

CHI CHAPTER NEWS

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The Latest from Chi Chapter: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

Did you notice the icons on the left side of this newsletter?

Thanks to the efforts of board members Katherine (Kate) Matthen and Benjamin Keele, Chi Chapter has a social networking presence. This allows us to inform you about opportunities to participate in upcoming events, lets you follow the latest LIS news, and helps you network with other members.

Ben manages our Facebook and LinkedIn pages. To join us, please visit www.facebook.com or www.linkedin.com and search for "Beta Phi Mu—Chi Chapter." If you are reading this newsletter online, hover over the icons and follow the instructions to access these websites.

Kate handles our Chi Chapter Twitter account. You can follow her by going to www.twitter.com

and searching for "@bpmchi."

If you are new to social networking, sign up for an account. On each website, there is a simple process to sign up and stay in touch with all the latest news from Chi Chapter.

Don't wait! Join us online and speak up about our events or share news that interests you.

Career Search and Resume Review Forum

In cooperation with the SLIS ALA-Student Chapter, BPM Chi Chapter is presenting a career search and resume review forum on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 1-3 pm in the SLIS auditorium and classrooms.

A panel discussion with Sara Laughlin, Director of the

Monroe (IN) County Public Library; Virginia Sojdehei, Reference Librarian and former Human Resources Librarian, Wells Library; and Kent Holaday, SLIS grad and Associate Consultant at Eli Lilly and Company, offers practical advice for students seeking to jump start their career searches.

Breakout sessions from 2:15—3 pm give attendees a chance to meet in small groups with professional librarians who will review resumes, offer constructive criticism and provide contact information for follow-up questions.

**Event: October 21, 2011
1:00-3:00 pm at SLIS**

Dr. Pnina Fichman, New Faculty Sponsor

Dr. Pnina Fichman, Associate Professor of Library and Information Science has agreed to be Chi Chapter's faculty sponsor, a position held for the last three years by [Dr. Debora \(ralf\) Shaw](#) who was recently appointed Dean of the School of Library and Information Science.

Dr. Fichman earned her Ph.D. from the University of North

Carolina—Chapel Hill in 2003. She has taught several SLIS courses including reference, international information issues, library management, and academic library management.

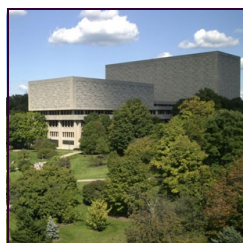
Thanks, ralf, for your wise counsel to Chi Chapter and best wishes to you in your new role as dean. Welcome, Pnina!



Dr. Pnina Fichman



**Beth Overhauser,
Information and
Instruction
Services Librarian**



"Libraries are the mind and soul of their communities, and librarians are the mind and soul of the library....You can't have good education without good libraries, and you can't have good libraries without good staff." —ALA



Q&A with Beth Overhauser: SLIS Grad and BPM Member

New BPM member Beth Overhauser obtained her MLS from SLIS Bloomington in 2009. She graciously agreed to answer several questions about herself, SLIS, and Beta Phi Mu.

Q: What professional positions have you held since graduating from SLIS?

A: I was hired as the Graduate Reference Librarian at Louisiana College in the fall of 2010. This year, I joined the faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne at the Helmke Library. My job title is Information Services and Instruction Librarian. I'm the liaison for Business and Labor Studies and our coordinator for Emerging Technologies.

Q: In retrospect, which SLIS classes were particularly helpful in preparing you for professional work?

A: Dr. Meho's Reference class taught me both the philosophy and practice of good research and reference. Brian Winterman's Science and Technology Information class was pivotal because I collaborated with six other students to conceive, implement, write and submit an academic article that was later published. John Walsh's Digital Humanities class changed the way I think about texts, technology, and the future of libraries.

Q: Are there any classes or experiences you wish you had taken or SLIS had offered?

A: SLIS gave me a good theoretical grounding in librarianship, but it's critical to have practical experience in reference, instruction, and collection development. I pursued this experience on my own, and I wouldn't be nearly as successful without it. Similarly, having a good mentor and learning how to network would have been invaluable.

Q: Do you think that being a member of Beta Phi Mu has helped advance your career?

A: I'm friends with lots of other BPM folks. Their friendship and support has helped me find my footing in ALA, given me space to ask questions about librarianship, and opened up doors to scholarly collaboration.

Interview with Chi Chapter Board Member Heidi Busch

By Andrea Morrison
A former teacher with a BA and MA in special education, Heidi has been a member of Beta Phi Mu, Chi Chapter since 2009, the year she graduated with an MLS from SLIS, Bloomington. She was elected to the Chi Chapter Board in 2010.

Although she enjoys her current position as Serials Control Coordinator at the Wells Library, Heidi is currently job searching. She would love to work at a small community college near her family in Oak Ridge Tennessee. In her ideal position, she would be responsi-

ble for a little of everything in both public and technical services. Her dream job would also incorporate the twelve years of special education skills she honed during her time in the classroom.

Heidi is a devoted patron of Monroe County Public Library. She is passionate about reading, especially biographies and mysteries. Her favorite authors are James Michener, and in children's literature, Madeleine L'Engle. Heidi keeps a reading journal and recommends it! She lists everything she reads with a brief synopsis, and flags

titles of interest. "It's fun to look back and see what you've read. I always take the journal with me to the library."

Heidi's hobbies include quilting and other needle arts. She enjoys walking and likes to support community fundraisers, such as "Hoosiers Outrun Cancer" in Bloomington.

What does she like about being on the Chi Chapter Board? Heidi finds the Treasurer position to be fun! She also likes the new Chi Chapter LinkedIn and Facebook pages and recommends these to members.

Treasurer's Report from Heidi Busch

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| Beginning balance | (01/11) | \$2,476.92 |
| Income | Expenses | |
| | Checks | \$22.00 |
| | Deposit slips | \$11.50 |
| Total income | Total expenses | \$33.50 |
| Ending balance | | \$2,443.42 |

| Balance Sheet 2010-2011 | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | Liabilities | |
| Cash assets | 2443.42 | 2010 scholarship | -200.00 |
| Total assets | 2443.42 | Total Liabilities | -200.00 |
| Net worth | | | \$2,243.42 |



"Librarians wield unfathomable power. With a flip of the wrist, they can hide your dissertation behind piles of old Field and Stream magazines. They can find data for your term paper that you never knew existed.

..Librarians are all knowing and all seeing. They bring order to chaos. They bring wisdom and order to the masses. They preserve every aspect of human knowledge. Librarians rule..."
Erica Olsen, founder of [Library Avengers](#).

Chi Chapter Honors 2010 Initiates and Scholarship Winner

At our 39th Annual Meeting held on February 25, 2011, in the Herman B Wells Library Staff Lounge, Chi Chapter initiated twelve new members and presented the 2010 Student Scholarship Award.

Our newest members include Judy Donovan, Mary Grange, Benjamin John Keele, Judy Kemp, Michele Linn, Sarah M. Morey, Patricia Pierson, Kelly Schmidt, Rachel Slough, Michael Steffens, Sarah

Stewart Walker, and Sara Wilhoite.

Benjamin Keele was presented the Chi Chapter Scholarship Award for his paper, "[What If Law Journal Citations Included Digital Object Identifiers?: A Snapshot of Major Law Journals.](#)"

Congratulations to all for their accomplishments!

Is It a "Small World, After All" in BPM Land?

By Sue Salamone

Do you know our National and Executive Board officers? Are they, perhaps, in library service alongside you in the academic, public, or school library arena?

National Officers

John M. Budd, President (2009-2011)—Professor at University of Missouri

Marie L. Radford, Vice-President, President-Elect (2010-2012)—Associate Professor at Rutgers University

Sue Stroyan, Ph.D., Past President (2009-2011)—at Illinois Wesleyan University

Directors

Daria Decooman, National City, CA

Dr. George R. Gaumond (2008-2011)—University Librarian at Valdosta State University

Betty Paskoff (2008-2011)—Dean at Louisiana State University

Sue Searing (2009-2011)—University of Illinois (Urbana)

Shannon Tennant (2010-2012)—Catalog Librarian at Belk Library, Elon, NC

Diana L. Vogelsong (2009-2011)—at American University (Washington, DC)

Directors-at-Large

Kaye Bray (2009-2011)—Assistant Professor at Texas Women's University

Amanda Ros (2010-2012)—Cataloguing Team Lead at Tulane Libraries Recovery Center (New Orleans)

Chi Chapter Executive Board

President: Tony Stamatoplos, IUPUI Libraries
Past President: Andrea Morrison, IU Libraries
Vice President: Open
Treasurer: Heidi Busch, IU Libraries
Secretary: Penny Gillie, Monroe County Public Library

Membership Coordinator: Mary Popp, IU Libraries
At-Large Member: Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Public Library
At-Large Member: Katherine (Kate) Matthen, IU Press
At-Large Member: Sylvia Turchyn, IU Libraries
Faculty Sponsor: Pnina Fichman, SLIS

2011-2012 Dues, Address Changes and News about YOU!

Our membership year is November 1 through October 31. If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu, please pay your membership dues. It is easy to do. Just send a check for \$10 made out to Beta Phi Mu to

Mary Popp, Beta Phi Mu, Chi Chapter Membership

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Please update your address records (mailing address, phone, email address) and share your recent accomplishments! Send information to Mary Popp at the address above. We want to hear from you!

We will also send address changes to the National Office of Beta Phi Mu.

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