As I write this, it is hard to believe that when you read it, it will be spring! Lake Mendota is frozen solid and we have had more than 86 inches of snow, breaking the all-time record for snowfall in a single season. We are quite ready for spring to come.

Which is not to say that anyone here has been hibernating. There is a lot of good news to share. First and foremost, on January 12, the American Library Association’s Committee on Accreditation endorsed our continuing accreditation. Our next review will take place in 2014.

Laying the groundwork for continued educational excellence, the curriculum committee has worked for more than a year to develop a more streamlined curriculum (see article). We have struggled for several years with trying to eliminate some redundancies in the core and to allow more space for specialization. We believe that the new three-tiered curricular approach meets our objectives.

We have stuck our toes into the waters of undergraduate education with a new course, LIS 201, The Information Society, which will be taught initially by Greg Downey. It was the single course selected by the College of Letters and Science to receive special funding for technology-enhanced learning. The class is a hybrid of face-to-face and online experiences for about 200 students. It will employ five SLIS teaching assistants. The course not only addresses questions that undergraduates need to consider, but it also meets some very specific needs to provide graduate student support and to introduce undergrads to our field.

Our recruitment of students of color is beginning to bear fruit, so that now the only obstacle to a larger number of students of color is funding. A good deal of our recruitment success is due to the foundation laid by Barbara Arnold, whose replacement we will know by the next Jottings.

We will shortly say farewell to Anne Lundin (see article). Diana Bobb, student records guru, plans to retire next summer, or so she hints. While each retirement brings with it a bit of sorrow, it also provides an opportunity to step back from the way things are and think about the way they might be — to re-examine procedures and directions. So here we are again. One cycle seems to be spinning gently by, ushering in new challenges and opportunities, as a new cycle begins. We have finished our season of rejoicing with the harvest, and it’s time to plant again.

Thank you for working with us.
Upcoming Events

May 2, 2008
Anne Lundin’s Retirement Tea Party
Join us in Madison to send Anne Lundin off to retirement. We’ll have Afternoon Tea starting at 3:30 p.m. on May 2 in the SLIS Commons.

May 15, 2008
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Annual Business Meeting
The annual meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the SLIS Commons. All SLIS alumni are encouraged to attend. Stick around for the Beta Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Phi Mu’s annual meeting and induction. Watch the SLIS Web site for more details. (see item below)

Beta Beta Epsilon Update
The next Annual Meeting and Initiation will be on May 15, 2008. If you are in the area, it would be fabulous to see more members attend the event. Professor Anne Lundin, who is retiring this year, is our featured speaker with Last Lecture: The Education of the Heart and the Mind over a Forty Year Career. Anne will definitely be missed as the BBE faculty liaison! The winner of the 2007 Jack A. Clarke Scholarship, Anna Cianciara-Labourel, will also be honored. As always, the evening will feature tasty food, great conversation, and the opportunity to network with other BBE members. The annual meeting is an important step in launching our new members into the greater library community and the more members in attendance to see them off, the merrier! If you need to update your contact information to receive an invitation, contact vice president for membership Terry Ross at TDRoss@matcmadison.edu

September 12–13, 2008
The Culture of Print in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine (STEM) The Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America
The conference will include papers focusing on the dynamic intersection of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine (STEM) and print culture. Papers might address ways in which STEM — its histories and materials, its theories and practices, its economics, and its practitioners — affects or is affected by print culture. These approaches might include: innovations in the production and circulation of print; patterns of authorship and reading; publication; and dissemination of knowledge in the history of STEM. Alternatively, taking the various theories and methodologies that have grown out of half a century of historical and social studies of STEM, papers could investigate the social construction of STEM knowledge through print; technologies of experimentation and inscription as a print culture of the laboratory; and the social networks of readership in the production of scientific consensus or conflict.

Further information about the conference is available at the Center’s Web site at http://slisweb.lis.wisc.edu/~printcul/.

School Reaccredited

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association has informed the School of Library and Information Studies that its accreditation will be unconditionally continued for the maximum seven years following an extended process that culminated in a meeting with the COA at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

The school, which has been continuously accredited since ALA first undertook to accredit education for the field in 1924–25, will next be reviewed in 2014.

According to Louise Robbins, director, the school was in much better shape this time than the last time it was reviewed. “We are grateful for the support we have received from the college and the university and from our graduates and friends across the community and country,” Robbins said. “We are especially grateful to the alumni who drove from out-of-town locations or took off work early to share information with the external review panel. The faculty and staff devoted a lot of time to self-study and to the preparation of the report and the site visit by our external review panel. Without everyone’s efforts — and the excellent editorial and production work of Allison Kaplan — this would have been a much more arduous process.”
High Tea to Honor Anne Lundin

Friends of SLIS are invited to join Anne H. Lundin, children’s literature and services professor, as she is feted with afternoon tea on May 2, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in the SLIS Commons, on the occasion of her retirement after a 40-year career in teaching and librarianship, 15 at UW-Madison. She has served as chair of the SLIS Curriculum Committee; co-edited the history of SLIS, and was faculty advisor to the Beta Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu.

Lundin began teaching in 1967 and taught in several schools and universities. Teaching writing in the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Georgia, converted her to a belief in the power of writing to transcend boundaries. Lundin also pioneered undergraduate teaching for SLIS, offering an online children’s literature course that drew more than 500 students over two years.

During five years as a curator of a special collection on children’s literature, the de Grummond Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi, she presented and wrote articles on the collection, developed an educational outreach, secured valuable contributions, and wrote a weekly newspaper column on children’s books.

Professor Lundin is one of a few scholars who straddle the fields of literature and librarianship. Her work, *Constructing the Canon of Children’s Literature: Beyond Library Walls and Ivory Towers* (Routledge) connects the institutional histories of the two fields and calls for a shared field to emerge. Lundin’s work as a literary historian also illuminates the reception of children’s literature in Victorian Anglo-American culture. Her Victorian Horizons: The Reception of the Picture Books of Walter Crane, Randolph Caldecott, and Kate Greenaway relates the extent of interest in children’s literature in the Victorian press and presents a “horizon of expectation” that greeted the pioneer picture book genre.

In addition, she co-edited with Wayne Wiegand *Defining Print Culture for Youth: The Cultural Work of Children’s Literature*, and wrote the introduction to the boundary-spanning work. She is also the author of more than 50 articles, book chapters and poems, one of the earliest a study of the Robinson Crusoe myth in children’s literature, and the most recent an ongoing study of the work of Kate Douglas Wiggin as children’s book author and progressive reformer. One of her articles — on Kate Greenaway’s work — appeared in a collection entitled *Literature and the Child: Romantic Continuities/Postmodern Contestations*, about which Wayne Wiegand exclaimed, “You are the first person in LIS to be included in a book with ‘postmodern’ in its title!”

Active professionally, she has been a member of the Newbery, the Hans Christian Anderson, and the Phoenix awards committees, and now chairs the Children’s Literature Association’s Anne Devereaux Jordan Award Committee. A member of the advisory board of the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America since 1993, she helped plan the “Defining Print Culture for Youth” conference in 1997 and edited a special issue of Library Quarterly on the subject. She has been active in the International Children’s Literature Association for over 20 years and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences.

At UW, she has chaired the University Library Committee and the Archives Committee; served as Faculty Senator for over 10 years; served as an L&S Faculty Advisor for 14 years and on the advising service’s Steering Committee for five years; was a member of the Campus Planning Committee; and participated in the Women’s Mentoring Committee. She co-led an interdisciplinary two-year seminar (2005–07), “The Good Childhood,” sponsored by the Humanities Institute, culminating in a series of public forums in winter 2007 and “The Call of Stories,” a 2004–05 seminar.

Professor Lundin looks forward to continuing to explore areas of interest to her, taking courses, volunteering, traveling to see her family members, and enjoying life in Madison with her husband, Tom Lovett.
Department of Public Instruction OKs School Library Certification at SLIS

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently renewed its approval of the certification program for school librarianship offered by SLIS as part of the master’s degree curriculum. This approval follows an extensive review by DPI of all UW-Madison teacher licensing programs, which have been revised to meet the certification standards specified in PI 34.

The PI 34 legislation took effect August 31, 2004. It required that the educational program for the school library license (Library Media Specialist 902) incorporate Wisconsin’s model academic standards for information and technology literacy and ensure that all students demonstrate mastery on an extensive range of competencies outlined by DPI. For two years prior to the implementation of the new licensing rules, SLIS conducted a major revision of the school library curriculum, aligning all courses required for school librarianship with the new DPI competencies. This effort also included designing scoring rubrics for all major course assignments and developing an electronic portfolio system for formative and summative assessment.

SLIS Hosts Document Academy

Michael Buckland, Professor Emeritus at the School of Information, University of California-Berkeley; Co-Director of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (http://www.ecai.org/); and the 2008 NORSLIS (Nordic Research School in Library and Information Science) Visiting Professor visited SLIS on March 28–29, 2008, as we hosted the fifth annual meeting of the Document Academy, an international network of scholars, artists and professionals in various fields interested in the exploration of the document as a useful approach, concept and tool in Sciences, Arts, Business and Society.

The presenters included SLIS assistant professor and director of the archives program, Ciaran Trace, and doctoral students, Nathan Johnson, Kate VoThi-Beard and Irene Hansen. Selected papers will appear in a special issue of Archival Science with professors Catherine Arnott Smith (SLIS) and Niels Windfeld Lund (Documentation Studies, University of Tromso) serving as guest editors.

The aim of The Document Academy is to create an interdisciplinary space for experimental and critical research on documents in a wide sense, drawing on traditions and experiences around the world. It originated as a co-sponsored effort by The Program of Documentation Studies, University of Tromso, Norway and the School of Information, University of California, Berkeley.

Papers addressed the themes of document theory, document analysis and document research (theory, methods, case studies) and cover domains as various as politics, art and visual regalia, archives, museums, the World Wide Web, opera, finance, health care and theatre.

Linda Richardson Student Support Fund Established

When librarian Linda Buchholz Richardson died in 2007, her husband, Bonham Richardson, and their daughters, Eliza Richardson Marone and Lucy Richardson, looked for a way to honor her memory. Linda and Bonham are both alumni of UW-Madison, so the family decided to endow a fund in Linda’s memory to provide support for UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies graduate students. They also invited others to join the effort. “We have been overwhelmed with the many memorial gifts to the fund from Linda’s family and friends, and appreciate their generosity as well,” says Louise Robbins, the School’s director.

Linda received a BA in History and Bonham an MS and PhD in Geography from UW-Madison. Linda received an MLS from Southern California and a document/archives postgraduate certificate at the University of London. Her librarian career included cataloger at University of California-Riverside and Princeton and head of reference at Virginia Tech. The Linda B. Richardson Memorial Student Support Fund is especially targeted to subsidize conference travel.

We anticipate that members of the Richardson family will be visiting campus in the near future, affording us the opportunity to say thank you in person.
MA Curriculum Revision

After about a decade with only minor changes to the MA Curriculum, over the last year the Curriculum Committee has undertaken to revise its structure and contents. “Our main concern has been to maintain the breadth of offerings appropriate to a general degree, but also provide opportunities for specialization to those students who have particular interests. We also recognize that the curriculum necessarily reflects, to some extent, the interests of the faculty,” says Professor Christine Pawley, chair of the committee. Over the past 10 years, as a result of some professors retiring and others moving to new positions, the faculty has changed almost entirely.

The new curricular structure replaces the old core-periphery model with a three-tier structure. Tier one consists of three courses that all students must take. Tier two is made up of nine courses that are of broad general interest; students are required to take at least three, and encouraged to take more. Remaining courses are all electives, and are clustered in tier three. The practicum requirement remains the same. We have also introduced a new (required) course, LIS 451, Foundations of Reference Service, and made some fundamental changes to other courses. The Archives and Records Administration program is organized according to the same structure, with appropriate differences in course content. The changes have been approved by the SLIS faculty, the college and the university, and will go into effect in the fall. Students currently enrolled in the program continue to follow the old curriculum but are allowed some extra flexibility. More details about the changes can be seen at the SLIS Web page at http://slis.wisc.edu.

Grads Win Teaching Awards

Christine Jenkins PhD’95 and Toni Samek PhD’98, both graduates of the SLIS doctoral program, won national teaching awards at the annual midwinter conferences of library and information science educators (ALISE) and of librarians (ALA). Two other people with UW-Madison ties were finalists for one of the awards.

Jenkins, who teaches children’s literature and programming and intellectual freedom at the top-ranked Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was given ALISE’s Teaching Excellence Award. She was honored at the ALISE awards reception on January 10 in Philadelphia.

Samek, who teaches in the areas of intellectual freedom and social responsibility in librarianship and information ethics, among other things, at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, won the Library Journal’s first-ever teaching award. She was honored with a reception and presentation on January 12. In addition, she was featured in an issue of Library Journal and in an issue of the Madison’s Capital Times newspaper.

Finalists in the LJ award were current SLIS faculty member Madge Hildebrandt Klais, a UW History Ph.D, who teaches children’s and young adult literature as well as school librarianship courses, and current doctoral candidate Sharon McQueen, nominated for her teaching in the children’s literature and services area for two years in Kentucky.
Raymond F. von Dran MA’71 PhD’76 is the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award. The SLIS Alumni Association has taken the unusual step of awarding this honor posthumously since the process of conferring the award was well under way when word was received of his death.

Raymond F. von Dran died unexpectedly July 23, 2007 while visiting in New York City. Ray was just beginning a year’s sabbatical preceding his announced retirement from the position of Dean of the Syracuse University Information School after more than 30 years of distinguished service to library and information science education.

Upon graduation from SLIS, von Dran worked as humanities bibliographer at Iowa State University and during that period completed his master’s thesis in history, also from UW, on the topic of science fiction during the 17th century.

In 1973 he returned to SLIS as a doctoral student, where he continued to excel and to impress his colleagues with his zany sense of humor and imaginative mind. After receiving his PhD under the direction of James Krikelas, Ray joined the faculty of Catholic University of America where he progressed from assistant professor to dean of the school and undertook an extensive study of the Library of Congress’s National Union Catalog. His analysis and recommendations led to changes in the Catalog not only at the Library of Congress but at other universities such as Ohio State and Wisconsin. He also served as consultant to various government agencies. In 1987, von Dran was recruited to join the faculty of the University of North Texas (UNT) as dean of the library school.

During his eight years in Texas, Ray help expand the school’s faculty and program. He created and directed a truly interdisciplinary PhD degree in information science by combining resources of the departments of Computer Science, Business Information Systems, Communications Studies, and others. He served as chair of the university’s Information Resources Council and as executive assistant to the Provost for Information Resources. In 1995, von Dran was once again approached to lead a school in transition, Syracuse University. The respect and affection that the UNT administration held for Ray was best expressed when they named the then newly installed University mainframe computer “Bubba Ray” in his honor.

At Syracuse, von Dran was instrumental in implementing a number of innovative changes to a school already possessing a national reputation for being a pioneer in information studies and technology. He helped the school develop a modern curriculum not only at the traditional master’s level but also in undergraduate studies, as well as an interdisciplinary doctoral program. He oversaw the expansion of the faculty and student body — tripled in size according to one source — and expanded the school’s sponsored research almost five-fold. Under his leadership, seven research centers were created. Finally, he was able to enlarge the school’s endowment; and he subsequently assisted in securing the largest single financial gift in the school’s history. Ray also was extremely proud of one other accomplishment: he convinced the university administration to gather all of the various components of the AI-School@ into one physical location. They provided 50,000 square feet in a newly renovated campus building, thus bringing all activities under one roof.

Von Dran was an active member of the professional community. He was a founder of the I-School Group, served on numerous committees within the American Library Association, the Association of Library and Information Science Education, and the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). As chairman of ASIS&T’s education committee he helped create the organization’s first standards for education of information specialists. Over the course of his career he produced numerous articles and reports and also served as a consultant to numerous universities not only on education for librarianship and information science, but also on information technology.

In an outpouring of sympathy sent to the I-School at Syracuse, it became clear that with all of his success as an administrator during his 35 years of service, Ray was even more revered as a teacher and mentor. He will be missed as a colleague and friend and we are proud to recognize his accomplishments.
Whitmire Receives Vilas, Lehrman Awards

Associate Professor Ethelene Whitmire has received two prestigious awards to support her research project, A Black Feminist Biography of Regina Andrews: Harlem Renaissance Librarian. She has been notified that she will receive a Vilas Associate Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s graduate school which includes summer salary support and $25,000 in research funds during the 2008–2010 academic years. In addition, a $2,000 scholarly fellowship from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History supports travel to New York City to search Andrews’ archives at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

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Mail ballots to SLIS c/o Robin Willard, 4217 Helen C. White Hall, 600 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706, or email to: uw-slis@slis.wisc.edu.
All ballots must be received before the annual meeting on May 15.

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Faculty and Staff News

- **Associate Professor Greg Downey** has just published his second book, *Closed Captioning: Subtitling, Stenography, and the Digital Convergence of Text with Television*, with Johns Hopkins University Press. Here’s a description:

  Ron Kline, a well-known professor of Science and Technology Studies from Cornell University, calls Downey’s book “An impressive and ambitious account of the history of the technology, geography, labor, and politics of three speech–to–text systems — subtitling, closed captioning for television, and court reporting. It is original, well-written and researched, and an important book.”


- **Downey** and SLIS are the recipients of the College of Letters and Science’s only Teaching Enhanced Learning grant, which will fund an undergraduate course in the Information Society.

- **Kristin Eschenfelder** presented the outcome of her current research on digital rights management and licensed resources at the Fall 2007 ASIST conference. A related paper “Every Library’s Worst Nightmare” is due out in C&RL this summer. Eschenfelder is busy preparing a national survey of museums, libraries and archives’ use of rights management technologies. Please contact her if you know of anyone doing anything interesting in that area!

- **Peter Gottlieb**, Wisconsin Historical Society and Adjunct Associate Professor of Archives at SLIS, is a candidate for president of the Society of American Archivists.

- **Associate Faculty Associate Allison G. Kaplan**, published “Is your school librarian ‘highly qualified’?” in *Phi Delta Kappan*, December 2007. She has been appointed the WEMTA representative for the WLA Libraries Development and Legislation Committee and is chair of the planning committee for the 2009 WEMTA annual conference to be held at Monona Terrace in Madison.

- **Associate Professor Kyung-Sun (Sunny) Kim** published a paper entitled “Experienced users’ Web search behavior: effects of users’ emotion control and search task on navigation behavior and search performance” in *Information Processing & Management*, Volume 44, Number 1, pp. 373-385. With Sei-Ching Joanna Sin, a SLIS doctoral student, she co-authored a paper “Use and non-use of public libraries in the information age: a logistic regression analysis of household characteristics and library services variables” which will appear in *Library and Information Science Research*. With Eun-Young Yoo (2004), Assistant Professor at the North Carolina Central University, she also co-presented paper “Understanding undergraduates’ use of information sources and social networking media” at the *Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education* in Philadelphia, PA (January 8–11, 2008). Sunny has been invited to serve on the NISO Z39.7 Maintenance Agency Advisory Committee and attended the meeting as a representative of the Committee on Research and Statistics at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia (January 11–14, 2008).

- **Madge Klais** was lauded for her teaching prowess in Library Journal, which made special mention of her in the article on their new Teaching Award.

- **Stephen Paling** and his wife Estelle welcomed a new baby boy on January 4, 2008. Lucas Christopher Paling (Luke for short) arrived at 8:22 p.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz., with all the requisite digits and a full head of hair!

  Paling has submitted a panel proposal to ASIS&T as part of an effort to revive SIG-AH (the Arts and Humanities SIG) and plans to organize a SIG business meeting at ASIS&T as well. His article, “Technology, Genres and Value Change: Literary Authors and Artistic Use of Information Technology” will appear in an upcoming issue of JASIST.

- “The Wisconsin Idea in Action: Reading, Resistance, and Door-Kewaunee Regional Library” by Professor Christine Pawley will appear in the summer 2008 issue of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. In addition, the Winter 2008 (vol. 56, no. 3) issue of *Library Trends*, titled Alternative Print Culture: Social History and Libraries, edited by Wayne A Wiegand and Christine Pawley contains eight articles (plus an introduction by Wiegand) based on...
papers given at last April’s symposium in honor of James P. Danky.

■ Associate Director Jane Pearlmutter presented a workshop on Marketing Collections for the Nicolet Federated Library System. She also serves as the program director for the Archives Leadership Institute, funded by a grant from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHRPC), which will be held in Madison in June.

■ The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND) have invited Jane Pearlmutter and Louise Robbins to be part of a group of key library leaders and advocates from across the state. The group will gather in Green Lake in May for a Strategic Visioning Summit to address the challenges facing Wisconsin’s libraries. Summit participants will develop recommendations for future planning and DPI budget initiatives.

■ Director Louise Robbins and Assistant Professor Madge Klais will travel to China in May to present at a workshop for rural librarians hosted by the Evergreen Education Foundation, a family foundation headed by Faith Chao of San Francisco. The foundation develops rural libraries in an effort to help the people of rural China to participate in the global knowledge economy. Robbins is still working on the UW-Madison accreditation team as well as participating in a number of other campus-wide or college-wide committees. She continues to squeeze in a little time for research on Philip and Mary Jane Keeney, the “librarian spies.”

■ Catherine Arnott Smith was busy at the American Medical Informatics Association annual meeting held in Chicago in November 2007. She spoke on a panel devoted to the personal health record and also delivered a paper entitled “Nursery, Gutter, or Anatomy Class? Obscenity in consumer communication” about the interesting ways that consumers express health concepts online. Professor Smith contributed the chapter on consumer health in the 8th edition of a classic textbook, Introduction to Health Sciences Librarianship, considered the Bible of medical librarianship education since its first edition, produced by the ALA in 1943. The new edition is from Haworth, 2007.

■ Ciaran Trace’s paper, “Resistance and the Underlife: Informal Written Literacies and their Relationship to Human Information Behavior” has been accepted for the JASIST. It has just been accepted for publication. In addition, she gave two conference papers in March: “Notions of Membership and Resistance: the Relationship between Formal and Informal Records in a Child’s Life” will be presented to the Document Academy (DOCAM 2008), Annual Meeting, Madison, March 29; and “Serious, Casual, Social: A Typology of Hobbyist Collectors,” presented to the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA), Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 19. She has also been selected as a speaker for the Society of American Archivists’ annual meeting in San Francisco in August. She will be speaking as part of a session entitled “Moving Targets: Identifying the Evolving Needs in Electronic Records Education.”

Emeritus News

■ Barbara Arnold says “Thank you... so very much for such a wonderful retirement celebration! I am so appreciative of the kind words, the special recognitions, gifts and cards, which I now have to fit into my scrapbook. I will treasure! the memories for years to come.” She has received news that the School’s request for her emeritus status has been granted! She will have some office space and keep her bjarnold@wisc.edu email account so you can still reach her at SLIS.

■ Wayne Wiegand has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities University Fellowship for Teachers for the academic year 2008-2009 to work on a book tentatively entitled “A People’s History of the American Public Library, 1850-2000.” His proposal was one of only eight to also merit a “We the People” designation from NEH Chairman Bruce Cole for projects that “aim at reinvigorating the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture.” Wiegand may be the first person from an ALA accredited LIS program to receive an NEH Fellowship for University Teachers since the agency was established in 1965.

■ Darlene Weingand and husband Roger Couture have completed three cruises that began in Ft. Lauderdale on December 20. They visited numerous ports in the Caribbean, the Falkland Islands, and Antarctica, as well as Buenos Aires, Montevideo, and Santiago. They returned to Honolulu in early February.
SLIS Library Report

As the seasons turn so does the staffing at the SLIS Library. I’m pleased to welcome Sheilah Harrington MA’96. Sheilah brings a lot of technical service experience in campus and other academic libraries, is currently pursuing a technology degree at MATC and has stepped into the ever-changing flow of operations very well. The start of the spring semester was not without its challenges. We had unexpected turnover, as good opportunity knocked for much of the more experienced staff.

Kristin Hamon and Brendan McCarty have joined the front desk staff; Becky Yoose has stepped into the public services project assistant position. I am always happy when our students get good opportunities, but it doesn’t feel hard sometimes. But quickly more good people arrive and I feel lucky all over again.

SLIS students continue to bring a lot of good energy into the library. We had the first of what we plan to make a more regular event: Workshop Saturday. Twelve workshops, largely put together by student volunteers, covered such diverse topics as podcasting, issues with copyright for librarians and managing story-time crowds. This follows a fall workshop and presentation series through the library of over 30 sessions, also on a wide range of topics, from XML and second life to searching the LIS-focused databases. Awa Xhu keeps a schedule up on the Computer Lab page at www.slis.wisc.edu/resources/lab/workshop.htm.

On the collection side of things, we made a move to more online serial access this past year with the purchase of the Haworth LIS E-Journal Collection. It does mean we will not be receiving Haworth titles in print starting with the 2008 volumes, but we increased our online backlist access and total title availability considerably. The overwhelming shift to online use as compared to what we see for the print, as well as requests for additional titles, helped make the decision. Given the number of historians in the school, I am very sensitive to journals becoming primary documents in time and did not give up the print lightly. And now we have to see if the buyout of Haworth by Taylor & Francis creates a price jump. We live in interesting times.

As the new year settles in, I look forward to more wrangling with how to optimize the monograph collection budget. A big thank you to grad Penelope Klein and her husband Stephen for an additional gift this year to supplement the acquisitions budget and help the squeeze we have felt for book purchasing. If anyone else is wondering what they could do for the library — designating a gift for the collection would be helpful. And as the roads clear, perhaps I can call on more of you to visit and do a talk or workshop. Today I still look out over a frozen and snow-buried lake — but I am thinking spring!
— Michele Besant

Thanks from Barbara Arnold

Thank you so very much for such a wonderful retirement celebration! I am so appreciative of the kind words, the special recognitions, gifts and cards, which I now have to fit into my scrapbook. I will treasure the memories for years to come.

Steve and I escaped one of the big snow storms in a trip to the Gulf coast, where we soaked in sunshine and lots of Mardi Gras festivities. We finished our trip with a family visit in Tallahassee, Florida and Nashville, Tennessee.

I am now learning how to use my new notebook computer, gmail and facebook account. I am planning to put up some pictures. Please do join the SLIS Alumni Association group and post your news. It is always great to hear from everyone. This helps the Class Notes section stay interesting and relevant to all the classes.
Interview with SLIS Alumnus Mark Wendt,
Manager, Business & Technology Information, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana

1. First, tell us about your background? How did you become interested in librarianship; where did you receive your degree; and what did you do after graduation?

I graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor’s degree in English literature in 1983 and started work as a billing clerk for an oil company near my hometown of Appleton.

I picked up a second bachelor’s degree taking night classes from Lakeland College in Accounting and Business Administration and worked as an accountant at the Oil Company for 14 years.

When that career started to tire, I explored other options with a career counselor. The Myers-Briggs interest inventory told me to consider librarianship before all of the others and it took me a couple of years to figure out just what that meant.

Appleton Public Library’s director, Terry Dawson (another SLIS graduate), was kind enough to give me an informational interview and soon after offered me part-time work at their reference desk. I worked about 12 hours per week at Appleton Public while I commuted to SLIS between 1999 and 2001. I traveled with two carloads of SLIS students to ALA Midwinter prior to the start of my last semester in January 2001. Several of us had job offers to choose from after three days of intense interviewing at Midwinter. I decided to move to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to accept an opening in their business & technology department as a reference librarian.

2. What attracted you about your current position?

I was named manager of my department five years ago after the person who hired me decided to take early retirement. What attracted me to the job was the group of dedicated public service librarians that had become my friends since my first days in Fort Wayne. We remain a small, close-knit group that genuinely enjoys one another’s company while providing high-quality reference service.

3. As a graduate of SLIS, what are the important things you learned as a student and what would you want current students to know about the field?

First of all, I learned this is a service profession with the potential to change individual lives and help shape our surrounding communities. While the technologies we employ change at an ever increasing pace, our foundation in public service remains firm.

Secondly, when Professor Robbins tells you SLIS graduates leaders, she’s telling the truth. Graduates from other programs will look to you for guidance early in your career and at first you’ll wonder why. After a while you’ll just accept the fact that SLIS spent time exploring librarianship’s core values in greater depth than other schools and that will make a difference for you.

4. What do you wish you had known as a graduate student?

Internal politics play a role even in well-intentioned public service institutions like libraries. Two years go by quickly. You will find a good job.

Babcocks Fund Second Scholarship

Maralyn and George Babcock, graduates of the Wisconsin Library School in 1949 and 1950, respectively, have launched a second scholarship fund.

This gift follows an earlier endowment established in 1999. The Olive Dornfeld Busjaeger Centennial Scholarship, honoring Maralyn’s mother, was established on the centennial anniversary of her birth. Olive Dornfeld earned her certificate from the Wisconsin Library School in 1918 and worked in libraries for 72 years, prior to her retirement at the age of 90. Six SLIS students have already benefited from the 1999 gift. The Babcocks have once again enlarged their family of librarian “descendants” with this new gift.

Both graduates of Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Maralyn worked for a year at Madison Public Library. When George graduated, they moved to Sturgeon Bay, where they were affiliated with the Door-Kewaunee Regional Library. A stint in Portage was followed by several years in Winnetka, Illinois. By 1974, they were in Naples, Florida, where they still reside.
In Memoriam

Charles Jefferson Hitt PhD’91 passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2007, at the Karmenta Center, in Madison, Wisconsin. He was a researcher in Library Science and Evaluation at UW-Madison. Several emeritus faculty members attended the “Gathering: Remembering Charlie” held in December.

1970’s ........................................

Jerry V. Caswell ’71, PhD’85 recently published “Developing the Right RFP for Selecting Your Federated Search Product: Lessons Learned and Tips from Recent Experience.” The article discusses the experiences of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Library in developing an RFP for the purchase of a federated search product.

James Danky ’73 was recently featured in the Spring, 2007 edition of Counterpoise. The article “Librarians at Liberty,” featured an editorial, interview and response.

Christine Jenkins ’73, PhD’95 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has been honored by ALISE with the 2008 Teaching Excellence in the Field of Library and Information Science Education.

In January, Janice Rice ’75 presented a lecture for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Lifelong Learning Program. She is a UW librarian at College Library and a member of the Ho Chunk nation. The presentation entitled A History of Madison Ho Chunk People of the Four Lakes Area recounted the history of the Ho Chunk (Winnebago) people who were drawn to an area with four lakes and lush forests, now known as Madison.

Upper Iowa University gave its Dedicated Service Award to Paul Rux ’77 in March. The Mount Horeb, Wisconsin resident has been designing and teaching MBA higher-education administration and online courses at the school’s Madison campus since 1996. Rux is also the founder of Youth Care (www.youth-care.org), a nonprofit that provides business and funding help to other nonprofits.

Mary Clark ’77, Resource Sharing Technology Supervisor at the Wisconsin Reference and Loan Library retired in September after 25 years of service. Mary provided major contributions to the development of a statewide database of library holdings (WISCAT) beginning in 1987.


Edward VanGemert ’78 is part of a team that is scanning 500,000 of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s library materials. University librarians are taking the unique step of putting copies of their library books online, courtesy of the Google Book Search Library Project.

Gerry Hurley ’78 will be presenting a session on leadership at the SLA Annual Conference in Seattle on Monday, June 16, at 9:00 a.m. The title of the session is Leadership: building on your natural abilities and strengths.

In August, Alan Engelbert ’78 became the director of the Kanawha County Public Library (KCPL) in Charleston, West Virginia. He stepped into a heated budget crisis when the county school board announced it would halt payment to KCPL. Fortunately, the issue was temporarily resolved until a legislative solution is agreed upon.

1980’s ........................................

Menzi Behrnd-Klott ’80, General Counsel, American Girl, Inc. was a guest speaker at the Ethics and Archives Conference in Milwaukee on November 30, 2007. She is a certified archivist, attorney and consultant with Klott and Associates, Madison, Wisconsin, focusing on corporate, organizational and museum archives. She is co-editor, with Peter J. Wosh, of the book Privacy and Confidentiality Perspectives: Archivists and Archival Records, published in July 2005 by Society of American Archivists, Chicago (2006 winner of the Custer Award for best book from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference). She is also the author of Legal Manual for Archivists (working title), accepted for publication by the Society of American Archivists.

State Law Librarian, Jane Colwin ’84, presented two workshops that acquainted public librarians with the latest legal resources available for lawyerless litigants. The workshops, held in Neillsville, Wisconsin, examined the law library’s resources, particularly its legal topics, and how to conduct legal research.

Ingrid Hsieh-Yee ’84, PhD’90 has published a new article. “User Perceptions of MetaLib Combined Search: An Investigation of How Users Make Sense of Federated Searching,” which presents an investigation of users’ understanding of MetaLib Combined Search (MCS), a federated search system implemented for the Washington Research Library Consortium.

Earl Lee ’85, the author of Librarians in the Age of Mediocrity, has a new book out, a political satire called Raptured: The Final Daze of the Late, Great Planet Earth. Earl is currently the Head of Technical Services at Pittsburg (Ks.) State University and will be promoted to the rank of university professor in July.

Heidi Marleau ’85 has been promoted to Assistant Director for Librarian Services at the Health Services Library. She will continue to provide stellar service in her role in Public Services, Information Resources, and Historical Services.

Anne Moser ’87 is the new librarian at the Aquatic Sciences Center. For the past four years, she has managed and maintained the Web site for the Wisconsin Water Science Center of the USGS. Prior to the USGS, she worked for
the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies where she implemented a Wisconsin Idea grant to provide outreach and educational training to local Wisconsin governments making public information more Web-accessible

1990's .................................

Horizon Chasers: The Lives and Adventures of Richard Halliburton and Paul Mooney (McFarland & Company) is a new work by Gerry Max ’91. The Madison author says that Halliburton’s celebrity in 1930 as the “quintessential world traveler” equalled that of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. Mooney was Halliburton’s editor and ghostwriter. Both disappeared at sea in 1939 during a trans-Pacific voyage.

Patricia Grothman Hoggatt ’91 is currently the children’s librarian at Cambridge Community Library.

The UW Health Sciences Library announced the appointment of a new Assistant Director for the Library. Julie Schneider ’92 has been named Assistant Director for Scholarly Communications.

Robin Rice ’92, as Data Librarian at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, is leading a nationally funded project (267,000 pounds from March 2007 to March 2009) called DataShare. The project involves a group of data librarians working in UK universities working with academics and institutional repository managers at the four partner institutions — London School of Economics and the Universities of Edinburgh, Oxford and Southampton — to provide exemplars for sharing research data within institutional repositories (based on EPrints.org, DSpace and Fedora software). See http://www.disc_uk.org/datashare.html to read more about the project and its deliverables.

Tana Elias ’94 has been promoted to a new position at Madison Public Library. Her new title is Library Web Resources Coordinator. The position oversees the selection, implementation, training and ongoing maintenance for Web-based resources related to public services and staff communication, as well as coordinating content creation and promotion of those resources.

Barbara Benisch Sisolak ’96 writes that we were behind the times in the last issue — she is past president of the Wisconsin Health Sciences Library Association, and chair of the Bylaws Committee.

John Tortorice ’96 is the editor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History newsletter.

Joe Wojtowicz ’96 is now in Oakland, California with Innovative Interfaces.

Toni Samek ’98 is serving on the Advisory Board at Counterpoise.

Thea Lindquist ’99 is the 2007 recipient of the ACRL/WESS Coutts Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant for her project, From the Ashes: Identifying, Documenting, and Rebuilding the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek’s Fruchtbringende Gesellschaft (Fruitbearing Society) Collections.

Anna Lewis ’99, assistant director of the Center for Instructional Materials and Computing (CIMC) at UW-Madison, received the 2007 Academic Staff Service Award for campus libraries.

2000’s .................................

Sara Robertson ’00 has started a new position as Technical Services Librarian at Sidley Austin in Chicago.

Jessica Baumgart ’00 returned to SLIS in October to visit with current students. She discussed her experiences in news-librarianship, blogs, her responsibilities at Renesys testing software and her involvement with SLA.

Kirstin Dougan ’01 left Duke University’s Music Library in August to become the Music User Services Coordinator / Assistant Professor of Library Administration at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Music Library. She is thrilled to be back in the Midwest. Husband Jeff is teaching chemistry and AP chemistry at a Champaign high school and two-year-old Leo is enjoying daycare.

Karen (Wood) Eckberg ’01 has joined the Rasmussen College staff as Campus Librarian and Instructor at the new campus in Green Bay. She acts as solo librarian within a system of 12 other campuses nationwide. In her free time, Karen is back playing cello, enjoys watching her daughter Madeline grow up (4 in December!), and continues to learn about growing vegetables and plants. She also tries not to become addicted to Facebook.

Scott Watkins ’01 is going to George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia to head the Library Educational Services Unit.

Jeff Hanck’s ’02 is the Baxter-Snyder Endowed Professor of Regional Studies in the Western Illinois University Libraries. He is head of the Archives and Special Collections Department, and currently serves as the Chair of WIU Libraries Faculty Committee of the Whole (de facto department chair). He achieved candidacy status in his doctoral program in adult education, and is working on his dissertation.

He reports, “I was very fortunate to have hired a new assistant archivist in my department, 2006 SLIS graduate Heather Richmond. I’m thrilled to have her here, and she is going to be an outstanding faculty colleague.”

Michael Shapiro ’02 has a new position of Partner Development Manager: West Region with WebJunction in Seattle. He is going to enjoy the many challenges of this job enormously, not to mention the talented and interesting folks that he’ll be fortunate to work with both in Seattle and elsewhere.

Charles Dean ’02 is the electronic resources and online collection development librarian for the Minneapolis...
offices of Faegre & Benson, the largest law firm in Minnesota. He returns to academic librarianship in July 2008 at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, where he will serve as an electronic resources reference librarian and pursue his JD.

Amanda Bakken ’02 and Geoff Morse ’02 announce the arrival of baby David in January. You can see him on Facebook.

Vicki Tobias ’03 of the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center (UWDCC) was featured in the Memorial Library Staff Spotlight for January.

Joe Tomich ’03 Cataloger/Metadata Librarian at UW-Milwaukee Libraries is Chair of the Wisconsin Library Association Technical Services Section.


Nichole Fromm ’04 is the new WiLS OCLC Member Services Librarian. Nichole will provide support and training to libraries throughout the state on a variety of OCLC products and services with the focus on cataloging, metadata, and the integration of OCLC’s products and services with local automated systems. Nichole comes to us from the South Central Library System (a consortium of 52 public libraries in seven counties, based in Madison), where she was the Technology Support Librarian. Nichole has worked on the UW-Madison campus in CTS and at the Madison Public Library in Technical Services. Besides a lot of great library knowledge and expertise, Nichole and her husband have a great restaurant review project: Eating in Madison A to Z (http://www.madisonatoz.com/about.html).

Andrew B. Wertheimer ’04, PhD’95 reports from the University of Hawaii at Manoa: “Things here are good. I had to step up early as LIS Chair, so I never imagined how swamped I could be. We don’t have many support staff or admin, so it means a lot of time from the chair. It is a two-year job.

Since graduating from SLIS, Kate Rubin ’04 has been working as an online reference librarian for Tutor.com (continuing). She has also been doing part-time work for a private Catholic School in Kalamazoo, Michigan and for the reference department at Western Michigan University. She is currently the library director for the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin, Germany.

Sarah Mindel Stanwicks ’04 left UConn after almost three years. Her husband accepted a job as Head of Circulation and Media Services at the University at Albany (SUNY) Libraries. She also reports that her brother, David, is enjoying his time in SLIS right now.

Amy M. Ostrom Drayer ’05 has accepted a job as Web and Systems Librarian in Heidelberg, Germany, the Europe Regional Library and Support Center in Heidelberg, the central location for 28 on-base library branches throughout Europe.

Mireille Djenno ’05 is editor of the fall issue of the Instruction Section newsletter available online at http://www.alaa.org/ala/acrlbucket/is/publication-sacrl/newsletteracrl/isfall07.pdf.

Tessa Michaelson ’05 joined the library staff at the Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC) at the start of 2008 as a children’s and young adult literature specialist. Prior to coming to the CCBC, Tessa worked as a school librarian and technology teacher at Wingra School, a K-8 independent progressive school in Madison, Wisconsin.

Terika Koehtopp ’06 is a youth services librarian at McMillan Public Library in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Denise Aulik ’06, currently on leave of absence from her teaching position at Madison’s Shabazz City High School, is serving as SLIS’s Interim Admissions and Placement Officer while a permanent replacement for Barbara Arnold’s position is found.

Jiangwei Li ’06 is in New York, staying very close to Columbia University. She completed her internship early, and accepted a full-time job with the same multicultural advertising agency. “The agency workplace is so dramatically different from academic environments. I wasn’t so used to all the money talks at first, now I feel better. Indeed, it has been quite a transition moving from school to a job.”

Alexis Braun Marks ’07 has taken a job at the African American Museum in Detroit helping to reestablish their library and archives program with a one-year IMLS grant and after the first year help establish a records management program.

Deanna Olson ’07 has accepted a position as an Associate Archivist at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.

Paloma Celis-Carbajal ’07 attended the Midwest Organization of Libraries for Latin American Studies (MOLLAS) annual working meeting held at the Memorial Library in October. The main topic for the meeting was “Building Film and Popular Culture Collections.” The discussions spanned from collection development, acquisition and preservation to outreach and instruction.

Leah Ujda ’07 vacated her position as Research Intern at UWDCC to become the new metadata librarian at Memorial Library.

Meredith Thompson ’07 is the new Research Intern at UWDCC. In her role as UWDCC Research Intern, Meredith
will work closely with our metadata librarian to hire, train and supervise metadata student staff and oversee metadata creation and quality control work. Meredith will also work with UWDCC staff on marketing activities.

Kurt Johnsen ’07 is the new Reference Librarian at NorthWest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville, Arkansas. He works at the reference desk and also has the opportunity to do some collection development work behind the scenes. “Everyone shares different duties, so the variety is interesting. The people that I am working with are simply wonderful. It’s a good library, a busy school and a nice environment to work in.”

Lori Roholt ’07 has accepted a position as Programming Services Librarian at the New Ulm Public Library in Minnesota. She is very pleased with the opportunity.

Deborah Copperud ’07 is working at the James J. Hill Reference Library in St. Paul managing an online membership program, which involves teaching online classes, troubleshooting and helping members with search requests, writing marketing materials, and providing basic customer service. “It’s great so far, and I really feel like I’m using my LIS degree and putting it to good use!” She joins Scott Odman (2003), who has been there for a few years.

Sonia Yaco ’07 has been appointed special collections librarian at Old Dominion University Libraries, Norfolk, Virginia.

Tracy Jordan ’07 was featured in the latest Wisconsin Library Association newsletter. She was the recipient of the 2007 Sally David Scholarship.

Krissy Wick ’07 was given a 2007 Friends of the Madison Public Library grant for a staff-initiated project. Krissy, a librarian at the Pinney branch, used the grant to purchase supplies for the Home School and Parenting Resource Center.

Current Student News..............

Betsy Bromley attended the Joint Conference of the Midwest and Midcontinental Chapters of the Medical Library Association in Omaha, Nebraska. She has already landed a job as children’s librarian at Oconomowoc Public Library.

College Library awarded Katie Karnish with the Student Assistant Excellence-in-Service Award.

Eileen Harrington and Rae Roche recently put together an exhibit of nine staff to help put a personal touch on the Reference/Information Department at Memorial Library. Visit the exhibit at the top of the 2nd floor central staircase and learn something new about your Memorial Library.

Doctoral student Barbara Walden, a Western European History and Social Sciences Librarian wrote, Essay: Adventures of a Librarian among the Grad Students, or is it a Grad Student among the Librarians?

Doctoral candidate, Sharon McQueen, has been busy. She presented her dissertation research in a juried panel session of the Youth Services Special Interest Group at the annual ALISE conference this past January. At ALA Midwinter, she served on Leslie Burger’s Presidential Task Force on Library Education. During her two-year term on the task force, they will finalize the ALA Statement of Core Competencies and a revision for the Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library & Information Studies. They will meet again in March at ALA headquarters in Chicago and give a final report at the ALA annual meeting in June 2008.

Lisa Guidarini, a first-year student in the PALS distance program, published an interview she conducted via e-mail with author Amy Cohen in the September/October Public Libraries, which is the journal of the ALA division, PLA, the Public Library Association. Amy Cohen’s most recent book is The Late Bloomer’s Revolution: A Memoir.


Sarah Boxhorn created an exhibit for UW-Madison Memorial Library Special Collections. “Stormy Weather” made the front page of the Wisconsin State Journal Jan. 26. Sarah also submitted a paper on her guest curatorship experience that was accepted for presentation at a conference in February in Bloomington, Indiana.

A paper by Brad Reel, a first-year PALS student, has been accepted for presentation at the Library History Round Table Research session at ALA annual conference in Anaheim on June 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Doctoral student Irene Hansen spoke on “The Role of Libraries in Genealogy” at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in Salt Lake City, Utah in January. Irene also won a full-tuition scholarship from the Rare Book School, University of Virginia, to attend a weeklong course at the school in the Summer of 2008 or 2009.

Clay Collins has had a paper on Information Politics accepted for presentation at a conference in Ramallah, Palestine in March.

Students Do Legislative Day

The first day of the 2008 spring semester was also the WLA/WEMTA Legislative Day. The students of LIS 654, Information Services Management class, took a field trip up to the state capitol to participate in the briefing session. Some of the students were also able to go to offices and talk personally with legislators. The students enjoyed the activity as a great way to start the management class and were excited to get firsthand experiences with legislative advocacy.

Hannah Berry explained how she would take this experience back to her home state of Missouri, saying, “I can see how this event would be good for librarians to get their legislative issues heard. Talking to the people who can make the changes can help turn things in the libraries favor.”

Brett Rholhwing, who was able to participate in the visit with the aide to Senator Risser, said, “Constituents have far greater power to influence the political process than they may realize. Librarians should seize every opportunity they have to advocate for libraries.”

In summarizing her experience, Anna Taylor said, “I did walk away from the morning not only with an increased awareness regarding the positive potential of such engagements, but also, a desire to be a more active future participant/observer. That, in and of itself, is very good to know.”

The class was led by Associate Faculty Associate Allison G. Kaplan. The students found this to be a very useful experience and hope to be able to coordinate a program to attend this event again next year.