blaise Cronin's leadership. In that time, SLIS has become the top-ranked LIS research program in the country and ranks in the top 10 LIS programs overall. I graduated in 2001, so I think it is fair to consider myself a product of Dean Cronin's vision for SLIS.

On the one hand, I think that vision worked. I have a good job doing interesting work, a happy outcome that I share with plenty of other SLIS alums. Those alums are in a wide range of professions, too. From my years at SLIS alone I can count librarians of every flavor, archivists and records managers, computer programmers and human computer interaction gurus, business consultants and rare book dealers. One of the great virtues of SLIS during the last twenty years has been the diversity of talents and interests that were brought together. Professor Cronin positioned us well for the internet boom, and there were a lot of people willing to throw in with library and information science during his time as Dean. Thanks to my own education at SLIS, I feel just as comfortable meeting with web designers as experts on Sumerian tablets, and it's hard to think of any other academic program that would provide that particular blend of education.

But that was the one hand, and there is another. SLIS has grown into an exceptional research center that attracts a wide range of talent and interests, but the largest block of our student body is largely training for careers in libraries and archives. The other hand has been plunged elbow-deep into a turbulent period in library and archival professional identity, exacerbated by a global financial crisis. The job market that most of our alumni intend to enter has been very slow to open. Our alumni do relatively well, but as promising as the long-term outlook may be, lots of newly-minted alumni have graduated into a rough economy.

It would be a little cheap and easy at this point to wax on about the intangible and eternal benefits of the education

you have received. Those benefits are real, and as a library administrator, cheap and easy have warm, well-polished places in my heart. But I do not want to end this letter by going down that road.

We should remember that our degrees do not promise us a straight path to a job, but they do provide us with a network. That network includes the top ranked researchers in library and information science, first-rate professionals in every sector of the information marketplace, and some of the best new talent in the field. Finding a great job in the perfect place is going to be hard for some time to come. But for a SLIS alum, finding great people should be pretty easy. Over the last 20 years, this school has had no small role in creating the technologies that make this possible. Reach out. Join the Alumni Association! You have friends, colleagues, mentors, and fellow alumni all around. And as we talk, let's not just ask who's hiring. Let's remember that we get a vote in defining the work we do and we set the course for the profession.

Respectfully,

Jacob Nadal,  
Class of 2001

## SLIS Alumni Board

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- » A biographical statement (or résumé), providing basic information such as: name, address, employment history, and all SLIS degrees and dates.
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The SLIS Alumni-L Listserv is specifically for our SLIS grads. It is a low-traffic listserv monitored by Sarah Burton who posts items of interest, such as announcements about SLIS alumni receptions in regional areas and at conferences.

Our SLIS Alumni listserv helps us to stay in touch with YOU! Contact Sarah to request your email address be added to this listserv: [burtonsp@indiana.edu](mailto:burtonsp@indiana.edu) or call toll-free 812-855-3262 OR to subscribe to the list directly: send an email to [listserv@indiana.edu](mailto:listserv@indiana.edu) with following command: `subscribe slisalumni-l`

## Upcoming Event:

Indiana Library Federation Conference  
Monday, November 14, 2011  
Hilton Fort Wayne  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Call or Email Sarah Burton, SLIS Alumni  
Coordinator for details (812.855.3262 or  
[burtonsp@indiana.edu](mailto:burtonsp@indiana.edu)).



**Barbara Albee** delivered a presentation with Associate Professor Hsin-liang (Oliver) Chen about their funded project “Impact of Open Source Library Automation System on Public Library Users” at the ALISE Conference in San Diego in January.

Associate Professor **Rachel Applegate**



presented “Electronic Portfolios for Program-Level Learning Outcomes Assessment” with Associate Professor Marilyn Irwin at the ALISE Conference in January.

She was also a member of the Planning Committee for the IUPUI University Library and School of Library Information Science Joint Conference held on March 24, 2011.

**Katy Börner**, Victor H. Yngve Professor of Information Science and Director of the Information Visualization lab and Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science



Center with colleagues R.M. Wagner, N. Ma, J.R. Biberstine, R. Berhane, H. Jiang, S.E. Ivey, K. Pearson and C. McCabe, presented a paper “Introducing the

Science of Science (Sci2) Tool to the Reporting Branch, Office of Extramural Research/Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health” at the Workshop on the Science of Science Measurement, in Washington D.C. in December, 2010. Her book, Atlas of Science, was featured in the article “Communication: Mapping Science” in the December issue of Nature. With C.S. Wagner, J.D. Roessner, K. Bobb, J.T. Klein, K.W. Boyack, J. Keyton and I. Rafols, she published “Approaches to understanding and measuring interdisciplinary scientific research (IDR): A review of the literature” in the Journal of Informetrics in January. She was invited to speak at the SAMSI Workshop on Dynamic Networks in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina in February. She presented “The Science of Team Science (SciTS): A Beacon for 21st Century Scientific Collaboration” at an NSF-sponsored conference, SBE 2020: Future Research in the Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, in February with N.S.

Contractor, H.J. Falk-Krzyszinski, S.M. Fiore, K.L. Hall, J. Keyton, B. Spring, D. Stokols, W. Trochim and B. Uzzi. Also in February, she presented the “Mapping Science Exhibit” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Washington, D.C. She published “Plug and Play Macroscopes” in Communications of the ACM in March. She presented “Science Maps for Scholars” at the 6<sup>th</sup> Iteration of her exhibit, Places and Spaces: Mapping Science at the University of Michigan’s Hatcher Graduate Library in March. She helped organize a Modeling and Mapping Workshop as well as an NIH Workshop on Value Added Services for VIVO—both at IU in March. Also in March, she presented a paper “Where Are the Academic Jobs? Interactive Exploration of Job Advertisements in Geospatial and Topical Space” with doctoral student Angela Zoss and M. Conover at the Third International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral Modeling and Prediction in Bethesda, MD. She was quoted in “Digging Deeper, Seeing Farther: Supercomputers Alter Science,” an April 25th New York Times article by John Markoff. Börner was invited to speak at Scientific Mapping and Analytics, a symposium hosted by the Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library and Elsevier in Santa Fe in May. Along with Assistant Professor Ying Ding, she was featured in IU’s Annual Report on Research and Creative Activities for 2010.



Associate Professor **Hsin-liang (Oliver) Chen**

presented “Impact of Open Source Library Automation System on Public Library

Users” with Barbara Albee at the ALISE Conference in San Diego in January. With X. Wang, D. Shen, and L. Wedman, he published “Applying web analytics in a K-12 resource inventory” in The Electronic Library in February. He was a member of the Planning Committee for the IUPUI University Library and School of Library Information Science Joint Conference held in March. Chen, and S. Gilchrist, presented a paper “Higher Education E-Learning and YouTube EDU: A LIS Collection Development Approach” at the 3rd International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries in Athens, Greece in May.

Assistant Professor **Andrea Copeland** presented “Using Technology to Prepare LIS Students for an Increasingly Collaborative Workplace” with D.E. Agosto, L. Zach and E. Milanese at the



ALISE Annual Conference in San Diego in January. She gave a keynote talk, “The Future of Public Libraries as foretold by Future Public

Librarians” at the ILF District 3 Annual Conference at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne in March. She was a member of the planning committee for the IUPUI University Library and School of Library Information Science Joint Conference held in March. Copeland and D. Barreau published “Helping People to Manage and Share Their Digital Information: A Role for Public Libraries” in the Spring issue of Library Trends.

Professor **Blaise Cronin**, Rudy Professor of Information Science published “Popular and/or Prestigious? Measures



of Scholarly Esteem” with Assistant Professor Ying Ding in Information Processing and Management in January.

He was reappointed the Honorary Visiting Professor at City University in London in March. Also in March, Napier University of Edinburgh, Scotland invited him to present “Collaboration in art and science: Approaches to attribution, authorship and acknowledgment.” He was invited to present “The Morphing Author” at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in April. In May, he attended the Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) annual conference in Orlando, Florida.



Associate Professor **Ron Day** published “Death of the user: Reconceptualizing subjects, objects, and their

relations” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology in January. With doctoral student Lai Ma, he presented “Jokes and Ideology” at the 2011 conference in Seattle in February. Also in February, he was an invited guest speaker in the Department of Information at the University of California at Los Angeles. In



May, he gave an invited talk at the COST Exploratory Workshop on Knowledge Management in Contemporary Europe, sponsored by the European Community, in Brussels, Belgium. With Associate Professor Hamid Ekbia, he published “(Digital) Experiences” in *First Monday* in June.

Assistant Professor **Ying Ding** published “Popular and/or Prestigious? Measures of Scholarly Esteem” with Professor Blaise Cronin and “Discovering author impact: A PageRank perspective” with doctoral student Erja Yan in *Information Processing and Management* in January. Her article,



“Scientific collaboration and endorsement: Network analysis of coauthorship and citation networks” was published in the *Journal of Informetrics* in January.

She published “The shifting sands of disciplinary development: Analyzing North American Library and Information Science (LIS) dissertations using Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)” in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* with Assistant Professor Cassidy Sugimoto, D. Li, T.G. Russell, and master’s student S.G. Finlay, also in January. She published “Applying weighted PageRank to author citation networks” in *JASIST* in February. She gave an invited talk, “The semantical model of the scientist: the VIVO ontology” at the School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University in February. With E. Yan and Assistant Professor Cassidy Sugimoto, she published “P-Rank: An indicator measuring prestige in heterogeneous scholarly networks” in *JASIST* in March. She published “Topic-based PageRank on author co-citation networks” in *JASIST* in March. Also in March, she published “Finding complex biological relationships in recent PubMed articles using Bio-LDA” in *PLoS One* with H. Wang, J. Tang, X. Dong, doctoral student Bing He, J. Qiu, and D.J. Wild. With Bing He and doctoral student Chaoyun Ni, she published “Mining enriched contextual information of scientific collaboration: A meso perspective” in *JASIST* in May. Also in May, she gave an invited talk “Scientific Collaboration and Endorsement: Social Network Analysis in Co-authorship Networks and Citation Networks” at the

School of Informatics, City University in London, and the Statistical Cybermetrics Research Group at University of Wolverhampton in the UK.

Associate Professor **Hamid Ekbia** presented a paper “Designing for the



Invincible: Health Engagement and Information Management with doctoral student Dan Kutz at the 44th Hawaii Conference on System Sciences in Kauai, Hawaii in January. He published a chapter “Patterns of movement in space: An agent-based approach” in the book *Agent-based modeling and GIS*.

Associate Professor **Pnina Fichman**



participated as a faculty mentor in the Doctoral Colloquium held at the 2011 conference in Seattle in February. She co-advised the ALA Student Chapter with Mary Popp, which was awarded the 2011 National Chapter of the Year in April.

Associate Professor **Noriko Hara** presented “Mentoring and Training Experiences in East Asian Graduate Science Programs” with M.A. Ynalvez, J.C.



Kilburn, R.A. Ynalvez, K. Chen, Y. Kamo and S.M. Aguiar at the Indiana University East Asian Studies Center Colloquium in December, 2010. With J.C. Kilburn,

M.A. Ynalvez, R.A. Ynalvez, and K. Chen, she presented “Learning to become a scientist” at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans in April.

Professor **Susan Herring** published “Project-based learning and student knowledge construction during



asynchronous online discussion” with J. Hwee, L. Koh and K.F. Hew in *The Internet and Higher Education* in December. She gave an invited talk “Gender, communication, and self-presentation in teen chatrooms revisited: Have patterns

changed?” with S. Kapidzic at the State University of New York at Albany in December. In February, her invited essay “A Difference of Communication Styles” was featured on The New York Times ‘Room for Debate’ page in response to the question: “Where are the women in Wikipedia?” With Dr. Ewa Callahan (SLIS Ph.D. 2007), she gave a keynote speech titled “Russian language use in two multilingual Internet contexts” at the F3: The Russian Internet in a Global Context conference in Passau, Germany also in February. She published “Participation in electronic discourse in a ‘feminist’ field” with D.A. Johnson and T. DiBenedetto in an edited collection *Language and gender: A reader* in March. She delivered the plenary address “Discourse in Web 2.0: Familiar, reconfigured, and emergent” at the 2011 Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics: Discourse 2.0: Language and New Media in Washington, D.C. in March. With S. Kapidzic, she presented a lecture on “Gender, innovation, and non-standardness in teen chat language” at the same conference. Using distance technology, she gave a plenary talk titled “Context in Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis” at the i-Mean Conference in Bristol, England in April.

Associate Professor **Marilyn Irwin** co-hosted the Indianapolis Youth Literature Conference in Indianapolis in January; sponsoring organizations included the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library,



the Indiana State Library, and KidInk Children’s Bookstore. She is serving the American Library Association (ALA) in two capacities in the

coming year, having been appointed chair of the Schneider Family Book Awards Jury and elected a Member at Large of the Libraries Serving Special Populations Section of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies division of ALA; both appointments were made in January. She chaired an ALA Accreditation External Review Panel in Lexington, Kentucky in February. With doctoral student Nantanoot Suwannawut, she presented “E-accessible Reader: The Integral Design and Standardization” at the 26th Annual

International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference in San Diego in March. In April, she presented “YA Crossover Readers” at the Indiana Library Federation District 6 Conference in New Albany, Indiana.

Professor **Tomas Lipinski** facilitated and presented a webinar for the Missoula, Montana Public Library Board of Trustees on “Meeting Rooms and



Patron Access and Behavior Issues” in April. He presented a national webinar for the American Association of Law Librarians on “Copyright Issues in Distance Education and Training” in May. Also in May, he toured several libraries in County Clare, Ireland and gave a lecture “Recent Developments in Fair US Fair Use” at the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and presented “The Rejection of the Google Books Settlement and the Future of Digital Access in the United States” at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Law & ICT, both at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium. He presented “The Rejection of the Google Books Settlement and the Future of Digital Access in the United States” for the Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel, in Brussels, Belgium.

Assistant Professor **Xiaozhong Liu** presented “Predicting Popularity of Online Distributed Applications: iTunes App Store Case Analysis” with M. Chen at the 2011 iConference in Seattle in February. Throughout the spring, he continued development work on his system “ScholarWiki + WikiBackyard,” an innovative knowledge extraction system based on machine learning and human intelligence. This system will be integrated into SciVerse online retrieval system.



Assistant Professor **Stasa Milojević** published “Power Law Distributions in Information Science: Making the Case for Logarithmic Binning” in the Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology in December. She participated in a roundtable “iSchools as



bridges between Scientometrics and STS” at the iConference in Seattle in February with S. Sabanovic, Assistant Professor Cassidy Sugimoto, P. Edwards, D. Hakken and C. Knobel. With Assistant Professor Cassidy Sugimoto, she developed a new Special Interest Group, SIG/MET (Metrics), in the American Society for Information and Technology (ASIS&T) for which she will serve as the Chair-elect.

Professor **Jean Preer** led two Intellectual Freedom Workshops for library staff and board members of the Culver-Union Township Public Library in Culver, Indiana in April. She spoke about library ethics at the Capstone Seminar of the Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in April. As a member of the Board, she attended the ALISE Board meeting in Chicago also in April.



Associate Professor **Alice Robbin** published “Embracing technology and the challenges of complexity” in Triple C Cognition, Communication, Co-operation.



Associate Professor **Howard Rosenbaum** was a co-organizer, with B. Nardi and E. Dresang, of the Doctoral Colloquium at the 2011 iConference in Seattle, Washington in February. He gave an invited talk “What is social about social informatics” at the Institute for Social Informatics, sponsored by the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, University of Missouri in March. He gave an invited keynote address “Libraries and social media: The social conundrum” at a conference “Digital conundrum: The impact of e-resources on stacks, staff and students” for the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education, Dayton, Ohio in May.



Associate Professor **Katherine Schilling** is the President-Elect of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association;



she was elected to the office this spring. With J. Jones and D. Pesut, she published “Barriers and Benefits Associated with Nurses’ Information Seeking Related to Patient Education Needs on Clinical Nursing Units” in The Open Nursing Journal in February. In April, she presented “Web Mining as a Technique to Understand and Meet the Information Needs of Cancer Patients” at the Society for Behavioral Medicine, in Washington, D.C.

Dean and Professor **Debora Shaw** is the Associate Editor of the Journal for the American Society for Information Science and Technology.



Assistant Professor **Cassidy Sugimoto** was awarded the 2011 Eugene Garfield Dissertation Award by the Association for Library and Information Science Education in January. She published “Collaboration in information and library science doctoral education” in Library and Information Science Research in January. She published “The shifting sands of disciplinary development: Analyzing North American Library and Information Science (LIS) dissertations using Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology with D. Li, T.G. Russell, and master’s student S.G. Finlay, also in January. She published “Looking



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American Society for Information and Technology (ASIS&T) for which she will serve as the Chair-elect.

Assistant Professor **John Walsh** was awarded a subcontract on a grant "A Journal-Driven Bibliography of Digital Humanities" in January. He was appointed a member of programming committee for the 2011 Digital Humanities conference in January. Also in January, he participated in an electronic roundtable at the Modern Language Association meeting, presenting on his Swinburne project and presented at a session on Textual Scholarship and New Media. He published "Comic Book Markup

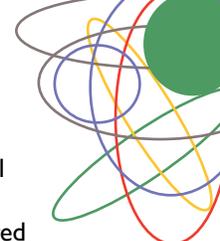


Language: An Introduction and Rationale" in the spring issue of Digital Humanities Quarterly. In April, Walsh presented a paper "The Christian Icon as Information Object"

at the Research Frontiers in Information and Religion Conference at Kent State University in Ohio. He presented two papers at the Digital Humanities 2011 Conference at Stanford University in May, "Computational Discovery and Visualization of the Underlying Semantic Structure of Complicated Historical and Literary Corpora" with W.E. Hooper, and "The Story of TILE (Text Image Linking Environment): Making Modular & Reusable Tools" with D. Porter and D. Reside.

Associate Professor **Jingfeng Xia** published "Multiple open access availability and citation impact" with masters student R.L Myers and S.K. Wilhoite in the Journal of Information Science in December 2010. He published "An anthropological emic-etic perspective of open access practices" in the Journal of Documentation in January.

In Honolulu, he presented "The unique practice of open educational resources in China" and chaired a panel on "The social context of information and communication technologies (ICT) in Asia" at the Association for Asian Studies conference in April. He published "Constructing the structure underlying open access practices" in the Journal of Information Science in June.



## New Executive Associate Dean at SLIS Indianapolis



Focus on the Future Conference 2010: "Copyright and You" Thursday, May 20th Guest Presenter: Tomas Lipinski

Marquette University Law School; and Master of Laws from The John Marshall Law School. Professor Lipinski comes to IU from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he was professor and director of the M.L.I.S. program.

Dean Lipinski's research, teaching, and lecturing focus on the legal issues relating to information access and control, including copyright and licensing, cultural and indigenous property rights, free speech, and privacy and the impact of those issues on libraries, educational entities, other public institutions, and society at large. He is the author of, among other books, *The Librarian's Legal Companion for Buying and Licensing Information Resources* (Neal-Schuman, 2008) and *The Complete Copyright Liability Handbook for Librarians and Educators* (Neal-Schuman, 2006) and with Mary Minow, *The Librarian's Legal Answer Book*. He currently serves

on the Copyright Subcommittee of the ALA's Office of Information Technology Policy, is the incoming chair of the ACRL Copyright discussion group, and is connecting his knowledge of intellectual property with the interests of the IUPUI campus.

Dr. Lipinski has experience as a librarian at the Milwaukee Public Library and the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library at Syracuse University. He has taught at the University of Illinois, University of Pretoria (South Africa), and Syracuse University, in addition to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has provided pro bono legal advice for school and public libraries on issues ranging from circulation of audiobooks to the adaptation and performance of young adult literature. In addition to serving as executive associate dean, he teaches S541 - Information Policy and a new course on Legal Issues in Libraries.

**O**n January 1, 2011, Dr. Tomas A. Lipinski took up his post as Executive Associate Dean for the IU SLIS program in Indianapolis. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) degree from the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; J.D. from

# SLIS Milestones

## 1991-2011

### **University Chancellor Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis Reflects on Blaise Cronin as SLIS Dean**

**B**laise Cronin is aptly named, although the spelling of his first name may not be correct. He arrived in Bloomington like a comet in 1991 to become Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, having served prior to that as Professor of Information Science and Head of the Department of Information Science at the Strathclyde Business School, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. It soon became apparent to me that he was clearly the first faculty member on campus who was truly a sesquipedalian.

When he arrived, he had long flowing locks – in fact, he still does, though they have grayed a bit. He said he was waiting to get advice about a beauty salon from another new decanal appointment, but unfortunately that person was bald; hence, the continuing and flowing locks.

He startled his colleagues at his first and subsequent administrative meetings, arriving in sartorial splendor, and speaking with wit, perspicacity, and honesty. It was

that last quality that perhaps endeared him to most and made his voice much more significant than the size of his school might have predicted.

The school flourished under Blaise's leadership. He served as dean from 1991-2003; then after a brief hiatus, returned to the deanship in 2004 and left it in 2010. The school flourished in many ways – external grants, faculty productivity, citations from faculty publications, greater demand for admission, high national rankings.



Blaise came to us well trained with a BA and MA from Trinity College in Dublin and then a series of degrees leading to the Ph.D. and a DSSc in information science from the Queen's University of Belfast. He was also honored with an honorary degree from Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh. When

it was clear that he was sought after by other universities, the president and I anointed him with the James H. Rudy Professorship. Blaise asked me for the source of the Rudy endowment and, when I found out the full story from an investigation done by my assistant



Perry Metz, Blaise says he was very sorry he had asked the question. For those curious, contact me and I will fill you in on why Blaise was not that happy to hear the story of how the university got the Rudy endowment.

Blaise Cronin has been not only a peripatetic, but also enormously prolific writer and speaker. His résumé, in fact, is almost as long as some of his monographs. It is impossible in this brief account of his career to do justice for all that he has accomplished. So let me just enumerate – and these are approximations – the many appointments he has held, conferences he has organized, journals he has edited or for which he is a consultant, articles written, and so on.

Blaise has been a visiting professor in London, Brighton, Manchester and Edinburgh. He has been a visiting external examiner at over a dozen universities and on a variety of matters. He is or has been editor-in-chief or editor or series editor of six important journals and an editorial board member of some two dozen others. He has organized regional and international conferences from 1984 to several times in this century. He referees scholarly papers for some 40 journals. He has been an external reviewer on several dozen tenure cases from institutions literally around the world. And I mean that: Israel, Saudi Arabia, Ireland, Botswana, Canada, numerous institutions in the United States. He has written book reviews for some 25 different journals. Over the years he has made international presentations – and again by that I do mean everywhere from Asia to South America to Europe to the United Kingdom to Africa to the Caribbean, to Canada, on the list could go. He has, quite

remarkably, given over 150 of these presentations. Not surprisingly, he has received several major grants and served as a consultant to some 17 international entities, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, NATO, and UNESCO. He has been an invited speaker at over 70 institutions, again around the world. He has published 14 monographs, edited 24 different volumes (written sometimes with colleagues), and over 130 articles in peer reviewed journals. Not to mention the nearly 70 book chapters and conference proceedings which carry his name. Journal articles total 40; technical and consulting reports nearly 30, journals and newsletters over 60, miscellaneous (I don't know what that means) nearly 50.

The staggering performance has been topped in recent years by several monographs about Bloomington itself, which despite what he might think, his affection for the town and university comes through after all.

As I said when I began with this impressive list of publications and scholarly activities, it cannot do justice to the enormous energy, imagination, and vision that I admire so much in Blaise Cronin. With all of this, he finds time to have lunch with friends such as me at which we discuss everything from the latest campus gossip to developments affecting SLIS.

Blaise has given an enormous amount to the Bloomington campus and to Indiana University. On behalf of the university, I am very grateful for that, as I'm also deeply grateful for his friendship. I wish him well.



Blaise Cronin, Merri Beth Lavagnino and Keith Kuhn



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Joel Silver and Blaise Cronin

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## **PhotoMoving from a Technician to a Professional - Geoff McKim**

**G** Geoff McKim (MLS '94) was SLIS's first Manager of Information Systems. We invited him to think back to the early days of the Internet and how different information systems were in 1994, when he stepped into the newly created job.

Even after 15 years, Geoff recalls the high and heterogeneous demands placed on the SLIS IT system and on him as its manager. Computers of the day were less reliable and just keeping them in working order was a challenge. Working with computers and printers linked through a local area network was a new experience for SLIS faculty and students. And although there were visions of how the Internet could transmit audio and video, the technology to make this happen did not exist – Geoff discovered that the information systems assignment included care and feeding of analog audio/video projectors as well.

SLIS introduced the Computer-Based Information Tools course in 1995 and Geoff was its first instructor. He recalls creating the course “on the fly” and teaching three sections a semester. He also taught the lectures for the course using the university's IHETS video delivery system. SLIS students at the time were less accustomed to computer applications, which meant that a fair amount of time was spent of basic e-mail (remember Pine?) and Microsoft applications for word processing as well as spreadsheets and databases.

Geoff recalled the time the water pipes burst above the (former) SLIS server room. He and his staff were called to action. They put up umbrellas to divert the water



and pulled the servers out of the deluge, into the relative safety of the computer lab (which was next door, in Room 030). The reconnected servers were up and running, keeping SLIS connected while the pipes were repaired and the server room dried. This experience was a major impetus for moving the SLIS servers to their current location, in the 005 suite, which has no water pipe in the ceiling.

Since leaving SLIS, Geoff has been employed by Technology Service Corporation; he is now a senior consultant and the U.S. National Park Service is his primary client. In addition to his day job, Geoff is an elected member of the Monroe County Council. He enjoys working in local government, especially using his manager's perspective on how to reconcile (or work with) opposing viewpoints and accomplish the most good for society generally.

Geoff credits his SLIS master's degree with putting a useful framework around what was “pretty seat-of-the-pants” understanding of information technology. His systems analysis class with Bob Travica was especially helpful as Geoff converted his programming skills (from experience and his undergraduate courses) to a managerial perspective that is essential in both his jobs. He also uses “every day” the SLIS-inspired understanding of the importance of information provenance and how to use it. He is especially cognizant of the importance of assessing the value of digital information and appreciating the influence of authorship – a perspective he attributes to his work with Rob Kling and Lizzie Davenport, among others.

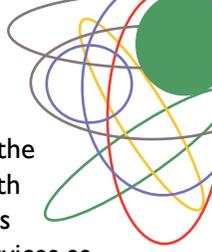
“At SLIS I went from being a technician to being a professional,” he concluded. “No one wants to have a career tied to a specific technology.”

Photo from student days c. 1995

## **First SLIS Master of Information Science Graduate - Nina Petrova-Paquette**

**N**ina Petrova-Paquette (MIS '96) started to work for San Jose Public Library in 2000. She is now a part time reference librarian for the Reference Department at the King Library, which is a joint library branch shared with San Jose State University.

Nina writes that she really enjoyed studying at IU SLIS and “uses the knowledge from the variety of excellent classes during my work a lot. Being a reference librarian, who helps not only public library customers, but SJSU students on a daily basis (with all their research needs by using numerous databases and conducting reference interviews), you have to know how to navigate in the ocean of information. Dr. Cronin's classes were a great value for me, as well as Dr. Rosenbaum's web instructions.”



When asked for more detail on how her SLIS classes help with her work, Nina replied, "Well, it is all about organization of information, the way people think and request information." She tries to distinguish each individual while conducting reference interviews, asking questions that will help her determine how thorough an answer is required. She continued, "I found in my archive an article that I wrote for one my SLIS classes. It was about how different scientists and managers are [when] seeking information. I discussed in it the facts that some people (managers) are very intuitive and others (scientists) are logical in their information search technique and they have different steps, directions, and speed when conducting research. Anyway, using my current job experience I could extend that article now to the area of University students vs. Public Library patrons as library users and information seekers :)." She concluded, "Thank you for your questions; they pushed me to think more about why I enjoy being a reference librarian and why it is very sad that reference is not just changing its forms, but is not as valuable as it used to be."

Her perception of the changing value of reference work reflects changes at the joint branch library. It was opened with great fanfare about collaboration in 2003. Initially, Nina says, "there was a real collaboration – the website was unified, full-time SJSU librarians worked at the reference desk together with SJPL librarians. Then during the last couple of years it started to fall apart." The two libraries now have separate websites, "almost all SJPL full time reference

librarians retired, [and] SJSU full time librarians do not want to work at the reference desk. So the reference desk is covered by part-timers on both sides. And live face-to-face and phone references are dying out... We do have online reference services as chat and reference e-mail (Questionpoint and Altarama) that is still



answered [collaboratively] by both SJSU and SJPL librarians."

Some benefits of the joint library persist. "Public library customers ... have access to all the Univer-

sity books and SJSU students can use their library cards at the SLPL branches and not only at the main King Library." Nina notices some differences among the library users, and similarities as well. "Yes, SJSU students are mostly younger and are doing research for their classes. Most common questions are about online articles. But we also have some advanced high school students that are on a public side who are more prepared for research than some SJSU students." This continuing evolution of library services, Nina observes, may be "just how life corrects everything."



Charles Davis and Herb White



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Danny Callison and Joyce (Taylor) Manuel

# Doctoral Reminiscences

## Remembering IU's Doctoral Program in Library Science from the 1960s and '70s

Recently a group of doctoral students from the 1960s and 70s reflected on their experiences at the IU Graduate Library School. Their reminiscences reveal a great fondness for the faculty of the day and how they influenced the first cohort of doctoral graduates from our school. Blanche Woolls (Ph.D. 1973) encouraged the discussion, writing that her contributions “will be VERY long because most of you may remember I am a very good typist.” She reminded the group of their Friday Afternoon Seminars (informal gatherings) at the Holiday Inn. “If the week was going badly, we might call a Tuesday Seminar.” She continued, “we’d snack away listening to the noise of breaking bottles. At some point the state of Indiana insisted that all empty alcohol bottles be smashed so they couldn’t be refilled. Since we were emptying a lot of beer, the crashing was a very good accompaniment to ‘Bridge over Troubled Waters’ and ‘Is That All There Is?’”

Charles Davis (Ph.D. 1969) recalled that “doctoral examinations in the early days GLS (early SLIS) were constrained by the Graduate School (probably a good thing) back when.

There were remarkable standards for scholarship (e.g., a reading knowledge of one foreign language for the M.A. and two for the Ph.D.)... We were troopers and enjoyed each others’ company then and throughout our careers. How well I remember both the written and oral exams!”

Fred Roper (Ph.D. 1971) served as the athletic representative to buy football tickets for the group: “I stood in a particularly long line one day and hurried back to the Education Building for class. Skidded to a stop in front of my locker, fell, and broke my arm. Dedication to duty! First things first—get those blocks of tickets for us!”

Blanche Woolls also recalled “Fred Roper carrying all his notes, etc. out of the library when we had a fire drill. They were not something he was going to chance in case it was a real alarm. And when someone would have a problem and we would all sit around trying to help solve it. One-by-one, everyone would leave, until it was just you and Leon Raney, (Ph.D. 1972) and then he would suggest a solution. It was always the correct solution.”

## Remembering Sarah Rebecca Reed

A few days [after] I ... handed my dissertation proposal draft to Sarah to read, she came out of her office, looked at me and said, “I need to see you tomorrow.” I said, “fine I’ll be there” or something to that effect. She immediately said, “You may not find it so fine when you hear what I have to say” and went back into her office. We were all stunned. I went home and walked the floor, finally I just went to a movie to get this out of my head. At the appointed time, I arrived at her office, and



she seemed in a very good mood. I thought, “well if she is going to can me, she will do it in a good spirit.” After a little small talk, she opened the folder to my proposal, and said, “At Chicago, we were taught never to define a word, using the same word.” I was again stunned, and thought of the old song “Is That All There

Is?” I waited for more, but nothing came. We said our goodbyes and I left. Soon after I saw Leon, and he asked what had happened, and I just said “It was nothing at all.” He said, “well you know we all are so anxious these days that anything can set us off.” (Bernie Lukenbill, Ph.D. 1973)

## Remembering IU and Bloomington

[I came] back to Bloomington for the weekend from Memphis where I was teaching for Evelyn Clement so that I could finish retyping David Loertscher’s and Mary Alice Hunt’s dissertations, which they were defending. People literally held hamburgers in front of my mouth so I didn’t have to take my fingers off the keys to eat. (Blanche Woolls )

We supported each other so effectively that faculty and staff members from other graduate departments and schools called us the Indiana Library Science Doctoral Mafia. They were really impressed and amazed. (Ben Speller)

Yes, we had absolutely the best faculty in the world and absolutely the finest colleagues. It was a marvel to me that we had no competition and we never discussed religion or politics. We just supported each other. It was a remarkable time. (Blanche Woolls)

I love the warmth of these stories! I remember that at most of our doctoral family gatherings, I would disappear somewhere out of the way with the children to keep them engaged in art projects and stories. We all have such fond memories of the closeness of the IU doctoral families—how does anyone ever make it through a doctoral program without such supportive colleagues? (Shirley Lukenbill)

## Remembering Margaret Rufsvold

I always thought of Miss Rufsvold as being ahead of her time. The first time that I met her she recruited me in 1962 to come to IU. I had parked my car at the University of North Carolina Wilson Library loading ramp to pick up some cataloging reference tools from Mrs. Yokum, the head of cataloging at the time.

Miss Rufsvold was on the back ramp smoking a cigarette. I spoke to her and went in to pick up the books. When I came out she was curious why I had all of these cataloging reference tools. I told her that I was taking them to the Library at Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. She asked me if I had a library degree. I laughed and told her that I had just finished my undergraduate degree at North Carolina College in Durham. She told me to wait for her. I did and she came back with a very large purse and out came an application. She told me to complete it over the weekend and send it to her attention. I did and two weeks later I received a call that I had been admitted. She had called all my references and told them to get their recommendations in to her. She then called the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh and told the State Librarian that I had been admitted to the Division of Library Science at IU. The following Monday, the State Librarian sent me a letter informing me that I would receive a scholarship. I later asked her why she had gone to that much trouble.



She told me that she knew I could fit in quite nicely in the program at the time. (Benjamin Speller, Ph.D. 1973)

It certainly was a different era. When Miss Rufsvold interviewed me in the late summer of 1965, she said very bluntly that she welcomed my application to the program, not just because I was a scientist, but because I was a man. Her direct quote was, "We need more men to raise the salary level of the profession." I have always remembered her unabashed candor. These days, it would be considered 'sexist', I suppose, regardless of its merits. We must remember that she was a product of the Great Depression and that she founded the Division of Library Science in the School of Education in 1937. (Charles Davis)

We were expected to attend faculty meetings, and did so. One day there was an issue being discussed that Miss Rufsvold was championing. Dean Fry and some other faculty didn't seem to be in favor of it. When a vote was taken, and Miss Rufsvold was on the brink of losing whatever the issue was, she looked over at Leon and Jack and me, and said "you boys have a vote too!" Our hands immediately went up, voting with her. The issue passed with our additional votes. (Fred Roper)

She did have a strong will when she wanted to get her way. She told me that she learned how to use parliamentary procedures from Herman Wells and the element of surprise. I imagine that Dean Fry and others did not know what had hit them when the three doctoral students voted (smile). (Ben Speller)

## Remembering Haynes McMullen

He had what I thought was a gift for remembering the names of everyone in his classes. Then I realized he made a seating chart with cartoon characters of all of us. Thankfully, I never found out what mine was! (Charles Davis)

Oh yes, I remember that Haynes made a little cartoon drawing of students next to their names in his class roll. At that time, I had short hair and wore thick glasses. I thought that since he had such a good sense of humor (sly one, too) I would try to confuse him. So, one day I wore a long, heavy wig and a pair of green contacts. And I got absolutely no reaction from him. I was so disappointed. When I asked him about it years later, he said he didn't want to embarrass me. (Evelyn Clement, Ph.D. 1975)

## Remembering Eva Kiewitt

Eva wrote her comps with David Loertscher (Ph.D. 1973), Mel Klatt, and me. We studied and studied and studied together using the conference room. We divided up the areas of librarianship because we had to be able to write in all the areas. One night a couple of the faculty looked in on us and we were discussing one particular area and a question the person in charge of that area had posed. They left almost instantly and we wondered why. Apparently we had asked ourselves the very question that was going to be on the comps. (Blanche Woolls)

## Remembering Marian Armstrong

Was it Blanche [Woolls] who sat with Fred R[oper] and me under Marian Armstrong's desk and surprised her with pumpkin carols? Ha Ha! I still have the card. And speaking of Marian, she said one of her younger male students once called her a stupid virgin. Her reply: "You're half right." (Evelyn Clement)

# SLIS T-shirts

In 1991 Library Journal ran a cartoon image of SLIS Dean Herbert White, described as an “arch fiend.” This prompted a “caption the cartoon” contest, with the winning entry featured on the first SLIS t-shirt. Steven Schmidt (MLS '83), a librarian on the Indianapolis campus, won the contest. SLIS student groups have designed kaleidoscopic lounge of Slizzard t-shirts since then. (“Lounge” is the collective noun for “lizard;” maybe it should be “slounge” in this setting.)





## 1970s

**Patricia G. Court**, BA'75, MLS'77, is an associate law librarian and lecturer in law at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The head of the Government Information and Kent Cooper Services Department in IU's Herman B Wells Library, **J. Louise "Lou" Malcomb**, BA'71, MLS'73, was recently named the recipient of the 2011 'Documents to the People' Award, presented by LexisNexis/Government Documents Round Table/American Library Association. She was honored with this year's award for her "commitment, creativity, and dedication to the principles embodied in the phrase 'Documents to the People,'" the organization wrote in a statement. During her 40 years with the IU Libraries, Malcomb's methods of finding information have expanded from frequent phone calls to government agencies and "knowing where to look" in books, to the addition of live, online chats with library patrons and helping researchers cut through the morass of information available on the Web.

**Nancy E. Myer**, BA'65, MLS'71, retired in 2001 and is enjoying life as a photographic artist in Colorado. Her book, *Forward Vision: Whimsical Photo-creations*, can be seen online at <http://www.blurb.com/books/2098495>

**L. Jefferson "Jeff" Weber**, MLS'78, has written a new book on the artists and binders of fore-edge paintings. The reference work, *An Annotated Dictionary of Fore-edge Painting Artists & Binders (Mostly English & American). Part II: The Fore-edge Paintings of Miss C. B. Currie; with a Catalogue Raisonné*, was 27 years in the making. This book is the second Weber has written on fore-edge paintings. Fore-edge paintings are the decoration of the

edges of a book, often fanned, though sometimes decorated in the closed position. Weber's grandfather wrote two monographs on the topic in 1949 and 1966. Jeff Weber's first book was on the 19th century book collector-artist, John T. Beer of Liverpool. He painted on books in his own library and as a book collector and was quite active in the period from 1860-1900. Weber is the owner of Jeff Weber's Rare Books in Glendale, Calif.

## 1980s

In July 2010, **Janet Brennan Croft**, BA'82, MLS'83, was the scholar guest of honor at Mythcon 41, the annual conference on the Mythopoeic Society, which held in Dallas. Her keynote address was titled, "The Thread on Which Doom Hangs: Free Will, Disobedience, and Eucatastrophe in Tolkien's Middle-earth." Croft is the editor of *Mythlore*, one of the premier periodicals on the Inklings and fantasy literature. She has published many articles and three books on J.R.R. Tolkien, including *War in the Works of Tolkien* (2005) that won the Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies. Croft is head of access services in the University Library of the University of Oklahoma in Norman.



## 1990s

**Marie J. Albertson**, BGS'88, MLS'93, doesn't believe that old age should slow you down. She earned a degree in library science at the age of 60. At age 75, she parachuted out of an airplane and went on a mustang drive — and was voted "cowgirl of the week." Among her other adventures, Albertson has soared in a glider, swung from

a trapeze at a circus in Florida, ridden a camel in the Sahara Desert, snorkeled with sea lions in the Galapagos Islands, walked the Great Wall of China, and visited the pyramids in Egypt. After completing a degree in general studies at IU South Bend, followed by an MLS degree, she moved to Indianapolis and became a librarian and special services consultant at Indiana State Library. Albertson, who plans to be a life coach to baby boomer women entering retirement, earned an associate's degree in counseling at Ivy Tech at age 70. Now age 78, she says, "I hope to inspire women to do things and not be sedentary. Life is an adventure. Live it up!"

**Jennifer L. Campbell-Meier**, BA'92, MLS'95, has been appointed assistant professor at the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies. Campbell-Meier had served as an instructor in the school since August 2010, teaching in the areas of information services, foundations, academic and special librarianship, and information technologies. She is a graduate of the University of

Hawaii at Manoa where she completed the PhD in Communication and Information Sciences. Her research there focused on institutional repository development.

**Susan L. Gibbons**, MA/MLS'95, former vice provost and Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of River

Campus Libraries at the University of Rochester, has been named University Librarian at Yale University Library, the nation's second-largest academic library, with approximately 12.5 million volumes. She assumed her new responsibilities on July 1. During her 11-year tenure at Rochester, Gibbons emerged as a national leader in the quest to make academic libraries more relevant

in the digital age. She spearheaded efforts to make library resources more accessible, to reach out through new social media, and to create new spaces for students. Gibbons joined River Campus Libraries in 2000 to work on digital initiatives and quickly rose through the ranks, becoming associate dean in 2004 and dean in 2008. She holds both a master's degree in library science and a master's degree in history from IU Bloomington. In 2002, she earned an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and in 2009 an EdD in higher education administration from the University of Rochester.



an on-site contractor at the Department of State. My job duties include developing and implementing metadata and information access strategies for hundreds of internationally focused websites, in multiple languages. Previously, I worked as an information architecture, taxonomy and metadata librarian, an on-site contractor at EPA. My job duties included supporting information access projects through the implementation of improved search and navigational structures including information architectures, site search, content management, metadata creation and maintenance, as well as developing and maintaining a variety of taxonomies for public web site(s) and intranet(s)."

**Sarah Buhr Berndt, BA'03, MLS'08,** works at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston as a taxonomist. She recently received the 2010 JSC Power of One Gold Award, presented by Johnson Space Center director Mike Coats.

In May, **Michelle T. Cosby, MLS/JD'06,** faculty services librarian for the North Carolina Central University School of Law Library in Durham, was named as the 2011 recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries. Minority Leadership Development Award. The award honors librarians demonstrating leadership potential in law librarianship while in the early stages of their careers. Cosby participates in teaching the legal research component of legal research and analysis and legal research and persuasion at NCCU. Additionally, she manages the library research assistant program and the library's faculty liaison program. Prior to becoming the faculty service librarian at NCCU in May 2010, Cosby served as a reference librarian at the University of Kentucky and information services librarian at the University of Miami.

**Kelly J. Evans, MLS'04** is an academic services librarian for business at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

**Aimee R. Formo, MA/MLS'08,** is the program coordinator at Indiana Landmarks' Morris-Butler House in Indianapolis. She and her husband, Nathan, welcomed their first child, Dorothea Margaret Formo, in November.

**Amy M. Griffin, MLS'09** is a gallery librarian at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Kathy Ingels Helmond, BA'80, MLS'90,** has been appointed branch manager of the Spades Park branch of the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library. Spades Park is one of the two remaining Carnegie libraries in the IMCPL system.

**Damian S. Iseminger, MLS'04,** is a technical services librarian at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Mass.

**Jennifer Liss, MLS'06,** has been appointed the metadata/cataloging librarian with the Indiana University Libraries. She will play an important role in assisting cataloging division managers to develop and define the ongoing evolution of metadata in a traditional cataloging environment, as well as manage and implement non-MARC metadata projects.

In January, **Elizabeth F. McCraw, MLS'09,** took up a position as special project cataloger at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Her work focuses on the library's North Carolina Collection, where she performs retrospective cataloging of monographs, serials, and other special format materials, and the Southern Folklife Collection, for which she will create both original and adaptive cataloging of commercial recordings, and will perform catalog maintenance and authority control activities. McCraw was most recently senior retrospective conversion and special projects

**Elizabeth A. Karns, MS'75, MLS'98,** is a retired day-care owner and administrator. From 1994–2004 she was the choir librarian for the Worship and Creative Arts Choir at Calvary Temple in South Bend, Ind. In 2008, she wrote a memoir, *A Butterfly's Metamorphosis*. In November, she published a sequel, *A Butterfly's Metamorphosis II*.

**Theron Nissen, MLS'98** is a Las Vegas Library branch manager in the Las Vegas Clark County Library District in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Maritza Quinones-Rivera, BGS'96, MLS'99,** recently defended her dissertation, "Mediating Blackness: Black Puerto Rican Women and Popular Culture," at the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she has received a PhD in Communication and Media Studies.

## 2000s

**Jami Haskell Ansell, MLS'06,** writes, "I'm a search administrator, metadata and information architecture lead,

cataloger in the Lilly Library, IU's rare book and manuscript library. She holds an MA in music history from the University of Washington in Seattle and an MLS with a specialization in music librarianship from IU.

**Kevin M. Metcalf**, MLS'09, is a copywriter for Vest Advertising in Louisville, Ky.

**Stacey Miller-Chávez**, MLS'10, is a librarian for USAID in Washington, D.C.

**Jessica E. Moad**, MLS'10, is a reference and instructional services librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

**Kurt A. Morris**, MLS'05, is a researcher at the Mary Baker Eddy Library in Boston, Mass. He writes, "[The library] deals with the life of the founder of Christian Science. I'm thankful to be able to continue to research in the field of American religious history. I like helping others find the information they're looking for, whether it's genealogical or related more to church doctrine."

**Laura MacLeod Mulligan**, MLS'10, is an information-services librarian at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She writes that in August she married Edward B. Mulligan V, JD'10, an attorney with the Indianapolis law firm Cohen & Malad. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

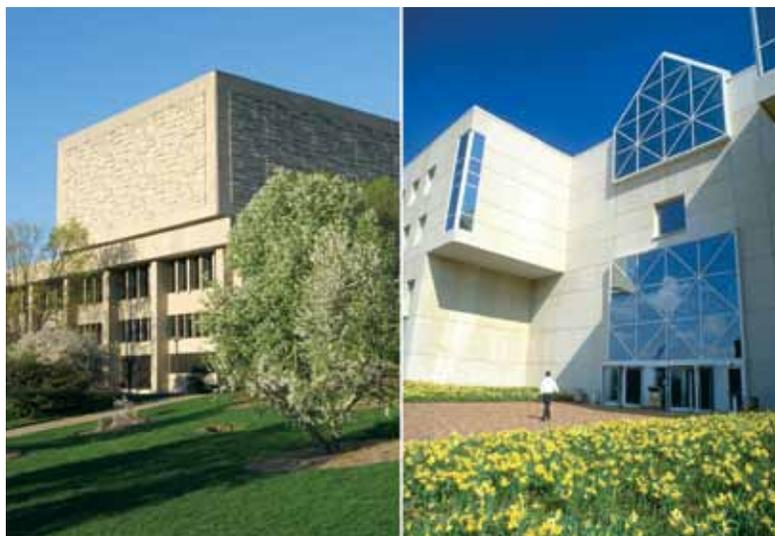
**Eleanor R. Peebles**, MLS'09 is head of the Fennell Music Library at the Interlochen Center of the Arts in Interlochen, Mich.

**Kurt E. Peterson**, BA'05, MIS'07, is a usability engineer for Cisco Systems in San Jose, Calif. He has experience in

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**Jaron Porciello**, MLS'06, is a business librarian and instruction coordinator at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

**Jarrod M. Reid**, BA'93, MLS'07, is a librarian and adjunct instructor at Harrison College in Indianapolis. He writes, "I am still living in Indianapolis and in my spare time, I perform with Comedysportz, an improvisational comedy group."



**Jennifer L. Riley**, MA'00, MLS'03, has joined the University of North Carolina as head of the Carolina Digital Library and Archives.

The University of Oklahoma's School of Library and Information Studies has announced the appointment of **Ellen Rubenstein**, MLS'06, as assistant professor effective Aug. 15, 2011. Rubenstein holds a PhD from the Graduate School of Library and Information

Science at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She presented research about information and communication within an online breast cancer support group during the annual meetings of the American Society for Information Science & Technology and the Association for Library and Information Science Education and the 2010 iConference. Rubenstein is the recipient of the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2010) and the Certificate of Merit, ASIS&T SIG-USE Poster Competition (2009). At the University of Oklahoma she will be teaching in the information users content area, pursuing her research concerning online health information behavior and joining in the quest to connect people to information.

**Maureen Sanders-Brunner**, BGS'99, MLS'03, was elected chairperson of the media specialists special interest group (SIGMS) for the International Society for Technology in Education. She is a school librarian in Pike Township, Indianapolis.

**Courtney Segota**, MLS'11, is a faculty services librarian at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla.

**Ann B. Shaffer**, MA/MLS'04, is an assistant professor and music librarian at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore. Her areas of interest include ecomusicology, exoticism and violence in dance and film, gender in music, Romany studies, and baroque instrumental music. She is pursuing a PhD in musicology with an ethnomusicology minor from IU.

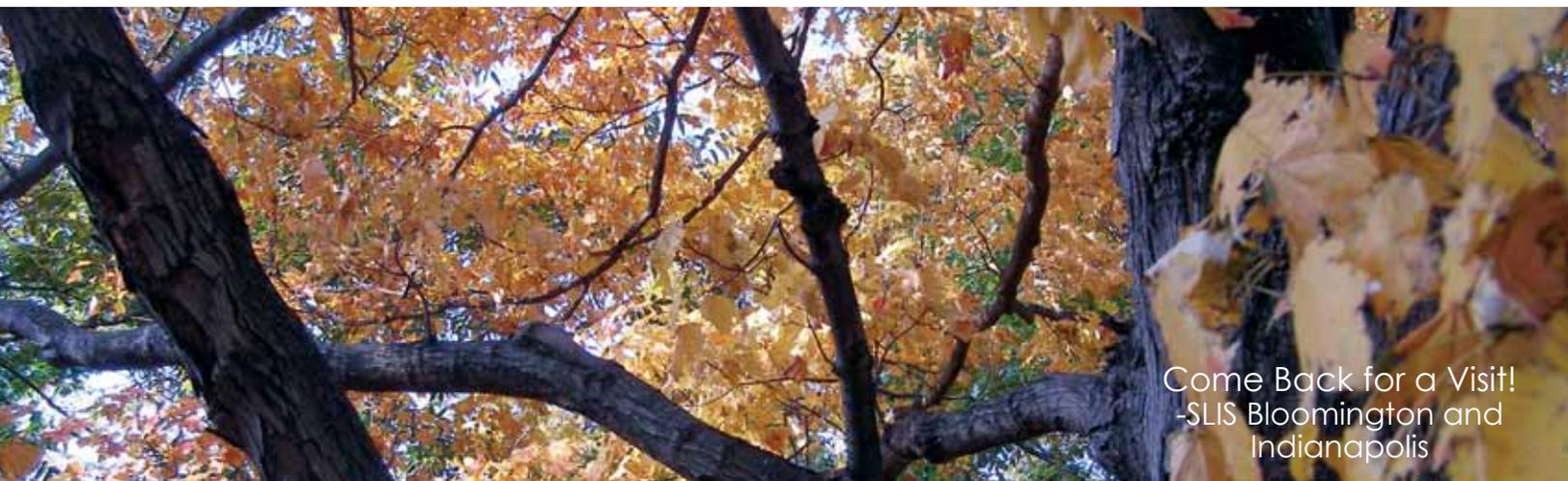
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