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School's Rich Past Inspires Renewed Focus on the Future

Commitment to Excellence a Constant During SILS' First 70 Years

Seventy years ago this fall – Sept. 19, 1931, to be exact – UNC's School of Library Science, as it was then known, opened its doors to its first class of 29 students. Seven decades and more than 3,500 graduates later, the renamed and top-ranked School of Information and Library Science continues to fulfill its founder's charge to train its students to “tap the vast reservoirs of human knowledge.”

Louis Round Wilson's mission for the school, first articulated in 1929, continues to guide SILS as it meets head on the high-tech, rapidly evolving information challenges of the 21st century. From its humble beginnings in the university's newly constructed library to its cutting-edge facilities in Manning Hall today, the School of Information and Library Science boasts a rich history with much to be proud of.

The nation's first state university, UNC-Chapel Hill can also lay claim to being the first university in the South to include library science courses in its curriculum. Among its “firsts,” SILS was the first school at the university to

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Members of the Class of 1955 pose for a group photograph on the steps of Wilson Library, the original home of the School of Information and Library Science.

Inside



A Look Back ... From its early beginnings in Wilson Library to its ranking today as the #1 information and library science school in the nation, SILS has accomplished much during its first seven decades of service. See pages 2-4 for more information on the people and events that made the school what it is today.

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Wilson: SILS' Founding Father

Born on Dec. 27, 1876, Louis Round Wilson's career at the University of North Carolina embraced much of his professional life. During his 31-year tenure as university librarian, he was a major figure in the development of the university as well as its library and school of library science.

At various periods, in addition to his post as librarian, Wilson promoted and served as director of university extension, founded and directed the UNC Press, served as a fundraiser and edited the *Alumni Review*.

In whatever activities he engaged, Dr. Wilson was aware of the importance of books and libraries. He was one of the founders of the North Carolina Library Association (1904), served as first chairman of the North Carolina Library Commission (1909-1916), worked diligently with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in creating library standards, and was a founder and subsequent president of the Southeastern Library Association.



Louis Round Wilson

After three decades of phenomenal achievement in North Carolina and the Southeast, Wilson accepted the invitation of Robert Maynard Hutchins to become dean of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. That school, established with a million-dollar grant from the Carnegie Corporation in 1926, had not made much progress during its first half-dozen years. However, the decade of Wilson's deanship (1932-42) proved to be a golden age for library education.

The Chicago Graduate Library School became a beehive of activity as Wilson, his faculty and his doctoral students probed into various facets of librarianship, wrote articles and books, and came to dominate the profession intellectually.

Wilson's publication record, already extensive at Chicago, continued after his retirement to Chapel Hill in 1942. He undertook the editorship of the 18-volume *Sesquicentennial History of the University of North*

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Akers: Dean, Professor and Pioneer



"Miss Akers," shown here in the 1930s, led the school during its formative years.

The UNC School of Information and Library Science opened 70 years ago, and Dr. Susan Grey Akers was one of the original faculty members. At that time, no one realized that one year later, when Louis Round Wilson would leave to go to the University of Chicago, she would be named acting director of the school.

Recognized from the beginning for her brilliant leadership, she was made director of the school in 1935, and in 1942 her title was changed to dean. Being the first woman to hold an academic deanship at the University, she had to overcome a lot of raised eyebrows. There could not have been a better person to break the all-male domination of deanships on the campus. By her actions, she quickly demonstrated to all faculty members that she deserved her lofty position. She served as dean until 1954 and

"Susan Grey Akers established the foundations upon which the school's subsequent reputation has been built."

-- Dr. Edward G. Holley
Former Dean, SILS

continued to teach until 1959.

She gave encouragement and help to other women seeking faculty positions, and although progress was slow, women began to be recognized for their talents. Dr. Akers set an example

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School Committed to Leading During Challenging Times

SILS is experiencing a great 70th anniversary year. We continue to attract excellent students and the demand for our graduates has never been greater. Our alumni and faculty continue to make major contributions to information and library science around the globe. The faculty's dedication to teaching remains strong and our research productivity continues to grow. Our technological infrastructure is state-of-the-art and our staff members are capable and caring. All of this is continuing in spite of substantial state budget cuts this year.

Chancellor James Moeser has set a goal for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill of being the leading state university in the nation. We are a state university that continues to take our public mission very seriously. These are challenging times for everyone in the world as we face the dangers of terrorism and a weakened economy — all the more reason for us to be steadfast in the pursuit of our long-term goals.

Our new vision statement for the school states, "We generate knowledge and educate leaders who bring together people and information with the help of technology." The SILS community wanted to begin the statement with a focus on the people who need and use information. We also wanted to reflect the importance of making information content accessible. While no one can deny the great impact of technology has had on the provision of

information and library services, we continue to see technology as a tool to bring people and information together. Technologies will change over time, but our primary reason for using available technologies will not.

The new mission statement indicates that the school strives to achieve excellence and leadership as we:

- Conduct inquiry devoted to information and its role in society;
- Foster effective access to information;
- Prepare reflective, adaptive information professionals for action in the present and in the future; and
- Inspire in our students an uncompromising advocacy for knowledge.

The educational programs and goals that we have for the future include establishing our undergraduate major in information science; expanding and enhancing the master's programs to meet the growing demand for information and library professionals; strengthening the doctoral program; and increasing partnerships across the campus and around the globe.



A Letter from the Dean

By Joanne Gard Marshall

In research, teaching and service we need to develop an effective long-term faculty recruitment and retention program; leverage faculty expertise in research areas that reflect the growing strengths of the school; strengthen our support staff and facilities; and build strong development and communications functions. One of our major challenges in the short and long term will be finding adequate space in Manning Hall and elsewhere to house both teaching and research activities.

As SILS looks forward to the next 70 years, we need your help and support if we are to be the leader in information and library science education that we have been in the past. One of the reasons for the school's success to date has been the original Carnegie endowment that was obtained by Louis Round Wilson when the school was founded. This endowment and other externally raised funds are becoming ever more important as state support decreases.

Many people are surprised to hear that less than 25 percent of the university budget now comes from the state. Over 30 percent of the budget at Chapel Hill comes from contracts and grants, 11 percent from fundraising and another 30 percent from sales and services. As we move ahead, I urge you to think of ways that you can support the school as we continue to strive for excellence and leadership in these challenging times. □

A Rich Past

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appoint a woman (Susan Grey Akers) as its dean. It was also the first school to have its information science degree program fully accredited by the American Library Association (in early 2000).

The strength of SILS has been, and continues to be, its people. Its leaders, from the groundbreaking Wilson to current dean Joanne Gard Marshall, have taken the school to greater and greater heights. Its nationally and internationally recognized faculty members are widely respected as excellent teachers, researchers and collaborators. Its students, from undergraduate minors to Ph.D.s, graduate and assume key positions in organizations across the globe.

The school's programs and curriculum are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the time. The school's technological infrastructure is constantly updated and upgraded, to best prepare students for what awaits them after graduation. Well respected on campus and far beyond the university's walls, SILS has fulfilled and greatly exceeded Wilson's vision for the school.

As it begins its eighth decade at Chapel Hill, the School of Information and Library Science is well positioned to continue building on the strong foundations laid by the likes of Wilson and Akers. What's led SILS to its sterling reputation and number-one ranking will continue to guide the school as it faces the challenges that lie ahead.

And, if history is any indication, the next 70 years will likely be just as successful as the first. □



Susan Grey Akers, here in 1955, sits with Billy Rayford Wilkinson, the first recipient of a scholarship at the school established in the former dean's name.

Wilson

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Carolina, was the co-author with Maurice F. Tauber of another landmark work, *The University Library*, and wrote three volumes of UNC history.

He taught part-time in the School of Library Science until 1959 and served as a adviser to President William C. Friday until 1969. He also conducted numerous university surveys, as well as a survey of the region, *Libraries of the Southeast*, the latter with Marian A. Milczewski. He marked the centenary of his birth with publication of a new book, *Louis Round Wilson's Historical Sketches*, issued a month before the celebration.

Active in the American Library Association, Wilson accepted membership on the Board of Education for Librarianship during its second year and served from 1925 to 1932. He was the ALA president (1935-36) and was one of the ALA officials chiefly interested in federal support for libraries. In 1951, the ALA presented Wilson its highest award, honorary membership. In his



Louis Round Wilson, books and libraries are synonymous terms at UNC-Chapel Hill.

centennial year, the ALA added to his other honors the Melvil Dewey Medal. □

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding article was reprinted from the Spring 1980 edition of News from Chapel Hill, shortly after Wilson's death on Dec. 10, 1979, at the age of 102.)

Pioneer Akers

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that at least made the administration realize that there was a place for women in the academic world.

"She was gracious, friendly and scholarly," then UNC President William C. Friday said, "and will be remembered as one of the leaders in teaching and administrating as the University grew from a relatively small campus to a large, complex institution. The University is grateful for the contributions of this great lady."

Dr. Edward G. Holley, dean of the school at the time of Akers' death in 1984, stated, "[Susan] established the foundations upon which the school's subsequent reputation has been built."

In 1931, Dr. Akers secured the second \$100,000 Carnegie Foundation endowment that made the school's continued existence possible.

She earned her doctoral degree from the University of Chicago in 1932, and at that time was only the fourth person, and second woman, in the United States, to hold a doctorate in library science.

Most successful people in this world have a keen sense of humor to carry them through the tough roads they are forced to travel. Dr. Akers kept her sense of humor to the very end. At the school's 50th anniversary celebration in 1981, she attended a reception in her honor and when Dr. Holley saluted her by saying, "Miss Akers, I'm glad you came," she replied with a twinkle in her eye, "So am I."

Dr. Akers pioneered the cause for women on this campus and she brought the University many honors. A lady with these credentials should not be soon forgotten. □

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article originally ran in The Chapel Hill Newspaper in 1984 and was reprinted with permission in the Spring 1984 issues of News from Chapel Hill.)

A Special Edition for a Special Occasion

Astute readers probably noticed that this edition of the SILS newsletter looks somewhat different than it usually does. That's because we wanted to do something special to help celebrate the school's first seven decades.

It is important to note, however, that this special edition merely touches the surface of the school's rich history. By no means complete, it covers what we think are the highlights of the school's first 70 years. Condensing a book's worth of history into a few pages was no easy task; we have no doubt left out many important people and noteworthy events.

That being said, we invite you to read on and as you do, think about the school and the role it has played, or is playing in your life. Share with us your thoughts on SILS and what it has meant to you. Think about information and science education, where it's been, and where it may be going. Send your comments via email to news@ils.unc.edu and we will share some of your remembrances in the next edition of the newsletter. □

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SILS’ First Seven Decades: Year By Year



Wilson Library - first home of the School of Information and Library Science.

1901

■ Louis Round Wilson becomes University librarian, a position he would hold for 31 years.

1904

■ UNC-CH offers its first courses in library science, during the summer terms.

1906

■ University offers courses in library science during regular school term.

1909

■ University grants credit for courses in library science.

1912

■ Enrollment in summer courses warrants a visiting instructor in library science at UNC.

1915

■ University allows graduate credit to students for a course in bibliography.

1922

■ Dr. Louis R. Wilson, in his *Annual Report of the Librarian*, proposes that the University offer summer courses for school and city librarians.



Wilson

1923

■ Dr. Wilson proposes, for the first time in an *Annual Report of the Librarian*, that the University consider establishing a school of library science.

1925

■ Dr. Wilson appointed chairman of ALA Board of Education for Librarianship.

1926

■ Dr. Wilson, in his *Annual Report of the*

Librarian, “strongly urges” the establishment of a school of library science at the University of North Carolina.

1929

■ Carnegie Corporation grants \$100,000 to the University for the establishment of a school of library science. Announcement of the five-year grant and of plans for school made at dedication ceremonies for the newly completed University Library building, October 19-22.

1931

■ School of Library Science classes begin (Sept. 17).

1932

■ School provisionally accredited as a Type II (graduate) library school by the Board of Education for Librarianship of the ALA (March).
■ First class of students graduates (June 7).
■ Dr. Wilson resigns as librarian and director of the school to become dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.
■ Susan Grey Akers receives nation’s first Ph.D. in library science from U. of Chicago Graduate Library School.
■ Akers named acting director of the school.



Akers

1934

■ School fully accredited for both Type II and Type III (undergraduate) library training by Board of Education for Librarianship of the ALA (March).
■ School admitted to membership in the Association of American Library Schools (December).

1935

■ School begins offering its regular courses in consecutive summer terms, so that students might earn A.B. in L.S. by attendance during summer sessions only.
■ Akers named director of the school.
■ Alumni association formed as The North Carolina Library School Association.
■ Alumni association offers first tuitional scholarship to a student in the school.

1937

■ University assumes financial support of the school with state funds.

1939

■ N.C. General Assembly authorizes establishment of a professional school in library science at the North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham. Dr. Akers agrees to help program get started and serves as dean of both schools until October 1946.



Manning Hall - former law school has been home to the school since 1970.

1940

■ Carnegie Corporation grants the school a second \$100,000 (September)

1941

■ Akers appointed dean.
■ Type III curriculum discontinued due to lack of demand.
■ Degree granted by the school changed from B.A. in L.S. to B.S. in L.S.

1942

■ Dr. Wilson retires as dean at Chicago and returns to UNC as consultant and part-time professor at the school.

1947

■ University approves school’s proposed Master of School Librarianship program (December 10). The first students would enter the program in 1950.
■ Future distinguished alumnus William Powell graduates from the school.

1948

■ Dr. Wilson retires as consultant and part-time professor.

1950

■ School offers first courses leading to degree of master of school librarianship.
■ School moves to Old Filter Plant for 1950-51 school year during construction of addition to the University library building.

1951

■ University approves school’s program leading to Master of Science in Library Science degree (March 8).
■ Alumni Association establishes Susan Grey Akers Scholarship.
■ School moves into new quarters in the new west wing of the library building (September).
■ Dr. Wilson returns as visiting professor to teach two courses in the M.S. in L.S. program.

1953

■ School celebrates first Alumni Day (April 17).
■ School presents first candidates for Master of Science in Library Science degree (June).

1954

■ Akers retires after 23 years as member of the faculty, three years as acting director, six years as director and 13 years as dean.
■ Lucile Kelling appointed dean of the school.



Kelling

1955

■ School’s administrative board approves abandonment of the degree of bachelor of science in library science.

1957

■ American Library Association accredits school under its 1951 revised standards.

1958

■ North Carolina chapter of Beta Phi Mu installed (May 3).

■ Faculty votes to discontinue master of school librarianship program.

1960

■ Carlyle J. Frarey becomes acting dean of the school



Frarey

1963

■ Under Frarey’s leadership, school introduces revised curriculum.



Kalp

1964

■ Margaret E. Kalp becomes acting dean of the school (September 1).

1967

■ Walter A. Sedelow Jr. becomes dean of the school.



Sedelow

1968

■ Law School moves out of Manning Hall.

1969

■ Manning Hall renovations begin.

1970

■ Raymond L. Carpenter Jr. becomes acting dean of the school (July).
■ School moves into Manning Hall (September), one day before fall registration.



Carpenter

1972

■ Edward G. Holley becomes dean. (January 1).
■ First issue of “News from Chapel Hill” alumni newsletter published (Nov.).



Holley

1974

■ School begins providing library services for EPA Library in RTP (May 6).
■ Holley inaugurated as 91st president of the American Library Association in New York City (July 12).
■ School introduces revised master’s program, with a new 12-hour block of basic material required of all students.

1975

■ Dr. Lester E. Asheim becomes school’s first William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor.

1976

■ Former acting dean Carlyle J. Frarey dies at the age of 57 (March 13).
■ Dr. Wilson celebrates 100th birthday (December 27).

1977

■ Dr. Fred W. Roper becomes assistant dean (January 15).

1978

■ Former acting dean Margaret Ellen Kalp dies at the age of 63 (April 26).

1979

■ Dr. Wilson dies at the age of 102 (December 10).

1980

■ Jo Ann Hardison Bell becomes school’s first doctoral degree recipient (May 11).

1981

■ School celebrates its 50th anniversary (March



Members of the faculty of the School of Library Science in 1955: (from left) Julia Boulware, Lucile Kelling, Louis Round Wilson, Sarah R. Reed, O.V. Cook, Jean Freeman, Carlyle J. Frarey, Margaret Kalp, Ethel Rose and William R. Pullen.

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SchoolNews

Briefs

NSF Funds Video Project

SILS Professors **Gary Marchionini** and **Barbara Wildemuth** and the Interaction Design Laboratory (IDL) have been awarded a \$518,855 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to design and test user interfaces for digital video.

The project, "Agileviews for Video Browsing: Advanced Surrogates, Control Mechanisms and Usability" will develop a design framework for retrieval and use of digital video on the Internet. The project will build upon the Open Video Project (www.open-video.org), a repository of digital video based at SILS, and investigate how key frames of visual content can be used to create overviews and previews for video.

Techniques such as slide shows, story boards and fast-forwards of key frames will be developed and tested as augmentations to audio extracts and keyword representations of meaning in video content. The project will run for three years and involve several graduate students at the school.

Lt. Gov., Chancellor Visit School

In March, SILS hosted visits from North Carolina **Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue** and UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor **James Moeser**.

Perdue took a guided tour of the school led by Dean Joanne Gard Marshall, and then had the opportunity to meet with SILS faculty, staff and students. Perdue, who took office in November 2000, has served five terms in the state Senate and two in the North Carolina House of Representatives. She has been a key figure in shaping North Carolina's education and health care agendas.

Perdue is a former public school teacher, health care professional and co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Her visit followed that of UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser the previous day. Moeser also took a guided tour of the school with Marshall and met various faculty members, staff and students.



Beverly Perdue (right) and Dean Joanne Marshall during their tour of Manning.

Prague Seminar to Debut in '02

The School of Information and Library Science is proud to announce the introduction of a new summer seminar to the Czech Republic.

Held in late June and early July, this new seminar will be co-sponsored by Charles University in Prague and feature lectures, tours and talks by some of the region's most respected library and information science professionals.

Watch the SILS continuing ed web site at http://www.ils.unc.edu/btml/2_continuing_ed.shtml for more details on these two exciting international opportunities.

Sun Grant Funds New Server

California-based Sun Microsystems has provided SILS with a grant worth almost \$34,000 for a new computer server at the school.

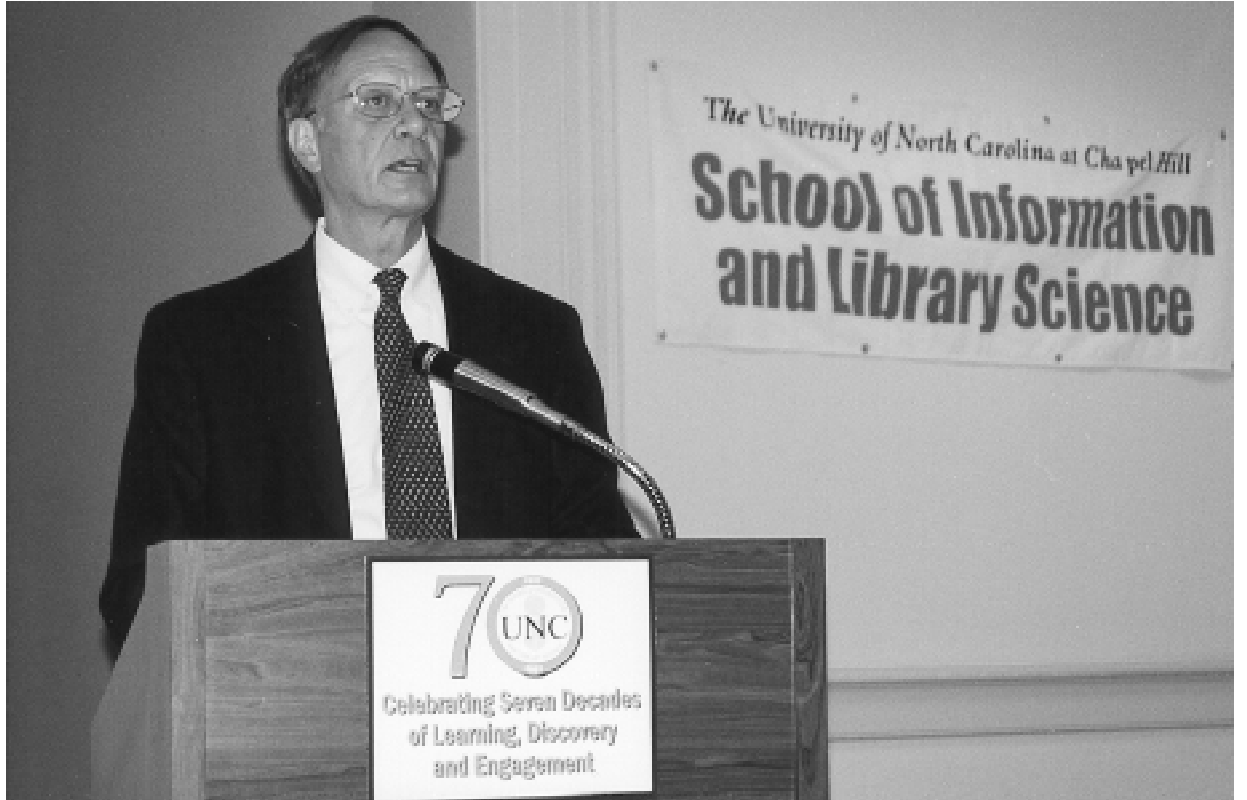
SILS purchased one machine and Sun's grant covered the cost of a second. Both machines, Sun Fire 280R servers, will be used for research at the school.

The servers will be used for research on subjects such as information retrieval, human-computer interaction, data visualization, database management and programming.

Health Course Offered Online

SILS Associate Professor **Dr. Claudia Gollop** will offer her "Consumer Health Information" course as a distance education course next semester. The course will explore resources and services to be selected and evaluated when providing consumer health information (CHI) in various types of libraries and information centers.

Professionals and students within and outside the SILS community are invited to participate. The cost of the course is \$250. For more information, see the SILS continuing education web page at http://www.ils.unc.edu/btml/2_continuing_ed.shtml □



John Vaughn, executive vice president of the Association of American Universities, addressed issues surrounding scholarly publishing.

Henderson Kicks Off 70th

A near capacity crowd turned out to help SILS kick off its 70th anniversary celebration at the school's annual Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture on October 8. The featured speaker was John Vaughn, executive vice president of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

Among those in attendance at the event were UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser, UNC President Molly Broad and Medical Library Association President Carol Jenkins. The event was co-sponsored by UNC Libraries.

The Henderson lecture is an annual presentation established in 1990 to honor the memory of Lucile K. Henderson, faculty member (1932-1960) and dean (1954-1960) of what was then known as the School of Library Science at UNC.

As AAU executive director, Vaughn serves as deputy to the president and chief operating officer. He also serves as director of policy studies, supervising the association's work in developing national and institutional policies that support the missions of its member universities. He focuses on issues such as intellectual property, information technology, research libraries, scholarly communication and international education. □



UNC President Molly Broad and UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser were just two of those who turned out to help SILS kick off its anniversary celebration.

Metadata Session Goes Virtual

A special 70th anniversary panel discussion on metadata, sponsored by SILS and the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, made exciting use of a new high-tech classroom at UNC.

Held on October 9 in Phillips Hall Room 328, "Metadata: Publishing, E-books and More" launched the only independent video classroom on campus. Priscilla Caplan, a SILS graduate and assistant director for digital library services at the Florida Center for Library Automation, attended the discussion via live videoconference.

Onsite panelists included Ann-Marie Breaux, southeast approval manager/systems vendor liaison, Yankee Book Peddler Library Systems; Ellen Bush, sales and marketing assistant, UNC Press; Erica Eisdorfer, manager, Student Stores-Bull's Head Bookstore; and Marjorie Fowler, electronic projects manager, UNC Press. SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Jane Greenberg moderated the session. □



SILS graduate Priscilla Caplan participates in the discussion via videoconference.



Brian Sturm

Sturm to Address Grads at Winter Commencement

SILS Assistant Professor **Dr. Brian Sturm** will serve as keynote speaker at the school's Dec. 20 commencement ceremony for August and December graduates.

Sturm, who joined the SILS staff in 1998, specializes in children's literature and storytelling.

Sturm earned his master's of library science in

1991 at Indiana University and a bachelor of arts in French from the College of William and Mary in 1985.

A professional storyteller since 1990, Sturm has performed and conducted workshops for adults and children at schools, libraries, conferences and special events. □

NC/SLA Honors EPA, NIEHS

From Press Release

The EPA and NIEHS Libraries in Research Triangle Park were honored this spring with a special award presented by the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (NC/SLA) at its annual meeting in Greensboro.

Barbara Post presented the Information Management Award jointly to the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for their cooperative inter-agency student internship program.

Since its inception 26 years ago, more than 260 students have gained special library experience while attending library school. Post, a former intern of the program, noted that over the years these two organizations have remained committed to the internship program, recognizing not only its value as a training ground for future librarians, but also as a means of keeping their libraries abreast of changes in the profession.

Also at the NC/SLA meeting, Dean Joanne Gard Marshall spoke to members about

“Workforce Issues Facing Special Librarianship.”

In other EPA/NIEHS news:

■ Michael Cummings has joined the EPA Library's staff as its new interlibrary loan/reference librarian. Cummings worked most recently at the North Carolina Archives as digitization project archivist. He has also worked with Lorillard Tobacco in the Spears Research Center Library and at the Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

Cummings, a 1998 graduate of SILS, was an intern at the EPA Library while earning his MSLS at the school. Deborah Balsamo (MSLS, '97), director of the library, said she is “very pleased to have Michael back as a permanent member of the staff.”

■ Assistant Library Director Claire Locke attended the Special Libraries Association annual conference in San Antonio in June and has been named chair of the Career Guidance Committee of the Environmental Resources Management Division (ERMD) of SLA.

■ Balsamo traveled to San Francisco for the ALA annual conference and was awarded the



Dav Robertson (left), NIEHS library director, and John Knight (right), federal library director with the U.S. EPA, display the plaques awarded to them by Barbara Post, a SILS graduate and former EPA Library intern.

3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant for outstanding achievement. In July, she attended the EPA National Library Network annual meeting in Denver.

■ The library welcomed new interns for the

summer and fall semesters. SILS students Audrey Cash, Emily Glenn and Krista Schmidt joined the staff in May; and Teresa Alexander, a student of NCCU's School of Library and Information Science, came on board in September. □



IBM was just one of the many employers on hand for the career fair at the Dean Smith Center.

Organizers Laud Attendance At Earlier-Than-Usual Job Fair

By Robert Albright

On Tuesday, September 19, students and employers met for a day of résumé exchanging and networking at the Technology and Library Science Career Fair, co-sponsored by SILS and University Career Services.

A total of 243 students and 33 organizations attended this year's event at the Dean Smith Center. The Library Science Career Fair usually takes place annually in February, but the event combined with the Technology Career Fair this year because of construction at the Student Union.

Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services, said this year's combined career fair was a success despite present strains on the economy.

“The fair went extremely well, particularly in light of a tight job market,” she said. “Both student and employer attendance was above what we expected for this year.”

Harris said the event allowed students to explore career options, meet with a broad range of employers and learn about organizations that were hiring. In addition to helping students, Harris said the career fair also benefited employers.

“(Employers) are able to travel to one site and promote their organization to a large number of excellent candidates,” Harris said.

Participating organizations included academic and public libraries from Texas, Virginia and North Carolina. Also attending were governmental organizations such as the Bureau of the Census and the Central Intelligence Agency, as well as private corporations such as IBM and Microsoft. □



A representative of N.C. State University speaks with a student at the career fair.

School Announces CE Partnerships

SILS is pleased to announce the formation of cooperative agreements with two leaders in the provision of information and library science continuing education.

The SILS web site (http://ils.unc.edu/ils/continuing_ed/partners/) now features links to distance education courses offered by the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto and on-site courses offered by the University of South Carolina's College of Library and Information Science (CLIS). The partnerships were created to make continuing and distance education opportunities more accessible to SILS alumni and other North Carolina professionals. □

10th Annual Oxford Trip: A Look Back and Ahead

Participants are being sought once again for a seminar offering a chance to study the history of librarianship at England's world-renowned Bodleian Library, one of the greatest research centers in the world.

The program is sponsored by SILS and the University of Oxford's Bodleian Library and its Department for Continuing Education.

“Libraries and Librarianship: Past, Present and Future” is a two-week seminar that will trace the Bodleian Library's past and chart the future of information and technology. Participants may earn three hours of graduate credit from SILS for attending the May 19- June 1, 2002, seminar.

In their tenth year of partnership on “Libraries and Librarianship,” UNC-CH and Oxford will provide a comprehensive survey of librarianship in England. Participants learn about academic libraries and librarianship in Britain, as well as trends and developments in library automation in Britain and Europe. Areas such as preservation, conservation and collection development policies are presented from both the Oxford and British national viewpoints.

The seminar offers information and library science professionals and graduate students an opportunity to discuss trends in academic librarianship and to meet peers from around the world.

Kathleen Curley, a librarian from Tucson, Az., and a 2001 participant in the program, called her Oxford trip “the most rewarding



Oxford's Radcliffe Camera, built in 1749.

continuing education I have experienced.”

Dr. David Carr, a professor at SILS and academic director for the 2001 trip, said Oxford's Bodleian library “makes our students welcome, opens its riches, and allows us to see the dimensions of a world treasury.”

Registrations must be postmarked by March 31, 2002. Registration is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information, call (919) 843-8337 or send e-mail to oxford@ils.unc.edu. Information and an online registration form can be found at www.ils.unc.edu/ils/continuing_ed/oxford. □

Class Without a Classroom Popular Across the Globe

SILS is currently offering the third session of its Web-based course “Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) and the Medical Librarian,” led by Connie Schardt and Julie Garrison of the Duke Medical Center Library and Julia Kochi of the University of California at San Francisco.

Formerly administered by the Medical Library Association (MLA), SILS took over the administrative responsibilities of the course prior to the February/March 2001 session of the eight-week course.

The current session began October 14, with class participants from across the United States, and as far away as England and Finland. Past participants have come from countries such as Australia, Italy and Hong Kong, among others.

The EBM instruction team plans to offer its next session of the course in the summer or fall of 2002.

Designed as an introduction for medical librarians to the practice of EBM, this web-based course is approved for 10 CEUs from the Medical Library Association and runs for eight consecutive weeks. It takes approximately 30 hours to complete the course, depending on previous knowledge of EBM and other factors. The cost of the course is \$250.

The format of the course is a combination of course material, independent readings, reviews and exercises. In addition, students are required to participate in discussions through the course listserv or scheduled chat sessions. A final assignment integrating all the concepts learned during the previous weeks is also required.

For more information about the course or for registration information, visit our web site at http://ils.unc.edu/ils/continuing_ed/ebm/main.html. □

Comings and Goings

Scott Adams has been appointed director of information technology. He previously served as the school's director of instructional technology.

Student Services/External Affairs Assistant **Shonita Alford** has left SILS to pursue her law degree.

SILS Administrative Manager **Gerry Compton** has announced her plans to retire in December. Compton joined the SILS staff in September 1978.

Assistant Professor **Dr. Brad Hemminger** has joined the SILS faculty and will specialize in the instruction of bioinformatics at the school. He comes to the school from UNC-Chapel Hill's Department of Radiology, where he served as a senior research associate.



Brad Hemminger

Hemminger, who this May earned his Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, earned his master's degree in the same field at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1985. He received his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1982. In addition to bioinformatics, Hemminger's academic areas of interest include data mining, human-computer interaction, computer-supported collaborative work and information visualization.

Cheryl Lytle has joined the SILS staff as assistant director of information technology. She comes to the school from the university's ATN (Academic Technologies and Networks) training center in Hanes Hall.

Lytle received her bachelor's degree in business administration at Virginia Tech and her master's in industrial management at the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Cheryl Lytle

UNC-Chapel Hill graduate **Rebecca B. Vargha** has been hired as the new librarian at the university's School of Information and Library Science (SILS). She succeeds Gillian Debreczeny who retired in 2000.

Vargha, most recently a senior research specialist at Nortel Networks in Research Triangle Park, comes to SILS with more than 20 years of professional library experience. After earning her master's of library science degree from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, she worked for 14 years as an associate librarian at the National Humanities Center in Durham and then spent six years at SAS Institute Inc. in Cary, as a research and information analyst and library coordinator. She joined Nortel's staff in July 2000.



Rebecca Vargha

Vargha, who earned her bachelor's degree in English from UNC in 1979, served as an adjunct professor at SILS in the late 1990s. She is an active member of the Special Libraries Association (serving as president of its North Carolina chapter in 1990) and several other professional associations. A past member of its national board of directors, Vargha today serves on the SLA's Scholarship Committee. □

What's Happening with Faculty, Staff

Associate Professor **Dr. David Carr** has been invited to be the keynote speaker for the 21st Century Learner Conference for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in November. He will speak on "The Promise of Cultural Institutions." For more about the conference, see <http://www.imls.gov/conference/agenda.htm>.

Dr. Carr also had his article titled "Balancing Act: Ethics, Mission and the Public Trust" appear in the September/October 2001 edition of *Museum News*, the journal of the American Association of Museums.

He has also refereed the following: (1) "In the Contexts of the Possible: Libraries and Museums as Incendiary Cultural Institutions" in *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts and Cultural Heritage* 1(2):117-135, Fall 2000, and (2) "A Museum is an Open Work" in the *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. (UK) 7(2):173-183, Spring 2001.

Professor and former SILS dean **Dr. Evelyn Daniel** chaired the conference program committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The extremely successful conference, held in Boston in August, was the largest gathering of international librarians ever held, with a record attendance of 5,330. The theme of the conference was "Libraries and Librarians — Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age."

Associate Professor **Dr. Claudia Gollop** served as the guest speaker at the North Carolina Central University Library in April. She was invited as part of its observance of National Library Week. The title of the talk was "African Americans and Consumer Health Information (CHI)."

Assistant Professor **Dr. Jane Greenberg's** paper "A Quantitative Categorical Analysis of Metadata Elements in Image Applicable Metadata Schemas" appeared in the November 2001 (52(11)) edition of *JASIST*, the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

Dr. Greenberg's paper, "Automatic Query Expansion via Lexical-Semantic Relationships" appears in *JASIST* 52(1)

Professor **Dr. Robert Losee's** paper "Natural Language Processing in Support of Decision Making: Phases and Part-of-Speech Tagging" appeared as the lead article in November 2001 (37(6)) edition of *Information Processing & Management*.

Dr. Losee's paper, "Term Dependence: A Basis for Luhn and Zipf Models," appeared in the December 2001 (52(12)) edition of *JASIST*, the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

Dr. Gary Marchionini has presented the following papers:

■ Marchionini, G. (2001). "Evaluating Digital Libraries: A Longitudinal and Multifaceted View." *Library Trends*. 49(2), 304-333.

■ Fox, E. & Marchionini, G. (2001). "Digital Libraries" (Guest editor's introduction to special issue). *Communications of the ACM*, 44(5), 31-32.

■ Marchionini, G., Hert, C., Shneiderman, B., & Liddy, L. (2001). "E-Tables: Non-Specialist Use and Understanding of Statistical Data. *Proceedings of dg.o2001: National Conference for Digital Government*. (Los Angeles, May 21-23, 2001). 114-119.

■ Nelson, M., Marchionini, G., Geisler, G., & Yang, M. (in press). "A Bucket Architecture for the Open Video Project." *Proceedings of JCDL 2001: Joint Conference on Digital Libraries* (Roanoke, Va., June 24-28, 2001).

■ Hert, C., Marchionini, G., Liddy, E., & Shneiderman, B. (2001). "Integrating Electronic Systems for Disseminating Statistics." *Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Statistical Policy Working Paper* 32: Seminar on

Carr Named School's Teacher of the Year

Associate Professor **Dr. David Carr** has been named Outstanding Teacher of the Year (2000-2001) at the School of Information and Library Science. The award was announced at the school's May commencement ceremony.

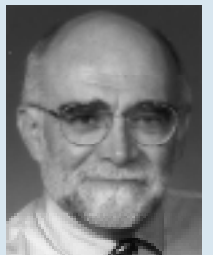
Carr, a member of the SILS faculty since 1998, is the fifth professor at the school to win the annual award, funded by interest from the school's Bicentennial Teaching Award Endowment established in 1995. The award is based on nominations and class evaluations from students, and submissions from faculty members outlining their teaching philosophies. A \$2,500 cash award accompanies the honor.

"Among the many nominations received, several themes were clear," noted Dr. Barbara Wildemuth, last year's winner. "First, [David] is enthusiastic about his teaching. Second, he encourages his students to take risks. And third, he is dedicated to his students as individuals, respecting and caring for each of them."

In June, Carr served as faculty adviser to the school's "Libraries and Librarianship: Past, Present and Future" seminar in Oxford, England. He came to SILS from Rutgers University, where he had taught since 1975. His research interests include cultural institutions and thinking, reading for pleasure, tools and cognition, collections, reference and concepts of service.

After earning his bachelor's degree at Drew University in 1967, Carr earned his master of arts degree at Columbia University's Teachers College in 1968, and his master of library service (1973) and doctoral (1979) degrees at Rutgers University. He received the Teaching Excellence Award from the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) in 1994.

Previous winners of the Outstanding Teaching Award at SILS are Dr. Stephanie Haas (1997), Dr. Jerry Saye (1998), Dr. Evelyn Daniel (1999) and Wildemuth (2000). □



David Carr

integrating federal statistical information and processes. (April 2001) Washington, D.C.: Office of Management and Budget. p. 219-226.

In May, Dr. Marchionini presented a talk on "Information and Library Science Potentials for Bioinformatics" at the Carolina Genome Sciences Center Planning Retreat. . . . Ongoing research projects include an NSF Digital Government Grant: Citizen Access to Government Statistical Data, (2) Patent Management System Design and Implementation (with Diane Sonnenwald) and (3) serving as chair of the Odum Institute Internet Impact Faculty Working Group (2000-2002).

In April, **Dr. Barbara Moran** was the featured speaker at the Lynchburg Area Library Cooperative Spring Meeting at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va. Her presentation was titled "From Many to One? Library Reorganization at the University Of Oxford."

In March, she organized and presented a panel on "Where Will We Find Our Replacements? Recruiting New Professionals to Academic Libraries" at the ACRL Conference in Denver

In May, she traveled to Prague to make arrangements for our inaugural SILS/Charles Summer Seminar. While there, she met with former visiting faculty member Richard Papik and a number of SILS' Charles exchange students.

She completed service as a member of the Taskforce on Strategic Planning for the ALA's Committee on Accreditation and she was elected chair of the Budget Committee of the Faculty Assembly, the elected body of representatives of the faculty of the 16 UNC campuses.

Dr. Greg Newby recently announced that Project Gutenberg, a volunteer project for which he serves as "second in command," was recently named a finalist in the Tech Museum of Innovation's Global Awards Program.

Project Gutenberg is made up of approximately 2,000 volunteers on five continents, who input electronic texts that are carefully edited and proofread. People in over 100 countries are accessing this electronic library which contains almost 4,000 e-texts and is adding about 1,000 per year.

Project Gutenberg's main distribution site is SILS' own ibiblio.org (formerly MetaLab).

Dr. Newby also had an article published in the December 2001 (52(12)) issue of *JASIST*, the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). The article examines the similarities between cognitive and information space.

Associate Professor **Dr. Diane Sonnenwald** was recently awarded a Fulbright to conduct research and teach in Finland during the 2001-2002 academic year. Due to other commitments at UNC, she's opted for a five-month stay and will be based at the University of Tampere (Department of Information Studies). She has also been invited to visit the University of Oulu and the Abo Academy when she arrives in January 2002.

Dr. Brian Sturm has contributed a chapter ("The Reader's Altered State of Consciousness") to editors Kenneth Shearer and Robert Burgin's *The Readers' Advisor's Companion*, due to be published in November. . . . In May, he presented "Abducted by Elves: the Listener's Journey to the Other World" at the Fifth Annual University College of Cape Breton (Nova Scotia) Storytelling Symposium..

In April, he presented "Reader's Advisory and Reference with Children," at a full-day workshop of the Northwest North Carolina Library Council in King, N.C. . . . In March, he presented "Performance Tips for Authors" at the North Carolina Summit of Children's Authors and Illustrators in Durham.

Dr. Sturm's exhibit, "Picture A Book," an exhibition of North Carolina children's illustrators was on display at the Carrboro Branch Library (July 1 - October 28). . . . He has designed an online course for the Education School titled "Children, Literature and Elementary Schools." . . . He joined the planning committee for the N.C. Literary Festival to be held on campus April 5-6, 2002.

He has been invited to join the advisory board for the Tales Online Project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The effort to design an electronic database of folk narratives is currently funded at \$100,000, and is based out of the Indiana University folklore department.

McColl Professor **Dr. Helen Tibbo's** paper on "Archival Perspectives on the Emerging Digital Library" appeared in the May 2001 issue of *Communications of the ACM* devoted to digital libraries. Papers by clinical professor Paul Jones ("Open[Source]ing the Doors for Contributor-Run Digital Libraries") and SILS research fellow Dr. Michael Nelson ("Buckets: Smart Objects for Digital Libraries") also appeared.

Dr. Gary Marchionini served as co-editor of the issue, which reached 80,000 computing professionals and contained 60 pages of articles and sidebars devoted to digital libraries in a variety of disciplines and from major research libraries. □

SILS Graduates

May 2001 Commencement



Master of Science in Library Science

Elisabeth Jane Bacon
Brenda Gale Beasley
Clinton Kyle Chamberlain
Lisa Ann Chinn
Clista Corinth Clanton
Anna Marie Cleveland
James Anderson Damron
Frances Heidgerken Flythe
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Amy Coquille Gleeson
Susan Roberts Huffman
Robert Byrd Humphreys Jr.
Adina Roberta Lack
Betsy Robin Lazan
Jennifer Lynn Longee
Eric Steven Obershaw
Nicholas Edgar Campbell Okrent
Darby Cameron Orcutt
Melanie Dawn Reeves
Lindsey Ellen Schell
Paul Howard Showalter
Andrew William Smith
David Andrew Timko
Katherine Tabor Lawson Vaughan
Paulina Elaine Vinyard



Commencement speaker Betty McCain, immediate past secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Undergraduate Minor in Information Systems

Scott Eric Benson
Andrew William Bernish
Christopher Alan Bingham
Jeffrey Bryan Bollinger
Laura McKenzie Bright
Steven Krechel Broughton
Manley Allard Carr
Monica Yee Yee Chau
Mathew Simon Clark
James Michael Everett
Sabin Jerome Fannin
Patrick Clark Frye
Karen Gau
Spencer Wai Gee

Priya Shree Gupta
Lauren Quinn James
Melissa Ann Jenkins
Stephanie Bell Jilcott
Jason Sung-Dal Kim
Kristin Martina Lancaster
Ann Ping Lee
David Michael Lewis
Belinda I-Shao Liu
Craig John MacDonald
Regan Alicia Madis
Jason Michael Martin
Russell Clark Martin
Alison Julianne McCreary

Doctor of Philosophy

Barbara Miller Marson
Debra Jean Slone

Certificate of Advanced Study

Miriam Louise Matteson

Master of Science in Information Science

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Zhen Zhen Deng
Kevin Timothy Doupe
Andrew Dzhigo
Allison Kamay Fong
Lyda Beth Fowler
Wei Gao
Steven Wai Gee
Robert Arthur Hall
Holly Marie Harmes
Phillip Brian Hilligoss
Angela Hon
Amy Irving Ising
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Update Your Online Directory Listing

The General Alumni Association of UNC-Chapel Hill has established an online directory of SILS alumni, accessible only to alumni, students, faculty and staff of the school. It can be accessed through the SILS web page or by typing in <http://ils-appserve.adp.unc.edu/alsils.htm>. Update your listing today.

Join the Listserv

In order to facilitate communication between our alumni, to allow for discussion of professional concerns, to solve job-related questions or just to keep up with old friends, join the SILS alumni listserv. To subscribe, go to <http://ils.unc.edu/ils/silslab/listserve.htm>.

What's Happening with Students

Doctoral student **Benjamin Brunk's** paper "Exoinformation and Interface Design" was the cover article in the August/September 2001 issue (Vol. 27, No. 6) of the *Bulletin* of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

SILS doctoral students **Gary Geisler** and **Miles Efron's** paper, "Recommendation Explorer: Providing High-Quality, Personalized Recommendations with Minimal User Input" was earlier this year accepted for the Joint DELOS-NSF Workshop on Personalization and Recommender Systems in Digital Libraries in June at Dublin City University in Dublin, Ireland. The students received NSF/ERCIM support to attend the workshop and present their paper.

Geisler also co-authored two papers at the ACM-IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in Roanoke, Va.

Becky Imamoto was recently selected as a runner-up for a National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians' (NCAPAL) scholarship. The NCAPAL Scholarship Committee chose 12 LIS students as winners of scholarships and 20 LIS students as runner-ups. Each runner-up recipient received a cash award of \$300.

Heather McCullogh presented a paper on the French poet Marceline Desbordes-Valmore at the Nineteenth-Century French Studies Conference in October at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also just published an article on the same poet in *Romance Notes*, a journal by UNC-CH's Romance Languages Department.



Heather McCullogh

An article by doctoral student **Lokman Meho** and SILS Professor **Dr. Stephanie Haas** titled "Information-Seeking Behavior and Use of Social Science Faculty Studying Stateless Nations: A Case Study" appears in Vol. 23, No. 1 of *Library & Information Science Research*.

Meho and doctoral student **Kelly Maglaughlin** have co-authored a book titled "Kurdish Culture and Society: An Annotated Bibliography." They have given a copy of the book to the school and dedicated the book "to the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill."

SILS doctoral student **Simon Mu** has received a North Carolina Networking Initiative (NCNI) graduate fellowship award. He is working this year with Dr. Gary Marchionini on the "User Interfaces to Support Collaborative Use of Digital Video" project that aims to to create novel interfaces for digital video retrieval and browsing and will use the Open Video Project (OV) as its test bed.

SILS doctoral student **Debbie Travers**, recently spent eight weeks at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), working with linguists on terms for emergency department chief complaints. She also has had a poster accepted on this topic at this fall's American Medical Informatics Association Conference.



Debbie Travers

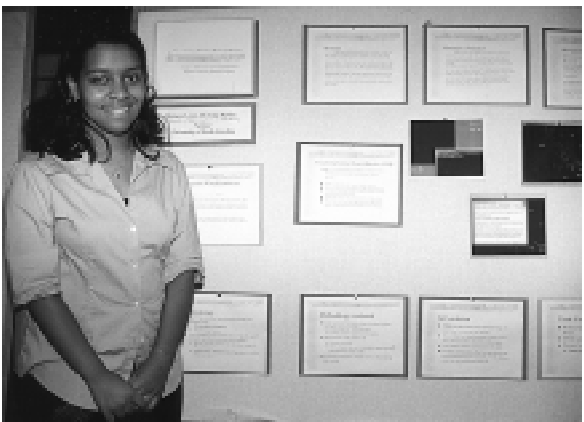
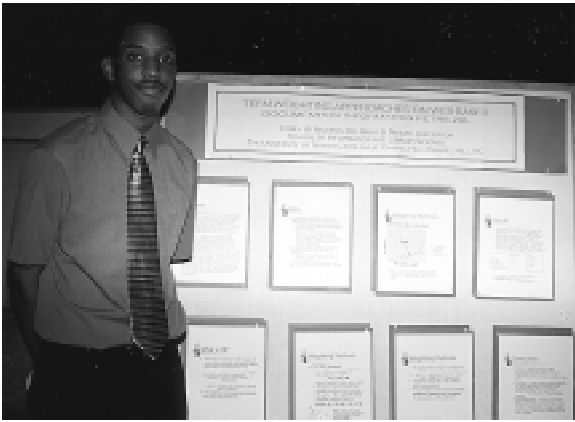
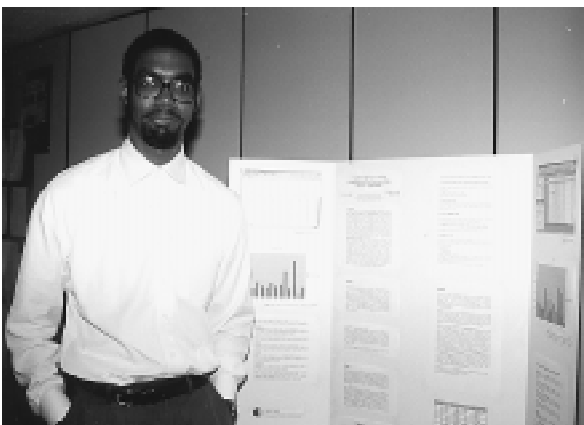
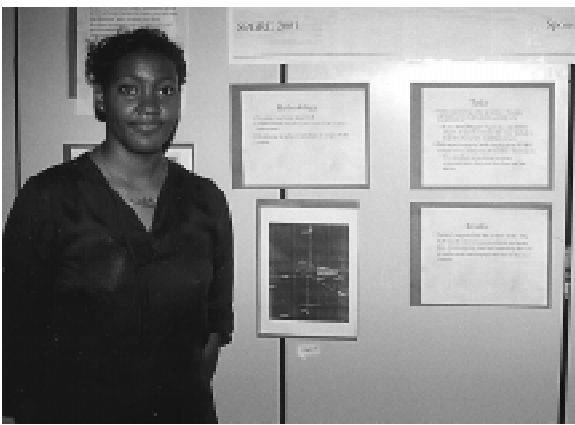
Travers also presented a paper, "Multiple Uses of the Oblique Stroke (slash "/" in Emergency Department Text" at the NLM's national Medical Informatics Trainee Meeting in Bethesda in July.

Kelly Wooten did a field experience during the summer at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture at Duke's Perkins Library (Rare Books, Manuscripts and Special Collections). She helped select books from the girls' literature collection and chose appropriate passages from them for display tags. She also helped arrange a display titled "Beyond Nancy Drew: Girls' Literature in the Bingham Collection" and completed an online bibliography for the girls' literature collection.

SILS doctoral student **Kiduk Yang** has received the Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Yang's dissertation proposal was defended this spring and is titled "Combining Text, Link, and Web Directory-Based Retrieval Methods to Improve Retrieval Performance on the Web."

Yang has also received a UNC-CH Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Yang, doctoral student **Kelly Maclaughlin**, and SILS Assistant Professor **Dr. Greg Newby** co-authored a paper on "Passage Feedback with IRIS" which appeared in the May 2001 (Vo. 37, No. 3) issue of *Information Processing & Management*. □



Learning Experiences ... SILS faculty members once again worked on projects with students participating in the university's annual SPGRE (Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience) program. Carolyn Mitchell (top left), Corey Nickens (bottom left) and Monique Lowe (bottom right) worked with Dr. Greg Newby. Deen Freelon (top right) worked with Dr. Gary Marchionini.

Gates Foundation Interns Gain Experience, Help Libraries

Two master's students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science (SILS) have been selected as interns with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program. **Leslie Sult** and **Aisha Harvey** will work with the program through December.

The U.S. Library Program partners with public libraries to increase access to information technology in low-income communities, providing grants, software and support. Gates Library interns travel to public libraries in the state, assisting Foundation staff with the installation of computers and conducting training classes for librarians. Interns also provide technical field support for rural and small libraries.

"We are delighted to work with the Gates Foundation to improve access to the Internet in North Carolina," said SILS Dean Joanne Gard Marshall. "Public libraries across the state are the major on-ramps to the information highway for all our citizens, especially those without access to computers and telecommunications. This project will help bridge the digital divide."

Sult, a Prescott, Ariz., native, and Harvey, of Raleigh, were selected in January following an interview process. They were chosen on the basis of their commitment to public libraries, interest in working with technology, technical aptitude and ability to work with novice computer users.

The program is intended to allow interns to gain teaching and training experience, become involved with public libraries and librarians, work with a variety of software applications and develop knowledge of hardware and networking. Interns must be enrolled as full-time students in a school of information and library science



Gates interns Aisha Harvey (left) and Leslie Sult.

and commit to working 20 hours per week.

The Gates Foundation provides tuition for the year that the intern works with the program, as well as a \$15,000 stipend and travel reimbursement. The Foundation also provides a training session in Seattle, a laptop computer and cellular phone to use for the year and a computer that will be donated to SILS when the internship ends.

To participate in the program, states must be chosen for a State Partnership Program Grant, which establishes a cooperative relationship between the Foundation, the state library agency, schools of library science and local public libraries.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, founded in 1994, focuses on helping to improve people's lives through health and learning. □

Botanical Repository Uses the Internet To Connect Students With Knowledge

The Plant Information Center (PIC), a web-based learning project at SILS, is using technology to bring children and nature closer together.

An outgrowth of the Botanical Network (BOTNET) project, spearheaded by SILS Professor Dr. Evelyn Daniel and Dr. Peter White, director of the N.C. Botanical Garden, the PIC is a digital repository of more than 375 botanical specimens from North Carolina and the southeastern United States. The project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS).

Whereas BOTNET (www.ibiblio.org/botnet/flora/indexstart.html) is geared toward the research and professional community, the PIC has a younger audience in mind. The project evolved out of the desire to make the University's botanical resources and expert knowledge accessible to school children, specifically sixth- and seventh-grade science students.

"The whole approach is to bring research projects related to the natural world to the public," Daniel said. "Our interest is in information and how to make it more accessible."

Added SILS Assistant Professor Dr. Jane Greenberg, a principal with the project, "The PIC shows students how a research tool used by botanists can help identify plants in their own backyards." The

PIC also helps science teachers supplement their knowledge, providing a vital link between SILS and the community.

The project maintains a public web site for students and visitors at <http://www.ibiblio.org/pic>. The information resource also offers a work and documentation web site for project staff at <http://ils.unc.edu/daniel/PIC>. The PIC has an advisory group of 15 members with expertise in the areas of science education, school media practices, botany and related sciences, database design and digital photography.

"We have supportive data for anything about our plant specimens that you might want to find," Daniel said.

Other services provided by the PIC include a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section and an "Ask the Expert" function, currently under construction. Also available is Botanical Pride, part of an initiative to allow students and the general public to contribute images of botanical specimens and corresponding metadata to the PIC.

In the future, Daniel, White and Greenberg hope to catalog herbaceous species, including local wildflowers and carnivorous plants through BOTNET, and present information about plants as indicators of environmental health. □

AlumniNews



SILS graduate Teresa Church stands next to her exhibit.

Wilson Exhibit Shines New Light On Life of Trail Blazing Tar Heel

By Robert Albright

Teresa Church, a manuscripts processing librarian at UNC-Chapel Hill's Wilson Library, knows a thing or two about civil rights activist Floyd McKissick. In fact, Church spent two years processing information about the African-American leader.

Church, a 1998 MSLS graduate of SILS, unveiled her exhibit "The Life and Times of Floyd McKissick" in Wilson Library in August. Displayed on the library's fourth floor, the exhibit ran through September.

Church worked steadily for two years processing McKissick's manuscripts, undertaking what she said was a "mammoth" but rewarding task.

"The opportunity to process this collection gave me an awesome introduction to working as an archivist in the library profession," Church said. "This was also a wonderful review of history."

Born in 1922, McKissick was the first African-American man to attend the Law School at UNC-Chapel Hill. McKissick served as a key figure in the NAACP and made an impact as a lawyer, businessman, author, journalist and ordained minister.

In an attempt to improve African-Americans' economic power, McKissick also founded Soul City near Warrenton. He called the town "the first freestanding community in modern history." McKissick hoped Soul City would serve as an integrated community with sufficient industry to support a population of 55,000, but the federally financed project ran into difficulties and never developed as McKissick had anticipated.

Following McKissick's death in 1991, nearly 190,000 photographs, clippings, speeches, maps and other correspondence detailing his life remained — items that Church spent hundreds of hours going through since August 1999.

To mark the opening of the Floyd McKissick Papers in Wilson Library, Church said she wanted to put together an exhibit that honored McKissick's life and career. Church's exhibit, which included unique artifacts such as a Soul City license plate from a local vehicle, detailed McKissick's attempts to improve race relations and economics.

"When I began working on this collection, I learned so much more than I ever imagined," Church said. "McKissick was a man of many talents." □

Your Help is Needed To Articulate Vision

Greetings from your alumni association. It is with great pride that I begin my term in office and write my first "Message" as your president. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with the school, the association and an outstanding executive board.

I am pleased to announce that Seldon Lamoureux, who works at Davis Library, has joined the board as vice president/president-elect. Susan Gramling, from UNC's Graduate Studies and Research Office of Information and Communications, has also signed on, as the association's secretary.

Returning to the board this year are treasurer Ralph Kaplan (with NCLIVE at North Carolina State) and immediate past president Martha Barefoot (from UNC's law school).

I must add a special thanks to outgoing board member Debbie Balsamo (director of the EPA Library in Research Triangle Park), who did a wonderful job as secretary. Her energy and ideas will be missed.

This year the school celebrates its 70th anniversary. I am excited that my year as president corresponds with this milestone in the school's continued growth and development. I take a great deal of pride in being a graduate of SILS. We have an impressive history crafted by a dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the many highly successful alums who have met the challenges of their times. We have a very bright future if we are willing to meet it with energy and commitment.

Your alumni board is engaged in a process of creating a vision of what its role could be and should be. We would like your thoughtful input. We are not seeking to rewrite our purpose as stated in the constitution, but rather to *activate* that purpose.

We think our vision should be:

to play a major role in building the future of the school by creating strong, vibrant and dynamic alliances between the school, its alumni, its students, and other people and organizations in the information and library sciences who can contribute to the school.

To this end, we are seeking to establish goals for the months and years ahead. We think these goals might be (1) to increase the active membership of the association and (2) to provide a meaningful contribution to the school's development goals. Before we quantify these goals, however, we need to know if they are the right goals. What are your thoughts?

For many years, the traditional role of the association has included such duties as hosting the new student reception, hosting the graduation receptions, organizing Alumni Day events, and selecting recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. These duties remain very important. Many of us who have served on the board, however, feel that we can do more. We hope you will join us in this endeavor.

My duties with EBSCO Information Services keep me traveling. If you would like to get in touch with me, I can be reached at dgoble@ebsco.com or via my voice mail at 1-800-723-2726, ext. 9720. □



SILS Ph.D. Alumnus Named Director of Federal Agency

Senate Confirms Martin's Appointment as IMLS Chief

From Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On July 12, the U.S. Senate confirmed **Dr. Robert Sidney Martin** (Ph.D. '88), a distinguished library professional and scholar, to be director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal grant-making agency that supports the nation's libraries and museums.

Martin, a librarian, archivist, administrator and educator, was professor and interim director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. He joined the school's faculty in 1999. Texas Woman's University is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top graduate programs in library and information studies in the nation.

From 1995 until 1999, Martin served as director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. During his tenure as Texas State Librarian, Martin led a dramatic expansion of TexShare, the agency's statewide library resource-sharing program, and coordinated the development of new school library standards for the state.

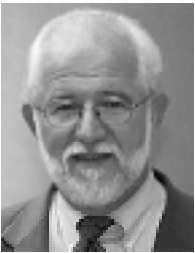
From 1985 until 1995, Martin was associate dean of libraries for special collections at Louisiana State University. Before that, he worked in the archives and special collections at the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Austin. He also taught at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Among the awards and honors Martin has won are SILS' Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of Southwest Archivists, and the Justin Winsor Prize from the American Library Association.

In addition to his SILS doctorate, Martin earned a master of library science degree at the University of North Texas and a bachelor of arts degree in history at Rice University.

Martin is a native of Houston. He is married to Barbara Stein Martin, a professor in the school of library and information sciences at the University of North Texas.

Martin will replace Beverly Sheppard, who has been the senior official at IMLS since March 1999. Sheppard will resume her responsibilities as IMLS deputy director for museum services. □



President's Message

By David Goble



2001-2002 Alumni Board ... Serving on the Alumni Association's Executive Board this year are (from left) Martha Barefoot (past president), Susan Gramling (secretary), Seldon Lamoureux (vice president/president-elect), Ralph Kaplan (treasurer) and David Goble (president).

What's Happening with SILS Alumni

Susan Grambling (MSLS '76) is GrantSource librarian and information development coordinator at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jeanne Sawyer (MSLS '77) has published a book, *When Stuff Happens: A Practical Guide to Solving Problems Permanently* (ISBN 0-9700304-0-1). She is an independent business consultant, trainer and writer based in San Jose, Calif. She specializes in helping clients solve chronic, messy problems that cause customers to take their business elsewhere. Check out her web site, and the book, at <http://www.sawyerpartnership.com>.

Mary Chitty (MSLS '79) has created a web site titled "Genomics Glossary: Evolving Terminology for Emerging Technologies." It can be found at <http://www.genomicglossaries.com/>.

The *Library Journal* article on librarians "crossing over into the corporate sector" (September 2001) features **Duncan Smith** (MSLS '80), formerly with North Carolina Central University's School of Library and Information Sciences, along with four other librarians who have developed careers with dot.coms and library technology companies.

Julie White Walker (MSLS '82) is associate director with the Athens (Ga.) Regional Library System.

David Bennett (MSLS '87) presented a pre-conference workshop on e-books at EDUCAUSE 2001 in Indianapolis in October. David is the systems librarian at Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh.

Michael Lamott Mason (MSLS '87) is head librarian at the Ungaretti & Harris law firm in Chicago.

Ben Trask (MSLS '87) has been spotted on the History Channel, during a program on the raising of the *USS Monitor*. He is a librarian with the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Va.

Dr. W. Michael Havener (Ph.D., '88) has been promoted from associate to full

professor at the University of Rhode Island (URI). He has also been re-appointed director of the URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies for a second three-year term. His appointment runs through 2004.

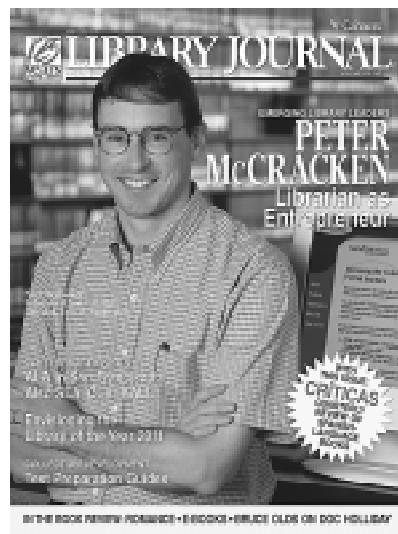
Kathryn "Katy" Johnston (MSLS, '89) is now the information systems librarian at the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago.

Dr. Irene Owens (Ph.D., '95) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin. She has also been appointed to a courtesy joint appointment in educational administration and is a junior fellow in British Studies at the University of Texas.

Dr. Wooseob Jeong (MSLS '97) recently earned his Ph.D. in information studies at Florida State University, and moved to Milwaukee, Wisc., for a new job - assistant professor at the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

W. John MacMullen (MSIS '97) has accepted one of two library bioinformatics fellowships under the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) informatics training grant. The fellowship is based in the UNC-CH Health Sciences Library and is administered in cooperation with the directors of the Centers for Genomics and Bioinformatics, Medical Informatics Training Program and the dean of the School of Information and Library Science. The purpose of the fellowship is to strengthen the multidisciplinary bioinformatics knowledge base in a practicing librarian or scientist, and develop library-based bioinformatics resources and services.

Damon Sauve (MSLS '97) first published *Oyster Boy Review*, a print and online journal of fiction and poetry, in 1994 in Gainesville, Fla., where he studied creative writing with Harry Crews at the University of Florida. His biblio- and biographical work on Crews has been published in *The Southern Quarterly*, *Getting Naked with Harry Crews* and *Perspectives on Harry Crews*. Sauve, editor of *Oyster Boy Review*, lives in Oakland, Calif.



Peter McCracken (MSLS '95) appeared on the cover of the August 15 edition of *Library Journal*. The issue's lead article examined McCracken's *Serials Solutions*, which offers librarians a reliable way to track full-text, electronic-format journals.

Reed Williams (MSLS '97) is the librarian at Shady Side Academy Senior School in Pittsburgh. He also remains on a part-time basis at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Teresa Church (MSLS '98) will have a quilt exhibit at North Carolina State University's African-American Culture Center. The exhibit will feature quilts and artifacts from Church's collection from October 17 through December 12. Church has also been invited to speak to students in design classes at NCSU.

Dr. Susan M. Colaric (MSLS '98) recently completed her Ph.D. in instructional systems at Penn State University where her area of study was instruction for information literacy. Her dissertation was titled "Search Engines on the World Wide Web: A Comparison of Instructional Methods to Improve Syntactic Knowledge." She accepted a position as assistant professor in the Department of Library Science, Educational Technology and Distance Instruction at East Carolina University starting this fall.

Carol Joyner (MSLS '98) married **Steven Cramer** (MSLS '94) on March 10, 2001.

Shirley Dellenbeck (MSLS '99) is a librarian with California State University, Chico.

Taneyia Y. Koonce (MSLS '99) has begun work as an information, education and research services librarian at Vanderbilt University's Eskin Biomedical Library in Nashville, Tenn. She recently completed her second year of the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Associate Fellowship Program, designed to prepare future leaders in health sciences librarianship.

Richard Murray (MSLS '99), a catalog librarian at Vanderbilt University, has accepted a two-year appointment to the Europe & Canada Subcommittee of the American Library Association's International Relations Committee. He has also been named 2001-02 co-chair of the Resume Reviewing Service Committee of the ALA's New Members Round Table.

Claire de la Varre (MSIS '00) has started a new job in Edinburgh, Scotland, working for Edinburgh University's Learning Technology Centre as a Web Developer. She is responsible for putting the final two years of the undergraduate medical curriculum online.

Heidi Dressler (MSLS, '00) was awarded the Kansas Library Association's Outstanding New Professional Award at its annual conference in Topeka. A local history librarian with the Wichita Public Library, Heidi received the award in part as a result of her

efforts with the Wichita Digital Library Group and the Wichita Genealogical Society.

Sue Erickson (MSLS '00) is a reference librarian and bibliographer for anthropology and sociology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Robyn Pretzloff (MSIS '00) is a technical writer with Noteworthy Medical Systems, a medical software company in Cleveland, Ohio.

James Jackson Sanborn (MSLS '00) has been appointed data services librarian at the North Carolina State University Libraries. He works under the direction of both the head of data services and the head of digital library initiatives.

Katherine "K.T." Vaughan (MSLS '00) won the 2001 Sara Aull Student Paper Award for her literature review, "Methods for Journal Collection Analysis in Science Libraries." The award is sponsored by the North Carolina Special Libraries Association and was presented in April at the NCSLA awards banquet. Along with \$500 and a plaque, the award includes publication of at least the abstract in the *NCSLA Bulletin*. . . . The Spring 2001 edition of the online journal *Issues in Science & Technology Libraries* features an article by Vaughan titled "Internet Teaching Resources in Chemical Research Ethics."

Clint Chamberlain (MSLS '01) has begun work as Information Literacy Coordinator at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Brian Hilligoss (MSIS '01) was awarded the 2001 Pratt Severn Student Research Paper Award. The award, presented by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), includes registration to the ASIST Annual Meeting and up to \$500 toward travel. The purpose of the award is to encourage student research and writing in the field of information science.

Adina Lack (MSLS '01) is an archivist/special collections librarian at UNC-Wilmington.

Jamie Roth (MSLS '01), an archivist at the JFK Presidential Library in Boston, has had his master's paper, "Serving up EAD: An Exploratory Study on the Deployment and Utilization of Encoded Archival Description (EAD) Finding Aids," win the 2001 Society of American Archivists' (SAA) Pease Award for best student paper of the year. Jamie received the award at the SAA's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Yukiko Sakai's (MSIS '01) paper on metadata for evidence-based medicine has been accepted for the International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications (DC2001) in Tokyo in October. Yukiko has settled in the Tokyo area and is working for an undergraduate library of Keio University on the Hiyoshi Campus in Yokohama. She is responsible for systems, computers and networks within the library. Yukiko reported that fellow May graduate **Eric Obershaw** (MSLS) is also working in Tokyo. □

In Memoriam

Charlotta Cook Hensley (1968) March 29, 1997
Margaret Virginia Hunt (1972) July 24, 2000
Jane Cranmer Doherty (1975) Aug. 14, 2000
Eugenia Ralston Babylon (1955) Sept. 26, 2000
Sangster Parrott (1957) Nov. 5, 2000
Cassandra Smith Gissendanner (1968) Nov. 18, 2000
Emma Linton Holman (1939) Jan. 11, 2001
Ellen New Lauten (1942) Jan. 12, 2001
Dorothy Potter Jackson (1970) April 11, 2001
Ann Sweeney Baxter (1973) April 24, 2001
Mary McKee Felton (1938) June 3, 2001
Pattie Bartee McIntyre (1940) June 9, 2001
Martha Miller Brandis (1964) Aug. 23, 2001

Death notices are provided by the GAA. Dates in parentheses indicate class year. Notify the GAA Records Department with death announcements at PO Box 660; Chapel Hill, 27514.



Two More Join Ranks Of Honored Alumni At May Graduation

Bernie Todd Smith (MSLS '72, above, left, with SILS Alumni Association President Martha Barefoot and SILS Dean Joanne Gard Marshall) and **Charles Lowry** (MSLS '74) right, with Barefoot) were honored at May's commencement ceremony as SILS' newest Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Smith is director of libraries for ViaHealth, an integrated health care system in the Rochester, N.Y., area. Lowry is dean of libraries at the University of Maryland College Park.



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Leading the Way

Representing almost 60 years of SILS leadership, these two photos show the school's first three leaders -- (above, from left) Lucile Kelling Henderson, Louis Round Wilson and Susan Grey Akers -- and the school's four most recent deans -- (from left) Edward Holley, Evelyn Daniel, Barbara Moran and Joanne Gard Marshall. The above photo was taken sometime in the mid-1950s; the photo at right in 2000.

