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I was rooting around in my personal archive (a chaotic pile of papers in a capacious office drawer, if the truth be told) and found a letter that I had written in January 1991, a few months before I first arrived in Bloomington, to then Chancellor Ken Gros Louis, in which I asserted that “our primary objective must be to strengthen SLIS’s research base, raise the research profile and gradually establish a leadership position in a number of areas.” It’s the sort of gung-ho statement any incoming dean would be likely to make, and many no doubt have, but it is nonetheless satisfying to see how that goal has been achieved over time.

SLIS is a modestly sized enterprise but my colleagues are remarkably productive individuals, whose research is not just wide-ranging (covering, inter alia, information retrieval, visualization, bibliometrics, computer mediated communication, folksonomies, performance evaluation, virtual reference, social informatics, critical theory, and library history) but also influential. Their work is widely read, highly cited and included on course syllabi around the globe.

Over the last decade the School has said goodbye to some of its most valued and visible scholars (Stephen Harter, Rob Kling and Yvonne Rogers to name but three) while welcoming a number of new faces whose innovative research and creative activities continue to attract acclaim and extramural support. Susan Herring, for instance, has been a pioneer in the application of socio-linguistic techniques to the world of computer-mediated communication. Katy Börner has emerged as a leading light in the development of tools and techniques for mapping the evolution of knowledge domains, in the process securing a steady stream of funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Hamid Ekbia’s first book, Artificial Dreams: The Quest for Non-biological Intelligence, was recently published by Cambridge University Press and Jean Preer’s Library Ethics won the 2009 Greenwood Publishing Group Award for the Best Book in Library Literature.

Although my colleagues are all active scholars, I see no evidence whatsoever that they shirk their teaching duties; far from it. As I have said many times, it is not a matter of teaching vs. research. Research informs teaching, ensuring that students are exposed to rigorous and up-to-date thinking. All things being equal, who would not prefer to take a course taught by a professor with an active research agenda, one that relates to the material covered in the classroom? To be sure, not all research matters, not all papers are read, and not all of us can be world-class scholars; SLIS, after all, is not Lake Wobegon. But as you turn the pages of this issue of SLIS Network I am sure you will be impressed by the rich variety of research and scholarship undertaken on both the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses. Not a day goes by when I don’t learn something new reading what my colleagues have written or listening to them talk about their current projects. The same is surely true for our students, only much more so.
Alumni Board News

Letter from Jerome Conley

As you know, our nation, communities, university and profession are in the midst of a budget crisis of unseen proportions which has led to the closing of libraries, the reduction of staff or the elimination of library services across the nation. Times are tough.

However, it is important to keep in mind that this crisis doesn’t have to define who we are and what we do. We must remember the immortal words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his first inaugural address to the nation, “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”.

SLIS alumni are willing and poised to confront these challenges head-on without fear. Our profession has weathered other tough times in the past and yet we’ve always maintained the same level of excellence that is expected of us by patrons. The key part of this excellence is the invaluable work of the alumni in our august ranks such as you, the professionals who deal day in and day out with people who have come to expect outstanding service from us, whether said patron is a student, staff, faculty or community member, trustee or corporate colleague. We are a noble and proud profession.

So, while some of you might be discouraged right now by what’s happening with the country, and rightly so, it is important to know that your fellow SLIS alumni “have your back”. We are all part of the Hoosier family. We must use this difficult time to show empathy and sympathy to our colleagues who are adversely affected by the current economic conditions of the nation. We can’t leave anyone behind, and each of us needs to play our own big role. Yogi Berra once said “When you’re part of a team, you stand up for your teammates. Your loyalty is to them. You protect them through good and bad, because they’d do the same for you”. As your SLIS president, I want you to know that these words ring especially true for your SLIS Alumni Board’s vision for this organization. We will use our upcoming Executive Board meeting to identify possible ways to help out those alumni colleagues impacted by the current conditions and set a course that affords us with ways to weather this climate.

Now, I can’t be completely optimistic and sunny. We still have some difficulties ahead. We will undoubtedly face unprecedented challenges, in an evolving environment that we will have to adapt ourselves to. However, this will also give us an opportunity to do new things, become more flexible, viewing these events as situations that will make us better rather than threats that will hurt us. We will come to a time when what we do may not be enough, when we have to go the extra mile to make our patrons’ experience even more memorable, more enriching, more unforgettable. You are a special group of people because you are Hoosiers... and I know that you can do this without any problems.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to serve as your president. I wish the new president and her Executive Board only the best in the coming year.

Upcoming Alumni Events

April
April 18: Indianapolis, Indiana. ARLIS, Marriott Downtown, 8:00-10:00pm. National conference, partial sponsorship of the Indiana University reception in honor of BJ Irvine.

May
May 17: Honolulu, Hawaii. MLA, Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort, 6:00-7:00pm. Joint alumni reception at the MLA conference.

June
June 15: Washington, D.C. SLA, (place to be announced), 6:00-7:30pm. Joint alumni reception during SLA conference.

July
July 12: Chicago, Illinois. ALA, (place to be announced), 5:30-7:30pm. SLIS Alumni reception; also, SLIS Indiana University is sponsoring an exhibit booth (Booth # 3753) during the ALA conference. Please stop by and visit us.


October
October 18-20: Fort Wayne, Indiana. ILF. Indiana alumni reception, date, time and place to be announced.

November
November 9: Vancouver, British Columbia. ASIST, Hyatt Regency Vancouver, 6:30-8:00pm. Joint alumni reception during ASIST conference.
Remembering SLIS Alumni Board Member Phil Young (1953-2009)

SLIS Alumni Board member Phil Young passed away in early January. In addition to serving as a board member, Young was also an adjunct professor at the School of Library and Information Science at IUPUI. In his career Young played an active role in libraries, serving as director of a public library, as well as having a membership in the American Library Association (ALA).

The following is Young’s obituary from IndyStar.com.


“Philip Howard Young, 55, of Greenwood, died on January 7th, 2009 at his home. He was born on October 7, 1953 in Ithaca, New York to Charles R. and Betty I. Young. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and received his Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master in Library Science degree from Indiana University. He married Nancy Ann Stutsman in 1979 and they shared 30 wonderful years together as best friends and loving partners. He began his academic career teaching history at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC from 1979 to 1982. He served as the Director of the Krannert Memorial Library at the University of Indianapolis since 1985, where he also held academic appointments in the Departments of Anthropology and History. He was familiar to local TV viewers since the early 1990’s as the judge of WTHR’s weekly high school academic competition, Brain Game, where he was dubbed “Dr. Phil.” During his academic career, he taught classes in classical archaeology, ancient history and was known as an enthusiastic and engaging professor. He also taught at the School of Library and Information Science at IUPUI as an adjunct professor.

He had archaeological field work experience in England, Greece, France, Cyprus, and Virginia and was Director of the University’s Archaeological Field School in Cyprus from 1997-1999. He authored numerous books and articles and served as consultant and reviewer for the University of Indianapolis Press. He was a member of professional organizations, including: the American Library Association, the American Institute of Archaeology, the Association of College & Research Libraries, Educause, and the Indianapolis Literary Society. He served on the board of the PALNI, a consortium of academic libraries in private Indiana colleges and universities and on the board of the Indiana Alumni Association for the I.U. School of Library and Information Science. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his sister, Janet Long of Henderson, NC and his parents, Charles and Betty Young of Durham, NC. A memorial service will be held at the Christel DeHann Fine Arts Center at the University of Indianapolis on Tuesday, January 13th at 4 PM. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made in Philip’s honor to the “Krannert Memorial Library Renovation Project” in care of James Smith, VP for Advancement, University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227. “

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Phil Young
Deceased, January 2009
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Rachel Applegate, assistant professor, acted as an outside evaluator at the fall meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Library Staff Certification Project (ALA-APA). She published “Bridging the Gap in Digital Library Continuing Education: How Librarians Who Were Not Born Digital Are Keeping Up” (with C. Long) in Library Administration and Management 22(4).

Mary Ball, assistant professor, attended the Broadband Strategy Advisor Project Meeting at the ALS Office for Information Technology Policy in Washington, D.C.

Katy Börner, Victor H. Yngve Associate Professor of Information Science, attended the Science of Science Policy Workshop at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., the Workshop on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the National Science Foundation Federal Funds Survey at the Keck Center in Washington, D.C. and the SNAP: Systematic Network Analysis of Pathophysiology NIH Roadmap Workshop in Bethesda, MD. She was invited to talk at the third annual iFQ Conference at the Center of Advanced European Studies and Research and presented at The Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance, both in Bonn, Germany. She was also invited to talk at various locations including: the Science of Management Meeting at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD; Science in the 21st Century at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, Ontario; the National Research Council in Ottawa, Ontario; and the Institute of Cognitive Sciences at the Université du Québec, Montreal.

JASIST & SLIS

Dean Blaise Cronin was appointed the new Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST), effective January 1, 2009, the 60th year of its publication. Dr. Cronin has been Editor of ASIS&T’s Annual Review of Information Science and Technology since 2001. Commenting on his appointment, Dr. Cronin said, “JASIST is the preeminent journal of its kind in the world, and the enduring record of our field’s intellectual focus and evolution. The institutional, geographic and disciplinary affiliations of contributing authors are more varied than ever, reflecting the internationalizing of interest in information science and also the perceived attractiveness of JASIST as a publication outlet of first, not last, resort. In short, the maturation of our field, both scholastically and professionally, is mirrored in the pages of the journal.” SLIS faculty members Debora Shaw (Associate Editor), and Lokman Meho (Associate Editor, Book Reviews) are now also actively involved in the journal.

In Dr. Cronin’s inaugural editorial “Introduction: Changing of the Guard” he wrote: “The challenge for JASIST, both now and in the future, will be to maintain a balance between the known and the novel, the canonical and the emergent...In an age of inbuilt obsolescence and warp speed, it is reassuring to know that some things perdure. [JASIST]...is a case in point.” More of his remarks can be read at JASIST, 60(1), 2009, 1-2.

Blaise Cronin, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science and Rudy Professor of Information Science, is the newly appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (see left). He attended the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH and was also a visiting professor at Napier University in Edinburgh and the University of Brighton. He has published numerous papers, including: the “Introduction” in the Annual Review of Information Science and Tech-
Ron Day, associate professor, attended the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH. He also taught a seminar in Estonia on knowledge management (see below).

Ying Ding, assistant professor, gave a talk entitled “Modeling Social Tagging: Upper Tag Ontology (UTO)” at the 4th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium in Columbus, OH. She presented “Semantic Web Application: Music Retrieval” at the Networks and Complex Systems series here at SLIS. Ding also spoke as part of the Digital Library Brown Bag Talk Series at SLIS with a talk entitled, “The Semantic Web: Past, Now, Future”.

Hamid Ekbia, associate professor, served as moderator on the panel “Geographies of Information” at the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH. Ekbia was also a presenter at the ASIS&T conference. His talk was entitled “Information Spaces” and focused on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in both research and private spheres (with J. Xia, M. Buckland, M. Gluck, and R. Larson). He gave a doctoral seminar in cognitive science at the Computer Science Department of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, School of Engineering in Iran (see page 8). He also participated in GIS Day at IU with Jingfeng Xia (see page 11).

Noriko Hara, associate professor, attended the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH. She published the book Communities of Practice: Fostering Peer-to-Peer Learning and Informal Knowledge Sharing in the Work Place (see pgs. 8-9) and presented the article “Collaborative Mass Knowledge Production Online” at the Annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science in Rotterdam, Netherlands (with P. Shachaf). She published the article “Revisiting the Conceptualization...” in... technology 43(518), “Applying the Author Affiliation Index to Library and Information Science Journals” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology 59(11) (with L. Meho), “The Sociological Turn in Information Science” in the Journal of Information Science 34(4), and “Toward a Rhopography of Scholarly Communication” in Studia Humaniora Oulensia 8(37). He continues as the editor of the Annual Review of Information Science and Technology.

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Foundations of Knowledge Management Seminar Taught in Estonia

Global connections are important to SLIS faculty. Ron Day recently returned from Estonia, where he taught a seminar course on “The Cultural, Social, and Theoretical Foundations of Knowledge Management” (May 12-23, 2008).

The course was held at Tallinn University, and was a part of the European Commission’s Erasmus Mundus program’s Digital Library Learning (DILL) Masters degree program. The DILL program is a program shared by Parma University (Italy), Oslo University (Norway) and Tallinn University (Estonia). Students spend a semester at each university and then one semester at any of the three host institutions while writing their Masters’ theses.

The Erasmus Mundus program is a European program that fully funds non-Europeans to travel to and take classes at European Commission host universities and funds non-Europeans to teach there, as well.

Day noted via email: “One of our new SLIS doctoral students is a former Erasmus Mundus student... At the center of the photo, left to right, is me, the director of the DILL program at Tallinn University, Professor Sirje Virkus, and Mike Koenig of Long Island University, the other invited lecturer in Knowledge Management for these two weeks. There are 19 students in this cohort from 17 different countries across the globe. Tallinn is a very pleasant small city in a small Baltic country. While it may be considered Scandinavian, it has a more distinctly continental European sensibility and, more distantly, a hint of its recent Soviet occupied past.

The country has much to recommend it, the students in this cohort were excellent, and Professor Virkus was an outstanding hostess to us and is an excellent and caring administrator of this program and the students and visiting faculty.”
Hamid Ekbia returned to Iran this summer to teach a Doctoral Seminar in Cognitive Science at the Computer Science Department, School of Engineering, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad from July 5-17, 2008. He gave details in an email interview:

“This is an official course that I teach as a visiting professor every summer. I’ve done it for two years now (previously I taught a different course on Social Informatics for the same school). But they asked me to teach cognitive science to their doctoral students (most of whom are very bright and passionate, by the way). The intention is to turn this into a doctoral minor in cognitive science. We’re still working on this aspect.

In addition to the doctoral students who are officially enrolled in the course, I usually get on the average 20 other grad and undergrad students who just come and sit in. The fact that this happens in the middle of the summer when the university is closed shows the degree of interest and appreciation that these students have for the topic, and this is the main reason why I do this — I really enjoy interacting with these very motivated, thoughtful, and curious group of students.

Ferdowsi University is one of the largest and oldest institutions of higher education in Iran, named after the great epic Persian poet of the 10th century, Ferdowsi Toosi, who is also buried in Toos, near my hometown of Mashhad.”
Associate Dean and associate professor, gave a keynote address “Social Aspects of Digital Libraries” at the International Symposium on Social Aspects of Digital Library and Information Seeking at the National Taiwan University. He was the co-organizer of the 4th annual Social Informatics Research Symposium at the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH.

Pnina Shachaf, assistant professor, published “Bibliometric Analysis to Identify Core Reference Sources of Virtual Reference Transactions” 30(4) (with D. Shaw) and “Virtual Reference Service Evaluation: Adherence to RUSA Behavioral Guidelines and IFLA Digital Reference Guidelines” 30(2).

Alice Robbin, associate professor, published “Internet Information and Communication Behavior During a Political Moment: The Iraq War, March 2003” 59(14) (with SLIS doctoral student W. Buente) and “Trends in Internet Information Behavior, 2000-2004” 59(11) (with W. Buente, 1st author), both in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology. She also gave a research seminar presentation at the University of Marne-la-Vallee titled “Information and Communication Behavior at a Political Moment: The Iraq War, March 2003” and the keynote address at the ICTs and Society Network Launch Meeting at the University of Salzburg in Austria.

Howard Rosenbaum, Associate Dean and associate professor, gave a keynote address “Social Aspects of Digital Libraries” at the International Symposium on Social Aspects of Digital Library and Information Seeking at the National Taiwan University. He was the co-organizer of the 4th annual Social Informatics Research Symposium at the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH.

Katherine Schilling, assistant professor, was appointed Associate Editor of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA).

Lokman Meho, associate professor, published “Citation Counting, Citation Ranking, and H-index of Human-Computer Interaction Researchers: A Comparison Between Scopus and Web of Science” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology 59(11) (with B. Cronin). He also was appointed Associate Editor and Head of Book Reviews for JASIST (see pg. 6).

Jean Preer, assistant professor, attended the Moi University Steering Committee Meeting in Eldoret, Kenya and the Indiana State Librarians Leading in Diversity Fellowships Advisory Committee Meeting. She attended the IMCPL Foundation Indiana Authors Prize Advisory Committee Meeting and the Meeting of the Indiana State Library Task Force/Advisory Council for the IMLS grant, Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity in Indianapolis. She also published the book Library Ethics (see pg. 11).

Book Published
“Fostering Peer-to-Peer Learning and Informal Knowledge Sharing in the Workplace” is the sub-title of Noriko Hara’s new book “Communities of Practice.” The book is Volume 13 of the series Information Science and Knowledge Management, and is available through Springer.

From the Springer website: “The book offers two themes: one is about Communities of Practice (CoPs) and learning, the other is about social informatics approaches. First, in order to facilitate designing effective learning environments both online and offline, this book calls attention to the importance of CoPs to facilitate informal learning as part of professional development. Communities of Practice are informal networks that support a group of practitioners to develop a shared meaning and engage in knowledge building among the members. The concept of CoPs is rooted in situated cognition (Brown, Collins, & Duguid, 1989; Lave, 1988) and the socio-cultural theory (Vygotsky, 1978). The book examines how people share and construct their knowledge by using case studies of public defenders’ offices. Despite strong interests among practitioners and scholars, empirical studies of CoPs are sparse. Drawing on theories from situated cognition and social informatics, this book investigates what constitutes a community of practice and how members of the community create a shared meaning in workplaces with and without IT.”

Information Science and Technology 59(11) (with Informatics Visiting Professor Y. Rogers, Open University, U.K.) and “Applying the Author Affiliation Index to Library and Information Science Journals” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology 59(11) (with B. Cronin). He also was appointed Associate Editor and Head of Book Reviews for JASIST (see pg. 6).
Marilyn Irwin, Associate Dean - SLIS Indianapolis, was the mentor for one of the American Library Association's (ALA) Emerging Leaders Teams - Team X. The team’s project was to “assist ASCLA in planning and promoting the release of an ‘accessibility toolkit’ of fifteen pamphlets that provide information on different aspects of accessibility, as well as an Electronic Accessibility Checklist. The subjects of the pamphlets included developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, service animals, vision, mental illness, physical disabilities, and more.”

Irwin discussed this successful ALA program:

“Each of the teams was asked to set up a poster session for their projects. The posters were presented at a reception at the ALA Conference in Anaheim on Friday, June 27, 2008. I attended the reception and can say that the presentations were very professional and there was evidence of a lot of very hard work.

My specific knowledge is of the work of Team X. They completed a phenomenal marketing plan project for some materials on accessibility developed by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of ALA. It is particularly noteworthy to add that this was not their original project. They signed on to assess the accessibility of the ALA website; however, a new site is under development and they couldn’t get access to enough of the information to do a comprehensive assessment. The team quickly shifted gears and agreed to take on this new project. As one of the team members pointed out to me, that’s the way it goes sometimes in reality, so it shows flexibility and the ability to change directions when needed.”

Michael C. Witt (MLS’06) is now the Interdisciplinary Research Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Science at the Purdue University Libraries, West Lafayette, Indiana. He commented on the Team X experience via email.

He writes, “The Emerging Leaders program was structured with real-world projects to give all of the participants opportunities to exert practical leadership skills. We all ‘led’ the project at different times and in different ways. It was an interesting group dynamic, to have five team members in a situation that required us to self-organize in order to be successful.”

Debora Shaw, professor, published “Bibliometric Analysis to Identify Core Reference Sources of Virtual Reference Transactions” (with P. Shachaf) in Library & Information Science Research 30(4). She was appointed an Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (see pg. 6). She attended the ASIS&T conference in Columbus, OH and the SLIS Reception at the Special Libraries Association Meeting in Seattle, WA.

John Walsh, assistant professor, gave a talk for the IU 19th Century Studies Forum, an interdisciplinary group of scholars whose research involves 19th-century literature, history, and other topics. He attended the TEI Members Meeting and Conference at King’s College in London; presented a paper on Comic Book Markup Language (CBML); and, with Dot Porter of the Royal Irish Academy’s Digital Humanities Observatory, convened the TEI’s Text and Graphics Special Interest Group meeting. He also spoke on the panel “Mapping Work in the Arts and Humanities: A Participatory Panel Discussion (AH)” at the ASIS&T Conference in Columbus, OH, and was an invited panelist at the 1st Annual Lawrence J. Schoenberg Symposium on Manuscript Studies in the Digital Age at the University of Pennsylvania. He presented a panel discussion titled “Companion to Digital Literary Studies” and the paper “‘Quivering Web of Living Thought’: Mapping the Conceptual Networks of Swinburne’s Songs of the Springtides” (with K. Anand, P. S. Foong, and V. Ramesh) at the Digital Resources for the Humanities and Arts (DRHA) at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. He served on the review panel for NEH Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant applications. He attended a meeting of the Steering Committee for NINES (Networked Infrastructure
Jean Preer’s new book *Library Ethics* has been published (October 2008) by Libraries Unlimited, a member of the Greenwood Publishing Group. The book addresses issues of professionalism, identity, values, confidentiality, access, services, and conflicts of interest.

From the Libraries Unlimited website: “The evolution of ethical standards for librarians parallels the development of librarianship as a profession. Our most important professional values have been tested and debated in the course of formulating and adopting our codes of ethics. This book includes historical precedents and current examples of ethical issues facing the profession. It looks broadly at the many arenas in which librarians face ethical choices, helping practitioners identify an ethical dilemma and providing guidance on how to respond, how to separate personal belief from professional responsibility, and how to make exceptions in a principled way. Where appropriate, references are included to the codes of ethics of other professions: journalists, booksellers, and lawyers. She has published many articles and chapters of books including *Lawyers and Education: Black Colleges and Desegregation in Public Higher Education* (1982).”

**Exploring with GIS (Geographic Information Systems)**

SLIS students and faculty participated in GIS Day at Indiana University on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. The event was held in the Main Lobby of the Herman B Wells Library, Bloomington Campus.

According to the official GIS Day announcement, this was the “10th Anniversary for GIS Day. More than 80 countries participated in local events. GIS Day is principally sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, The Library of Congress, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, and ESRI.”

“GIS Day is a global event for users of Geographic Information Systems technology in an effort to educate people about how geography makes a difference in our lives and to demonstrate this technology to schools and organizations around the world.”

SLIS had a table during the festivities advertising Dr. Hamid Ekbia’s summer GIS workshop. Students who were in the course during Summer 2008 discussed their projects and represented SLIS. SLIS faculty members Hamid Ekbia (Bloomington) and Jingfeng Xia (Indianapolis), and doctoral students Wayne Buente and Tim Bowman and master degree students Jessica Adamick and Loay Alfi participated at the event.

Buente was the S603 teaching assistant in Summer 2008, and Bowman will be the teaching assistant in Summer 2009. Bowman, Adamick and Alfi took the S603 GIS course with Dr. Ekbia in Summer 2008. Work by SLIS master degree students Eyad Makki and Gretchen Harvey was also on display.
In Memoriam

Remembering Emerita SLIS Faculty Verna Pungitore (1941-2008)

“Verna L. Pungitore, of Bloomington, died Saturday, December 20, 2008. She was 67 years old. Born April 30, 1941 in Clarion, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Dominic and Carmella (Enos) Pungitore...” [Herald Times Newspaper - Bloomington, IN - December 21, 2008]

“Verna’s research focused on how public libraries respond to the need for change and innovation.”

“She cared a great deal about her students.”

The notes below were compiled by SLIS faculty member Debora Shaw, and SLIS emerita faculty member Marcy Murphy at the time of Verna Pungitore’s retirement from Indiana University in 2005.

Verna Pungitore came to Bloomington in 1984, a newly-earned Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in hand. Along with the academic credential, Verna had some 20 years of experience in public and academic libraries and had been on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for three years. She received her B.A. in English from Blackburn College, then worked in the Youngstown, Ohio, public library while earning her Master of Library Science degree from Pittsburgh. She held positions of increasing responsibility at Youngstown, the Clinton-Essex-Franklin library system in New York, and as director of the Plattsburgh, New York, Public Library. While a doctoral student she worked as a research librarian at Carnegie Mellon University before accepting the position in Wisconsin. In 1990 Verna was promoted to associate professor at IU; she served as associate dean of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) from 1993 to 1995.

Verna’s research has focused on how public librarians respond to the need for change and innovation. Preliminary studies of library directors’ perceptions of the effects of change in their communities, and of their access to information about managerial information, prepared the groundwork for two larger research projects supported by the U.S. Department of Education. These looked specifically at a particular innovation in public librarianship - a process for planning and evaluating services.

The first project investigated the development of the planning process at the national level and how state library agencies were enlisted to help with its diffusion. The second project involved field studies of the adoption and implementation of the planning process at the local level. In 1987 she received the American Library Association’s Library Research Round Table Paper Competition Award for “Perceptions of Change and Public Library Directors in Indiana.” The following year the Association for Library and Information Science Education gave her their Best Paper Award for “Flow of Information among Public Library Directors and Change Agents.” Her book, Innovation and the Library: The Adoption of New Ideas in Public Libraries (Greenwood Press, 1995), culminates this research.

Associate Professor Emerita Judy Serebnick noted that faculty colleagues and doctoral students relied on Verna’s talent for selecting and explaining appropriate research methods. Verna’s expertise with the intricacies of the Planning Process for Public Libraries allowed her to teach the process in classes and to incorporate it into effective grant proposals. Her competence in both quantitative and qualitative methods won her a place on many doctoral research committees, where she was a first-rate teacher - informed, conscientious, and always willing to further the strengths and interests of her students.

Verna’s teaching interests and enthusiasm centered on public libraries, research, and library management. Her book Public Librarianship: An Issues-Oriented Approach (Greenwood Press, 1989) is held by 250 libraries and has been translated into Japanese.

Colleagues have described Verna’s service contributions to Indiana as “enormous.” Much of her service was research in action. She consulted with and advised public libraries throughout the state and conducted workshops on public library planning.

She will be remembered fondly.
“Five and a half years after retiring from the L.A. County Museum of Art Research Library,” writes Joan Howe Benedetti, BA’58, MA’66, “I continue to be active professionally. I edited a compilation of essays, Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship, by 45 art museum librarians from across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Australia, co-published by Scarecrow Press and the Art Libraries of North America [in 2007]. It has been adopted as a required text by several teachers of art librarianship, is about to be reprinted, and has won the 2008 Worldwide Books Publication award. Before going to work at the LACMA, I worked for 21 years as a solo librarian at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles, and since I retired I have been processing their archives, which are at UCLA. Recently, I began a project supported by the UCLA Center for Oral History Research to do a CFAM oral history. The interviews are being recorded digitally and deposited at UCLA. Finally, an essay of mine on folk art and craft terminology is included in the book Radical Cataloging, edited by K.R. Roberto and published [in 2008] by McFarland.” Benedetti lives in Santa Monica, Calif.

Rebecca L. Cassell, MLS’68, writes, “While working as a department chairwoman at Downer’s Grove South High School (a large suburban high school in the western suburbs of Chicago), our library was awarded the National School Library Program of the Year for 2005. We received an award of $10,000 for this honor. My academic work at IU Bloomington provided an excellent foundation for my library career. Thank you to all in the program in 1967–68.”

Betty Pugh Henning, MLS’67, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is retired, having worked 30 years for Allen Country (Ind.) Public Library in the young-adults section. She now volunteers in the library at the assisted-living residence where she lives.

Peggy A. Hollingsworth, BS’67, MLS’68, retired in 2004 after 34 years as librarian at Connersville (Ind.) High School. Since then she has enjoyed traveling and being involved in a variety of organizations. In 2007, Hollingsworth accepted an appointment to serve on the board of trustees of Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. She lives in Connersville.

In September, Lisa M. Browar, BA’73, MLS’78, MA’05, became president of the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology in Kansas City, Mo. She served as university librarian at the New School in New York City from 2002 to 2008. Browar lives in Leawood, Kan.

James H. Fish, MLS’71, is library director of Baltimore County Public Library in Towson, Md. He was recently elected vice president/president-elect of the Maryland Library Association. Fish lives in Cockeysville, Md.

Jeffrey R. Gunderson, BA’74, MLS’76, MA’79, has been librarian at the San Francisco Art Institute since 1981. He wrote the title essay for The Moment of Seeing: Minor White at the California School of Fine Arts, published by Chronicle Books in 2006. Gunderson lives in Greenbrae, Calif.

Nancy Niemann Palmquist, MLS’79, writes, “I had an article published in the January-February 2008 issue of Knowledge Quest, the publication of the American Association of School Librarians. The issue was dedicated to Visual Literacy and my article was on a digital photography course I teach at school. I’ve been at South Oldham High School in Oldham Co. Ky. (just up the river from Louisville) for 13 years as a library media specialist.” Palmquist lives in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Kent W. Remmenga, MLS’73, retired in November 2007 after 34 years with the Lincoln (Neb.) City Libraries. He lives in Lincoln.

Donna M. Tuke, BA’72, MLS’74, writes that she “turned her library degree into publishing newsletters for law and business libraries.” Recently, she started a seminar division for business, legal, and information professionals. For more information, visit www.alertpub.com and www.biaseminars.com. Tuke lives in Chicago.

Judith L. Violette, MLS’73, retired as director of the Walter E. Helmke Library on the campus of IU Fort Wayne. In July, at a celebration in honor of her retirement, she received the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Indiana State Librarian Roberta Brooker. Violette joined IPFW in 1974 and was a reference librarian, head of public services, assistant director, and from 1996, director of the Helmke Library. In 1995 she received the YWCA Women of Achievement Award. Violette lives in Fort Wayne.
Delaware governor Ruth Ann Minner appointed JoAnn A. Balingit, MLS’89, as the state’s 16th poet laureate in May 2008. A resident of Delaware since 1990, Balingit has traveled widely, living abroad for several years in Morocco and Portugal. Her poetry has appeared in the journals Smartish Pace and Salt Hill, and in the anthologies DIAGRAM 2 (Del Sol Press, 2006) and Best New Poets 2007 (Meridian/Samovar). Balingit was a recipient of a Delaware Division of the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship in 1995 and was nominated for a 2004 Pushcart Prize for her poem, “Your Heart and How it Works.” Her essay, “Some Boy Somewhere,” was awarded the 2008 Dr. Norman H. Runge Award. In summer 2008, Balingit earned a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Delaware. She lives in Newark, Del.

Janet Brennan Croft, BA’82, MLS’83, is head of access services at the University of Oklahoma Libraries in Norman, Okla., where she lives. She has co-compiled a book-length index to Mythlore: A Journal of J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and Mythopoeic Literature, which she currently edits. Croft also edits Oklahoma Librarian, the newsletter of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Anne L. Fliotsos, MLS’89, is an associate professor of theater at Purdue University. She is the co-author of American Women Stage Directors of the Twentieth Century, published in July 2008 by the University of Illinois Press. The book is an overview of 50 women who have made significant contributions to professional directing in the 20th century. Fliotsos is also a theater director and is co-editor of Teaching Theatre Today: Pedagogical Views of Theatre in Higher Education. She lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

In July, Barbara W. Silbersack, MLS’91, associate director of library operations at the Cincinnati office of Thompson Hine was elected to the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Law Library Association. She is the first non-lawyer to serve as a trustee since the association began in 1834. Previously, Silbersack served for 10 years as the first non-lawyer clerk to the board. She is an active member of the Cincinnati Bar Association’s Legal Research and Information Resources Committee, and a member of the American Association of Law Librarians and the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. Silbersack lives in Cincinnati.

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<td>After receiving her degree in education, Jane E. Barron, BS’79, MLS ’90, studied in the School of Library and Information Science at IU Bloomington. She taught from 1994 to 1998 and is an enthusiastic musician, playing the organ, piano, and the ukulele. Barron lives in Hammond, Ind.</td>
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Janet E. Buckley, BA’80, MLS’92, is the head of patron and technical services at the Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library. Her husband, William, BA’80, JD’83, is the Indiana Room librarian at the Mooresville (Ind.) Public Library. The couple lives in Mooresville.

On March 1, 2008, Susan Mathew Gibbons, MA’95, MLS’95, was appointed vice provost and Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of the University of Rochester’s River Campus Libraries. She had served as associate dean for public service and collections development at the university since 2004. Gibbons lives in Pittsford, N.Y. |

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<td>Kacy Plummer Allgood, BS’03, MLS’07, is a research assistant at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library and Special Collections and Archives at the University Library at IUPUI. She is also a librarian for Westview Hospital in Indianapolis. She recently completed the Web site for the History of Women at the IU School of Medicine, which can be found at <a href="http://www.medicine.iu.edu/historyofwomen">www.medicine.iu.edu/historyofwomen</a>. Allgood lives in Indianapolis.</td>
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Gena Asher, BA’79, MLS/MIS’03, is a Web editor and adjunct lecturer for the IU Bloomington School of Journalism. In May she received the Communicator of Achievement award from the Woman’s Press Club of Indiana. An occasional freelance writer for the Indiana Alumni Magazine, Asher lives and works in Bloomington.

Soraya Assar, MLS’00, writes, “I have changed my name [from Karen] to Soraya Assar. I worked at Charles...
Drew University as lead reference and collection development librarian. From here, I became interested in health sciences informatics. After a two-year fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, I was employed by IBM. I am now living and working in Dubai as a senior consultant in the healthcare field.”

Sarah C. Carter, MA/MLS’07, is the instruction and research services librarian at the Vernon Kimbrough Memorial Library of the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla. She lives in Sarasota.

In October, C. Dawn Childress, MLS’07, became the humanities librarian at the University Park campus of Pennsylvania State University. She is responsible for German, Slavic, French, and Francophone literatures, as well as comparative literature and philosophy. Previously, Childress worked at IU Bloomington as a visiting librarian for Germanic Studies, French and Italian, comparative literature, as well as a linguistics collection associate for West European Studies. She lives in State College, Pa.

K. Sprice Dean, MLS’08, recently moved from Georgia to take up the position of head librarian of the Antelope Valley Medical College in Lancaster, Calif. She will be in charge of starting up the school’s library. Dean writes, “It is [a] very exciting [position] and will be challenging, but thankfully I took a number of courses [at IU] that will apply directly to the building of the library.”

Lupita G. Garza-Grande, MLS’04, is an adult services and reference librarian at Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library. Before being hired in February 2008, she had been a volunteer at the library, working with newspaper collections, and has been translating oral interviews of local Hispanic residents from Spanish into English. Garza-Grande lives in Grand Rapids.

Keira R. Johnson, MIS’06, is Web director for the T.I.S. Group in Bloomington, Ind. Previously, she served as chapter Web liaison for the IUAA in Bloomington. Johnson lives in Bloomington.

Ashley Large, BA’03, MLS’06, of Fort Collins, Colo., is an agricultural archivist at Colorado State University.

Kathleen T. McLaughlin, MLS’07, is a children’s librarian for Harford County Public Library in Fallston, Md. She lives in Joppa, Md.

In the fall of 2008, Kurt A. Morris, MLS’05, began work on a MA degree in American Studies at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He plans to graduate in 2010.

In June 2008, Andrew J. Rhoda, MA’06, MLS’08, accepted a position as ALF cataloging expert at the IU Bloomington Lilly Library. He recently completed his MLS with a specialization in rare books and manuscripts librarianship. Rhoda also served as an intern to the curator of books at the Lilly, and as a student assistant to the librarian for English and American literature, film studies, philosophy, and theatre and drama. He lives in Bloomington.

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SLIS Indianapolis Receives LLID Grant

The Indiana State Library and the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) Indianapolis were awarded a $1 million federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the “Librarians Leading in Diversity (LLID)” project. The grant was given as part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. Additionally, the project is supported by the Indiana State Library’s Diversity Advisory Council, Academic Libraries of Indiana, Administrators of Large Public Libraries in Indiana, the Indiana Black Librarians Network, the Indiana Library Federation, and the Indiana Special Libraries Association.

“This is a fabulous opening for Indiana libraries to become more diverse,” said Dr. Marilyn Irwin, Associate Dean, SLIS-IUPUI. “This grant creates great opportunities for members of diverse communities who have been historically underrepresented in the profession.”

In particular, African-Americans and Latinos are most underrepresented in the Indiana library profession. An original goal of the State Library’s Diversity Advisory Council was to increase the level of ethnic diversity in all types of libraries so that library staff reflects the communities they serve. Ultimately, by increasing diversity in the library profession it is the Council’s belief that state literacy levels will increase by role modeling through libraries and library staff.

The project will work toward accomplishing the State Library’s Diversity Advisory Council’s goals by providing scholarships for 30 Master’s of Library Science students from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds. Scholarship recipients will then commit to work in an Indiana library for at least two years. Recipients will also benefit from participation in state and regional library associations, as well as other supplementary activities including special orientation meetings in various types of library settings, meetings with library directors, diversity and ethics workshops, transition to work programs, online and face-to-face support networks, and other special projects.

“This project will advance Indiana’s library profession as a whole,” said Indiana State Librarian, Roberta L. Brooker. “Not only will these scholarships help racial and ethnic minorities receive a solid library science education, they will also give them a foot in the door professionally and keep them in Indiana.”

In all, the IMLS awarded 31 institutions grants totaling $20.3 million as part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. This year’s grantees will provide educational opportunities to library students and staff to strengthen Gulf Coast libraries; support school library media programs; increase the number of librarians, archivists, and library and information science professors; increase diversity in the library workforce; and strengthen that workforce to better meet the needs of users of all types of libraries.
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