The SLIS Alumni Board meets twice a year to help think about the goals of the school, about the career paths for current students, and about ways to help alumni stay connected. This photo is from the Fall 2011 SLIS Alumni Board Meeting. Pictured here left to right are: Howard Rosenbaum, Debora Shaw, Jennifer Gentry, Vicky Martin, Tomas Lipinski, Lorelle Brown-Swader, Sarah Burton, and Jacob Nadal.
Making Connections for SLIS

William Davidow’s recent book, Overconnected: The Promise and Threat of the Internet (Delphinium, 2011) criticizes the hyper-interdependence the Internet affords. Davidow, a former Intel vice president and now Silicon Valley venture capitalist, is not making the “drinking from a fire hose” criticism for information overload. Rather, he argues that the Internet’s high connectivity increases positive feedback, allowing local concerns to become global. This leads to, for example, economic bubbles and decisions made in haste, based on what “everyone” appears to be doing. The uncritical acceptance of the recent global financial crisis was not caused by the Internet, Davidow explains, but our great interconnectedness was “gasoline to the flames.” He suggests economic and legal controls to put the brakes on overheated speculation.

Beyond social and legislative restructuring, however, it’s possible that more connectedness, combined with intelligence, could also alleviate some of the problems Davidow depicts. As intelligent participants in an interconnected world, we can take responsibility for choosing to seek and make use of information from novel perspectives. This is the essence of learning, the focus of a student’s life.

At the start of the fall and spring semesters I welcome new SLIS students and encourage them to begin working immediately on their professional networks. Finding and developing contacts with fellow students and practicing professionals can make one’s time at SLIS especially rewarding. And failure to make the most of opportunities while in school can result in an education evidenced only by a transcript, unaccompanied for the transformation of mind and outlook that should be the hallmarks of graduate professional education.

Over the past year I have heard from many SLIS alumni and other information professionals with offers to help advise / prepare / encourage / mentor the next generation. Librarians from the Indiana State Library provided a specific example of how all SLIS alumni can help: In addition to encouraging capable and enthusiastic students to attend SLIS, look for ways to enlighten others about what information professionals do in the 21st century. Opportunities to make a difference abound, but prospective students should hear about the range of skills and flexibility of approach required in our fast-changing world. Analysis, understanding, and communication skills are essential and new students should not discover this immediately after they enroll.

SLIS plans Alumni Receptions at a variety of professional association meetings – and with help and support from SLIS graduates. Below is a list of events that are being planned. For updates – see the SLIS website:

- Medical Library Association – Seattle, WA – Sunday, May 20, 6:00-7:00 pm
- ALA, Anaheim, CA – Sunday, June 24, 5:30-7:30 pm
- AALL, Boston – Monday, July 23, 6:00-7:30 pm
- SAA, San Diego – Thursday, Aug 9, 7:30-9:00 pm
- ILF, Indianapolis – Nov 12-14, 2012, TBA

For updates see the SLIS website:
www.slis.indiana.edu/alumni/events.php

Watch for future SLIS Alumni Events on our website:
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Check out the video and watch the network grow:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oupigKfac2s
Faculty News

June 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Associate Professor Rachel Applegate participated in special education at a Higher Learning Commission panel that visited Cedarville University, Ohio and an External Review Panel for the Advanced Learning Community on Accreditation in October. She presented, “Finding your way with a library-wide evaluation plan” at the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, IN in November.

Katy Börner, Victor H. Yngve Professor of Information Science was elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in November. Her book, Atlas of Science, was selected as the Best Information Science Book of the Year at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) Annual Meeting in October in New Orleans, LA. With W. Glänzel, A. Schmoranzer, and P. van den Besselaar, she edited special issues on “Mapping science: studying the structure and dynamics of science” in October and with H. Guo and doctoral student Scott Weerasinghe, published “Hands on with the state of the art” in ASIST.

She gave four presentations in August, “Science of science maps, tools, and research” at the National Academy of Sciences, “Building a science observatory: Data, tools, and maps” at Science AAAS, “Insightful visualizations of national researcher networking data” and “Digital content creation: A global view of access, navigation, and utilization” at the Journal of Library Science In China with Y. Chen and S. Fang. She is a co-principal investigator on several grants including “Monitoring, modeling & forecasting tools for fostering innovative S&T workforce” from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and “Platform for the analysis and visualization of science data” from Net Solutions Corporation.

Börner organized the “JSMF Workshop on Science Maps in Education” at Indiana University, Bloomington in June. She was a visiting scientist at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich, Switzerland in June and gave several presentations including “Building a science observatory” at FutureICT’s Living Earth Platform and Interactive Observatories Meeting and “Mapping science in support of knowledge management and utilization” at the FutureICT Meeting on the Innovation Accelerator. With doctoral student Angela Zoss, she presented “Mapping interactions within the evolving science of science and innovation policy community” and led a half-day pre-conference tutorial “Sci2A: tool of science and science research and practice” at the 13th International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference in Durban, South Africa in July. She gave a keynote address “Mapping science through open discovery through scientific computing” at the Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing Program in Denver, CO in July.

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Social Networks and Multiscale Systems Symposium, 12th IFIP World Conference, in Birmingham, UK.

Associate Professor Prina Fichman plans to retire at the end of July, 2012. Dr. Preer joined the IU School of Library and Information Science in fall 2002. In her years at SLIS, she has been recognized for both teaching and research excellence. In 2006 she received the Award for Teaching Excellence in Library and Information Science from the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). In 2007, her essay,“Promoting Citizenship,” won the Justin Winsor Prize from the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association, and in 2009, her book, Library Ethics, won the Greenwood Publishing Group Award for Best Book in Library Literature. She was named a 2012 Fellow at the Center for Information Policy Research at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. As a SLIS faculty member, Dr. Preer has presented her research at conferences across the United States and in Bulgaria, Australia, and China, where she represented ALISE at the 90th anniversary of the Founding of the library school at Wuhan University. In summer 2009, she traveled to Eldoret, Kenya, for a month of learning and service, as part of a Fullbright-sponsored group of IUPUI faculty and students and Indianapolis Public Schools teachers.

Social Computing Theory and Practice: Innovation, Research and Scholarship: effects on language and participation use” at Internet Research 12.0. Participation and to the Departments of Communication and Computing and Information Science, at Cornell University, both in October.

Associate Professor Marilyn Irwin attended the American Association of School Librarians Conference in Minneapolis in October. She presented “People with disabilities: An odyssey of accessible books” at the ILA Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, IN in November.


Tomas Lipinski, Professor and Executive Associate Dean (FL/PUL) is a content editor for a series published by Neal-Schuman Publishers. He presented “Enabling Librarians, Educators, & Information Professionals” at the recent International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics in Durban, South Africa in July. She is a co- principal investigator on a grant “Fifty years of robotics history” from the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers and was appointed to the Distinguished Reviewer list of MIJSCI. She was a co-organizer with Cassidy Sugimoto of the Metrics 2011 Symposium on Informetrics and Scientometric Research, sponsored by the Special Interest Group for Metrics at the ASIST Annual Conference in October.

Assistant Professor Xianzhong Liu gave three talks in China, “Knowledge based information retrieval” for the China Academic Libraries forum and Advanced Digital Library Seminar in Chengdu, “Natural language processing and text mining for digital libraries” at Zhejiang University in Zhejiang and “Knowledge generation and retrieval for scientific papers” for the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, all in June. With doctoral student Craig Finlay, M. Johnson, master’s student Vincent Malic, C. Hanks, doctoral student Chaoqun Ni and Cassidy Sugimoto, he presented “Exploring connections of the biblioblogosphere” at the ASIST Annual meeting in October.

Assistant Professor Alice Robbin, Co-Director of the Rob Kline Center for Social Informatics, presented “Redundancy, Complexity and the social web and its implications” as part of two panels at the IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems in Rome is June. She was a co-chair of the program committee for this conference and for the International Conference on Wireless Communications, Networking and Mobile Computing in China in September. Also in September, she presented “Antecedents of the digital divide at the macro level” at the Mediterranean Conference for Information Systems in Cyprus.

Assistant Professor and Associate Dean Howard Rosensweig received the 2011 Thomson Reuters Outstanding Librarian Information Science Teacher Award at the ASIST Annual Meeting in October. He co-organized the workshop “Social Theories in Information Systems” with Prina Fichman at the America’s Conference for Information Systems in Detroit and August. He attended the SAIS Education Research Symposium, “Bridging the Gulf: The Social Analysis of Computing in Society and the Workplace” at the ASIST Annual Meeting in October. At the conference, he participated in the panel “Preparing for the academic job market: An interactive panel of doctoral students and their mentors” and moderated by Cassidy Sugimoto. He was on the Program Committee for the Workshop “Information and Social Computing at SISCO 2011 and the 10th Annual Workshop on HCI Research in the MIS Discipline, held during the International Conference on Management Systems 2011 annual meetings. He is co- chair of with Prina Fichman of SIG- Social Computing at SISCO, where he is an NSAF grant for and co-organized the iConference 2012 Doctoral Colloquium held in Toronto Canada in January.

Professor Debora Shaw was appointed as the director of the School of Library and Information Science. She participated in the award winning SIG-SI grant: a panels in the session “Opportunities and challenges of conducting large scale social informatics research” at the ASIST Annual Meeting in October. She was also on the program committee for this conference. She presented three papers, “Qualitative methods to explore the evolution of a scientific field: a case study with M.A. Tvnalez and Y. Kamo and “Menor- mente enlace, interaction, laboratory social environment and scientific productivity” with M.A. Tvnalez, J.C. Kilby, C. Hanks and R.A. Johnson. At the 90th anniversary of the Founding of the library school at Wuhan University, she traveled to Eldoret, Kenya, for a month of learning and service, as part of a Fullbright-sponsored group of IUPUI faculty and students and Indianapolis Public Schools teachers.
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Assistant Professor John A. W. Wilhite reports, "The liberty of invention: Alchemic discourse and information technology standardization" in the Literary and Linguistic Computing with W.E. Hooper. He was a member of the programming committee for the 2011 Digital Humanities conference at Stanford University in June and presented "The story of TITLE (Text Image Linking Environment): Making modular & reusable tools" with D. Porter and D. Reside. He attended the 2011 conference of the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) as an elected board member and chaired the TEI Graphics Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting in Würzburg, Germany in October. He presented "Information and the Victorian poet" as the Seminar for the faculty fellows of the Institute for Digital Arts and Humanities at Indiana University in December.

Class Notes

1960s

Joan Howe Benedetti, MA'58, MA'66, recently completed a searchable finding aid for the Craft and Folk Art Museum Records, 1965-1997, which are housed in the UCLA Library Special Collections. She was the CAFAM Museum Librarian for 21 years, from 1976-1997. She worked for almost 14 years with the assistance of UCLA Library special collections staff, overseeing these institutional records, while also creating the searchable finding aid, now on the Online Archives of California website at www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/is9f9j.km. The finding aid includes headings and scope notes for 6,208 file folders in 21 record groups. It is expected that the collection may be of interest to scholars in fields including art history, American crafts, folk arts, product design, world arts and cultures, folklore, museum studies, library and information studies, women's studies, and studies of Los Angeles, among others. Benedetti and her husband, the director and producer, Robert Benedetti, moved to Santa Fe, N.M., two years ago, where their only complaint is that "there is WAY too much to do!" They are especially involved with the city's eight museums, an active theater scene, and an incredible range of excellent and diverse restaurants.

1970s

Lisa M. Browar, BA'73, MLS'78, MA'05, president of the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology in Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed to the board of directors of the Missouri Center for the Book. The Greater Bloomington (Ind.) Chamber of Commerce has named Sara Leon Munn, MLS'72, MA'80 as the recipient of its 2011 Educator of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. Director of the Monroe County Public Library since 2007, Munn received the award for "innovations involving school libraries and for increasing the use of public libraries in Bloomington and Elletsville."

April Arington Legler, BA'68, MLS'71, has retired as associate director of undergraduate career services and engineering librarian; thirteen years as an engineer specialist at Vandenberg Air Force Base; and three years as a scientific programmer at Patrick Air Force Base. She also devoted 10 years to raising two sons, and to running an Arabian horse-breeding program. During her career as a librarian, Baldwin was promoted to full professor and awarded tenure status at two universities — Eastern Illinois University and Utah State University — and now has Emeritus status at the latter. She is the editor of three books on science librarianship, and the author of numerous publications. Baldwin's retirement activities include gardening, reading, and breeding and training Arabian horses.

2000s

In May, the Women's Press Club of Indiana named Lina L. Asher, Cert/BA'79, MLS/MS'03 as a prizewinner in its 2011 Communications Contest. She received first place in the category of website development/creation, corporate or for-profit sites; second place for website edited by content manager; second place for website development/creation, special interest sites; and honorable mention in three other categories. Asher is a Web editor and adjunct lecturer in the School of Journalism at IU Bloomington.

Nicolette A. Beatty, MA'07, has accepted the position of arts and humanities librarian at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

Brooke A. Bolton, MLS'08, is director of North Manchester Public Library in North Manchester, Ind.

Jennifer Crowder Daugherty, MLS'07, writes, "After three years as director of reference and information services at the Laurel County Public Library in London, Ky., I have now accepted a position as the local and state history manager at Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center in Fayetteville, N.C."

Emily Heilin Davis, MLS'07, writes that she married Timothy Davis in April and was promoted to development analyst at the Indiana University Foundation in August.

Amber N. Emery, MLS’08, is children’s services coordinator at Fargo Public Library in Fargo, N.D., where she lives.

Natalia Minibayeva Framil, MLS’02, is vice president of information architecture at Empathy Lab, a company based in Conshohocken, Pa., that provides digital advertising services to the media, entertainment, consumer retail, pharmaceutical, and financial industries.

Justin A. Gardner, BA'99, MLS'05, is a special collections and cataloging librarian at American Printing House for the Blind’s Migely Library in Louisville, Ky.

"After 21 years working in libraries, I recently left the field to become executive director of my local Habitat for Humanity affiliate," writes Natalia Minibayeva Framil, MLS'02, "It is a fantastic new career opportunity," he adds. Mabelitti lives in Tipp City, Ohio.
I was recently hired as a policy analyst at the Indiana Child Support Bureau," writes Susan J. Shambaugh, BA '97, JD '01, MLS '08. She adds, "I continue to work as a substitute librarian at Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. This past winter I also taught time to answer a question. Ralph had a wonderful sense of persistent, and patient. Ever the teacher and mentor, his door was always open; he always had always looked for the best in everyone. He was a man without a trace of pretense or guile. He contributed to the work of this scholarship, which will help SLIS students in this specialty to offset educational expenses, and the careers of numerous people, and is deserving of this honor and recognition. The establishment of the scholarship was a glimpse into his contributions to the field: "Ralph was best known for his work as a music cataloger. He was a model practitioner and teacher. Beginning in the late 1970s, he taught classes and supervised internships for library students enrolled in the music specialization offered by IU's School of Library and Information Science. In the mid-1990s, he and Sue Stancu instituted a summer cataloging workshop, and each year the roster for the workshop filled within days and names were added to a waiting list. Over the years, he trained innumerable music catalogers-- dozens, if not hundreds--and he instilled in each the importance of accuracy, curiosity, and intellectual rigor." [posted on the Midwest Chapter's website: www.mlamidwest.org/]

The following excerpt is from a statement by Ruthann McTyre, President of the Music Library Association in 2010. It gives a glimpse into the contributions to the field: "Ralph was best known for his work as a music cataloger. He was a model practitioner and teacher. Beginning in the late 1970s, he taught classes and supervised internships for library students enrolled in the music specialization offered by IU's School of Library and Information Science. In the mid-1990s, he and Sue Stancu instituted a summer cataloging workshop, and each year the roster for the workshop filled within days and names were added to a waiting list. Over the years, he trained innumerable music catalogers-- dozens, if not hundreds--and he instilled in each the importance of accuracy, curiosity, and intellectual rigor." [posted on the Midwest Chapter's website: www.mlamidwest.org/]

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of speaking to a class of MLIS students who are soon to be released onto the job market. The class had been spending some time looking at the skills required of new grads, and I was billed as "a person who actually hires people." As we spoke, I found myself returning again and again to the importance of connections, the same theme that is found throughout this edition of SLIS Network. One type of connection we talked about was personal: the classmates and professors, friends and colleagues, that make up your professional network. The other was an idea of intellectual community, shaped by shared questions, ideas, and habits of thought that come from studying in a certain place at a particular time.

As you look through the Class Notes in this issue, I hope you will take a moment to appreciate the educational common ground that gave rise to such a diversity of our professional accomplishment. As different as the day-to-day details of our jobs have become, I find it satisfying to think of how many of you I have talked with at a conference or on the phone, and still found common ground. Sometimes it was a professor we had in common, a core course that had changed from my year to yours, or a topic that we're both confronting in our different jobs.

This is not a simple retreat of the theory-practice discussion. It is a reaccreditation year for SLIS, an election year for the United States, and another precarious year of job hunting for recent graduates. This is a big year for ideas about who we are and what we hope to accomplish. When I speak with current SLIS students and recent alumni, I know that I am allegedly there to share some real world wisdom, but mostly I am struck by how much I relish the prospect of another crop of graduates to refresh my thinking about the work we do. I hope that you will take some time in 2012 to enjoy the same experience. There are lots of opportunities: Sarah and Vicky have done great work on receptions for SLIS at our professional conferences, service on the alumni board is something I personally vouch for, and any occasion that brings you to campus is a good chance to connect.
Academic Research Libraries - Pushing (and Pulling) the Envelope

In mid-December 2011, four directors of ARL libraries, all with ties to IU, met with MLS Program Director Ron Day and Dean Debora Shaw to talk about changes in librarianship and their potential implications for SLIS. Research libraries were ably represented by Susan Gibbons (MLS ’95), University Librarian at Yale University; Brenda Johnson, Ruth Lilly Dean of Indiana University Libraries; James Mullins (Ph.D. ’84), Dean of Libraries at Purdue University; and Brian E. C. Schottlaender (MLS ’80), Audrey Geisel University Librarian at the University of California San Diego.

Dramatic developments in technologies, budgets, and client expectations are compelling profound changes in what these library directors seek in their professional staffs. An essential skill is the ability to connect and communicate with researchers and other information users across campus and beyond. The library directors are especially interested in hiring new librarians who can express what they contribute to multidisciplinary efforts: the ability to understand what you know, what you can find out, what you don’t need to know, and how it all can fit together.

Areas of particular need include data curation, metadata specification, project management, development (fundraising), statistics and analysis, program presentation, intellectual property and related legal issues, digital humanities, e-science, archives and special collections, and digital repositories.

The libraries represented have similar needs, but remarkable differences as well. Brian Schottlaender reported that UCSD has cut library staff by 25% and is doing away with domain-based libraries. At Purdue, however, Jim Mullins is hiring to fill new positions with specialized skills.

Looking ahead, these library directors see a continuing decline of “the librarian in the library” and continuing demand for more engaged “field librarians” who are evidently valued across and beyond the institution. They expect research libraries may diverge from each other as each library responds to the needs of the institution it supports.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH LIBRARIES - PUSHING (AND PULLING) THE ENVELOPE

― Jesse Shera (1972) - The Foundations of Education for Librarianship

Library Journal

MOVES & SHAKERS

For the past ten years, the Library Journal has recognized professionals in the field of library and information science for their work, dedication, and innovative ideas. SLIS graduates are among these leaders (see list below.)

Think about nominating a colleague for this honor.

Deb Noggle (MLS’05)
Jamie Markus (MLS’05)
Michael Porter (MLS’99)
Michelle Dalmus (MLS/MLS’04)
Eileen Simmons (MLS’84)

John Watts (MLS’09)
Kristi Palmer (MLS’03)
Marshall Shore (MLS’92)
Matt Gullet (MLS’94)
Susan Gibbons (MLS’95)

Catherine Vanstone (MLS’05)
Ann Snoeyenbos (MLS’91)
Connie Mitchell (MLS’92)
Jeff Trzeciak (MLS’91)
Michael Stephens (MLS’95)

Deb Noggle and John Watts were the SLIS graduates selected among the 2011 LJ Movers and Shakers. In the announcement, Francine Falkoff, Editor-in-Chief, Library Journal stated that those selected are “doing extraordinary work to serve their users and to move libraries of all types and library services forward…. This year’s group of 50 brings the Movers cohort to just over 500. We’re proud to recognize their achievements—and to encourage you to be inspired by their vision and optimism and turn their ideas into fodder for your own innovative work.”

Deb Noggle was honored as a Community Builder. She works at the Tecumseh Branch of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. “Noggle has risen in the ACPL ranks, she has not lost her passion. The organization of a 2007 Harry Potter event took more than nine months but was exceedingly rewarding. It drew in excess of 6000 people to the affair, which featured 24 event/activity stations and roaming performers. In these challenging times, Noggle’s philosophy is on the mark. ‘You can do the impossible…just find a way. When that doesn’t work, try another way. Sometimes, you do have to reinvent the wheel.’” [Library Journal] We asked her for additional thoughts and she wrote: “Completing my MLS at IU is one of my greatest accomplishments, and it opened doors for me that really expedited my career.”

John Watts was honored as a Protector of Privacy. He is the Reference and Outreach Librarian at the Kimbell Library, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina. “To help students grapple with their social networking identities, Watts designed a presentation about protecting and improving an individual’s digital footprint, as part of his library’s First-Year Experience program and for parents and students at Family Weekend. ‘Librarians have always worked hard to protect the privacy of our users,’ says Watts. ‘Now that this issue has reached beyond the walls of the library, librarians are in a good position to be a strong voice at the local and national level.’” [Library Journal]

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[1-4: Mullins, Schottlaender, Gibbons, Johnson]
Collaboration: A Lasting Connection

The Indiana Library Federation recently awarded Marcia Smith-Woodard (pictured on the left) the 2011 Special Services Award. The award “recognizes exceptional contributions or services which strengthen library services in a local community, school, or across the state. The person’s contributions must be of an extraordinary nature with unprecedented benefits to library or media center services.” Smith-Woodard’s efforts as the Special Services Consultant at the Indiana State Library and, in particular, the Project Director for the Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity (I-LLID) program qualified her for this honor. The I-LLID program began in 2008 when the Indiana State Library and the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science received a $1,000,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services “for recruiting and educating 30 ethnically/racially diverse students.” These student fellows, along with Debra Shaw, Professor and Dean of SLIS, and the Indiana Black Librarians Network (IBLN) nominated Smith-Woodard for the award. SLIS faculty member Marilyn Irwin (PhD ’91) was the co-director of the project.

Instruction: A Key Connection

Brian Winterman (MLS ’03) participated in the Fabric Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (RAILS) project for the 2011-2012 academic year. Five institutions contributed to the project based at Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies. Winterman, Information Fluency and Assessment Librarian for the IUB Libraries, represented Indiana University. He “was selected from librarians attending the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Assessment Immersion Program, an intensive professional development experience focused on building librarian capacity to assess student learning.” Winterman is also a SLIS adjunct faculty member. He has taught SLIS 523: Science and Technology Information in recent years. With his encouragement, the students in his classes have had articles published on their research. Articles have been in several issues of “Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship” - an ACRL publication.

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ALSA EMERGING LEADERS:

Each year, the American Library Association selects approximately 75 newer librarians and information specialists to participate in its Emerging Leaders Program. The program, which began in 2007, “is designed to enable library staff and information workers from across the country to participate in project planning workgroups; network with peers; gain an inside look into ALA structure; and have an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity early in their careers.” We are proud of SLIS graduates who have been selected to be among those honored as Emerging Leaders.

Miranda (Henry) Bennett (MLS ’05)
Chanitra Bishop (MIS/MLS ’08)
Latrice Booker (MLS ’06)
Kimberly Brown-Harden (MLS ’06)
Nicole Cavallaro (MLS ’06)
Heather Cole (MLS ’06)
David Dahl (MIS/MLS ’08)
Emily Ford (MLS ’07)
Kristen Kirk (MLS ’05)
Amalia Monroe (MLS ’07)
Bethany Sewell (MLS ’06)
Rachel Slough (MLS/MA ’10)
Kristin Stou (MLS ’07)
Emily Symonds (MIS/MLS ’07)
Michael Witt (MLS ’06)
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Brian Winterman (MLS ’03) participated in the Fabric Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (RAILS) project for the 2011-2012 academic year. Five institutions contributed to the project based at Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies. Winterman, Information Fluency and Assessment Librarian for the IUB Libraries, represented Indiana University. He “was selected from librarians attending the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Assessment Immersion Program, an intensive professional development experience focused on building librarian capacity to assess student learning.” Winterman is also a SLIS adjunct faculty member. He has taught SLIS 523: Science and Technology Information in recent years. With his encouragement, the students in his classes have had articles published on their research. Articles have been in several issues of “Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship” - an ACRL publication.

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