SLIS Network

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

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

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

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

Indiana University will honor the School of Informatics and Computing with a celebration of its inauguration in fall 2013. We will look for opportunities to introduce the dean of the new school, Bobby Schnabel, to SLIS alumni and friends as the merger moves forward. Please stay in touch for details on how you can be involved.
There is big news taking shape about the future of the School of Library and Information Science. Over the next year, SLIS will be mapping out plans for a merger with the School of Informatics, on the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses. This sort of union has been under discussion in a variety of forms, for a decade at least. SLIS has a lot to offer Informatics students and I think that the proposal that is taking shape now is an intelligent response to the history of library and information science at IU, as well as a good foundation for the next generations of librarians and archivists.

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

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

There should also be a sense of homecoming in the proposed merger. Indiana is the only university with two campuses. This sort of union has been under discussion in a variety of forms, for a decade at least. SLIS has a lot to offer Informatics students and I think that the proposal that is taking shape now is an intelligent response to the history of library and information science at IU, as well as a good foundation for the next generations of librarians and archivists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explore the SLIS Website:

We launched a new system-wide website this summer. The site has a section for SLIS Alumni, which includes past issues of SLIS Network:

www.slis.indiana.edu/alumni
AL A Student Chapter Receives National Chapter of the Year Runner-Up at SLIS Bloomington:

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

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

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

This student chapter won the National Chapter of the Year in 2011 and in 2005. They also received the National Chapter of the Year Runner-Up recognition in 2006. Their contributions to student life and professional development at SLIS have been significant.

Explore the New Student Study Space at SLIS IUPUI:

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

Distinguished Alumni Award:

At the annual SLIS alumni reception held during the American Library Association Annual Conference, the SLIS Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Kathleen "Kathy" Crimans, MLS'74 by Jacob Nadal (SLIS Alumni Board President.) Approximately 80 SLIS graduates, family, and friends attended the reception, held at the Disney Californian Resort Hotel in Anaheim on June 24, 2012.

In her acceptance speech Kathy remarked:

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

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

Why Merge SLIS and SoI?

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

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

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

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

Hanging one school that encompasses all the current SLIS and Informatics programs will promote their continuing evolution. This may become a model for library and information science programs over the next one to two decades.
Indiana University has fostered intellectual creativity and collaboration since its earliest days. IU has worked to prepare students for interesting careers that address the changing needs in our world. SLIS has been a key partner in such engagement. This atmosphere led to the founding of the School of Informatics in 2000, and the subsequent development of shared research projects.

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

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

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

Synergy:

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

Synergy:

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

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

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

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

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

1960s

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

He looks forward to spending time travelling with Loretta, his wife of nearly 44 years, and spending time with his four grandchildren.

1970s

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

Martha A. Harsanyi, MLS’76, SplS’93, retired from IU Bloomington Libraries in May. She began her career at the Kinsey Institute, where she was in charge of the film and photograph collection for five years. From there she moved to IU’s Audio-Visual Center, one of the nation’s oldest and largest university-based film/video rental centers, where she provided reference service to customers all over the country as well as to IUB faculty. In 2006, when the Audio-Visual Center ceased operations, she moved to Media and Reserve Services in the Wells Library, along with 7,000 videos and 48,000 reels of film. Harsanyi helped to merge these materials with the Libraries’ holdings, forming the bulk of the new IU Libraries Film Archive. Harsanyi received the Libraries’ “Attitude Masters” award in 2008 and the “Angel Award” in 2010.

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

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

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

1980s

Larry R. Baerveldt, BA’83, MLS’85, is a systems engineer with ByWare Solutions, a company that offers customized hosting, data migration, configuration, installation, training, support, and development of open-source library systems. He is in charge of optimizing ByWare’s hosting platforms and maximizing system performance for both their hosted and non-hosted customer installations. Baerveldt has provided IT services to special, public, and academic libraries for more than 25 years, and most recently served as systems administrator for an academic consortia of 22 libraries. He is a specialist in server administration, open-source software, and applications support.

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

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

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

1990s

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

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

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

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

Blanche Woolis (MA’62, Ph.D.’73) recalls:

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

Photo: McKinley Fountain in front of the former Education Building which housed SLIS courses c. 1951-1969.
In August 2010, and to create new spaces for students, make library resources more accessible, academic libraries more relevant in the as a national leader in the quest to make Massachusetts, Amherst, before mov-

In March, Chicago's DePaul University Marquette. Peters lives in campus as a volunteer in the Central was named professor emeritus of library cataloger at Northern Michigan Univer-

Jennifer L. Riley, MA’00, MLS’03, is Head of the Carolina Digital Library and Archives at the University of North Caro-

Michael R. Ellis, BA’05, MLS’09, has accepted a position in the Duggan Library at Hanover College as the access ser-

Juliet L. Hardesty, BA’97, MA’99, MLS’06, has been named metadata analy-

Yan He, MLS’06, is information literacy librarian at IU Kokomo. She was most recent reference librarian at George-

Kimberly Lesley, BFA’05, MLS’09, works for the Smithsonian American Art Museum National Portrait Gal-

Patricia L. Wellinger has been appointed to the 2012–13 reference services coordinator at the Lilly Library, Indiana University Bloomington.

Sarah B. Gilchrist, MLS’12, has joined the staff of the Indiana University Bloomington Law Library as an educational tech-

Laura Jones, MLS’12, is the children’s librarian at the Argos Public Library in Ar-

Benjamin E. Neal, MLS’11, is assistant branch manager of Sullivan County Public Library in Blountsville, Tenn.

Cara B. Stone, MLS’11, is the faculty development and instruction librarian at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. She works with faculty, collaboratively designing instruction sessions and assignments to meet Ac-

R. Joseph Sleen, MLS’10 is director of the Farmland (Ind.) Public Library.

Denise M. Smith, BGS’02, MLS’11, is the technical services librarian at the Learning Resource Center at Alabama A&M University.

Elizabeth N. Johnson, MLS’11, is the librarian at the International Business College/VesTech Institute of Indianapolis.

Cassandra J. Thompson, BS’06, MLS’12, is the director of the Westfield (Ind.) County Public Library. She previously spent four years working at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

R. Joseph Sleen, MLS’10, is the director of, the Deckler Library at the Maryland Insti-

Anthony M. White, MLS’03, is director of the Deckler Library at the Maryland Insti-

Andrew H. and Janie Duggan Nealon of River Campus Libraries at the Uni-

Virginia E. Dearborn, MLS’07, has accepted the position of information service-

Karen (Mathia), BS’98, MLS’05 is a librarian at Cheyenne East High School.

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

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In Memory:

Gary Harrison, SLIS Adjunct Faculty Member and Collections Conservator for the Indiana University Libraries died on September 4, 2012. He will be missed. He regularly taught a SLIS Summer Workshop Circulating Collections Conservation that was popular with students. (He was also a fiddle player - a passion he shared with family members.)
Help future SLIS students “Explore the Path to their Future”.

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SLIS Alumni: What’s new with you?

Your news (Attach additional pages if necessary.): ___________________

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