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From the Director’s Chair

Fall will have turned the leaves on Picnic Point to gold, red, and brown and finally swept them away by the time you read this issue of Jottings. Before the next issue comes your way, Lake Mendota will have frozen and, we hope, thawed again. One is keenly aware of the seasons’ passage here on the fourth floor of Helen C. White.

I am more than normally aware of passing seasons this year. After 18 years at SLIS, 11 of those as the School’s director, I have decided to retire in August 2009. My feelings are a bit mixed, but it’s the right season both for me and for the School.

The fine faculty we have assembled here will provide excellent leadership as the School moves forward. The next director is likely to be appointed from within, with a renewable term of three to five years. This is the pattern used across the College of Letters & Science for professional schools; it appears to have served them well. For a time, however, it is likely that the School will once again be less than optimum size, but that’s nothing new in Wisconsin’s constrained budget environment. We will go forward.

Our advisory council that met last April provided some insights into the changing information services environment, and we look to you as well to keep the faculty in touch with the profession and to help us plot future directions. Transitions are always times for taking stock, so please read the council summary, ask for the full set of notes if you wish, and weigh in as we consider our direction.

In the spring issue of Jottings, I’ll ask your indulgence as I reflect on the past 18 years, but in this issue I have two other agenda items:

First, it would do me great honor if you would join me as I celebrate my retirement. Although my retirement will not take effect until August, my retirement festivities are scheduled for April 17, 2009, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at SLIS. Jenny Greiber (jgreiber@wisc.edu) will be able to give you details.

Second, I’m sure you are aware that development has been a priority of my years as director. We continue to need additional funding for student support. Numbers of excellent students decide to go elsewhere or to take another path because the cost of a SLIS education is so great. I want to use my retirement fete as an opportunity to endow another scholarship. The Directors’ Scholarship Fund will honor the ten—yes, only ten—directors the School has known and will target a student of exceptional promise who is committed to Continued on page 2

April 17, 2009 — 4:30–6:30 p.m. SLIS Commons. Retirement Party for Louise Robbins.

May 14, 2009 — Beta Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu annual meeting and initiation of new members.

Mid-June, 2009 — Librarians’ Study Tour of Scotland. Watch Web site for exact dates.

July 12, 2009 — SLIS Reunion at ALA in Chicago; more to come in Spring issue.

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New Staff

SLIS is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea Poehling as the new Student Services Coordinator. Andrea has come to SLIS from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. From 1997 to 2004 she was the Associate Director of International Programs in the School of Business. Andrea also served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala in 2004-05.

Andrea holds a master’s degree from UW-Madison in Counseling, with an emphasis in higher education administration. Her responsibilities at SLIS include admissions, advising, practicum and career placement, and alumni relations. She is a great addition to our staff, learning the library-land ropes with visits around campus and the community and to conferences.

Anne M. Murphy-Lom took over in August for former department administrator Lynn Souther. She comes to SLIS from Limnology and has assumed campus leadership roles with the Letters & Science Department Administrators Network and with the Council for Non-Represented Classified Staff. We are delighted to have her.

Advice from Our Council

On April 4, 2008, a group of alumni and friends met at SLIS to provide advice as to the direction of the School. As promised, here are highlights from the day-long discussion. Council members who participated are listed at the end of this article.

Following a brief update on the School, Louise Robbins asked the participants how positions were changing in their libraries, and what they were seeking in new hires; in what directions the School might grow; and what characteristics the next leader/director should have. A summary of high points follows.

- Almost without exception, communication and instruction emerged as major emphases in library positions. A new librarian should have ability to put a presentation together, speak smoothly, have teaching skills. They need to be able to develop programs of instruction, working across specialties. But public and school libraries and archives all value instructional skills a great deal.
- New librarians must be able to work across functions, to blend a lot of different skills in a complex, changing environment, to think critically. Professional jobs are becoming more difficult. Among skills most needed across the board are flexibility, adaptability, and the ability to work collaboratively in a team setting.
- New librarians must be have management and supervisory skills right away; to be able to manage a project, “to manage people and to work with them during difficult budgetary times.” The new librarian will need to be able to understand the political dynamics of an organization, to be proactive and practical. People skills are essential as well as the ability to work with diverse populations and be politically savvy.

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Archival Doctoral Fellowship Opportunities at SLIS

Doctoral Fellowships in Archival Studies are currently available through a new eight-campus initiative (including UW-Madison) for individuals interested in pursuing careers as educators and scholars and who would enter a doctoral program in fall 2009. Supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Archival Education and Research Fellowships are aimed at strengthening doctoral-level education in Archival Studies, building the cohort of archival educators and increasing its diversity, and promoting a broad base of rigorous archival scholarship.

The fellowships will provide tuition and annual stipends of $20,000 for the first two years of study, to be followed by two years of comparable support from their School. They are open to all citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who exhibit interest in the field of Archival Studies, broadly defined, and evidence of ability to excel as scholars and educators in the field. Applications are particularly encouraged from individuals who are of American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander heritage.

Applications will be ranked based on evidence of the applicant’s commitment to Archival Studies education, potential to make a strong scholarly contribution to the field, and commitment to diversity within Archival Studies education and scholarship. A minimum of two doctoral fellowships will be awarded for students who will be entering doctoral programs at participating programs in fall 2009.

In addition to the fellowships, a series of weeklong Archival Education and Research Institutes (AERI), planned for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, will bring together doctoral students and faculty from across the United States and worldwide. Limited scholarship funding will also be available for U.S. doctoral students wishing to attend the institutes. Further information about the fellowship and AERI may be found at aeri.gseis.ucla.edu/. Information about the SLIS Specialization in Archives and Records Administration can be found at www.slis.wisc.edu/academics/archives.html.

Beta Beta Epsilon Update

On Thursday, May 15, 2008, Beta Beta Epsilon (BBE) held its 24th annual Reception, Initiation, and Meeting at the Friederick Center along the shore of Lake Mendota, where we welcomed our newest members:

- Cynthia Bachhuber
- Elizabeth Bromley
- Laura Bronstad
- Anna Cianciara-Labourel
- Patricia Eschmann
- Eileen Harrington
- Nancy Kunde
- Alicia Jackson
- Kelly James
- Tracy Jordan
- Heather Klepitsch
- Todd Michelson-Ambelang
- Fumiko Osada
- Alexis Spry
- Jamey Stanosz
- James Staskowski
- Frances Veit
- Bradley Wiles
- Becky Yoose
- David Zwicky

Becky Yoose was named Outstanding Student Scholar of the Year, and Anna Cianciara-Labourel was honored as the recipient of the 2007-08 Jack A. Clarke Scholarship. A captivated audience listened to Professor Anne Lundin present her “Last Lecture: The Call of Stories.” Lundin shared her enthusiasm by speaking about the formative power of books. She said, “Stories call us to self-discovery,” and, “A book in the hand is a self in the making.”

New board members were also elected. Joining President Nikki Busch, Past President Anna Palmer, Treasurer Dee Grimsrud, and Vice-President for Membership Terry Ross, are: President Elect Leah Ujda, Vice President for Scholarship Judith Louer, and Secretary Claire Rasmussen. Christine Pawley is BBE’s new Faculty Adviser. Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and helped make it a success!

Mark your calendars now for BBE’s 25th Annual Meeting, which will take place on May 14, 2009 at the Pyle Center. Please consider helping us celebrate not only the academic accomplishments of our newest inductees, but also BBE’s great historic tradition.

To update your contact information to receive an invitation, contact vice president for membership Terry Ross at TDRoss@matcmadison.edu.
**Spectrum, LAMP, ISIP, AGEP, AOF: Diversity at SLIS**

Participation in an alphabet soup of diversity programs is providing funding and assistance of various kinds to SLIS students.

Two doctoral students, **Tammy Mays** and **Brenton Stewart**, have been fully-funded for two years by Spectrum doctoral fellowships, which they garnered in competition with students all over the United States.

**Omar Poler**, an incoming master’s student, has garnered an American Library Association master’s Spectrum Scholarship, a UW-Madison Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, and a scholarship from the Library and Information Studies Access Midwest Program (LAMP) for his two years of study. Other LAMP scholars are continuing student **Vanessa Martin**, and incoming students **Kristina Gomez** (also AOF), **Zachary Ott**, and **Roy Brooks**. These students participate in summer institutes designed to provide mentoring and connections during their schooling—and after. Summer internships are also available. LAMP is a collaborative program encompassing LIS programs and academic libraries in the upper Midwest. It is designed to introduce greater diversity into academic libraries. **Gabe Gossett**, a continuing student, is Louise Robbins’s project assistant for the LAMP program and will help to set up the coming summer’s institute in Chicago. Robbins and Gossett work in close cooperation with the project director at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Roy Brooks** is also a graduate of UW-Madison’s Information Services Internship Program (ISIP), a diversity program of the General Library System and currently is supported by a project assistantship to help manage ISIP. ISIP hires five or six students annually and provides exposure to a variety of library positions and activities in order to introduce them to the work done to in libraries. Another graduate of that program is enrolled in the San Jose State LIS program.

A number of other new and continuing students are also recipients of AOFs: doctoral student **Kate VoThi-Beard**; master’s students **Dolly Morse**, **Margaret (Moyer) Cruse**, **Elliot Polak**, and **Kimberly Williams**.

All of these students have benefited or will benefit from funding provided by the College of Letters & Science to SLIS and four other departments from a National Science Foundation program, the Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP). The funds are designed to support recruitment of minority graduate students and support for such activities as travel to conferences.

These programs supplement scarce funding for graduate study, making it possible for us to assist more students. Nevertheless, scholarship funding remains one of the biggest needs and highest priorities of the School.

**SLIS Finds International Partners**

SLIS is in the process of finalizing an exchange and cooperation agreement with National Taiwan University, where two of our graduates, **Chi-Shiou Lin** and **Su-May Chen**, teach. The original agreement, which awaits University approval, was signed by SLIS director **Louise Robbins** and NTU LIS chair **Clarence Tsa-Kang Chu** during Robbins’s and **Madge Klais’s** visit there in June.

In addition, SLIS is working with the Botswana National Library, the University of Botswana, and philanthropist Bob Rothschild to establish an internship assisting in the establishment of public library services to new libraries in Botswana. Stay tuned for more.
SLIS Library News

This fall much seems new at the Library with two new project assistants, our newly upgraded computer lab, and a new “face” to other areas of the library. Incoming doctoral students, Tien-I Tsai and Crystle Martin have joined the staff as Computer Lab and Public Services PAs. Thank you to Awa Zhu for helping with training before she left to be a teaching assistant this semester.

More big thanks to Greg Putnam and Jim Kalupa, our wonderful IT folk. With much hard work on their part, Greg’s successful lab upgrade grant turned into an expanded and improved instructional lab in time for orientation. Given ever expanding demands on the pool of monies for this kind of upgrade, it is harder and takes longer to be a grantee. Greg and Jim, who are housed with us, but have building level responsibilities through the HC White IT group (an IT support structure begun in the mid-1990s when Louise Robbins saw the growing need) did wonders to keep our old equipment functioning for us, but as those of you who graduated recently know—this update was really needed.

Because we increased the number of work stations in the lab we needed different tables. The old ones could be moved into the library, providing an affordable way to expand outlet access as we can power a row of tables from a single plug in. Of course nothing is ever that easy. Additional wiring and circuitry was necessary. But we’re closing in on having everything we need to have these tables “powered” and I hope very soon the most constant request from SLISers to the library won’t have to be “more outlets.”

While we were working on the facility we also finally got some more art up, thanks in part to the class of 2007, who left money that has been used to help buy frames. So thank you. And a special tip of the hat to those of you who graduated recently for equipment functioning for us, but as those of you who graduated recently know—this update was really needed.

“Please Do NOT reshelve—notices are not art.”

Louise Robbins donated the Women Environmentalists Quilt she won from the Wisconsin Women Library Workers 2005 raffle and that is recently hung here as well. It looks great! Now if we can do something about the aging and starting to fray upholstery on the furniture in the “comfy seating” area, the library will be quite refurbished.

If you have some energy and would be willing to help reinvigorate the Friends of the SLIS Library, please drop me an email. Historically this was a student group, and some students here are interested, but it needs a wider base. I could really use some help getting it relaunched this year. I know everyone is busy, but this could be fun. Really!

And yes, we are very busy here, but once again I find myself caught up in the excitement and hubbub of the start of the academic year. I hope your fall is as enjoyable.

— Michele Besant
SLIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Contributions Form: 2008

Jottings is sent to all alumni. The costs for producing, and mailing the newsletter are shared by the SLIS Alumni Association and the School. The association needs your support now more than ever to support its activities. Contributions to the Second Century Fund provide unrestricted support for the greatest needs. Your gifts to the scholarship program provide extremely important financial support for students. If you are considering a planned gift, please contact Louise S. Robbins at SLIS. Thank you for your support!

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Faculty and Staff News

■ Associate Professor Greg Downey’s new undergraduate course, “LIS 201: The information society,” got off to a rousing start with five graduate teaching assistants helping to manage nearly 200 students. The class won a special five-year funding grant from the University for its contribution to “Technology Enhanced Learning.” Downey and his students will use the latest “Web 2.0” techniques—including weblogs, wikis, and podcasting—to explore how information in all its forms has been tied to notions of democracy, capitalism, social justice, and “progress” in American history.

Downey also chairs the College of Letters & Sciences Curriculum Committee, with responsibility for reviewing and approving all new courses, course changes, and changes to majors among all the departments in the College, from Astronomy to Zoology.

■ Associate Professors Kristin Eschenfelder and Ethelene Whitmire have been invited to serve on the Editorial Board of Library Quarterly, beginning in 2009.

■ Allison G. Kaplan, Associate Faculty Associate, received a professional development grant to attend the 2008 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute in Salt Lake City, UT. In addition, her fall Children’s Services Class implemented the Allied Drive Story Time.

■ Associate Professor Kyung-Sun “Sunny” Kim is on sabbatical fall semester 2008, studying and doing research in Korea. She is co-author with doctoral student Sei-Ching Joanna Sin of “Use and non-use of public libraries in the information age: a logistic regression analysis of household characteristics and library services variables,” Library & Information Science Research (in press).

■ Assistant Professor Madge Hildebrandt Klais traveled to China and Taiwan with Louise Robbins in May and June. There, they spoke at a conference for rural librarians and teachers sponsored by the Evergreen Education Foundation. Last year’s visiting scholar, Hu Liyun, was also a conference speaker. With a change of plans to avoid the earthquake zone, they traveled with fellow conference attendees to sites in Shaanxi and Shanxi Provinces, including school and public libraries supported by the foundation.

They then spoke to classes at National Taiwan University as guests of SLIS doctoral grad and NTU faculty member Chi-Shiou Lin (PhD 2007). They also visited with Ming-Hsin Phoebe Chiu (PhD 2007) who teaches at National Taiwan Normal University. They were joined by Phoebe’s twin, Stella, a UW-Madison School of Education master’s graduate, who works at the Imperial Palace Museum. They also spoke to the class of another SLIS doctoral graduate Su-May Chen (PhD 1998).

■ Assistant Professor Steve Paling participated in a panel on information research in the arts and humanities at this year’s conference of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). He also organized a meeting of the Arts and Humanities Special Interest Groups (SIG-AH). The meeting was intended to revive the currently inactive group.

■ In June, Professor Christine Pawley attended the annual conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing in Oxford, UK. Pawley contributed to a panel titled “A Right to Read in Segregated America.” Her paper, titled “Building ‘A reliable source of information ... about the Negro:’ Resisting Racism at the Chicago Public Library,” reported on her research on the career of Vivian G. Harsh, director of CPL’s G.C. Hall Branch on Chicago’s South Side, and founder of the Vivian G. Harsh Collection of Afro-American History and Literature.

In September, she and Downey hosted a conference at UW-Madison on Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine and the Culture of Print, the latest of the conferences sponsored by the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America.

■ Professor Louise Robbins has completed a year of activity as co-chair of one of six teams working to develop a vision for the next University of Wisconsin Strategic Plan, part of the accreditation process for the UW. Paul Evans, director of Housing, was her co-chair. She will serve one last year as president of PROFS, Inc., the Public Representation Organization of Faculty Senate, and as a member of the board of the University Book Store. She has sent the manuscript of her book, Librarian Spies off to the publisher. With students Catherine Phan, Chelsea Couillard, and Christina Johnson, she presented at the 2008 Wisconsin Library Association conference.
Debra Shapiro (MA 1991), currently academic staff at SLIS, has been nominated to run for vice president/president elect of the ALA Division, LITA. The election will be held in spring 2009. Only LITA members are eligible to vote. For more information about LITA, see www.lita.org.


The Consumer Health Vocabulary Initiative’s Web site is www.consumerhealthvocab.org.

Assistant Professor Ciaran B. Trace’s article “Information Creation and the Notion of Membership,” *Journal of Documentation* 63 (1) (2007): 142-164, was selected as one of the Top 20 Library Instruction and Information Literacy articles by the American Library Association Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT). The article was reviewed by the Top 20 Committee of LIRT and selected from over 300 library instruction and information literacy articles published in 2007. Trace’s follow-up article to the *Journal of Documentation* piece has also just been published in *JASIST*: “Resistance and the Underlife: Informal Written Literacies and their Relationship to Human Information Behavior,” *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* 59 (10) (2008): 1540-1554.

Associate Professor Ethelene Whitmire will teach LIS 202, Information Divides and Differences in a Multicultural Society, in the spring. It is an undergraduate course that follows Downey’s LIS 201.

Peter Gottlieb, State Archivist and head of the Libraries and Archives Division of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Adjunct Associate Professor at SLIS, has been elected vice president of the Society of American Archivists. The candidate elected vice president serves a one-year term beginning in August 2008 and will then become SAA’s 65th president in 2009-2010.

Emeritus News

Barbara Arnold participated in the Wisconsin Libraries Future Summit in May, went to Seattle for the SLA Annual Conference in June, and then traveled to Michigan and Cape Cod to visit with family. In addition to COLAND, she continues to serve as a racial equity discussion facilitator for the YWCA and on the Friends of Madison Public Library Board.

Charles and Joanne Bunge continue to enjoy retirement. They are thankful for continued health and vigor sufficient to travel. Most recently they enjoyed a photo-safari to Tanzania and a great trip to Egypt. Both are active with volunteer work. Charles especially enjoys volunteering with the local Habitat for Humanity resale store. He also serves on the committee raising funds for furnishing and equipping the new Sequoya Branch Library, which promises to be a beautiful and functional facility. Charles extends greetings to all his former students and colleagues, many of whom seem to be retired or retiring these days, making him feel old indeed!

James Krikelas has just completed his term as president of the SLIS Alumni Association Board.

Anne Lundin is exploring her new life in retirement. This summer she took a poetry course at The Clearing in Door County. She spent several weeks with her daughter who lives in Berlin, Germany. Plans include participating in the UW Archives Oral History project as an interviewer (more stories!); attending book festivals here and in Austin, Texas; taking UW extension literature classes with Emily Auerbach; and spacious reading and writing.

Darlene Weingand and Roger Couture took a 14-day Alaskan cruise on the Tahitian Princess, followed by staying on board as it repositions and returns to Honolulu. Total time of cruising: 24 days.
SLIS Graduates Take on Association Leadership

James Rettig (1975) and Sari Feldman (1977) have begun major leadership roles.

Rettig became president of the American Library Association at the close of the 2008 Annual Conference. SLIS’s 2006 Distinguished Alumnus, Rettig is the University Librarian at the University of Richmond, Virginia, and the author of a number of books and columns on reference work. He has long been a leader in both the Association of College and Research Libraries and ALA.

Feldman, executive director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library, became vice president/president elect of the Public Library Association (PLA) in July 2008 and will assume the PLA presidency in July 2009 for a one-year term. A long-time member of PLA and ALA, she has served on numerous committees, including the PLA Board of Directors and the ALA Office for Literacy/Outreach Services Committee. She has co-authored several publications, including Learning Environments for Young Children and Serving Families and Children Through Partnerships. The recipient of numerous awards, Feldman was named a YWCA Woman of Achievement in 2005.

SLIS master’s students Catherine Phan, Chelsea Couillard, and Christina Johnson — now known to the staff of the Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) as the “Three C’s” — have responded to an invitation from NWLS and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Ojibwe) to do a community-based needs assessment for the dormant tribal library.

The three wrote a proposal to the Kauffman Entrepreneurship Community Internship Program to fund their work through the fall semester. They began their work in June with a series of trips to Red Cliff, which is located at the northern tip of Wisconsin, past Bayfield on Highway 2. The group’s goal is to work with the community to identify roles for the library that will be most helpful for the community and sustainable in terms of services and funding.

On August 19, they met with the Red Cliff Tribal Council and won a vote of support for the project. The October trip included a community dinner at which facilitators recruited by the team helped the trio to engage the community in a discussion of possible ways in which the library can support the aspirations of the Tribe. The group will present a report to the Tribe in February, and hopes to follow the assessment by providing information about funding sources.

SLIS Librarian Michele Besant and Louise Robbins are working with the students. The NWLS, especially its director Jim Trojanowski, is also assisting with information and logistical support.

Olive C. Koch-Rowe Fund

Olive C. Koch-Rowe completed her master’s degree at SLIS in 1967. At 57, she was justly proud of her accomplishment. When she died at the age of 97 in February, she remembered the School in her estate. The result is that returning Wisconsin resident students will in future years have support to achieve the same goal through the aptly named Olive C. Koch-Rowe Memorial Scholarship. We extend thanks to her sons, Ted Koch and Gary M. Koch as well as to Mrs. Rowe.
In Memoriam

Roy Mersky ’53 Centennial Distinguished Alumnus, was a giant in his field who made the University of Texas law library one of the best in the nation, friends and colleagues said. Along the way, he taught worldwide, wrote prolifically and compiled a résumé more than 40 pages long. “He was probably the most famous law librarian in the history of legal education,” said Larry Sager, dean of the University of Texas School of Law.

J Joseph Bauxar, MA ’58 passed away on April 22, 2008 at the age of 97. Following receipt of his MA, he was the Librarian in DeKalb, where he established the Library of Illinois at Rockford, Illinois from 1958 to 1964. In the fall of 1964 he began a new position as Archivist at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he established the Northern Illinois Archives. Mr. Bauxar retired from NIU in 1979.

Marge Christensen, BLS ’39 passed away on May 8, 2008. She was head of Memorial Reference for many years—an interesting, intelligent woman with an excellent sense of humor. She retired over 20 years ago and lived at Oakwood Village Retirement Community the last three years.


1960s

Marley Soper ’65 writes “I held a full-time secondary teacher/librarian position seven years prior to earning my MA in LS from UW. I received excellent preparation for my life work at SLIS. Attending only the summer school program and raising a family did not make a scholar of me and I certainly did not ace the exit exam! Dr. Monroe advised me that the university probably would not be recommending me for a position as a library director and that my best future might be in cataloging.” Nevertheless, Soper moved from school to academic librarian positions at Andrews University and in 1981, she accepted an offer by the president of the university to be the Library Director of the James White Library at Andrews University, a position she held for 12 years, while doubling as chair of the Library Science Department. From there, she became director of the Robert Williams Library of Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences where she served for 10 years before retiring. She automated both the AU and FHCHS libraries from card catalogs. In retirement she continues to teach for the FHCHS via the Internet from her home. “I just wanted to express my appreciation for a good education at SLIS and to encourage even those who struggle to raise family and funds while studying. It can be done.”

Nancy Meinel ’60 was hoping to visit the school library she started in 1965 at the Adoua Teacher Training Institute in Ethiopia in May. It would be her first trip back in 42 years.

Barbara Conaty ’69 will take up a new assignment within the Foreign Service this fall when she becomes American Corners coordinator for the Information Resources Office of the Bureau of International Information Programs. Her job title is Information Resource Officer, a term that describes librarians who travel worldwide visiting special libraries set up in 170 American embassies as well as more than 400 American Corners. An American Corner is a partnership between an American embassy and a host institution (often a library) where residents can find books and other library materials, view films, hear speakers from the USA, study English, apply to American colleges, and otherwise learn more about the USA. Visitors to Washington, D.C., can get her local picks by e-mailing her at conatybx@state.gov.

Kathleen Imhoff ’69 recently published a new book, Library Contests. She also was recently elected to the Standing Committee on Metropolitan Libraries of IFLA where she presented a paper at the mid-term meeting in Prague.

1970s

Jennifer Younger ’71, (PhD ’80) completed two terms on the Board of Directors of the Center for Research Libraries. In addition, she served as board secretary and member of the executive committee.

Sharon Elizabeth Wallace ’72 retired since ’88, was recently awarded Sedona, Arizona’s fourth annual prestigious Ruth K. Birkner Leadership Award for her “vision, enthusiasm, inspiration, mentorship, knowledge, focus on education, ability to communicate effectively, and willingness to share her time and talent with her community.” Her name and photo now appear on a plaque in the center of the Sedona Public Library.

After 32 years as a library media specialist and track and cross country coach at Appleton West High School, Claudine W. Happel ’73, in her third year of retirement, continues to enjoy subbing and volunteering in schools throughout the Appleton Area School District.

Kris Adams Wendt ’74 has retired from the Rhinelander District Library. During her 30 years with the library, she held various positions including library director.

Sarah Calcese ’77 retired from Wendt Library in August. After her graduation from SLIS, she spent most of her time in the UW-Madison campus libraries.

Libby Hamler-Dupras ’77 has served as the co-chair of the Beverly Cleary Children’s Choice Award (BCCA) Committee for the past four years. She had the honor of presenting the 2008 award to Irish children’s author, Eoin Colfer, for his book, The Legend of Captain Crow’s Teeth, at the Baghdad Café in Portland, Oregon in July. In addition, she has been the teacher-librarian at Myers Elementary School in Salem, Oregon for the past 18 years, and has served on numerous volunteer committees within the Oregon Association of School...
Libraries (OASL, formerly OEMA). She and her husband live in Dallas, Oregon, and have a 20-year-old daughter. She says that receiving her education at the UW-SLIS program was a truly rewarding experience.

1980s .................................


Gregor Trinkaus-Randall ’80, preservation specialist at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), is pleased to announce that the MBLC has been honored with the 2008 Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. The award is given jointly by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works and Heritage Preservation.

Clair Schulz ’80, a respected radio historian who formerly served as Archives Director of the Museum Broadcast Communications in Chicago, is the author of *Fibber McGee and Molly, On the Air 1935-1959*, published in July by BearManor Media.

Alberto Herrera, Jr. ’82, diversity services/reference librarian, Raynor Memorial Libraries at Marquette University, was a candidate for Wisconsin Library Association president. Results were not known at the time the newsletter was written.

Patricia Herrling ’84 retired after 23 years with the General Library System at UW-Madison. She was a reference and liaison librarian and served as instruction coordinator for Steenbock Library since the early 1990s. She also worked as the librarian for the Plant Pathology Library for many years. During her tenure, she ably led and served on numerous campus library committees and working groups and demonstrated a strong commitment to librarianship through her participation in professional organizations and mentoring of new instruction librarians.

Nicholas Goetzfridt (PhD ’86) is professor of Library Science and Micronesian Studies at the University of Guam. He recently published *Pacific Ethnomathematics* (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2008) and has previously published books through Greenwood Press on *Indigenous Navigation and Voyaging in the Pacific* (CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book List), *Indigenous Literature of Oceania*, and *Micronesian Histories*. He is close to finishing his longest work, *Guahan: A Bibliographic History*. Guahan is the indigenous name for Guam. He was also just awarded the University of Guam’s annual Excellance in Research Award for the second time and recently helped launch Guampedia (www.guampedia.com) on Guam’s history for which he has served as Editor-in-Chief and currently as its Humanities Scholar. Nick has also written and published on Pacific epistemological contexts and the associated assumptive nature of libraries in Micronesian societies. He knows no snow (the island’s temperature rarely falls below the mid-70s) and regularly paddles on a six-person outrigger canoe on the open ocean. He periodically sees dolphins and turtles but no sharks. Yet.

Peter Gilbert ’89, librarian at Lawrence University, and Nancy McClements (1977), head of reference at UW-Madison’s Memorial Library, were both candidates for posts on the WLA Foundation Board. Election results were pending at press time.

1990s .................................

Kate Bugher ’90 retired after 36 years in the library field. She was school library media consultant with the Instructional Media and Technology Team within the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI). Prior to her position at DPI, she spent seven years as school library media specialist at James Madison Memorial High School and nine years at Edgewood High School, both in Madison. She began her career after college at the Eau Claire Public Library before taking school library media positions with the Augusta and Eau Claire school districts. As school library media consultant, Kate supervised DPI’s research study of the impact of Wisconsin school library media programs on student achievement and communicated the study’s findings through state and national presentations and DPI publications. She was responsible for overseeing school library standards, staffing, certification and funding (Common School Fund) issues. Kate also worked closely with the DPI Reading First team to ensure school library collaboration with the grant school’s reading programs. She served as DPI liaison to the Wisconsin Education Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) for which she held many leadership positions, including president from 2004-2006.

John Leonard Berg ’92, senior academic librarian at UW-Platteville, wore his Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries T-shirt as he visited the famous library at Ephesus as part of a two-week trip to Turkey funded by a humanities grant.

Lynn Silipigni Connaway PhD ’92 presented with her co-authors at the ALA Library Research Forum last summer. Their paper was entitled, “I Find What I Need: Behaviors and Information Seeking Preferences of Non-Users of Virtual Reference.” Connaway is a researcher with OCLC.
Julie Schneider ’92, assistant director for Scholarly Communication, Ebling Library for the Health Sciences, UW-Madison, was a candidate for ALA Councilor for the WLA. Results were not known as we went to press.

Laura Olsen Dugan ’93 recently returned to the workforce after three delightful years as an at-home parent. She is in a knowledge management position with Quarles and Brady and loves being back in the law librarian community.

Gerri Wanserski ’93 retired from the UW-Health Sciences Library in early July. Gerri has been a reference and instruction librarian and liaison specialist in pharmaceutical and pharmacy resources since the late 1990s, and coordinated the former Pharmacy Library prior to the merger of health libraries.

David Atkins ’94 is currently the team leader with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Access and Delivery Services.

Virginia Woods Roberts ’94 is director of the Suttons Bay-Bingham, Michigan, District Library—“from the annually overflowing toilets to the fantastic turnout blockbuster summer reading program.”

In August, Valerie Carter-Brown ’95 became the new reference manager at the Waukegan Public Library in Waukegan, Illinois.

Gail Oosterhuis Henslin ’95 has started a newly created position in the UW-Madison Economics Department. She is the Career Development Coordinator/Alumni Relations.

Beth Lokken ’95 announced the birth of her second son, Henry Donald Lokken on October 20, 2007. He joins his 4-year-old brother Bjorn Richard and his Mom and Dad (Beth and Ric) in lovely Door County, where Beth just celebrated nine years as the youth services librarian.

Jen-Tai Tseng ’95 lives in Taipei, Taiwan, with his wife and two children. He currently works for Aegon Life Insurance. He joined Louise Robbins, Madge Klais, Madison graduates Chi-Shiou Lin (PhD), Phoebe and Stella Chiu (PhD), and Su May Chen (PhD) and incoming SLIS student Tien-I Tsai for dinner at Taipei 101.

Abigail Elder ’97 has accepted a position as director of Tualatin Public Library, located in a small suburb (population 26,000) southwest of Portland. The library just moved in to its new building last month; one of her first assignments will be to secure a vendor for the espresso stand (a tough task for a non-coffee drinker.)

Chris (Kief) Schladweller ’97 is still in NYC working for the Foundation Center. “I travel a lot because of my job (we have a network of nearly 400 Cooperating Collections—public and academic libraries, and nonprofit resource centers—nationwide that provide resources and training to nonprofits and others seeking funding from foundations). I hope that I will be able to make it back to Madison sometime in 2009.”


Peg Koller ’98 has been the school librarian at St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy since her graduation from SLIS.

Toni Samek (PhD ’98), recipient of the 2007 LJ teaching award, was one of the featured speakers at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in November.

2000s ...............................  

Erica Nutzman ’00 was just promoted to director of libraries for the Globe Education Network, a private career college system. She also has 14-month-old twins.

Lori Delaney ’01 is president of APLIC-I, the Association for Population/Family Planning Libraries and Information Centers-International until April 2009. She served as vice president in 2008 and planned APLIC-I’s 41st Annual Conference, held in April 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Nahyun Kwon (PhD ’02), recently tenured as an associate professor at the University of South Florida, is the author of “Critical Thinking Disposition and Library Anxiety: A Mixed Methods Investigation,” that appears in Information and Emotion a new entry into the ASIS&T monograph series.

Kristen (Steinle) Monroe ’02 is now living in Denver with her husband and two young children. She is a senior librarian with Denver Public Library.

Erin Meyer ’03 is getting settled in at Denver University. She is rejoining the SLIS doctoral program from a distance.

Cyndi Chappell ’04 is pleased to report that her efforts at SLIS have paid off. She has been working for the Johnson County Library in the Kansas City area for nearly three years. She began as assistant branch manager for the largest of the branches, and was promoted to manager one year ago.

John Cherney ’04 and Andrea Minniear ’03 were married in May 2008.

Ryan Engel ’04 is the special collections librarian at the Lawrence Jacobsen Library at UW-Madison. He returns to UW after having served as the librarian at the CNN Library in Atlanta.

Steve Meyer ’04 of Library Technology Group was named the 2008 Librarian of the Year (under 10 years) by his peers in the UW-Madison Librarians’ Assembly. The award, created in 1989, acknowledge exceptional contributions to the libraries. Two Librarian of the Year awards are given to unclassified staff members each spring to honor their contributions to the General Library System.

Todd Scudiere ’04 works as a cataloging librarian at the San Diego County
Alex Phelps ’06 was featured in the “What I Do” section of the Wisconsin State Journal on September 2, 2008. She did a great job of explaining the excitement of being a School Library Media Specialist.

Melissa Pond ’06 is a librarian at the Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake, Minnesota. She is still cited at SLIS for inventing the mythical town of Fargone, half way between Lake Woebegone and Fargo, which features in management case studies from time to time.

Elsworth Rockefeller ’06 writes, “I left my young adult services librarian position in New Jersey in July, and I am now chief of the Young Adult Services Division for the District of Columbia Public Library System. I continue to serve on YALSA’s Best Books for Young Adults Committee.”

Gabriel Angulo ’07 will return to Madrid, Spain, for a second year. Last year he held a Fulbright position and this coming year he holds the Endesa Scholarship, which provides a year’s internship at the State Archived Administration of Spain’s Ministry of Culture, where he will work on an Encoded Archival Description project. For six weeks during the summer of 2008, Angulo studied Biblical Hebrew in Jerusalem.

Adam Becker ’07 is the youth services librarian at the Pueblo of Pojoaque Public Library in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Patricia Eschmann ’07 has joined WLA as a part-time communications coordinator for the WLA Foundation. She will work with donors, with program promotion and the Campaign for Wisconsin’s Libraries.

Camilla Hansen ’07 is using her SLIS degree in the field of information technology. She works in Quality Assurance at Epic Systems in Madison.

Stephen Henry ’07 joined the University of Maryland Libraries as a music librarian in August 2007.

Tracy (Jordan) Moore ’07 is the youth services librarian at the Hawthorne Branch of the Madison Public Library.

Dan Malosh ’07 landed his first full-time gig at the Watertown Public Library. He is reference/technology resource coordinator. “The nutty thing is I never expected to work in a public library; I had been solely focusing on academic librarianship during my time at SLIS. What’s more, I never really wanted to work in reference. In fact, I only took Anne’s 571 and never thought I’d need to take more courses on the subject. You can only imagine the number of crash courses I have taken—sometimes on a daily basis—since I started this job!”

Emily Scharf ’07 is a reference and instruction librarian at southeast Missouri State University.

Nancy Scibelli ’07 has been an information specialist with Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee since August 2007.

Kimberly Thomas ’07 is currently on contract as an archivist at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

Lia Vellardita ’07 is the new half-time research intern for Library Instruction at Wendt Library. She did her LILI Field Project at Wendt in Spring 2007. Since earning her MA, Lia has worked at the Middleton Public Library and more recently for WCATY, the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, where she was a media and resources librarian and program director for an online instruction program.

Gwen Verkuilen ’07 is the assistant head of reference and instructional services at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Jesse Verstermark ’07 a former cataloging field study student at the Silver Buckle Press has received the 2008-09 Kress Fellowship in Art Librarianship at Yale University. Verstermark earned an MFA from the UW-Madison Art Department and then completed his MA from SLIS in May 2007.
Becky Canovan ’08 is a reference and instruction librarian at the University of Dubuque.

Anna Cianciara-Labourel ’08 joined Bloomberg LLP in Princeton, New Jersey as a content indexing data analyst.

Stephanie Harris ’08 is the new research intern in access services at UW-Madison’s Memorial Library, where she will split her time between access services and working reference at College Library.

Danika Morphew-Tarbuck ’08 is the Web 2.0 content producer for TeachingBooks.net in Madison.

Fumiko Osada ’08 recently started working as a children’s librarian in San Diego County.

Casey Petersen ’08 is working just down the street from SLIS at St. Mary’s Hospital as the consumer health librarian. She would like to stay involved with SLIS and has already been in contact with Cat Smith about hosting a practicum student for the Consumer Health Info class.

Frances Veit ’08 is librarian of the early childhood resource library of Resources for Child Caring, a large nonprofit that operates in the seven-county metro area of Minneapolis and St. Paul, doing things like child care training and grants administration. She also manages the bookstore and has recently begun to take on the role of tracking, compiling, and organizing agency data—“interesting and rewarding, but I’m starting to wish I’d taken the database class.” The work with the logic model in management has already proven useful, she says.

Brad Wiles ’08 recently started as the manuscripts archivist at Hill Special Collections Library at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Becky Yoose ’08 is a bibliographic systems librarian at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Dave Zwicky ’08 has been selected to be one of 2008-10’s North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries fellows, a highly competitive program that develops future leaders for academic libraries. NCSU fellows are appointed to two-year terms as members of the library faculty, combining a project assignment on an initiative of strategic importance with a half-time appointment in a home department. Zwicky’s home assignment will be with the NCSU Textiles Library serving textiles and engineering students. He will use his digital library skills on his project, Data Repository Development, in Digital Library Initiatives.

Current Students ......................

Continuing student David Mindel did an internship at American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in summer 2008.


Doctoral student Sei-Ching Joanna Sin is first author with Associate Professor Sunny Kim of “Use and non-use of public libraries in the information age: a logistic regression analysis of household characteristics and library services variables,” Library & Information Science Research (in press).

Sin also presented her research paper, “Disparities in public libraries’ service levels based on neighborhood income and urbanization levels: a nationwide study,” at the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, this October.

SLIS doctoral students Sharon McQueen and Awa Zhu recently won honors from the ALA’s Library Research Round Table (LRRT). The winners presented their papers at a forum session at the ALA Annual conference. Awa Zhu was a winner of the LRRT graduate student research paper competition:'

Social Construction of Authorized Users in the Digital Age.

Sharon McQueen has won the 2008 LRRT Shera Award for Support of Dissertation Research for “The Story of ‘Ferdinand’: The Creation of a Cultural Icon.”

At the ALA conference in June, master’s student Brad Reel presented his paper “Cultural Amenities, Wholesome Alternatives: Libraries and Reading Rooms of America’s Western Railroads” during the Library History Round Table’s Research Forum. He was one of three library historians whose papers were selected for presentation on varying historical aspects of libraries and library development in the West, followed by commentary and reaction by an accomplished historian in the field.

Lisa Muccigrosso, Sharon McQueen, and Richard Wambold received grants from the Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries for tuition and partial reimbursement of travel and lodging expenses to attend the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia. McQueen took Introduction to the History of Illustration, taught by Erin Blake, Curator of Art and Special Collections at the Folger Shakespeare Library, which ties in with her dissertation study of the iconography of The Story of Ferdinand. Wambold and Muccigrosso both enjoyed the course, The History of the Book, 200-2000, taught by John Bachtel and Mark Dimunation. Dimunation is chief of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress. Thanks to the Friends of the UW Libraries, who encourage applications from other SLIS students as well.

Alyson Williams, incoming master’s student who took Libraries and the Global Knowledge Society, followed up her group project with a trip to El Ciruelo, Mexico, in August to help determine whether the Tercera Raiz library would be an appropriate site for ongoing SLIS service learning projects.
Continuing Education News

Continuing Education Services (CES) hosted Back in Circulation Again on September 26 and 27. This was the fifth biannual circulation conference held in Madison. Over 100 circulation managers and staff members from 22 states attended sessions on topics such as customer service, Web-based training, circulation in the digital age, statewide circulation systems, and staff engagement. The next circulation conference will be held during fall 2010.

Help for Tight Budgets
If your travel and training dollars are dwindling, CES has developed a new training tool to address tight budgets. “In-Service in a Box” is a series of DVDs designed for libraries to use for staff development days and outreach opportunities. The first DVD, Masters of Storytime: A Collection of Early Literacy Techniques, teaches library staff and day care providers to incorporate early literacy skills into their children’s programming. It was distributed free to all Wisconsin public libraries in November 2007 and is also available for purchase. The Power of Booktalking is the second DVD in the series and it demonstrates how to plan, perform, and perfect booktalks for children and adults. It features alumni from the past four decades! Madge Klais (1972), Stacey Pipson (1996), Teresa Voss (2002), Julie Weis (1998), Kathleen T. Horning (1982), Megan Schliesman (1992), and Tessa Michaelson (2005) all contributed. This latest DVD will be finished and available for purchase in November 2008. Future DVDs in the series may focus on management or customer service. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of either DVD, contact Susan Santner, sbsantner@wisc.edu.

New continuing education online courses are added to the CES schedule each semester and may be viewed by visiting www.slis.wisc.edu/continueed. Think of CES to keep current!

Librarians’ Tour to Scotland
2009 marks the 20th anniversary of our study tour program! Jane Pearlmutter led the first Librarians’ Tour to Scotland in 1989, and will take a group again in June of 2009 as she makes her 16th trip to Scotland. Our study tours offer library personnel and their friends and families an opportunity to travel with a small, compatible group, meet colleagues abroad, and visit many scenic and historic places. This year’s tour is tentatively set for June 13-23. To receive an itinerary and information/registration packet, contact SLIS Associate Director Jane Pearlmutter, (608) 262-6398, email: jpearlmu@wisc.edu.