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July 2013 will bring a major change in the education of librarians and other information professionals at Indiana University. The School of Library and Information Science will merge with the School of Informatics to form the School of Informatics and Computing. Some alumni and friends have been distressed by the prospect of "losing" our school. Although we will become a department in a larger school, we will continue to offer our two ALA-accredited master's degrees, specialist degree, and doctoral program, with their several specializations and dual degree arrangements, exactly as we do now. In many senses this move is an excellent way to preserve and strengthen our commitment to education and research in our rapidly changing field.

Libraries and librarianship continue to witness dramatic changes in expectations and possibilities. At SLIS we have seen a decline in the demand for MLS graduates while at the same time there are increased expectations of what each librarian needs to understand and contribute on the job. Technological developments continue to empower individuals and professionals. Incoming students who seek to enter this dynamic profession require a comprehensive and demanding educational program that moves quickly into the challenges and opportunities they will face. A well-resourced school with expert faculty who understand these social and technical challenges is essential. The new School of Informatics and Computing will be that school.

SLIS functions as part of a university ecosystem. In the forty-some years since it emerged from the School of Education, it has remained one of the smallest schools on campus. The logical area to extend SLIS's strength would be in information science/informatics. Indeed, the Master of Information Science program and the research interests of many faculty demonstrate that SLIS has grown in that direction. Combining efforts to form the new school is an obvious move to cement IU's strengths and achieve the depth of support to move forward our educational and research missions.

The merger is particularly propitious at this time. The faculty and administration of the two schools have been especially open to collaboration in research and teaching. Informatics master's students are joining SLIS students in classes this fall.

Indiana University will honor the School of Informatics and Computing with a celebration of its inauguration in fall 2013. We will look for opportunities to introduce the dean of the new school, Bobby Schnabel, to SLIS alumni and friends as the merger moves forward. Please stay in touch for details on how you can be involved.



Debora Shaw  
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SLIS/SolC Faculty Retreat,  
Bloomington, 8/17/12

Watch for announcements about the merger. The formal merger of the school is scheduled for July 2013. "Grand Opening" celebrations will be held during the Fall 2013 semester - so that we may share the new school's excitement with the student body during the academic cycle of the university.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES



There is big news taking shape about the future of the School of Library and Information Science. Over the next year, SLIS will be mapping out plans for a merger with the School of Informatics, on the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses. This sort of union has been under discussion in a variety of forms, for a decade at least. SLIS has a lot to offer Informatics students and I think that the proposal that is taking shape now is an intelligent response to the history of library and information science at IU, as well as a good foundation for the next generations of librarians and archivists.

We started to talk with SLIS alumni about the merger a few months ago, at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, where we also bestowed the Distinguished Alumni Award on Kathy Crimans, a school librarian from Morgan Elementary in Palmyra, Indiana. School librarianship seems, on the surface, far removed from informatics and computing. But Kathy is also an exemplar of where our profession is going as we shift from an economy where information was scarce to one where focus, attention, and information literacy are the crucial values.

Good librarians draw people together, direct them to ideas and information that will transform their work, and then get out of the way. Talk to Kathy's students and colleagues and it comes through that she is a master at helping people find their focus and feeding their need to know. I have a hunch that, when we talk to iSchool students and faculty a few years down the road, they will find that having a few hundred librarians in their midst has helped them flourish in ways we can only guess at now.

There should also be a sense of homecoming in the proposed merger. Indiana is the only university with two schools in the iSchool caucus (<http://www.ischools.org>). One of those is SLIS and the other, the School of Informatics and Computing, can trace some of its roots to SLIS. My first awareness of informatics came from seeing a sign on the wall beside Prof. Kling's SLIS office and listening to then Head of the Chemistry Library Gary Wiggins talk about the future of science librarianship. I hope that we will soon take pride in being alumni of a school that demonstrates the strength, depth, and resilience of library and information science.

- Jacob Nadal

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**Come back for a visit!** Whether you graduated from Indiana University Bloomington - or - IUPUI, we encourage you to visit your alma mater. This issue of your magazine highlights the future for SLIS degree programs. It also gives some glimpses into the school's history, and into **being part of a great university**. These photos show the fireplace in the Indiana Memorial Union, Bloomington. The fire was lit in 1939, and burns continuously as a place of warmth and welcome. You will see the phrase "Lux et Veritas" (which is also on the university seal) used elsewhere in the magazine.



## SLIS welcomes gifts for the David Kaser Endowed Lectureship Fund Join your classmates in honoring Dr. Kaser



Professor David Kaser retired in 1991 and lives in Bloomington. Generations of SLIS students appreciated his wit and advice, his enthusiasm for library history, and his knowledge of academic librarianship. In *Academic Librarianship: A Festschrift in Honor of David Kaser*, the editors John Richardson, Jr. and Jinnie Y. Davis (SLIS alumni) write, "Newly enrolled students are advised (often by other students) to include at least one 'Kaser course' in their program... There is little doubt that David Kaser is regarded with great affection by his students, both past and present, who recognize that one of the greatest gifts he has given them is the gift of time. David Kaser's positive outlook on life has encouraged, motivated, and energized those with whom he has come in contact." Sarah Burton can provide information about contributing (burtonsp@indiana.edu).

2012 Trustees Teaching Award

Assistant Professor Staša Milojević received the 2012 Trustees Teaching Award from the School of Library and Information Science in recognition of her excellence in teaching this past year.

In 2011, Dr. Milojević taught core courses in the MLS (Organization and Representation) and MIS programs (Information Architecture), to uniformly positive reviews. She also designed and taught a new course, Information Networks, that was cross-listed as a doctoral seminar and was very well received by her students. Dr. Milojević has been teaching core classes since she joined the faculty and she has worked hard make her classes engaging and challenging for her students. She has experimented with pedagogical strategies that have focused her classes on student-centered learning such as the use of a blog and just-in-time teaching techniques.



"A library should be a place in which a myriad of schools of thought make contributions to knowledge and the intellect may safely range and speculate and find its equal in some worthy antagonist. It is a place where inquiry is pushed forward and the 'discoveries' of the individual verified and tested. Thus the library is protecting and encouraging a very special kind of life, the life of the mind. This life is both intellectual and passionate, and a really unique environment for its exercise is provided by the library."

from "The Silent Stir of Thought" by Jesse Shera (Richardson Lecture, NY: 1969)

Dr. Ying Ding: Associate Professor

At their May 2012 meeting the Indiana University Board of Trustees voted to grant Dr. Ying Ding tenure and promote her to the position of Associate Professor. Dr. Ding has been a SLIS faculty member since 2008; she is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Informatics and Computing and a core faculty member in the Cognitive Science Department. Dr. Ding teaches courses on Evaluation of Information Systems, Semantic Web, and Database Design.



An active researcher, Dr. Ding works in the areas of social network analysis of research impact, social tagging, Semantic Web for drug discovery, data integration and mediation in Web 2.0, and scientific profiling. Her work has published in venues ranging from international conferences, to the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, to the Journal of Cheminformatics. Along with Professor Katy Börner and Assistant Professors Staša Milojević and Cassidy Sugimoto, Dr. Ding received support through the highly competitive 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities, Digging Into Data Challenge. With Professor Blaise Cronin, she is co-author of the highly cited "Popular and/or Prestigious? Measures of Scholarly Esteem," published in Information Processing & Management.



Welcome Dr. Xi Niu

SLIS welcomes Dr. Xi Niu as a new faculty member beginning in the Fall 2012 semester. She joins the SLIS IUPUI faculty to teach Representation and Organization, and Database Design. She will teach Online Searching in the spring.

Dr. Niu is a 2012 Ph.D. graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). Before receiving her Ph.D. degree, she earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering in China.

Dr. Niu's research is concerned with helping people retrieve information. Her major areas are information systems evaluation and innovative technologies used in libraries; particularly how people interact with innovative library catalogs and how innovative catalogs help people. Her dissertation focused on faceted search in web-based library catalogs.

As a graduate student, she published refereed papers in top journals and conferences, such as JASIST, IPM, and SIGCHI. She has won several awards and grants from the UNC and the LIS society, such as the Future Faculty Fellowship Award, and a Carnegie Graduate Student Grant.

SLIS IUPUI - Executive Associate Dean



Although he has been with us only since January 2011, SLIS is grateful for Tomas Lipinski's leadership as Executive Associate Dean on the SLIS IUPUI campus. Effective January 2013, he will become the Director of the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University.



Rachel Applegate accepted the appointment as Interim Executive Associate Dean for SLIS IUPUI starting in August 2012. Her contributions as a SLIS faculty member since 2004, and her involvement on the campus, make her an excellent choice for this role. Dr. Lipinski will continue as a SLIS faculty member during the Fall 2012 semester.

SLIS Looking Forward: Master's Degrees Re-Accredited by ALA through 2019

The American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Accreditation has reaccruited Indiana University's Master of Library Science (MLS) and Master of Information Science (MIS) degree programs through Spring 2019. IU's programs have been continuously accredited by ALA since 1951.



Many alumni and colleagues helped support the school throughout the review for reaccruitation. Thank you for contributing to early planning meetings in Fall 2010, working on drafts of the self study, responding to the external reviewers' survey, and meeting with the review panel during the site visit, and generally providing support and encouragement. Your comments and advice have contributed to a better understanding of our school and of the careers that lie ahead for future graduates.

The External Review Panel met with SLIS faculty, staff, and students on the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses in March 2012. This photo was taken during that visit. Pictured left to right are: Clara Chu, Bertrum MacDonald, Nancy Roderer, Debora Shaw, Rene Erlandson, Joan Howland, and Michèle Cloonan.

Dean Debora Shaw, Associate Dean Howard Rosenbaum, and review panel chair Michèle Cloonan met with the Committee on Accreditation on June 24, 2012, during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. ALA announced its accreditation decision on July 3, 2012.

Explore the SLIS Website:

We launched a new system-wide website this summer. The site has a section for SLIS Alumni, which includes past issues of SLIS Network: [www.slis.indiana.edu/alumni](http://www.slis.indiana.edu/alumni)



**ALA Student Chapter Receives National Chapter of the Year Runner-Up at SLIS Bloomington:**

The SLIS Student Chapter of the American Library Association continues to receive national recognition for its contributions and activities. In 2012 it was honored as the ALA National Chapter of the Year Runner-Up. The ALA-SC officers did a remarkable job of developing programming and fun events to engage participation. They were especially successful in helping with professional development and career planning support. IU librarians Mary Popp and Courtney Greene as well as SLIS faculty members Staša Milojević and Prina Fichman have been recent ALA-SC sponsors.

The New Member Round Table (NRMT) of the American Library Association announced:

“The runner-up of this year’s award, the ALA Student Chapter at Indiana University, is recognized for their wealth of events and collaborations with other student groups. We also applaud their chapter’s leadership, mentoring efforts, and excellent use of numerous communication methods. The members of the SCOTYA Committee, NMRT, and the ALA Membership Committee appreciate the time and effort put in by all of the nominated ALA student chapters this year, and encourage all to keep up the great work!”



This student chapter won the National Chapter of the Year in 2011 and in 2005.

They also received the National Chapter of the Year Runner-Up recognition in 2006. Their contributions to student life and professional development at SLIS have been significant.

**Explore the New Student Study Space at SLIS IUPUI:**

SLIS IUPUI announced the Grand Opening of DEWEY Den on April 20, 2012, a 772 square foot student information technology and collaborative learning commons. The name was selected from a number of student submissions, not only because of the impact of Melville Dewey on libraries and library education, but because at SLIS IUPUI we mold our students to be Dependable, Enthusiastic, Willing, Enterprising, and “Yes” information professionals.



**Distinguished Alumni Award:**



At the annual SLIS alumni reception held during the American Library Association Annual Conference, the SLIS Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Kathleen “Kathy” Crimans, MLS’74 by Jacob Nadal (SLIS Alumni Board President.)

Approximately 80 SLIS graduates, family, and friends attended the reception, held at the Disney Californian Resort Hotel in Anaheim on June 24, 2012.

In her acceptance speech Kathy remarked: I am so pleased with this award—it is such an amazing honor. I can hardly believe that I am now listed among several of my beloved professors, the dean of SLIS, and other very accomplished IU graduates! When James Wisner called me at school on a late Friday afternoon with the news of the award, I was trying to pick up the pieces of a particularly busy day. I had taken 290 students on an all day adventure to a water park as a reward for our Accelerated Reading program. When I returned to school, I had so much to do to get ready for the next week. I was overwhelmed and thought that I could be at school all night! Could James be kidding me? Did I just imagine that I was going to get an award? I had to laugh—an overworked elementary school librarian in wet clothes being “distinguished?” I felt more “extinguished.” Seriously, I was so surprised by any recognition that Friday. I was just doing my job in my little school in southern Indiana, teaching children the joy and love of reading in all the ways that I could create!

Thank you, SLIS, for preparing me for an amazing career!



**Trustees Vote:**

On Friday, October 12, 2012, the Trustees of Indiana University voted to merge the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and the School of Informatics (Sol). The merger will be effective July 1, 2013. The name of the new school will be: *School of Informatics and Computing*.

**Why Merge SLIS and SoI?**

Combining SLIS and Sol into one school is attractive in terms of:

- the breadth of the school’s offerings,
- the increased visibility and prestige of a large and distinguished school (with two highly ranked programs: SLIS and Computer Science),
- the efficiencies that can arise from sharing services within the school, and
- new research and curricular advantages.

The combined school will be better positioned to adapt to external developments, to improve integration of programs and services, and to compete with peer institutions to attract and maintain top faculty and students.

The education and research opportunities include enhanced faculty and student research interactions across a number of areas such as network science and health and social informatics where collaboration and synergy already exist. The combined school offers exciting opportunities in teaching and curriculum development. For example, students in the large undergraduate informatics major might enter the SLIS master’s degree programs and it will be easier to create new curricular programs on important and current topics such as digital preservation and data science that bridge the expertise of the two schools.

Having one school that encompasses all the current SLIS and Informatics programs will promote their continuing evolution. This may become a model for library and information science programs over the next one to two decades.

Indiana University has fostered intellectual creativity and collaboration since its earliest days. IU has worked to prepare students for interesting careers that address the changing needs in our world. SLIS has been a key partner in such engagement. This atmosphere led to the founding of the School of Informatics in 2000, and the subsequent development of shared research projects.

Relationships among the faculty in the schools of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and Informatics (Sol) have been strong from the beginning. SLIS Dean Blaise Cronin encouraged faculty involvement. Debora Shaw helped to design the Sol undergraduate curriculum. SLIS associate Dean Howard Rosenbaum taught the Sol's first graduate course, Introduction to Informatics. He also served on several faculty search committees. Andrew Dillon (SLIS faculty at the time, and now Dean of the Information School at the University of Texas) was the first chairperson of the Sol graduate program in Human Computer Interaction Design. Uta Priss (now at ostfalia University, Germany) taught Information Representation for Sol. Gary Wiggins was the first director of two graduate programs (see next page).

In 2005, on the Bloomington campus, Sol and the Computer Science Department merged to form the School of Informatics and Computing. SLIS faculty have worked with SolC faculty on shared grants, research projects, talk series, and more. On the IUPUI campus, SLIS and Sol offer a dual MLS/MS Health Informatics degree.

Being a part of a great university enables academic programs to grow and to develop in unexpected - yet highly creative - ways.



## Synergy:

is two or more things functioning together to produce a result not independently obtainable. The term synergy comes from a Greek word that means “working together”.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Strategy Reader, ed. S. Segal-Horm, The Open University, 2004 Great Britain, (Wikipedia).

## SLIS History

1930: first organized Library Science curriculum (School of Education)

1947: Division of Library Science (Education)

1949: M.A. Library Science (Graduate School)

1964: Ph.D. in Library and Information Science

1966: Graduate Library School established - Master of Library Science (MLS) replaces MA degree

1969: move to the new Main (Wells) Library Building

1969-70: Chemical Information Specialization

1978: Specialist in LIS degree

1980: Name change to School of Library and Information Science (SLIS)

1993: SLIS program at IUPUI formalized

1995: Master of Information Science degree

2000: School of Informatics established - with contributions from SLIS faculty and alumni.

2012: New merged School approved - launch planned for Fall 2013.

## Synergy:



*The educational and professional journey of Gary Wiggins (MLS'71, Ph.D.'85) - and the roles of the School of Library and Information Science, the SLIS Chemical Information Specialization, and the School of Informatics.*

The story of Dr. Gary Wiggins is an interesting example of the changes in library and information science and of the field's long-standing connections with informatics and computing - particularly at Indiana University. As we look to the future, and to the synergies between these fields, his career provides encouragement and insights. His ability to be creative in times of change is a terrific model.

Gary Wiggins inaugurated the Master of Library Science Chemical Information Specialization. He recalls, “I was the first student in that specialization and worked for John Knego under the IU Library intern program during 1969-1970.” Wiggins was the head of the Chemistry Library and also managed the SLIS Chemical Information Specialization for many years. In 2001 SLIS alumni honored him with the Distinguished Alumni Award. An excerpt from *SLIS Network* that year describes Dr. Wiggins's contributions and his role in creating IU's School of Informatics:

“I am an adopter of things that I can see on the technology side are going to really work, so I was one of the early promoters of the web for chemistry,” says Wiggins, BA'66, MA'68, MLS'71, PhD'85. In 1991, Wiggins established the Chemical Information Sources Discussion List, which has become the main listserv for both the Special Libraries Association's Chemical Division and the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Information. Wiggins began working with Indiana University libraries in 1963 as an undergraduate. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and Russian, a master's in Slavic languages and literature, and an MLS and Ph.D. from SLIS. After working as a Slavic Librarian at the University of Illinois, Wiggins returned to IU to head the Chemistry Library and to direct the Chemical Informatics Center. He coordinated the IUB Science Libraries and SLIS's Chemical Information Specialization. In 2000, he also became the director of programs in bioinformatics and chemical informatics for IU's School of Informatics.” (SLIS Network, Fall 2001)

Recently, Gary Wiggins commented on the connections between SLIS and Informatics:

“There are tremendous opportunities to be gained from a closer working relationship by both SLIS and Informatics. Some of those are obvious. The insights that come from the study of social informatics and the application of cutting-edge computer science are strong areas of research and teaching in both schools. But there are more subtle gains to be had from the marriage. Library and information science has a long history of service to patrons and the provision of outstanding tools for finding information, whereas its close cousin, informatics, has more recently demonstrated a tremendous ability to analyze both structured and unstructured data to produce new insights for researchers and others. Having worked in both camps, I believe that the combination of the two schools will result in broadened perspectives on both sides that will ultimately benefit the students, the faculty, and the future users of libraries and other information services. I wholeheartedly support the merger.”

# CLASS NOTES

The editors gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Indiana University Alumni Association in compiling the SLIS alumni class notes. To submit information, write to the Alumni Association at 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408.

## 1960s

**Sheldon Kotzin**, MLS'68, associate director for library operations at the National Library of Medicine, retired on June 29, 2012 after more than 43 years at NLM. He served as head of the catalog maintenance unit in the technical services division, head of the collection access section in the public services division, and coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (then the Regional Medical Library Network). Kotzin became chief of the bibliographic services division in 1981 and was appointed to his last position in 2006. Since 1998, he has served as executive editor of MEDLINE. He has also served as NLM's representative to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, a group of 14 clinical journal editors who establish standards for submission of journal articles and comment on ethical principles related to publication in biomedical journals. He looks forward to spending time travelling with Loretta, his wife of nearly 44 years, and spending time with his four grandchildren.

## 1970s

**David L. Cooper**, MLS'72, writes, "Thirty nine years after earning my MLS — and several more years of working in libraries from high school through college — I very happily retired in March 2011 as director of the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville, Ind. I am now in the employ of a rescued Jack Russell Terrier/Chihuahua named Bella, and am enjoying it immensely.

**Martha A. Harsanyi**, MLS'76, SpLIS'93, retired from IU Bloomington Libraries in May. She began her career at the Kinsey Institute, where she was in charge of the film and photograph collection for five years. From there she moved to IU's Audio-Visual Center, one of the nation's oldest and largest university-based film/video rental centers, where she provided reference service to customers all over the country as well as to IUB faculty. In 2006, when the

Audio-Visual Center ceased operations, she moved to Media and Reserve Services in the Wells Library, along with 7,000 videos and 48,000 reels of film. Harsanyi helped to merge these materials with the Libraries' holdings, forming the bulk of the new IU Libraries Film Archive. Harsanyi received the Libraries' "Attitude Matters" award in 2008 and the "Angel Award" in 2010.

**W. Bernard Lukenbill**, PhD'73, recently published *Research in Information Studies: A Cultural and Social Approach*, available through Xlibris. In the book he applies a holistic approach, discussing research and its components and uses, and demonstrating the importance of this activity as a cultural and social element in a progressive society. Lukenbill is professor emeritus in the School of Information at the University of Texas in Austin.

**Mary Pagliero Popp**, BS'71, MLS'73, is the president of the Reference and User Services Association of the American Library Association. She is research and discovery services librarian in digital user experience at IU Bloomington Libraries, a position she describes as carrying "the coolest title I've ever had."

**Barbara Minich Weaver**, MLS'75, the regional library director for Ivy Tech Community College Northwest, was one of 10 recipients of the 2011 "I Love My Librarian Award." Weaver, who has 90 percent hearing loss as the result of a childhood illness, has served the people of Indiana as a librarian for more than thirty years. The award, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, The New York Times, and the American Library Association, "encourages library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians."

## 1980s

**Larry R. Baerveldt**, BA'83, MLS'85, is a systems engineer with ByWater Solutions, a company that offers customized hosting, data migration, configuration, installation, training, support, and development of open-source library systems. He is in charge of optimizing ByWater's hosting platforms and maximizing system performance for both their hosted

and non-hosted customer installations. Baerveldt has provided IT services to special, public, and academic libraries for more than 25 years, and most recently served as systems administrator for an academic consortia of 22 libraries. He is a specialist in server administration, open-source software, and applications support.

**William J. Crowe, Jr.**, PhD'86, of Lawrence, Kan., is keeping active in retirement. He is involved in a campaign to raise \$1 million to complete renovation of building space for the Lawrence Public Library. Crowe also serves as chairman of a committee that leads the University of Kansas Libraries' role in the university's multi-year capital campaign. He recently joined the IU School of Library and Information Science Alumni Board.

**Ann E. Marsh**, BA'75, MLS'80, MA'81, is director of the Bernice Nachman Marlowe Library at the American University of Afghanistan.

After 30 years working at IUPUI, **Steven J. Schmidt**, MLS'83, retired in August. He took a new position as director of the Library Development Office at the Indiana State Library in September. He is responsible for developing informational resources, policies, and procedures; developing electronic databases; and coordinating the federal library grant programs.

## 1990s

**Jennifer L. Campbell-Meier**, BA'92, MLS'95, is an assistant professor at the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies. She previously served as an instructor in the school, teaching in the areas of information services, foundations, academic and special librarianship, and information technologies. Campbell-Meier completed a PhD in communication and information sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where her research focused on institutional repository development.

**Susan Mathew Gibbons**, MA/MLS'95, is the university librarian at Yale University, the nation's second-largest academic library with approximately 12.5 million volumes. She previously held library positions at Indiana University and at the University

Greg Youngen (MLS'83) is the Associate Dean at the Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. In a recent SLIS News story about his career, Greg noted: "Don't let technology pass you by. I started out in the days of mediated searching using a 300 baud acoustical coupler and have witnessed the entire digital revolution unfold. It's only going to get better as more of our older content is digitized. Keeping it organized and accessible is going to be critical for future generations."



I'm confident in the future of the profession and in its continued evolution - just be flexible, remain curious, and keep the service aspects of our calling."

## Blanche Woolls (MA'62, Ph.D.'73) recalls:

Miss (Maysel) Baker was such an icon. She [taught cataloging and] corrected all those 3 x 5 cards and if you could fix your errors (and why not, she had pointed them out clearly) by retyping neatly, you got at A. That was good because it's not been a part of librarianship that attracts me at all. [I remember] sitting the first floor classroom in the Education Building, staying awake for Miss Baker's cataloging class. A baseball came crashing through the window. Miss Baker looked quickly turned from the desk to view the window and the culprit baseball, asked, "Is anyone hurt?" and when no one said anything, she continued to lecture. Yes, I did have that box of cards and in proper order. I probably kept it for many years before one of my moves meant it got tossed.

Photo: McKinley Fountain in front of the former Education Building which housed SLIS courses c. 1951-1969.

## ALA Emerging Leaders with SLIS degrees

This list keeps growing! Congratulations to the SLIS graduates who have been chosen as ALA Emerging Leaders.

### 2012

Tahirah Akbar-Williams (MLS '06)  
Kathleen Burlingame (MLS '07)  
Kristen Henrich (MLS '08)  
Marcella McGowan (MLS '09)  
Willie Miller (MLS '10)

### 2011

Abby Johnson (MLS '06)  
Jessica Sender (MLS '11)

### 2010

Rachel Slough (MLS/MA '10)  
Kristin Stout (MLS '07)

### 2009

Chanitra Bishop (MIS/MLS '08)  
Latrice Booker (MLS '06)  
David Dahl (MIS/MLS '08)  
Kristen Kirk (MLS '05)  
Amalia Monroe (MLS '07)  
Emily Symonds (MIS/MLS '07)  
Lisa Worrell (MLS '04)

### 2008

Miranda (Henry) Bennett (MLS '05)  
Kimberly Brown-Harden (MLS '06)  
Nicole Cavallaro (MLS '06)  
Heather Cole (MLS '06)  
Emly Ford (MLS '07)  
Bethany Sewell (MLS '06)  
Michael Witt (MLS '06)

### 2007

Jason Hatton (MLS '03)

Help us identify all of the SLIS alumni who have received this honor.

Email us if you know of others:

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of Massachusetts, Amherst, before moving to the University of Rochester in 2000. There, she worked as the director of digital library initiatives before moving into administration. Gibbons was appointed in 2008 as vice provost and Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of River Campus Libraries at the University of Rochester. 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.

In August 2010, **Stephen H. Peters**, PhD'90, retired from his position as cataloger at Northern Michigan University's Olson Library in Marquette and was named professor emeritus of library science. He continues to be active on campus as a volunteer in the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives, currently processing lumber company papers. He enjoys playing bridge and spending time with his Alaskan malamute, Denali. Peters lives in Marquette.

In March, Chicago's DePaul University appointed **Scott L. Walter**, MLS'98, MS'03, as university librarian. He previously served as associate university librarian for services and associate dean of libraries at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined DePaul in April and oversees the libraries' collection of more than 800,000 volumes housed in the John T. Richardson Library on the Lincoln Park Campus and DePaul's Loop Campus Library. In addition, DePaul's libraries hold special collections that include university and St. Vincent de Paul archives as well as rare books and manuscripts. In March 2012, the ALA Association of College and Research Libraries named Walter editor-designate for the journal *College & Research Libraries*.

**Patricia L. Wellinger**, BA'86, MLS'92, has been appointed to the 2012-13 recruitment committee for the American Association of Law Libraries. She is reference services coordinator at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Westminster Law Library.

## 2000s

**Steven L. Bennett II**, MS'02, MLS'06, works as a librarian for the Illinois Department of Corrections in Joliet.

**Virginia E. Dearborn**, MLS'07, has accepted the position of information services librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J.

**Erika J. Dowell**, BA'90, BFA'95, MLS'00, is the chair of the Rare Books and Manuscripts section of the American Library Association. She is an adjunct lecturer and public services librarian at the Lilly Library, Indiana University Bloomington.

**Michael R. Ellis**, BA'05, MLS'09, has accepted a position in the Duggan Library at Hanover College as the access services/reference librarian.

**Juliet L. Hardesty**, BA'97, MA'99, MIS'06, has been named metadata analyst for the IU Libraries Digital Library Program. She will provide long-term strategies for metadata management and participate in the design and development of services to support preservation of, and access to, digitized and born-digital content from IU's collections.

**Yan He**, MLS'06, is information literacy librarian at IU Kokomo. She was most recently reference librarian at Georgetown University's Blommer Science Library, where she worked on reference, library instruction, and collection development.

**Kimberly Lesley**, BFA'05, MLS'09, works for the Smithsonian American Art Museum National Portrait Gallery Library in Washington, D.C. She provides reference services for curators and the public; manages reference collection project workflow, timeline, and implementation, including physical space planning proposals; and provides de-accession recommendations, including research and evaluation of print and electronic resources. She was previously access services librarian at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, La.

**Jennifer Liss**, MLS'06, has been appointed metadata/cataloging librarian with the Indiana University Libraries. She assists cataloging division managers in developing and defining the ongoing evolution of

metadata in a traditional cataloging environment, as well as managing and implementing non-MARC metadata projects.

**James H. Markus**, MLS'05, is the library development manager at Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne. His wife, Jennifer (Mathia), BS'98, MLS'05 is a librarian at Cheyenne East High School.

**Miriam E. Nelson**, MLS'07, is head of preservation and conservation at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She oversees the operation of both the preservation department and the Ohio University high-density storage facility.

**Jennifer L. Riley**, MA'00, MLS'03, is Head of the Carolina Digital Library and Archives at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her responsibilities include working with faculty, students, and library staff to develop, manage, and publish digital content in curated scholarly collections, in focused library collections and exhibits, and in large digital repositories. Riley also provides long-term planning for the growth of innovative and production-focused digital collections and preservation of digital content.

**James R. Rodgers Jr.**, MA'99, MLS'09, is assistant professor/acquisitions librarian at Mississippi State University Library. His responsibilities include establishing staff and unit goals for monographic acquisitions; supervising the monograph acquisitions unit, including the supervision and training of staff members and student workers in ordering, receiving, and invoicing monographic materials; working collaboratively with other librarians to create solutions to workflow problems; and assisting the coordinator of collection development and the associate dean for technical services in collection development activities.

**Maureen D. Sanders-Brunner**, BGS'99, MLS'03, was elected chairperson of the Media Specialist Special Interest Group (SIGMS) for the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). A professional librarian, educational technology instructor, researcher, and licensed educator, she is currently a doctoral student and instructor at Ball State University. Sanders-Brunner's research interests are intellectual freedom, digital equity, and the integration of technology

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and information literacy into the K-12 curriculum. She was previously a school librarian in Pike Township in Indianapolis.

**Anthony M. White**, MLS'03, is director of the Decker Library at the Maryland Institute College of Art. He served as head of the IU Fine Arts Library from 2007 until February 2012. In addition to directing the SLIS specialization in art librarianship, he founded and co-organized the Annual Contemporary Artists' Books Conference and served on the ACRL Advisory Board for the Visual Literacy Standards Task Force.

## 2010s

**Ashley A. Ahlbrand**, MLS'12, has joined the staff of the Indiana University Bloomington Law Library as an educational technology librarian.

**Nora F. Belzowski**, MA'10, MLS'12, is a research services librarian and assistant professor of library services at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind.

**Sarah B. Gilchrist**, BA'04, MLS'11, has taken the position of education research and instruction librarian at Towson University in Towson, Md.

**Rayla Hanselmann**, MLS'11, is the information services librarian at Trine University, in Angola, Ind.

**Jared M. Harmon**, MLS'12, has accepted a position as librarian at the Chef's Academy (a part of Harrison College) in Indianapolis.

**Veronica D. Henderson**, BA'09, MLS'10, is the technical services librarian at the Learning Resource Center at Alabama A&M University.


**Elizabeth N. Johnson**, MLS'11, is the librarian at the International Business College/Vet Tech Institute of Indianapolis.

**Laura Jones**, MLS'12, is the children's librarian at the Argos Public Library in Argos, Indiana.

**Kenneth P. McCune**, MA/MLS'10, has accepted the position of database manager and development assistant at the Indiana State Museum Foundation.

**Benjamin E. Neal**, MLS'11, is assistant branch manager of Sullivan County Public Library in Blountville, Tenn.

**Casey O'Leary**, MLS'12, has started a full-time job as an information assistant at the Brownsburg Public Library. She is responsible for the school-age (6-10) programming.



**Willie Miller**, MLS'10, is the Liaison Librarian to the IU School of Informatics and School of Journalism at the IUPUI University Library. In a recent interview he noted one of the favorite aspects of his job: "I love doing instruction. It excites me, because if I do my job correctly, a student will leave a class excited and empowered to critically consume information and approach research."

**R. Joseph Skeen**, MLS'10 is director of the Farmland (Ind.) Public Library.

**Denise M. Smith**, BGS'02, MLS'11, is the juvenile public services librarian at the College Avenue branch of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

**Hannah Spence**, MA/MLS'12, accepted the position of music cataloger at the IU William and Gayle Cook Music Library in May. She most recently worked as a technical services assistant at the library, where she helped catalog the recordings of IU performances. Spence recently completed master's degrees in library science and musicology from IU.

**Cara B. Stone**, MLS'11, is the faculty development and instruction librarian at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. She works with faculty and staff to support learning in a variety of ways. As an instruction librarian, Stone partners with faculty, collaboratively designing instruction sessions and assignments to meet university standards and benchmarks for student learning. She also designs and delivers instruction to faculty members in the form

of workshops or classes throughout each semester.

**Austin T. Stroud**, BS'07, MS'07, MLS'12, has accepted the position of instructional designer with the Bloomington (Ind.) Monroe County Public Library.

**Jean-Ann M. Stump**, MLS'10, is the reference librarian for the Alamogordo Public Library in Alamogordo N.M.

**Cassandra J. Thompson**, BS'06, MLS'12, is the director of the Bloomfield-Greene County Public Library. She previously spent four years working at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

**Dagny I. Villegas**, BA'09, MLS'11, is public services librarian at the Central Library of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

**Sarah S. Walker**, MLS'10, is a library assistant in the Indianapolis Public Library system.

**Rachel E. Wheeler**, MLS'11, is the electronic resources cataloger in the serials cataloging unit at Indiana University Libraries in Bloomington.

**Crystal A. White**, MIS/MLS'11, is a document management librarian at Cook Pharmica in Bloomington, Ind.

**Christopher M. Woodall**, MLS'11, has joined the faculty of Salisbury University's Blackwell Library as the new technology librarian. Located in Salisbury, Md., SU is one of the universities in the University of Maryland system.

### In Memory:

Garry Harrison, SLIS Adjunct Faculty Member and Collections Conservator for the Indiana University Libraries died on September 4, 2012. He will be missed. He regularly taught a SLIS Summer Workshop *Circulating Collections Conservation* that was popular with students. (He was also a fiddle player - a passion he shared with family members.)



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