SILS to host iConference 2009

iConference 2009, "**iSociety:** research, education, engagement" is scheduled to take place in Chapel Hill on Feb. 8 - 11, 2009. *See page 3 for details.*

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SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND LIBRARY SCIENCE @*Carolina*

Carolina attracts world-renowned large-scale data research team; DICE group joins SILS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is now home to the world-renowned Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group (formerly known as Data Intensive Computing Environments group), long of the University of California, San Diego's Supercomputer Center.

The research team holds appointments in Carolina's nationally recognized School of Information and Library Science with research space in Chapel Hill's Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) and the Wilson Library. The award-winning research group brings expertise in development of digital data technologies, including open source software that enables sharing of data in collaborative research, publication of data in digital libraries, and preservation of data in persistent archives for use by future generations, along with a research portfolio in excess of $10 million.

"The opportunity to recruit an entire group of active researchers with an international reputation for vision, innovation and accomplishment is rare, perhaps even unprecedented in information and library science," said UNC Chancellor H. Holden Thorp. "Their work is closely aligned with the school's efforts in the areas of digital libraries and archives, databases, institutional repositories, information retrieval and information management. Our students and many others across campus will have an extraordinary opportunity to learn from and collaborate with this world-class research team."

Research team leaders Drs. Reagan Moore, Richard Marciano and Arcot Rajasekar have been appointed as full professors at SILS. Other members of the DICE group will be moving to Carolina in the next few months (see page 9 and 10).

"The DICE group will function as a magnet for students and collaborators," said SILS Dean José-Marie Griffiths. "The group will help us further extend the research computing infrastructure at UNC that will benefit us all, improve our

DICE team leaders Drs. Richard Marciano, Arcot Rajasekar and Reagan Moore.

capacity and capability to conduct larger-scale research projects, while inspiring new generations of students to understand that considerable attention and deliberate effort are needed to ensure both effective and long-term access to information."

Group members will interact with colleagues in the school and other campus units on academic digital library and preservation research efforts, initially focusing on current collaborations such as the National Archives and Records Administration Transcontinental Persistent Archive Prototype and the National Science Foundation Software Development for Cyberinfrastructure project, along with others such as the Library of Congress Video Archiving project.

"A major challenge for the next several decades will be managing the enormous amount of digital data we create in science and research," said Alan Blatecky, RENCI's interim director. "The DICE group has years of experience and an international reputation for developing innovative systems for managing distributed digital data. This will be a huge advantage for Carolina as the wave of new data rapidly becomes a tsunami. We will have the opportunity to extend our leadership nationally and internationally in managing, sharing, publishing and archiving research data."

Other potential areas for collaboration include biomedical and health data management, grid computing and cyberinfrastructure with Carolina's Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute, visualization of large-scale data sets with the College of Arts and Sciences' department of computer science and with RENCI, as well as shared institutional repositories and digital library systems with RENCI and the Triangle Research Libraries Network. Additional collaborations

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Dean's Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

In rare instances, the planets align, the stars shine a bit brighter and magic occurs. Over the past several months, we've experienced some magic at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Most recently, however, the economy has sent a few meteors our way.

As the University celebrated its birthday on Sunday, October 12, H. Holden Thorp was installed as the University's 10th chancellor. Chancellor Thorp has a strong commitment to Carolina, especially our people — faculty, staff, students and alumni. He brings to his position a high degree of optimism and a belief that together we can transform our future. We recently met with the Chancellor and Provost Bernadette Gray-Little to discuss SILS successes, challenges, immediate needs and plans for future growth. We are confident that SILS will continue to be a key contributor to the transformation as we all focus on the future.

Dean's Message
By José-Marie Griffiths, Dean of the School

Another shining moment has been the successful recruitment of the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group. This world-renowned group of researchers brings much to the University and to the School. Our students and colleagues from across the campus and beyond have an incredible opportunity to learn from and collaborate with them on new and exciting projects. Many have already benefitted from working with the group. As you will see in the pages of this newsletter, the DICE group has brought in its first research grant to UNC at Chapel Hill for nearly $5 million over the next five years.

In addition to winning awards and being recognized for their impressive work, several of our faculty have recently received new grants for their research. They continue to represent SILS in a global capacity, collaborating on projects and presenting ground-breaking research to others around the world. Our students are becoming even more involved with school activities, hosting research days and presenting ideas that enhance the learning experience. SILS has cause to celebrate!

While delighted with the vibrant activities of the School, the University and the hope for tomorrow, it is also a time to focus on how the economic downturn sweeping the global community has and will continue to impact our operations.

The State of North Carolina recently mandated budget cuts for state institutions. With the current economy, the State has required a four percent cut. As a small school with relatively few operating dollars, this mandate has been a challenge for SILS. Now more than ever, we need your help.

It is our primary goal to ensure that our students and faculty have what they need to ensure academic excellence. Support for faculty, scholarships for students, the SILS building fund and unrestricted monies are important areas of focus. As advocates and alumni of the number one school in the nation, we rely on your continued support as we manage through this challenging period. As always, we appreciate your generous support and continued involvement.

Sincerely,

José-Marie Griffiths

José-Marie Griffiths, Dean and Professor
School of Information and Library Science
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Hold the dates!
February 8 - 11, 2009

The fourth annual *i*conference 2009
organized by the *i*Caucus member schools

*i*society:
research, education, engagement

Hosted by the School of Information and Library Science
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Watch for more conference details soon!

SILS will host the fourth annual iConference on February 8 - 11, 2009 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill. With the theme, **"iSociety:** research, education, engagement," the conference brings together scholars and professionals who come from diverse backgrounds and shared interests in working at the nexus of people, information, and technology.

Guest speakers, paper sessions, a poster session, roundtables, "wildcard" sessions and opportunities for conversations and connections will be highlights in the conference program.

The topics include:
• e-inclusion in the iSociety: addressing under represented groups among iDesigners as well as iConsumers (e.g., women, children and youth, the aging, people with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, immigrant communities, non-Western cultures)
• Becoming a 'green' iSchool
• What is 'engagement' in a research institution?
• The influence of globalization on the nature and scope of iSchools' research, education and engagement
• Information infrastructure development in the home, in organizations, in communities, in society, globally
• Cultural information systems; e.g., multilingual information systems, information systems for memory institutions or for indigenous and ethnic communities
• Preserving digital information and ensuring information quality, security and privacy
• Information management; e.g., personal information management, life cycle management of information, digital asset management
• Information organization; e.g., ontological modeling, the Semantic Web, social bookmarking

Call for Participation
The organizing committee of the iSchools Conference has issued a "Call for Participation" that solicits contributions reflecting on the core activities of the iSchools community as we move more fully into the iSociety. These would include reflections on: research topics, practices, methods and epistemologies appropriate to an iSchool; educational practices in iSchools; and engagement between the iSchools and wider constituencies both in the United States and abroad. The deadline for complete papers, abstracts for posters, roundtable discussions and wildcard sessions is Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

For more information on formatting and submissions, please visit the conference Web site at: www.ischools.org/oc/conference09/

DigCCurr 2009: Digital Curation Practice, Promise and Prospects April 1 - 3, 2009

The second Digital Curation Curriculum (DigCCurr) symposium will be held April 1-3, 2009 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This event provides a unique opportunity for researchers, practitioners, faculty and students from around the world to come together for immersion and exchange of ideas on all facets of digital curation – digital repositories, data management, preservation and migration of digital content across its life span, institutional repositories, distributed data networks, standards and more.

"DigCCurr 2009: Digital Curation Practice, Promise and Prospects" is part of a project called "Preserving Access to Our Digital Future: Building an International Digital Curation Curriculum (DigCCurr)," which has been funded for three years (2006-2009) by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The primary goals of the DigCCurr project are to develop a graduate-level curricular framework, course modules, and experiential components to prepare students for digital curation in various environments. DigCCurr's various initiatives are informed by representatives from the project's collaborating institutions as well as an Advisory Board of experts from Australia, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The first symposium, "DigCCurr2007: An International Symposium in Digital Curation," was held April 18 - 20, 2007, attracting nearly 300 attendees from ten countries. Participants explored the definition of digital curation and what skills are necessary for digital curation professionals working in libraries, archives, museums, data centers and other data intensive organizations. DigCCurr2009 will continue this theme, focusing on current practice and research surrounding digital curation with a look toward the future, and trends in preparing digital curation professionals.

Through the leadership of Dr. Helen Tibbo and Dr. Cal Lee, SILS is a global leader in the research and practice of digital curation education.

For more information or to register, please visit the Web site at: www.ils.unc.edu/digccurr2009/

Campers use Web 2.0 to study botany

Fourteen students from the Triangle community participated in the first BotCamp on July 31 through Aug. 2 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. BotCamp is part of BOT 2.0, an innovative program featuring a curriculum that weaves together four key themes – botany, environmental conservation, the use of social technologies and metadata literacy.

Using digital cameras and camera phones to capture images of plants and trees in the field, the enthusiastic campers downloaded them to Web 2.0 social computing technologies such as Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and blogs. In the classroom, they focused on using metadata tagging for classification of each image.

"Researchers have demonstrated that students learn more effectively when they are actively engaged in the learning process and self evaluation," said Dr. Jane Greenberg, Francis Carroll McColl Term professor at SILS and principal investigator of the BOT 2.0 program. "BOT 2.0 applies this active learning approach using Web 2.0 social computing technologies to increase student engagement in botanical science and to address known recruitment and retention challenges."

Students with nontraditional backgrounds from Alamance Community College, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University and UNC at Chapel Hill were selected for the camp. The camp included outings to the UNC Arboretum, the NC Botanical Gardens, the Herbarium, Mason Farms and other natural surroundings with botanical experts, as well as information management and technology sessions at SILS.

BOT 2.0 is a collaborative effort between the

BotCampers and camp counselors from left to right, Curtis Williams; Dr. Jane Greenberg, SILS faculty, and BOT 2.0 PI; Eunisa Simone Lindsey; David Woodbury, SILS student; Dr. Alan Weakley, Botanical Garden Herbarium curator; Destiny Harris;Komi Segno Messan; Candace Farrish; Tosha Roberts; Andeliene Croce (in tree); Tracy Anderson (in tree); Morgan Robinson; Jacob Kramer-Duffield, SILS student; Heather Wolff; Jennifer Kellie Walters; Dr. Evelyn Daniel, SILS associate dean for academic affairs, and BOT 2.0 co-PI; and Domonique Bulls. Photo by Dr. Brian Sturm.

Metadata Research Center at SILS, the North Carolina Botanical Garden, the UNC Herbarium, the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) and Information Technology Services. It is a two year program funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation and it is led by Greenberg and Alan Weakley, curator of the UNC Herbarium, a department of the NC Botanical Garden.

DICE group joins SILS

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in the sciences, social sciences and humanities are expected.

"The DICE group, in collaboration with SILS, will pursue development of undergraduate, masters and doctoral level courses on data grids and preservation environments," said Moore. "The opportunity to teach academic courses strongly influenced the decision to move to SILS and UNC. We are also interested in pursuing collaborations for the creation of campus cyberinfrastructure

and participating on data management projects in support of education, patient medical records and emergency preparedness."

For more than 10 years the group's Storage Research Broker (SRB) data grid has been used by research teams worldwide to automate all aspects of manipulation of large, distributed data files, including discovery, access, retrieval, management, replication, archiving and analysis. DICE most recently developed iRODS, the open source Integrated Rule-Oriented Data System, which introduced user-settable rules that automate complex management policies, helping users tame today's mushrooming

collections of digital data.

The team has worked on national and international projects, providing data management systems for major grid and distributed research projects, including the Southern California Earthquake Center, the TeraGrid, the Worldwide University Network, California Digital Library-Digital Preservation Repository, the Laboratory for the Ocean Observatory Knowledge Integration Grid, the Biomedical Informatics Research Network and the Geoscience network.

UNC receives Clinical and Translational Science Award

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was awarded a five year grant for $61 million from the National Institute of Health (NIH) May 29, 2008. The Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) will "help speed up how scientific discoveries directly benefit patients in communities across North Carolina." The effort includes many units across campus including SILS.

As part of the award, the formation of the Translational and Clinical Sciences (TraCS) Institute was announced during a press conference on the medical campus. The leadership of the Institute includes:

- Etta Pisano, director of the TraCS Institute
- **José-Marie Griffiths,** deputy director of Biomedical Informatics for the TraCS Institute and director of the Bioinformatics Core (dean of SILS)
- Giselle-Corbie Smith, deputy director of TraCS Institute in charge of bedside-to-practice program and director of the TraCS Community Engagement Core
- Eugene Orringer, deputy director of TraCS Research Workforce and director of the Education, Training and Career Development Core
- David Peden, deputy director for Pediatric Research of the TraCS Institute and director of its Pediatrics Program
- Michael Fried, deputy director of the TraCS Institute in charge of Discovery-to-Bedside Program and director of the Participant and Clinical Interactions Resouces Core
- Rudy Juliano, deputy director, Basic Science
- Lisa Lavange, deputy director, Analytics
- Rosemary Simpson, chief operating officer for the TraCS Institute

The TraCS Institute will "engage communities across North Carolina in a continuous cycle of knowledge, discovery and dissemination of new ideas for delivering health care."

"This institute will transform the way research is performed in our state," said Dr. William L. Roper, dean of the School of Medicine, vice chancellor for medical affairs and chief executive officer of UNC Health Care. "The initiative will bridge science and clinical practice and speed up the movement of innovations from the laboratory bench to the bedside and the community."

SILS faculty currently involved with the TraCS Institute include **Javed Mostafa, Brad Hemminger** and **Cathy Blake.**

The press release providing more information about the grant can be found at:

http://uncnews.unc.edu/news/health-and-medicine/new-federally-funded-health-initiative-to-speed-benefits-of-science-to-north-carolinians.html

Who is Archimedes?

The all-knowing owl that resides in the corner of the SILS Library Reading Room now has a name. SILS students participated in a contest sponsored by the Library to name the owl and four talented students suggested the same name—Archimedes. Archimedes is also the name of Merlin's owl in T.H. White's *The Once and Future King.*

Morgan Stoddard, Mike Rooney, Sarah Everhart (pictured here with Archimedes) and Rhea Emery-Morris received gift certificates to the UNC Daily Grind.

New Archives & Records Management Concentration celebrated

On Oct. 8, 2008 SILS joined the Society of American Archivists in celebrating American Archives month by hosting a special celebration that recognized the School's new archives and records management concentration. Instructors, faculty and managers of archive-related field experiences were acknowledged; and students were exposed to the various possibilities associated with archives and records management.

Dr. Robert Martin (Ph.D. '88), former director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair at Texas Woman's University, delivered the keynote address. He discussed his experience with and the importance of archives.

Dr. Cal Lee, assistant professor, acknowledged the alumni and current students who focus on archives and records management. Dr. Timothy Pyatt, Duke University, recognized the adjunct instructors who teach archives and records managements; and Kathy Wisser, director of Instructional Services, spoke to the field experience supervisors who work with SILS students. Dr. Helen Tibbo, reviewed the new concentration with those in attendance.

Faculty Research Grants and Awards

SILS faculty have received a number of substantial grants to conduct their research. Following are brief descriptions of these recent projects.

"NARA Transcontinental Persistent Archive Prototype"

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded nearly $5 million for a continuing grant to **Drs. Reagan W. Moore, Arcot K. Rajasekar and Richard J. Marciano** for a project entitled, "NARA Transcontinental Persistent Archive Prototype." The grant began Sept. 15, 2008 and has been "approved on scientific/technical merit" through 2012 pending available funds and scientific progress. The initial funding, which includes support from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), for year one is $953,988 with about the same award provided each year for a total of five years.

The NARA Transcontinental Persistent Archive Prototype (TPAP) conducts research on fundamental preservation principles to inform the NARA Electronic Records Archive. The current project is developing a reference implementation for preservation environments that can be used as a starter kit. The goal is to identify the basic preservation rules and procedures that automate the management of persistent archives.

"Multi-site Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Trials Management Registry"

Dr. Javed Mostafa, co-investigator, and Dr. Lisa Lavange, principal investigator and director of the Collaborative Studies Coordinating Center, were awarded $2,480,772 by the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation for the "Multi-site Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Trials Management Registry." The three year grant is through the University's Collaborative Studies Coordinating Center, Department of Biostatistics.

"A Digital Repository for Preservation and Sharing of Data Underlying Published Works in Evolutionary Biology"

Dr. Jane Greenberg is co-principal investigator on a $650,999 grant from NSF for year one, with the full award being $2,186,179 pending good scientific progress over a 3.5 year period. The funding is for the development of the Dryad repository for research data underlying scientific publications in evolutionary biology and related disciplines. Dryad was initiated as a collaboration involving the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center and the SILS Metadata Research Center. The project includes an extensive research/evaluation program for building and sustaining a robust and functional repository.

Partners include: Duke University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (SILS MRC and Biology), University of New Mexico and Yale University.

"DigCCurr II: Extending an International Digital Curation Curriculum to Doctoral Students and Practitioners"

Dr. Helen Tibbo received a grant for $878,634 from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a project entitled, "DigCCurr II: Extending an International Digital Curation Curriculum to Doctoral Students and Practitioners." Building upon an earlier funded project, SILS partnering with the National Archives and Records Administration and the University of Glasgow, will develop an international, doctoral curriculum and educational network in the management and preservation of digital materials across their life cycle. This project will prepare future faculty to perform research and teach, as well as provide summer institutes for cultural heritage information professionals already working in this arena.

"Towards Evidence-Based Discovery"

Dr. Cathy Blake received a three-year grant of $449,317 from NSF for her project entitled, "Towards Evidence-Based Discovery." The goal is to develop new text mining methods that are consistent with the manual processes that experts currently use to resolve contradictory and redundant evidence. Both discovery and synthesis are difficult activities for people. Plans are to develop a socio-technical strategy to achieve this goal. This study includes a longitudinal study of manual discovery and synthesis behaviors of a diverse network of faculty, policy makers, and students from UNC and the Research Triangle Park. Blake says, "One of the most exciting components of the grant is a new interdisciplinary seminar on discovery science that will bring together faculty and students from around the campus, and the Human Side of Discovery Science workshop that will take place in year three."

"Result Space Support for Personal and Group Information Seeking Over Time"

Dr. Gary Marchionini received a three-year grant from NSF for $448,000 to study and develop the next generation of search systems.

The project aims to develop techniques and systems that help people solve information problems that are complex, general, or ongoing and when information seeking takes place over multiple intervals or in collaboration with other people. The approach is to first study how people seek information and interpret results of searches as they use multiple systems over time and in collaboration with emphasis given to managing and optionally sharing result sets and items. Based on these initial investigations the team will build systems that support dynamic search and visualization and can serve both as a personal information manager and a group information manager and evaluate these tools in field and laboratory settings. The results of this research will provide guidance for designers of the next generation of systems that support a full range of information seeking needs and contribute open source tools that people can easily adopt as plug-ins to popular Web browsing software.

"HIVE: Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering"

Dr. Jane Greenberg is the PI on a funded project by IMLS entitled, "HIVE: Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering." The co-PI on the project is Ryan Scherle from National Evolutionary Synthesis Center. (NESCent). **Bob Losee,** professor, is senior staff/project principal and **Kathy Wisser,** director of Instructional Services, is the workshop leader/advisory board member. SILS doctoral students, **Hollie White** and **Sarah Carrier,** are also working on the project, which is approved for $334,699.

The project is a collaboration between the SILS Metadata Research Center and the NESCent. The work connects to the recent NSF funded research for the Dryad repository; and the use of W3C standards will be applicable to other interdisciplinary repositories, libraries, etc.

"Workshop: Coordinating EU-US Digital Library Education"

Dr. Jeffrey Pomerantz received a $26,213 grant from NSF for his project, "Workshop: Coordinating EU-US Digital Library Education." The meeting is intended to develop and launch a coordinated international digital libraries curriculum project. The two-day collaborative workshop will bring together about 15 experts in information and computer science research and educational curriculum development.

Carolina Digital Curation Fellows

The Carolina Digital Curation Fellows and project leaders on the steps of Manning Hall. First row, from left to right: Katherine-Rose Repp, Dr. Helen Tibbo, Tara Wink, Lisa Gregory, Alex Chassanoff and Jennifer Mantooth. Second row: Samantha Guss, Carolyn Hank, John Blythe, Mark Swails, Dr. Cal Lee and T. Mike Childs.

Based on the success of the program in the Carolina Digital Curation Fellowship's inaugural year (2007-2008), three of the project's practicum settings, University Library, Information Technology Services' Teaching and Learning Division and the Odum Institute for Research in the Social Science, provided funding to support four additional Fellows for the 2008-2009 academic year to help meet the growing digital curation challenges of their respective departments. The 2008-2009 Fellows are:

Alexandra Chassanoff is originally from New England and attended Brandeis University, receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a joint concentration in Women's Studies and Art History. She spent several years as a database analyst and became interested in digital archives after working as a digital asset manager. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Information Science (MSIS) at SILS and working on the development of the Carolina Digital Repository.

T. Mike Childs is a native North Carolinian who received his BA in Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures from UNC at CH. He spent nine years in Los Angeles, working in several IT-related positions. He also authored *The Rocklopedia Fakebandica,* a compendium of fictional music groups that was published in 2004. T. Mike returned to Chapel Hill in 2006, and is pursuing a Master's of Science in Library Science (MSLS) at SILS.

Katherine-Rose Repp has been interested in books and libraries for as long as she can remember. Her first job, at the tender age of 14, was as a page at her local public library, and she's never looked back. An unapologetic bookworm, she's also worked at Pattee Library at Penn State (where she earned a BA in History from the Schreyer Honors College) and in a variety of school libraries in Taiwan. She taught English as a Second Language there for five years. She became interested in digital librarianship working at the Boston branch of the Internet Archive, a non-profit where she helped digitize the collections of a variety of New England libraries. She is originally from Rochester, New York.

Tara Wink received her bachelors degree in History and German at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. While a student at Gettysburg, she worked in the Special Collections and College Archives department of Musselman Library. Her duties included the usual archival responsibilities such as reference, preservation, and processing collections as well as working with the rising number of Digital Collections at the College. While at SILS, she plans to focus her degree on Archives and Records Management, leading to a career in an archive where she can use her digital curation experience to preserve and create access to unique items.

Workshop draws global leaders

Leaders from around the world attended a workshop funded by the National Science Foundation on information-seeking support systems. Dr. Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor at SILS, received funding from NSF to run a workshop devoted to stimulating progress toward better systems that support information seeking beyond the single-session, known-item searches supported by today's search engines.

The key workshop objectives were to:

- Identify and organize the most promising models of information seeking;
- Identify the key existing technologies that can be adapted to support information seeking activities;
- Specify and organize the new kinds of technologies that are required to support information seeking activities;
- Identify methods and associated metrics for evaluating information seeking processes

The workshop was held in the Wilson Library on the UNC at Chapel Hill campus on June 26-27. It was attended by 30 national and international leaders (11 universities in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom), industry (A9, Endeca, fxPAL, IBM, Google, Microsoft, Xerox, PARC and Yahoo!) and government (Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Science Foundation).

The workshop Web site may be accessed at ils.unc.edu/ISSS where the agenda, position papers and a list of attendees can be found. Diane Kelly, assistant professor; Brad Hemminger, associate professor; and Cathy Blake, assistant professor from SILS, and SILS doctoral students Rachael Clemens, Chirag Shah and Laura Sheble also participated in the workshop.

The Organizing Committee included:
- Nick Belkin, Rutgers University, USA
- Gene Golovchinsky, FxPAL, USA
- Diane Kelly, UNC at Chapel Hill, USA
- Gary Marchionini, UNC at Chapel Hill, USA co-chair
- Peter Pirolli, Xerox PARC, USA
- Mc Schraefel, U. Southhampton, UK
- Ryen White, Microsoft, USA co-chair

Phillip Edwards joins SILS

Phillip M. Edwards joined the faculty of the School of Information and Library Science on Aug. 1, 2008.

Edwards comes to SILS from the University of Washington where he is currently a doctoral candidate in the information science program. He expects to defend his dissertation, "Mapping scholars' decision processes and factors that influence how they publish and distribute their work," later this year.

He holds a master's degree in information with a specialization in library and information services from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

Prior to joining SILS, Edwards taught classes at the University of Washington's Information School. He also served as an instructional consultant at the Center for Instructional Development and Research, and as a teaching associate for the School's undergraduate informatics program.

"Phillip brings a number of strengths that will be a great addition to SILS," said Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, dean of the School. "His work in scholarly communications and collections will add critical expertise to our ongoing and planned programs and activities, and expose our students to important dimensions of the discipline and profession."

His teaching and research interests include: scholarly communication, design and evaluation of information services, search strategies, research methods, information behavior, digital libraries, information resources in science and technology and instructional design and methods.

Evelyn Daniel steps in as associate dean for academic affairs

Dr. Evelyn Daniel, professor, has been appointed associate dean for Academic Affairs replacing Dr. Paul Solomon who retired from SILS on June 30, 2008.

Daniel, who was set to retire in June as well, has taken on responsibility for addressing curriculum issues, assigning student advisors, scheduling classes, working with the faculty on school committees and faculty meetings, selecting and managing adjunct faculty and teaching assistants, preparing materials for University catalogs and the SILS Web site, overseeing the coordination of the Ph.D. program, making financial aid decisions, organizing material for reviews by external agencies and a myriad of other tasks associated with academic affairs.

Daniel has been with SILS since 1985 when she was appointed dean of the school. Her five-year term as dean was marked by a number of significant accomplishments for the school. Chief among these was the increased breadth of the school's curriculum and research, symbolized by a change in name from the School of Library Science to the School of Information and Library Science and by the addition of two new degrees.

A master's track in information science was initiated in 1988. The post-master's Certificate of Advanced Study was added that same year and six new faculty were appointed. Enrollment increased from 120 matriculated students in 1985 to over 170 in 1990. Sources and amounts of funded research also increased.

"We are honored that Evelyn will remain at SILS a bit longer in this important and much needed role," said Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, dean. "Her experience, expertise and devotion to SILS are invaluable and we are delighted that she's agreed to assume these responsibilities."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A portion of this article was reprinted from the Fall 1989 edition of *News from Chapel Hill,* the school's newsletter.)

Scholars from three countries visit SILS

Three visiting scholars representing South Korea, China and Spain have arrived at SILS.

Gum-Sook Hoang is visiting SILS from the Department of Library and Information Science, Daelim College, South Korea. Dr. Hoang's research interests include bibliotherapy, reading guidance, cultural programming for children in public libraries and improving public and school library services for children in South Korea. She currently teaches courses in reading education, administration of the school library and digital libraries. Her visit is hosted by SILS Associate Professor Sandra Hughes Hassell.

Gema Bueno de la Fuente is a doctoral student from the Library and Information Science Department, University Carlos III of Madrid, Madrid, Spain. de la Fuente is working with Dr. Jane Greenberg, Francis Carroll McColl term professor, on the "Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering" (HIVE) project through the Metadata Research Center. She is preparing a bibliographic and state of the art revision about Simple Knowledge Organization System and semantic interoperability issues. de la Fuente has just published, *Open Archives Initiative (OAI): Status and Prospects in Spain and Latin America.* Her research interests are digital learning resources, digital repositories and e-learning platform systems and interoperability and integration issues between these systems and the library systems (mainly related to metadata, vocabularies and some specific standards).

Dr. Qi Hong arrived at SILS in August from the School of Information Resource Management at Ren Min University (Beijing), where she is an associate professor. Dr. Qi's research interests are in the areas of information organization, information interaction and usability. She regularly teaches courses on the organization of information, and is observing how SILS faculty approach that teaching. "During my visit, I am glad to be able to exchange teaching skills with my SILS colleagues and to find out their views on our mutual research interests," said Dr. Qi. Her visit is hosted by Professor Barbara Wildemuth.

SILS welcomes the DICE group

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Reagan Moore: Professor

Reagan Moore was appointed professor at SILS on Aug. 1, 2008. Moore is director of the award-winning Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group formerly of the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) at the University of California, San Diego. Moore previously was director of Data and Knowledge Systems at SDSC where he coordinated research efforts in development of data grids, digital libraries and preservation environments based on the Storage Resource Broker data grid and the integrated Rule-Oriented Data System. His projects include the National Archives and Records Administration Transcontinental Persistent Archive Prototype and an NSF Software Development for Cyberinfrastructure grant. His interests include rule-based data management, data grids, digital libraries, persistent archives and genealogy.

"Reagan is an eminent leader, researcher and collaborator," said Dr. José-Marie Griffiths. "His research and scholarship have contributed both theoretical foundations and understandings along with empirical results and practical solutions to the scientific data, grid computing and digital preservation communities. His contributions are innovative and outstanding, and have stimulated and influenced others worldwide. We enthusiastically welcome him and members of the DICE group to SILS."

Moore has a Ph.D. in plasma physics from the University of California, San Diego and a B.S. in physics from the California Institute of Technology.

Richard Marciano: Professor

Richard Marciano was appointed SILS professor on Aug. 1, 2008. He served as director of the Sustainable Archives & Library Technologies (SALT) Laboratory and lead scientist in the DICE Group at SDSC at the University of California San Diego after his initial appointment there in 1995 as computational environmental scientist. He has also served as an affiliated professor in the Urban Studies and Planning Program in the Division of Social Sciences at UCSD.

He is recognized as an international leader in digital preservation, largely based on his ability to bridge the worlds of computer science and the cultural heritage community, eliciting and translating user needs into functional requirements and system designs.

Marciano's interests are with data management, digital archiving and long-term preservation. Current research projects include eLegacy (preservation of geospatial data), T-RACES (cyberinfrastructure for the humanities), WRAP (preservation workflows for digital video), informatics for urban planning, and DCAPE (distributed custodial archival preservation environments).

"Richard is clearly a visionary and collaborative researcher whose greatest strength is his ability to work effectively at the intersections of multiple disciplines," said Dr. José-Marie Griffiths. "His contributions to the areas of digital libraries, digital preservation and community informatics are innovative and outstanding. I am delighted to welcome him to the SILS faculty."

Marciano carried out a post-doc in computational geography and has a Ph.D. and master's degree in computer science from the University of Iowa; and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and avionics, from the National School of Civil Aviation, Toulouse, France.

Arcot Rajasekar: Professor

Arcot Rajasekar (Raja)was appointed a SILS professor on Aug. 1, 2008. He previously held the role of director of the Data Grids Technology Group at the SDSC, and he is the lead designer behind the concepts in the Storage Resource Broker and the iRODS data grid systems. He has multiple publications in the areas of logic programming, dedutive databases, data grids, digital library and persistent archives. He is co-author of the book, *Foundations of Disjunctive Logic Programming* from the MIT Press, and he taught as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky at Lexington at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

"Raja is an innovative and collaborative researcher who works at the intersections of technical and application domains," said Dr. José-Marie Griffiths. "His contributions to the areas of grid computing and data grids, information architectures, open source software and their application to digital libraries, digital preservation and curation are outstanding. I am pleased to welcome him to the faculty."

Rajasekar has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Maryland; a Master's degree in computer science from the University of Madras, Madras, India; and a B.E. (Honors), Electronics and Communications from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India.

Antoine C. de Torcy: Research Associate

Antoine C. de Torcy will join SILS as research associate. de Torcy was previously a research engineer with the San Diego Supercomputer Center where he managed several projects for the DICE group. He assisted in the design and implementation of two data grid middleware systems developed by the DICE group: the Storage Resource Broker (SRB) and its successor, the Rule Oriented Data System (iRODS). At SILS, de Torcy will continue his work with the group.

de Torcy was an IT specialist for the National Institute for Nuclear Physics and Particle Physics, in Paris, France where he completed an internship in a physics research laboratory. He tested and adapted client interfaces to the data grid middleware system used for storing and sharing data between laboratories.

He has a master's degree with a major in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics from the University of Paris Dauphine, Paris, France

Antoine C. de Torcy

Chien-yi Hou: Research Associate

Chien-yi Hou has agreed to join SILS as research associate. He comes to SILS from the San Diego Supercomputer Center where he worked as a digital preservation specialist with the DICE group. He has worked on the Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center project, T-RACES (a Testbed for the Redlining Archives of California's Exclusionary Spaces) and DIGARCH (Digital Preservation Lifecycle Management).

Hou will continue his work with the DICE group as he researches, designs, implements and monitors high performance dataflow systems to automate tasks related to data management using iRODS data grid technology. iRODS is a open source project supported by NSF (National Science Foundation) and NARA (National Archives and Records Administration).

He has a master's degree in computer science from the University of California, San Diego, and he received his bachelor's degree in computer and information science from the National Chiao Tung Univeristy, Taiwan.

Chien-yi Hou

Gary Marchionini and Jeff Pomerantz win the Emerald Literati 2008 Award for Excellence

Drs. Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, and Jeffrey Pomerantz, assistant professor, have won the 2008 Outstanding Paper accolade at the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence for their paper, "The Digital Library as Place" that was published in *The Journal of Documentation*.

The winners of the awards are selected through a rigorous process of consultation amongst the eminent academics and managers who make up the editors of the over 200 journals that Emerald publishes. "The Digital Library as Place" exhibited "excellent structure and presentation...rigour in terms of argument [and] analysis," and it had that "special something...that raised it above all others."

Details about the Awards for Excellence can be found on the Web site: http://info.emerald-insight.com/authors/literati/index.htm?PHPSESSID=t29pl99k7gc4e03l96ji3j2t70& and "The Digital Library as Place" document is available for free access from the Emerald Web site at: www.emeraldinsight.com/

Stephanie Peterson and Aaron Brubaker win staff excellence award

Stephanie Peterson, assistant manager of student services, and Aaron Brubaker, assistant director of instructional technology, have received the 2008 SILS Staff Excellence Award.

Peterson and Brubaker were selected for their excellence, commitment, teamwork and outstanding service. Along with the certificates, each will receive $500 and three additional paid days of leave. Their names will also be submitted for the Chancellor's Award next spring.

A ceremony was held in the Public Domain of Manning Hall on October 14. "Today, we recognize Stephanie and Aaron and all of our employees who provide continuous outstanding service to the School," said Dean José-Marie Griffiths.

He did it! Scott Adams ran across North Carolina

As he ran the steep inclines of North Carolina's mountains to the west, across the piedmont in 100 plus degree weather, through the smoldering fires and smoke of the coastal region, it was thoughts of those who have been lost to cancer and those who continue to suffer from the disease that spurred Scott Adams on toward his goal of running nearly 700 miles across the state to raise awareness and funds for the fight against cancer.

Adams, director of Information Technology at the School of Information and Library Science, began his trek in Murphy on the western side of the state on May 27. He ran eastward toward Manteo enduring unprecedented 100 degree temperatures—the type of heat that you can see wave over the pavement—the type that melts the tread of your shoes, heavy trucks that nearly blew him off the side of the road, blisters the size of quarters and painful muscles and joints. Then there were the dogs… those that chased him until they gave up.

He went through five pairs of running shoes and changed socks 10 times each day. He completed the 18-day run along North Carolina Bike Route 2 on Friday, June 13.

Planning the Run

Adams repeated a similar running strategy he had used to complete another super-run of over 200 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway in four days in 2005—covering 50 miles a day. With this run, however, Adams ran for six days at a time and then took one day to rest. Mapping out the trail, he repeated the six day cycle of running nearly two marathons a day until his feet touched the cool waters of the Outer Banks.

Training to prepare for his trek began Dec. 22, 2007. He ran 20-25 hours a week, learning to manage pain and dealing with constantly being hungry.

Along the carefully mapped route, there were necessary detours. The first change came when he encountered the Blue Ridge Parkway closing from Asheville to Mount Mitchell. The second change was made when the map indicated a road went through an area near the Raleigh Durham Airport that actually was a dead-end. Another needed change was an alternate route to take the runner away from the heavy smoke he was traveling through near the fires on the coast.

Providing Support

Adams contributes reaching his goal to those who provided support along the way. He says he couldn't have completed his run without the support of his family and friends, including many UNC at Chapel Hill colleagues.

His wife, Mindy, and 9-year-old son, Tyler, were with him over the last four days of the run. Other supporters would meet him on the route usually in teams of two. The crew would drive every couple of miles mapping the way for Scott. At times someone would run or bike alongside and share the experience of the scenery of hills and farms. The support crews were always there to ensure food, water, ice, dry socks and shade (for the occasional breaks) were ready. Others leant moral support by being at known break points to cheer him on. Some of the supporters included fellow runners, Diane Kelly, assistant professor at SILS; Les Chaffin, SILS alumnus; Kristin Chaffin, SILS alumna and former UNC faculty; Jeremiah Joyner, manager of Applications and Platforms, Information Technology Services; graduate students Liz Peters and Stacy Lunden; and Marsha Torres, UNC at Chapel Hill alumna. Adams' SILS colleagues Lara Bailey, Aaron Brubaker, Stephanie Peterson, Marcia Tauber and Wanda Monroe, as well as Wayne Pond, former director of UNC's Humanities and Human Values and his wife Mary Donna cheered him on as he ran through Carrboro, about two thirds on the way to his final goal.

Donating to the Cause

Although completing the run was a personal goal for Adams, it was more than that. He partnered with the American Cancer Society, dedicating his run to "those who have fought the fight and those who continue to fight against this disease."

"Ever since watching the Terry Fox story as a kid, it's always been a goal to run across the United States," said Adams. "As he inspired me so long ago, I hope to inspire others with what seems almost impossible to accomplish. Knowing that I was running for more than myself was a sustaining force to take one step at a time toward the goal for the six months of training to the 18 day adventure."

To date, over $10,000 has been donated on behalf of the run, including a gift by a man along the route who was suffering with cancer.

Along with radio and television interviews, several news articles were published about Adams' accomplishment in the local newspapers. On June 17, Adams was named "Village Pride Award" honoree on WCHL radio.

To view more about the run or to join Adams quest to fight cancer, visit the RunNC2008 Web site at: http://runnc2008.ning.com/

Donations may also be made through the American Cancer Society by accessing the Web site: http://main.acsevents.org/goto/runnc2008

Scott Adams takes a well-deserved break while supporters provide ice for sore muscles and joints, a change of socks and plenty of water.

Faculty/Staff News

Deborah Barreau, associate professor, led the summer seminar to Prague in June, 2008. She co-edited, "Introduction to Keeping, Refinding and Sharing Personal Information" in the *ACM-Transactions on Information Systems* Sept. 11, 2008 issue. Barreau chaired the jury for the ALISE/Bohdan S. Wynar Research Paper Competition and participated on an SLA jury.

Cathy Blake, assistant professor, and **Brian Sturm**, associate professor, were cited in the June 4, 2008 issue of *American Libraries Direct*. "Brian is cited as the authority in distinguishing between bibliotherapy and readers' advisory. Cathy's work on "claim jumping through scientific literature" is described with a reference and a link to *International Science Grid This Week,* dated May 28.

David Carr, associate professor, presented, "Remembering what to Remember - September 11, 2001 in Fiction" at the Cameron Village Library in Raleigh, NC on Sept. 11, 2008.

Jane Greenberg, Francis Carroll McColl Term Professor, was presented the prestigious Frederick G. Kilgour Award at the ALA annual conference June 29, 2008 in Anaheim, CA. Greenberg was program co-chair for the International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, Sept. 22-26, 2008, in Berlin, Germany, and co-edited the conference proceedings. She also completed a report with White, H.C., Carrier, S., Thompson, A., Greenberg, J., & Scherle, R. (2008). "The Dryad Data Repository: A Singapore Framework Metadata Architecture in a DSpace Environment." Greenberg presented a team poster at Dublin Core (Shoffner, M., Greenberg, J., Kramer-Duffield, J., & Woodbury, D.) in Sept. 2008, and "Web 2.0 Semantic Systems: Collaborative Learning in Science." Greenberg presented a poster at the NSF/Principal Investigator conference-Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement program. She and **Diane Kelly** attended the 2008 Microsoft Faculty Research Summit on July 27 – 29, 2008 in Redmond, WA.

José-Marie Griffiths, dean, particpated as a panelist on "America's Libraries in the 21st Century Breakout Session" at the American Libraries Association Annual Conference June 27, 2008, Anaheim, CA. The breakout session kicked off the Office of Information Technology Policy's (OITP) new Program on America's Libraries in the 21st Century (AL21C). Griffiths presented, "The Future of Librarians in the Workforce: Status of Special Libraries," and "An Overview of 'On the Record: Report of the Library of Congress Working Group

on the Future of Bibliographic Control" at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference on June 16, 2008 in Seattle, WA. She presented, "The New Diaspora: The Dispersal of Bibliographic Control in a Collaborative Universe," May 22, 2008 to the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) Resources & Technical Services Section's Spring Workshop 2008 at Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC.

Stephanie Haas, professor, Haas, S. W., Travers, D. A., Tintinalli, J. E., Pollock, D., Waller, A., Barthell, E., et al. (2008). Towards Vocabulary Control for Chief Complaint. *Academic Emergency Medicine,* 15(5), 476-482.

Sandra Hughes-Hassell, associate professor, has been named to two school library-related award lists for the book she edited, *School Reform and the School Library Media Specialist: Principles and Practices*. "Teacher Librarian" named it the most important school library book of 2007. "Voice of Youth Advocates" included it in its "Five Foot Bookshelf" (Essential Books for Professionals Serving Teens). Hughes-Hassell also co-edited an issue of *Knowledge Quest.*

Brad Hemminger, associate professor, is co-chairing with **Javed Mostafa,** a committee developing a master's curriculum in health informatics.

Diane Kelly, assistant professor, presented "The effects of performance feedback on users' evaluations of an interactive IR System" at the Information Interaction in Context (IIiX 2008) conference in London, England, Oct. 14 – 17, 2008. The paper was co-written by Kelly and students, Chirag Shah, Cassidy Sugimoto, Earl Bailey, Rachael Clemens, Ann K. Irvine, Nicholas A. Johnson, Weimao Ke, Sanghee Oh, Anezka Poljakova, Marcos A. Rodriguez, Megan G. van Noord and Yan Zhang All. Kelly was a Visiting Fellow in Computing at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia in May 2008. While there, she presented a talk at the Joint HCSNet-EII Workshop on Interactive and Ubiquitous Information Access. She spoke at Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation/Australian National University and at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Donald W. King, distinguished research professor, gave a talk on the "Future of Libraries" at the Libraries and Archives Canada. He also presented the "Future of the Library Workforce" on Oct. 7, 2008 at the Canadian Library Association, Library Human

Resources Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

Cal Lee, assistant professor, was elected to the UNC at Chapel Hill's Faculty Council. The three year role will ensure SILS has a voice in Faculty Governance. **Lee** (presenter) and **Helen R. Tibbo,** "What Do Job Postings Indicate about Digital Curation Competencies?" 2nd SAA Research Forum, San Francisco, CA, August, 26, 2008.

Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, co-authored a paper for the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries June 16-20 in Pittsburgh, PA. On July 15-18, he presented, "Exploratory Search: Getting Beyond Known Item Retrieval" at the Singapore Management University. He presented "Understanding Human Information Interaction" at Simmons College in Boston, MA on Sept. 15, 2008. Marchionini chaired the search committee for Editor-in-Chief of *JASIST* and completed six years as Editor-in-Chief of *ACM Transactions on Information Systems*. He saw his paper, "Human-information Interaction Research" published as an invited paper for the 30th Anniversary issue of *Library and Information Science Research* and he participated in the 2nd Human-Computer Information Retrieval Workshop in Redmond, WA on Oct. 23, 2008. Panel discussion, "My So-called Life on the Web." ASIS&T Annual Meeting, Oct. 24-29, 2008.

Joanne Marshall, alumni distinguished professor, presented the keynote address, "Workforce Issues in LIS (WILIS) research project" on Oct. 7, 2008 at the Canadian Library Association, Library Human Resources Summit in Ottawa, Canada. "Linking Education to Practice, a paper presented at the Medial Library Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL May 20, 2008. "Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science: Preliminary Results" was presented at the Library Research Roundtable, American Library Association, Anaheim, CA, July 28, 2008.

Barbara Moran, professor, contributed "Management: An Essential Skill for Today's Librarians" a chapter in the *The Portable MLIS Insights from the Experts,* published in 2008 by Libraries Unlimited, Westport, CT. Moran's presentation, "Learning to Work Together: Building Effective Teams in Public Libraries" is included in the proceedings of the International Conference on Public Library Management and Services Trends, Taiwan. She also published, "Making the Transition from Reader to Reader's Advisor." *Readers' Advisor News,* June, 2008, pp, 4-5. http://lu.com/ranews/jun2008/moran.cfm

Javed Mostafa, associate professor, presented "Personal health information delivery," an NSF Workshop on Cyberinfrastructure in Health (and Tobacco Research), March 28, 2008, Beijing, China. "Open Source Repositories as Laboratories for Training Next Generation Librarians," ACM+IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, June 20, 2008, Pittsburgh, PA. "Multi-institutional Programs: IT Infrastructure for Distant and Collaborative Instructional Support," American International Consortium of Academic Libraries Annual Conference , May 27, 2008, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

Brian Sturm, associate professor, presented "Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine as a Metaphor for Gardening." at the Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill (NC), Aug. 2008, and "Creating Community: Europe and Russia in the School Media Center" at the World View Symposium for K-12 Educators, UNC Global Education Center, Chapel Hill (NC), May 2008. Sturm entertained with his storytelling at the Carrboro Branch Public Library October 19,

2008 and in July at the Carroll Woods Retirement Center. Published articles include, "The Process of Sharing Stories with Young People," *Knowledge Quest,* 36, 5, 12-18. Imaginary "Geographies" of Childhood: school library media centers as secret spaces. *Knowledge Quest,* 36, 4, 46-53. "Learning a Story: the 5-P approach," *Journal of Tar Heel Tellers,* 14, 4, 8-9, and "Readers' Advisor and Reading as Heroic Quest "[5 manuscript pages]. *Readers' Advisor News. Libraries Unlimited.*

Helen Tibbo, professor, participated on the panel presentation, "European (and North American) Perspectives on Digital Curation in Museums," and presented with Wendy Duff, "Toward a Digital Curation Curriculum for Museum Studies: A North American Perspective" at the CIDOC Conference in Athens, Greece, Sept. 2008. Tibbo was session chair at the "21st Century Data Curation for Archives, Libraries and Museums," at the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, Aug. 29, 2008. **Helen R. Tibbo, Carolyn**

Hank, & Christopher A. Lee presented, "Challenges, Curricula, and Competencies: Researcher and Practitioner Perspectives for Informing the Development of a Digital Curation Curriculum" is in *Archiving 2008 Final Program and Proceedings*, Bern, Switzerland, June 24-27. She presented, "Functions over the Digital Lifecycle: The Foundation of the UNC at Chapel Hill Digital Curation Curriculum" at the JCDL 2008 Education for Digital Stewardship Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA, June 20, 2008; and "Building Sustainable Digital Curation Education" at the DELOS Digital Preservation Summer School in Tirrenia, Italy, June 8-13, 2008. Tibbo presented, "Generating Higher Response Rates for User-based Evaluation Instruments in Archives and Special Collections," she co-organized and co-hosted the 2nd Annual SAA Research Forum in San Francisco, CA, Aug. 26, 2008 where she also presented the "Welcome and Concluding Remarks." She presented, "VidArch Exchange Demo" and with *Gary Marchionini,* "Digital Collection Boundaries and Context: VidArch" at the NDIIPP Meeting, Arlington, VA, July 9, 2008.

Barbara Wildemuth, professor; **Jeffrey Pomerantz**, assistant professor; and **Sanghee Oh**, doctoral student; co-authored papers presented last summer including: Yang, S., Levy, J., Miller, K., Pomerantz, J.P., Oh, S., Wildemuth, B.M., Fox, E.A. (2008). "Two approaches to enhance the education for ETDs: Developing educational modules and migrating the ETD Guide into a community wiki." The paper was presented at ETD 2008: The 11th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations, Aberdeen, Scotland, June 4-7, 2008. Pomerantz, J., Wildemuth, B.M., Oh, S., Yang, S., and Fox, E.A. (2008). "Evaluation of a curriculum for digital libraries." The poster was presented at JCDL, Pittsburgh, PA June 16-20, 2008. A brief description of the current field testing being conducted for the same project was published this summer: Wildemuth, B.M., Pomerantz, J., Oh, S., Yang, S., and Fox, E.A. (2008). "A digital libraries curriculum: Expert review and field testing" was described in *D-Lib Magazine*, 14(7/8). Wildemuth presented, "What patients want from their personal health records" for the Mary Junck Colloquium Series in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, UNC at Chapel Hill, Oct. 2, 2008. She also co-presented with R. St. Amant, "eServices and the human factor" at the North Carolina Digital Government Summit, Raleigh, NC, Sept. 3, 2008.

DICE Group receives SAA award

Members of the DICE group receive the J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award. From left to right, Paul Tooby, Antoine de Torcy, Chien-yi Hou and Reagan Moore

During the 72nd annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists on Aug. 29, the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group received the 2008 J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award. The award "honors an individual, institution, or organization that promotes greater public awareness, appreciation or support of archives.

The DICE Group was selected for its "long-term support of and involvement in the archival profession's work to address the challenges of managing, preserving, and providing access to electronic records. The group has supported efforts to develop and implement international standards related to electronic records between partners in digital preservation efforts funded by the National Science Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, provided technical expertise to NHPRC grant projects, contributed to the archival literature, and provided invaluable support in the many and varied archival research efforts in developing electronic records archives. The members of the DICE Group have a genuine interest in and understanding of the archival profession, its principles and practices, and its unique challenges, and have become strong advocates in its favor." (Gayle Yiotis, SAA Jameson Award Subcommittee Chair)

SILS represents - ASIS&T leadership and awards

The American Society of Information Science and Technology is a highly regarded organization for information professionals. SILS faculty, students, alumni and staff are regularly involved with ASIS&T, but this year, SILS has been even more involved than normal. Several faculty and students have been recognized prominently in many categories.

Annual Meeting Chair - Dr. José-Marie Griffiths

Dean José-Marie Griffiths chaired the 2008 annual meeting of ASIS&T that took place Oct. 24 – 29, 2008 in Columbus, OH. With a theme of, "People Transforming Information: Information Transforming People," the conference brought together more than 600 people from 38 countries. The planning team included several SILS alumni and students. They were:

- Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, Chair
- Mike Brown
- Rachael Clemens
- Dr. Brenda Dervin
- Devan Donaldson
- Carolyn Hank
- Dr. Samantha Hastings
- Margie Hlava
- Dr. Corinne Jorgensen
- Julia Kampov-Polevoi
- Dr. Diane Neal
- Megan Oakleaf
- Andreas Orphanides
- Dr. Soo Young Rieh
- Dr. Mark Rosso
- Dr. Deborah Swain
- K.T. Vaughan

"The team put together an excellent plan for the annual meeting," said Griffiths. "Their input and time that was devoted to ensuring a successful program is appreciated. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and ideas to the planning of this extraordinary meeting."

President-Elect – Dr. Gary Marchinoni

Dr. Gary Marchinonini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, has been elected president-elect for a three-year term for ASIS&T. The three-year commitment includes the first year as president-elect, the second year as president and the third year as past president. According to the ASIS&T Bylaws, "the president shall serve as the chair and preside at all business meetings of the Society and all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Board Executive Committee." He will lead the organization of approximately 4000 information professionals in more than 50 countries worldwide. The organization's mission is to "advance the information sciences and related applications of information technology by providing focus, opportunity and support to information professionals and organizations."

Director-at-Large-Dr. Deborah Barreau

Dr. Deborah Barreau, associate professor, was elected director-at-large for ASIS&T. She joins another director-at-large, Dr. Barbara Wildemuth, SILS professor, who was elected in 2007 for a three-year appointment. The Board assists in governing the organization. Barreau has been an active member of ASIS&T since 1988 serving on several committees most recently as chair of the Outstanding Information Science Teacher Jury in 2007.

Phillip Edwards receives Crestos Award

New SILS faculty member, Phillip Edwards, was awarded the ASIS&T James M. Cretsos Leadership Award for his contributions to the organization.

"The Cretsos Award was established in 1992 to recognize new ASIS&T members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in professional ASIS&T activities. It is administered by the Leadership Committee and is presented annually to the recipient during the annual meeting."

Edwards has been involved with ASIS&T since 2005. He has been chair of the Scientific and Technical Information SIG; a member of the John Wiley Best *JASIST* Paper Award Jury in 2007; a reviewer of contributed papers for the 2007 Annual Meeting; a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2006 to present; chair-elect of SIG/STI from 2006 to 2007; a member of the *Bulletin* of the ASIS&T Advisory Board in 2006; member of the Best Information Science Book Award Jury in 2006; and secretary/treasurer of the SIG/STI in 2005 to 2006.

Rachael Clemens wins ASIS&T Chapter Member of the Year Award

Doctoral student, Rachael Clemens is the recipient of a 2008 ASIS&T Chapter Member of the Year Award. Clemens has devoted her time, energy and dedication as a board member of the Carolinas Chapter of ASIS&T (cc:asis&t).

The citation states, "Rachael was instrumental in helping to charter an ASIS&T chapter for North and South Carolina in 2007. She utilized her years of extensive experience with ASIS&T to take a leadership role in the formation of the local chapter. As Program Committee co-chair, she led the coordination and promotion of the chapter's inaugural program entitled, "Institutional Repositories: The Great Debate." The event, which took place in April 2008, drew an enthusiastic and diverse audience from the local library and information science community. Reviewers noted her unconditional commitment and ability to juggle so many efforts on behalf of the Carolinas Chapter."

Cassidy Sugimoto elected deputy chapter assembly director

Doctoral student Cassidy Sugimoto has been elected to serve a two-year term as deputy director on the ASIS&T Chapter Assembly. Ballots were received from 15 chapters from around the nation. In this capacity, Cassidy will serve on a number of ASIS&T committees and will report to the Board of Directors as an advocate for the ASIS&T Chapters. Cassidy's previous relationship with ASIS&T chapters was in the founding of the new Carolinas Chapters (cc:asis&t) and serving on that Chapter as Secretary (2007) and Chair (2008).

Ann K. Irvine wins Pratt-Severn Best Student Research Paper Award

Ann K. Irvine, (MSLS '08) won the 2008 ASIS&T Pratt-Severn Best Student Research Paper Award. "The best student research paper is judged on technical competence, significance of findings, originality and clarity of expression. The Award recognizes the outstanding work of a current student in a degree-granting program in the information field and has been sponsored by Pratt Institute since 1996." Irvine's paper is entitled, "Natural Language Processing and Teporal Information Extraction in Emergency Department Triage Notes."

Student Briefs

"The Dada Detective," a comic written by **Matthew Zeno Wood** (MSLS student), won its first award - The Nerdlinger Award. The comic has also been nominated for a Webcomics Readers Choice Award at Frumph.net. For more information, visit http://www.nerdlingerawards.com/ and check under "Previous Winners."

Dana Hanson-Baldauf (Ph.D. student) had two works published recently: Hanson-Baldauf, D. & Lyles, S. (2008). "Hospital School Media Centers: Implicit Statements of Hope." *Knowledge Quest,* 36 (5). And Hughes-Hassell, S., Hanson-Baldauf, D., & Burke, J. (2008). "Urban Teenagers, Health Information, and Public Library Teen Websites." *Young Adult Library Services,* 6 (4), pp. 35-42.

Cassidy Sugimoto (Ph.D. student) and co-authors **Jean Pratt** and **Karina Hauser** had their article, "Using field cocitation analysis to assess reciprocal and shared impact of LIS/MIS fields," published in *JASIST*.

Leo Cao (Ph.D. student) recently attended a conference hosted by the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (http://www.gmsp.org/publicweb/aboutus.aspx) in Chantilly, VA. Cao has been serving as an alumni mentor for two years, discussing the ILS field with the younger scholars. He also contributed to an LIS fact sheet profile for APIASF (a partnership organization with the gates program) aimed at raising awareness of the field to the Gates' Scholars community.

Mary Wilkins Jordan (Ph.D. student) will give a pre-conference seminar titled, "Do you Q? Looking at your users in a new way!" at the January American Library Association conference in Denver, CO. Jordan is a research consultant on a grant just awarded by the Illinois State Library, called "Researching Communities to Prepare for the Future."

Thomas Jones (BSIS student) teaches a children's Tae Kwon Do class at a martial arts school in Durham twice weekly. Some of his students have disabilities, but all are taught in an environment that allows them to grow without fear or pressures from external environments.

Meredith Weiss (Ph.D. student) had her article, "Results-Based Interaction Design" published in Volume 31, Number 4 edition of *EDUCAUSE Quarterly Journal.*

Meredith Weiss awarded Zipf Fellowship

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has awarded SILS doctoral student, **Meredith Weiss,** its prestigious 2008 A.R. Zipf Fellowship.

The award was established by the CLIR in honor of A. R. Zipf, "a pioneer in information management systems." The fellowship is awarded annually to a student who is enrolled in graduate school, in the early stages of study and who shows exceptional promise for leadership and technical achievement in information management.

While a student at SILS, Weiss is simultaneously pursuing a certificate in computer programming from North Carolina State University. Her research focuses on higher education technology administration, organizational design, communications and leadership; human computer interaction; user interface design; information system development and evaluation; and business intelligence systems. She is also the associate dean for Administration, Finance and Information Technology at UNC at Chapel Hill's Law School.

Previous SILS students who won the $10,000 award include Abe Crystal (2006). Miles James Efron (2002) and Debra Ruffner Weiss (1999).

Amber Cushing (MSLS student) has been appointed to the Society of American Archivists Committee on Education where she works with committee members to explore the issue of accreditation of U.S. archival programs.

Abe Crystal (Ph.D. student) and **Rick Cecil** have founded a company, MoreBetterLabs. Their product is Ruzuku, a Web application that supports personal improvement. Ruzuku uses proven social and behavioral science research to help people achieve their personal goals. Specifically, Ruzuku helps people envision personal success, record their progress through micro-blogging, and find others online with similar interests and challenges so they can work together and hold each other accountable. (Ruzuku has not yet been released.)

Chirag Shah wins Best Paper at ACM SIGIR '08

Ph.D. graduate student **Chirag Shah** received the Best Paper award at the ACM SIGIR '08 Conference in Singapore. Shah co-authored the paper "Algorithmic Mediation for Collaborative Exploratory Search" with colleagues from FX Palo Alto Laboratory, Inc. The award was for $1000.

The 31st Annual International Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval (ACM SIGIR) Conference is the major international forum for the presentation of new research results and for the demonstration of new systems and techniques in the broad field of information retrieval (IR).

Shah was also published over the past few months. Following are some of the publications he has authored and co-authored: Shah, Chirag; Oh, Jung Sun; and Oh, Sanghee. "Exploring characteristics and effects of user participation in online social Q&A sites." *First Monday,* Volume 13 No. 9 (30 Aug. 2008).

Shah, Chirag, and Marchionini, Gary. "Capturing Relevant Information for Digital Curation." In *Bulletin of IEEE Technical Committee on Digital Libraries,* 4(1), Spring 2008.

Shah, Chirag, and Marchionini, Gary. "ContextMiner: A Tool for Digital Library Curators." In *Bulletin of IEEE Technical Committee on Digital Libraries,* 4(1), Spring 2008.

Shah, Chirag. "Toward Collaborative Information Seeking (CIS)." In Collaborative Exploratory Search Workshop at JCDL 2008.

Shah, Chirag, and Marchionini, Gary. "Hunting for Hip, Hipsters, and Happenings on YouTube." To appear in ASIST 2008, Oct. 24-29, 2008, Columbus, OH.

Oh, Sanghee; Oh, Jung Sun; and Shah, Chirag. "The Use of Information Sources by the Internet Users in Answering Questions." To appear in ASIST 2008, Oct. 24-29, 2008, Columbus, OH.

Shah, Chirag. "Understanding System Implementation and User Behavior in a Collaborative Information Seeking Environment." In Doctoral Consortium at SIGIR 2008.
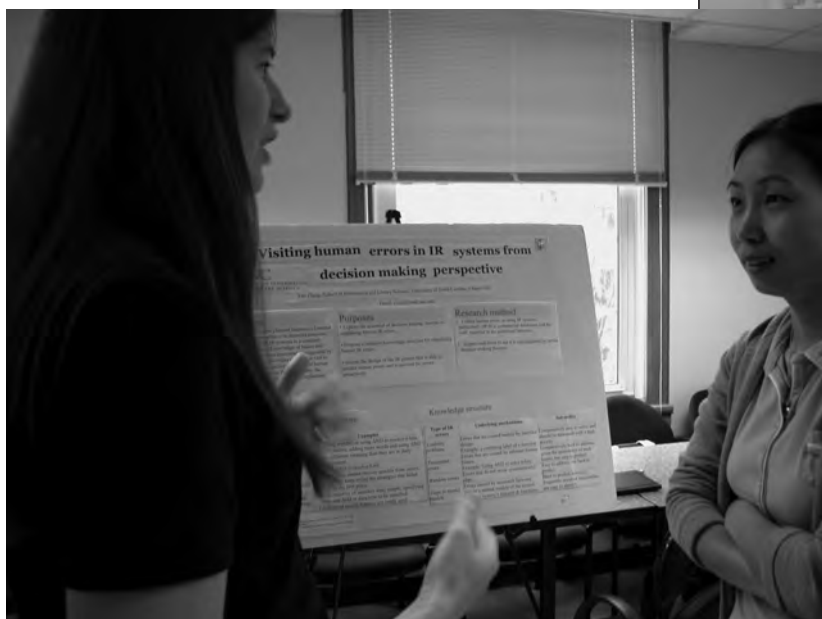
Shah, Chirag. "TubeKit - A Query-based YouTube Crawling Toolkit." Demo at the JCDL 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Doctoral students host research symposium

Amber Cushing discusses her poster with Dr. Barbara Wildemuth, professor, during the poster session portion of the research symposium. Her poster is titled,"Career Satisfaction of Young Archivists."

Simon Spero discusses his poster titled, "LCSH is to Thesaurus as Doorbell is to Mammal" with fellow student Laura Sheble.

Yan Zhang talks with a fellow student about her poster, which is titled, "Visiting Human Errors in Interacting with IR Systems from Decision Making Perspective."

SILS doctoral students hosted the DSA Doctoral Research Symposium on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 in Manning Hall. The event offered opportunities for doctoral students to share their research with other students and faculty. A poster session, presentations and lunch were part of the day's activities that were well-attended, well-organized and enjoyed by all. There were a total of eight posters, including one from a doctoral student from South Carolina. There were 10 presentations by SILS doctoral students. The event was organized by students, Cassidy Sugimoto, Amy Van Scoy and Chirag Shah.

Spring Commencement 2008

The School of Information and Library Science celebrated its spring commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 14, 2008 with 101 graduates and over 400 guests that filled the Great Hall of the Student Union to capacity. The program featured special guest, Dr. Duane Webster, executive director of the American Research Libraries along with presentations of several awards and acknowledgements of completion to the graduates.

Photos above and clockwise include: Devan Donaldson as he received the "Outstanding Service to the School" award from Jean Ferguson, president of SILSAA; master's graduate, Jie Jin with his parents who flew from China to share this memorable occasion; Nicholas Johnson, who received a Dean's Achievement award from Dr. Sandra Hughes Hassell; (not pictured, Ann K. Irvine who also received a Dean's Achievement award); Xin Fu, who received his Ph.D. from Dean Griffiths and advisor, Dr. Gary Marchionini; and undergraduate, Anna-Marie Mansour with Dr. José-Marie Griffiths.

A reception was hosted by the SILS Alumni Association following the ceremony.

Spring 2008 SILS graduates

Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Evan Edward Carroll
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Jordan Matthew Fleuriet
Alexander Gregory Foley
Shawn Jerome Guy
Julia Kampov-Polevoi
Scott David Kraus
Joshua Thomas Lockhart
Elizabeth Kyle Lyons
Anna-Marie Mansour
Ashley Marie May
Trent Evan Reese
Kathryn Denise Roth
Spencer Lewis Smith
Su Yon Song

Master of Science in Information Science

Earl Wayne Bailey, Jr.
Timothy D'Arcy Baldwin
Sarah Whitley Carrier
Trisha Melinda Crutchfield
James Grant Dickie
Li He
Annie Mare Hughes

Ann Kathryn Irvine
Jie Jin
Nicholas Adam Johnson
Jared Philip King
Daniel Vincent Lucas
Sarah Kay Peterson
Janice Marie Pickney
Marcos Antonio Rodriguez
Wei-Hsin Su
Lashonda Denise Watts
Peiwen Zhu

Master of Science in Library Science

Stephanie Catherine Adamson
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Laura Jeanne Berberian
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Megan Claire Halsband
Elizabeth Ronan Herzog
Elizabeth Walker Howson
Noah Garland Huffman
Emily Josephine Hurst
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Stephen Craig Sherman
Jacqueline Rae Sipes
Jennifer Hodl Solomon
Gillian Mills Speace
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Patrick Langsdon Tomlin
Todd Michael Venie
Katrina Claire Vernon
William Shane Wallace
Elizabeth Ann Watson

Doctor of Philosophy

Xin Fu

Outstanding Teachers

Three faculty members from the School of Information and Library Science received the 2008 Outstanding Teacher Awards, which were presented to them during the School's commencement ceremony on May 11, 2008.

Dr. Deborah Barreau, associate professor, and Thomas Nixon and Pam Sessoms, adjunct assistant professors of practice, were nominated by their students for their "exceptional performance in the classroom and their dedication as teachers of information and library sciences."

"The person selected [Barreau] has been called a brilliant professor, committed to students, and known for kindness and dedication," said Diane Kelly, assistant professor and recipient of last years' award. "An exceptional mentor,

Drs. Deborah Barreau and Diane Kelly

this person offers time and advice when students need it. It seems this person's door is always open . . . and indeed it is, as I walk past this person's door everyday on the way to my own office. This person is able to enliven classroom discussions and helps students develop a deeper understanding of assigned materials. One student says that this person 'creates a safe classroom environment that encourages creativity tempered by a strong foundation in the classic works that define our field.'"

Dr. Barreau has been a member of the SILS faculty since 2002, specializing in design, development and use of information systems; organizational behavior; organizational communication; and personal information systems. She earned her B.A. and M.A.T. in Sociology, and M.S.L.S. from SILS, and she received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland at College Park.

This year's Outstanding Teacher Award for adjunct faculty was awarded to a team, Thomas (Tommy) Nixon and Pam Sessoms. The recipients are described as demonstrating a "commitment to teaching excellence and a genuine consideration for students," and having the "dedication to prepare students for success and leadership in the profession." Teaching together these professors "provide what has been termed by one student as the creation of 'a learning experience that is in the top tier of information and library science instruction,'" said Ronald Bergquist, recipient of the 2007 award for adjunct faculty.

As a team, Nixon and Sessoms teach, "Information Resources and

Dr. Ronald Bergquist presents the Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award to one of this year's recipients, Tommy Nixon.

Services." Nixon received his A.B. in English and an M.S.L.S. from the UNC at Chapel Hill, and he serves as the Humanities Reference Librarian at UNC at Chapel Hill's Davis Library.

Pam Sessoms is the Electronic Reference Services librarian in the Reference Department of Davis Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her professional interests include virtual reference services and assistive technologies for library users with visual disabilities. She has a BA and an MLS from UNC at Chapel Hill and has been with the Reference Department since 1994.

Pam Sessoms

Spring 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award

Frieda Rosenberg (MSLS '78) was named a 2008 Distinguished Alumna of the School of Information and Library Science during the spring commencement ceremony on May 14.

The award recognizes alumni who exhibit a strong commitment to librarianship or information science and demonstrate outstanding professional achievements at the international, national, state or local level.

"Today, we recognize a distinguished alumna who more than meets the criteria for the SILS Distinguished Alumni Award," said Jean Ferguson, president of SILS Alumni Association. "She is a SILS graduate who has made professional and personal contributions to librarianship and she has demonstrated continued support and advocacy for SILS. A serials, monographic series and analytics cataloguer, Frieda has recognized for her work on CONSER, a national cataloging standard, and for her contribution to the profession in 2003 with the Bowker-Ulrich Serials Librarianship Award."

"Frieda has been my model of the scholar librarian," said Selden Durgom Lamoureux, who nominated Rosenberg. "Her intellectual prowess is considerable, and it's clear that her scholarship informs her daily actions. I cannot hope to match her abilities, but I do hope to emulate the value she places on a constant engagement at a high intellectual level with the complex issues that confront the profession."

Rosenberg began with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries since 1979. She most recently held the position of head of Serials Cataloging. She retired on Aug. 1, 2008.

News from the SILS Alumni Association

Alumni Message

By Cassidy Sugimoto, SILSAA

Hello from the School of Information and Library Science Alumni Association (SILSAA)! We are excited for this new academic year. New to the Board this year is Emily King, who will be serving as our vice-president. Emily is a recent graduate of SILS and the Coordinator of E-Learning Services at UNC at Chapel Hill's Undergraduate Library. We are thrilled to have Emily as part of our Board. Returning members of the Board are Jean Ferguson (past-president), Angela Bardeen (treasurer), Suchi Mohanty (secretary), and Meredith Sutphin (student representative). We would like to thank Mark Sanders for his three years of service to this Board, as vice-president, president, and past-president. We really appreciate all that you did for the Board and for alumni. Thank you, Mark!

We just finished our summer mailing to alumni and would like to thank all of you who joined, renewed your membership or became a Lifetime Member of SILSAA. These dues make possible all of the service that we do for alumni and current students. A special thank you for all of you who made donations to the various scholarships and programs we support. Your contributions make a difference at SILS.

Also, we will be moving to a new format for our summer mailing. You will be able to join and renew your membership at any time of the year, using the envelope in this newsletter. Please just indicate "SILSAA membership" on your check.

Lastly, we are going to be sending out a survey this Fall to address our current programming and plans for future programming. To make sure you are able to take part in this survey, please consider joining the SILSAA listserv. The traffic is light and the list provides an invaluable communication tool. Visit our Web site at http://sils.unc.edu/alumni/ to join the listserv and to stay in touch with us!

If you have any additional questions, comments, suggestions or ideas you would like to share with us, please feel free to send e-mail to me directly at csugimoto@unc.edu. We would love to hear from you!

Best,

Cassidy R. Sugimoto
President, SILSAA

SILS Alumni Association Executive Board from left to right, Angela Bardeen, Jean Ferguson, Suchi Mohanty, Cassidy Sugimoto, Meredith Sutphin and Emily King.

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Your SILS Alumni Association Needs Your Support and Participation

The UNC School of Information and Library Science Alumni Association cordially invites you to join or renew your membership in the Association.

The SILS Alumni Association supports the work of SILS and encourages alumni fellowship and involvement in the School. The Association's activities focus on providing financial support to students, recognizing alumni achievement, and facilitating communication among SILS, its alumni, and current students. Some of these activities include:

- Welcoming reception for new students in the fall
- Book and research scholarships for students
- Mentoring celebration pairing students with professionals
- Graduation reception honoring new graduates
- Communication via alumni listserv
- Alumni Day
- Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding service to the profession

Membership fees are used to support the work of the SILS Alumni Association and provide members with an opportunity to participate in the continuing life of the school and its alumni. (Annual dues are for the fiscal year of July 1 – June 30.) We also ask you to consider making a contribution to the Elfreda Chatman Book and Research Fund. Dr. Chatman was a member of the SILS faculty from 1983 to 1998, and was internationally known for her research on the subject of human information-seeking behavior. She is probably best remembered for her work in ethnographic studies of information use and for her enthusiastic support for original research.

The Association will continue to award three Chatman Book Scholarships each year to help defray the costs of textbooks, and to award Chatman Research Scholarships twice annually to help defray the cost of original research for master's and Ph.D. students. Your contribution in any amount is important to the students and much appreciated. Please print out, fill in and return the form below to make your contribution.

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SAA Pease Award goes to Mary Samouelian

SILS graduate **Mary Samouelian** (MSLS 2008) has been awarded the 2008 Pease Award from the Society of American Archivists (SAA) for her Master's paper entitled, "Embracing Web 2.0: Archives and the Newest Generation of Web Applications."

The Pease Award was created in 1987 to recognize superior writing achievements by students of archival studies. This competitive award is judged on innovation, scholarship, pertinence and clarity of writing. The Pease committee commented that Mary's paper "suggests several directions for future research concerning Web 2.0 technologies" and that it "advances not only the author's research agenda, but the professional literature as a whole."

"Mary's paper is a demonstration of excellent research design, and it takes on a set of issues that are very important to the future of the profession," said Cal Lee, SILS assistant professor and Mary's advisor who nominated the paper for the award. "She investigated the extent to which Web 2.0 features have been integrated into the interfaces to digital collections of archives and special collections. Mary's paper provides an informative look at current practices and raises many observations that will be useful to the profession in years to come."

Mary was formally presented with the Pease Award at the 2008 SAA Conference in San Francisco. Her paper will be published in the Spring 2009 issue of *American Archivist,* Vol. 72.1, scheduled for publication, both in print and online on 15 May 2009.

K.T. Vaughn admitted as senior member of AHIP

K.T. Vaughn (MSLS 2001) has been admitted as a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), the credentialing body for medical and health sciences librarians and information specialists. Vaughn says, "Admission to AHIP is a challenging, peer-reviewed process that involves demonstrating excellence in academic preparation, professional experience and professional accomplishments (including teaching, publishing, membership and leadership in professional societies, continuing education and participation in scholarly conferences). She currently holds a joint appointment in the UNC Health Sciences Library and the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Vaughn is active in the American Society of Information Science &Technology, American Association of Colleges Pharmacies and the Medical Library Association.

The Senior level of AHIP is the highest level for professionals with 5-10 years of experience in medical/ health sciences libraries. More information on AHIP is at http://www.mlanet.org/academy/.

In Memoriam

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Josephine Bone Floyd, BSLS '45	Olive Lee, BSLS, '41	Elizabeth Tarver, BSLS '42

Alumni relocates to Amsterdam

Michael Habib (MSLS 2006) has relocated to Amsterdam, The Netherlands to work as a product manager in the Academic & Government Products Group at Elsevier Science & Technology. He is in a newly formed group focusing on creating new on-line collaboration tools to assist academic researchers with their literature research workflow. The Collaboration Tools group contains existing products like 2collab (http://www.2collab.com/) and Scirus Topic Pages (http://topics.scirus.com/).

He is working on a product that is a profiling, expert finding and networking tool that will automatically generate 20 million plus Author Profiles, covering published science, technology and medical researchers from across the world. Building around this information, they are designing a tool to assist researchers with their profiling, expert finding and networking needs. One primary goal of the tool will be to foster interdisciplinary and international collaborations.

Habib is interested in getting feedback from librarians in the sciences and health sciences and high level university administrators, such as deans and provosts about the tool. To contribute ideas, please contact him at: m.habib@elsevier.com

Blaisdell-Buck volunteers in Africa

In March 2008, SILS alumna, **Glenda Blaisdell-Buck** (MSLS 1979) was the inaugural winner of the North Carolina Association of Educators Linda Rader Professional Opportunity Award. She used the $3,000 award, plus additional money she raised, to fund a volunteer vacation in Cape Town, South Africa.

She volunteered for the entire month of August 2008, setting up a library and assisting a sixth grade teacher in a high-poverty primary school. (The photo above was taken at Cape Point.)

While in Africa, she blogged about the experience, which you can read at: www.ncaelindaraderinsouth-africa.blogspot.com

Blaisdell-Buck presented a session on "How I spent my summer vacation volunteering in South Africa," at the North Carolina School Library Media Association annual conference in Winston-Salem, on Oct. 31, 2008.

Last spring, she won a Golden Achievement award from the National Schools Public Relations Association (NSPRA). For more about the award see: http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/includes/gfi.asp?fileHandle=5447.asp

Alumni Briefs

2008

Anna Craft (MSLS) has been hired as a Metadata Librarian at Western Carolina University.

2007

Heather McCullough (MSIS) submitted the abstract from her masters' thesis to the International Conference of the Book held in Washington, DC this year and it had been accepted. The title is, "The Fate of Reading, Thinking, and Learning in an Electronic Age." To link to the abstract, go to: http://b08.cgpublisher.com/proposals/27/index_html

2004

Amanda Myers married Caleb Echterling on April 26,2008 in Raleigh, NC. The couple resides in Harrisonburg, VA. Amanda also recently wrote an article for the September issue of *Info Career Tends* newsletter entitled "The Procurement Librarian."

2002

Dorothy Porter Leontseva (MSLS) has recently taken on a new position. Previously program coordinator at the Collaboratory for Research in Computing for Humanities at the University of Kentucky; she has moved to a new role as the Metadata Manager at the Digital Humanities Observatory, a project of the Royal Irish Academy, in Dublin, Ireland (http://www.dho.ie/). Leontseva says "the DHO is the key infrastructural element of the Humanities Serving Irish Society Consortium (HSIS), which consists of most of the major research universities in Ireland (both the Republic and Northern Ireland). The aim of HSIS is to build a national platform for the coordination and dissemination of humanities research, teaching and training at an all-island level, and the DHO will be an electronic access portal and research resource for the humanities, designed, hosted and operated by the RIA.

1996

Lynn W. Zimmerman (MSLS) has been awarded a teaching Fulbright for Spring 2009. She will teach in the English Department at the University of Wroclaw in Wroclaw, Poland.

1991

Ruth Monnig (MSIS) married Mark Steele in Winter Haven, FL in Aug. 2008.

1982

Laura Christopherson (MSIS 2005, Ph.D. student), and **Elizabeth A. Evans** (MSLS 1982), UNC-Chapel Hill Information Technology Services, presented a poster at the inaugural Meaningful Play conference at Michigan State University in October. The poster, "Game Assessment for Higher Education Curricula: A Beginning," described efforts to develop a way for faculty to determine if a game is appropriate for use in a course. The poster can be viewed at http://LearnIT.unc.edu/Games4Learning/calendar under "Past Events."

Alumni News

2007

Cassidy Sugimoto (MSLS and current doctoral student) and her husband, Thomas, welcomed Anastasia Emiko Sugimoto on May 31, 2008.

Anastasia weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

2004

Jason Griffey (MSLS) completed his first book, co-authored with Karen Coombs, titled *Library Blogging*, published by Linworth Press and released summer 2008. He has been named chair of the LITA Program Planning Committee this year. Griffey also has a 10-month-old daughter, Eliza.

Jean Ferguson (MSLS) has been promoted to Head of Research and Reference Services at Perkins Library, Duke University. Ferguson is part of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded Open Library Environment project team, which is working on creating a re-envisioned open source version of an integrated library system. She encourages all SILS alumni to get involved with the project. Information can be found at: http://oleproject.org

Ferguson also welcomed a new addition to her family. Conrad Ferguson Thomas was born Feb. 11, 2008.

2001

Corwin Andrew Blodgett Harper was born to **Paulina Vinyard Harper** (MSLS) and her husband Andrew on Feb. 26, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs. and 3 ozs. and was 22" long. He's now 19-months old and a whopping 32 lbs. and 35" tall. Harper says, "He already loves books, and will spend large chunks of time just sitting in my lap while I read him book after book after book!"

Harper resigned her position as Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Houston - Downtown when Corwin was born. She now works part-time as a Weekend Reference Librarian at University of Houston-Downtown.

1999

Jennifer Kellerman DeVito (MSLS) welcomed a baby boy in Aug. 2007 - Russell Anthony DeVito was 5 lbs. and 15 ozs. at birth.

DeVito was promoted to Library Director at Briarcliffe College in New York on Oct. 1, 2008. The college has campuses in Long Island City, Bethpage and Patchogue.

1997

Jeff Alpi (MSLS) recently relocated back to North Carolina with his wife, Kristine. Jeff is currently working as a Web developer for UNC at Chapel Hill's Frank Porter Graham Childhood Development Institute. Kristine is the new head of NC State's Vet School Library.

1994

Carlton Brown (MSLS 1994) and **Marlys Ray** (MSLS 1994), who met at SILS in 1992, have just celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. They live in Durham; Brown is associate director and manager of IT Services at the Ford Library, Fuqua School of Business, Duke University and Ray is a librarian at the UNC Institute on Aging in Chapel Hill.

1993 & 1989

Proud parents, **T. Mike Childs** (MSLS '89 and current SILS doctoral student) and his wife, **Selena B. Childs** (MSLS '93) and graduate of the School of Social Work, class of '99, welcomed June Vivian Childs on Sept. 12, 2008 at 8:16 a.m. at the UNC Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

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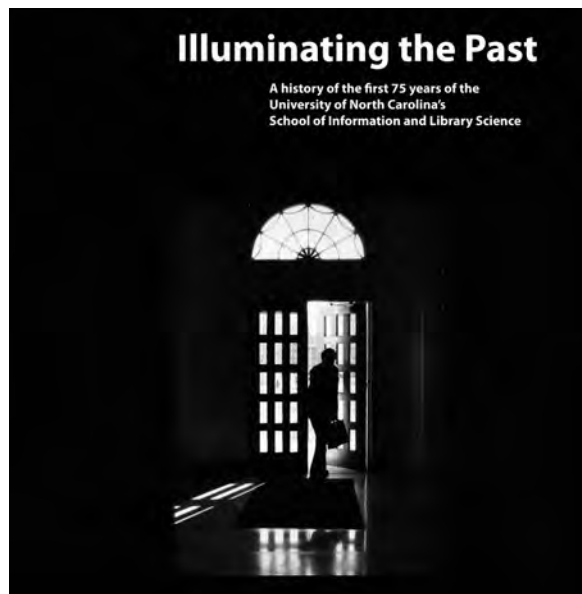
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