

## SILS number one for 10th year running

SILS has once again been ranked number one by U.S. News and World Report in the magazine's 2010 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools." See page 3 for details.



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## Dr. Barbara B. Moran serves as interim dean



Dr. Moran in her office at Manning Hall.

While the search for a new dean of the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) continues, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's former Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bernadette Gray-Little appointed Dr. Barbara B. Moran to serve as interim dean effective May 1, 2009.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Dr. Moran's breadth of academic and leadership experience guide the school while we conduct a search for Dean José-Marie Griffiths' replacement," said Gray-Little. "She is an accomplished scholar and teacher and has provided service to the University on many levels through the years. Dr. Moran also is widely respected for her involvement at the state, regional and national levels in the field of information and library science."

Moran joined the faculty at SILS in 1981 and previously held the position of dean at the School from 1990 to 1998. During her tenure as dean, she enhanced technical resources, added an undergraduate minor program and increased graduate enrollment by 32 percent. She hired the school's first development director, established the school's first board of visitors and doubled the school's endowment. She increased the international involvement of SILS and began the very successful Oxford and Prague Summer Seminars.

Since 1999, Moran has been an active member of the SILS faculty continuing her teaching and research. She teaches primarily in the areas of management and academic librarianship and her research has focused on various aspects of management including leadership, organizational structures and career progression patterns. In addition, she has directed the School's international programs where she has continued to expand the global outreach of SILS. She also serves

as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chapel Hill Public Library and as a member of the Board of Governors of the UNC Press.

## Finalists for SILS dean

A search committee chaired by Dr. John Stamm, UNC professor, Dental Ecology, invited three highly qualified candidates to visit the UNC at Chapel Hill campus during the month of October. The finalists are:

- **Dr. Hal Berghel**, associate dean, Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering; founding director, School of Informatics; professor and past director, School of Computer Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- **Dr. Gary Marchionini**, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished professor at SILS
- **Dr. Helen Tibbo**, SILS professor

The visits included multiple opportunities for candidates to meet with members of the campus community, in particular those in the School of Information and Library Science. The candidates also provided a public presentation drawing audiences from across the campus community. The presentations, curriculum vitae and additional information are available on the SILS Web site at: [http://sils.unc.edu/news/releases/2009/09\\_deansearch.htm](http://sils.unc.edu/news/releases/2009/09_deansearch.htm)

## SILS Dean Search Committee

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- Stephanie Haas, SILS professor
- Javed Mostafa, SILS McColl Term professor
- Lolly Gasaway, associate dean, School of Law
- Jan Prins, professor, Computer Science
- Daniel Anderson, associate professor, English and Comparative Literature
- Claudia Gollop, SILS associate professor
- Gary Bishop, professor, Computer Science
- Lara Bailey, SILS manager of Student Services
- Mary Boone, North Carolina State Librarian
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## Dean's Message

Dear Friends:

I left the deanship at SILS in the late 1990s and didn't expect to ever write the Dean's Message in the Newsletter again, but sometimes our lives take surprising turns. Last spring, I was asked to serve as interim dean at SILS while the Search Committee completes a search for a new dean. If all goes well, there will be a new dean selected very soon, but until then I am occupying my old office on the first floor of Manning Hall.

We have had a very busy and productive summer and fall at SILS. We have been able to hire four new staff people who make the SILS office run smoothly. We welcomed a record number of new master's students to the School in August, and, as always, the quality of the entering class was superb. The faculty and students have won a number of awards and the School's external funding from grants is the largest ever. We also just heard our contract to operate the EPA Library was renewed for another five years. These are just a few of the highlights of the past few months. You can read more about these and other events in this issue of the Newsletter.

Much as I love the teaching and research that goes with being a faculty member, I have enjoyed being back in the dean's position for a few months because of the wonderful opportunity it gives me to reconnect with alumni and friends of SILS. There is no doubt in my mind that SILS deserves to be ranked as a top school, and it is all of you who make us number one. Since I arrived at SILS in 1981, I have always felt privileged to work at a school with such a strong faculty, talented students and loyal alumni. SILS is a school with an illustrious past and expectations for an even more distinguished future.

To maintain the high quality education at SILS we depend on your help. When you are thinking about an end-of-the-year tax deduction, I hope you consider a donation to SILS. Your support will be especially helpful in the current climate of continued cuts in state funding to higher education in North Carolina. I know that we can continue to count on your strong support. SILS is a better place because of what you do. Public higher education began at the University of North Carolina over two hundred years ago. Your generous support will ensure that it will continue into the future.

Although I don't expect to be serving as dean much longer, I want to extend an invitation from all of us at SILS to come and visit. If any of you have any questions or suggestions for me, please do not hesitate to call or stop by. It is always a pleasure to speak with you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara B. Moran*

Barbara B. Moran

Professor and Interim Dean



**Dean's  
Message**



Dr. Claudia Gollop received "The Golden Sneaker Award," presented to individuals who set special examples in the fight against heart disease. In addition to reaching her own health goals, Gollop participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Sept. 27, 2009 to raise funds and awareness about the disease. Cardiac Rehabilitation staffers, Susan Marti (left) and Debbie Quarmby (right) at the UNC Wellness Center at Meadowmont, present the auspicious shoe to Gollop during a celebration luncheon.

## EPA Library internship contract renewed

The School of Information and Library Science is pleased to announce the contract that extends the 35 year relationship between the School and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Library has been signed.

The library internship program has offered an opportunity to develop practical skills in an active library for more than 350 students since its inception. In turn, the program offers the EPA and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Libraries some of the country's best library students.

"The relationship between the School and the EPA and NIEHS libraries is important to our students as well as to the libraries," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran, interim dean of SILS. "Students have an exceptional opportunity to gain hands-on experience at a federal library, and the libraries gain assistance with reference, cataloging, online searching, interlibrary loan tasks and much more. They also gain fresh ideas from some of our brightest students."

The EPA Library internship was originally negotiated by Dr. Edward G. Holley, former dean of SILS and William Rand Kenan Jr. professor, in 1974. In 1985, interns also began working with the NIEHS Library, an addition to the program which was driven by SILS alumnus and director of the NIEHS Library, W. Davenport "Dav" Robertson (MSLS '75). This ongoing successful program has consistently delivered quality services, adapting as needed when changes were implemented.

"I am delighted that the contract to provide library services to EPA and NIEHS has been awarded to SILS once again," said Tamika Barnes, director of the EPA Library. "The libraries provide a training ground for not only the day-to-day activities such as cataloging, reference and interlibrary loan, but also give students the opportunity to develop new instructional classes and tutorials, manage wikis and blogs and assist with marketing library services. The combination of class work and experience providing excellent service at the EPA and NIEHS libraries gives the students a competitive edge for a variety of positions after graduation."

There are currently nine SILS students in the internship program including Rachel Carriere, Megan Carter, Ruth Finch, Geoffrey Corey Harmon, Lauren Havens, Kathryn Roth, Lesley Skalla, Brendan Thompson and Shannon Walker.

"I have had the opportunity to intern at both the NIEHS and EPA," said Brendan Thompson, SILS student. "After almost ten years experience in libraries, the internship still provides me with fresh and innovative ways to provide patrons with the services they need and desire. Also, the diverse group of interns and librarians provides for an ideal setting in which to collaborate and implement cutting edge technology."

Staff members who work at the EPA Library are SILS employees who are under contract. They are Tamika Barnes, EPA library director; Susan Forbes, EPA library assistant director; Michael Cummings, EPA Interlibrary Loan/reference librarian; Barbara Dietsch, EPA Library technical assistant; and Diane Leblond, EPA library assistant.

For a historical overview and an analysis of the interns who worked at the EPA and NIEHS Libraries, please see the Master's paper titled, "The Environmental Protection Agency and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Libraries Internship Program: Its history and an Analysis of Former Interns' Careers" by SILS alumna Laura A. Westmoreland (MSLS '09) at: <http://ils.unc.edu/MSpapers/3535.pdf>

Special thanks to those involved in working on the contract proposal, especially Evelyn Daniel, associate dean for academic affairs; Joanne Gard Marshall, alumni distinguished professor; Tamika Barnes, director of the EPA Library and Hannah Rogers, former EPA Library assistant director.

## SILS ranked number one by U.S. News & World Report



SILS has once again been ranked number one by U.S. News & World Report in the magazine's 2010 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools." The School tied for first with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign among programs with accredited master's degrees.

In addition to ranking number one overall, SILS also placed in five of seven specialty areas of the magazine's top ten list, including:

- Digital librarianship 1st
- Health librarianship 2nd
- Archives and preservation 5th
- Services for children and youth tied for 6th
- Information systems 7th

The specialty areas were ranked based on nominations from respondents from peer institutions. They rated each school for excellence in the given specialty area.

The rankings for the 50 accredited information and library science schools are based on a 2008 survey of deans, program directors and senior faculty of the schools. According to information released by U.S. News & World Report, those responding to the surveys rated programs on their academic quality using a scale of one to five with five outstanding. SILS received a 4.5 overall ranking for its accredited master's programs.

The School has ranked number one, tying with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, since 1999.

## SILS Web site undergoing re-design

In May of this year, a team was formed to begin re-designing the School's Web site. After a brainstorming session and feedback gathered from the SILS community (via a blog set-up on the front page of the SILS Web site) the team suggested initial goals which fell under four major categories of: 1) functional, 2) content-rich, 3)

attractive and 4) up-to-date. The open source software Drupal was selected as the content management system. Using a wire-frames model developed by those working on the University's main Web design, the team proposed a possible architecture for the site and requested more feedback. From the comments received, a visual design process began.

Three recommendations were shared with visitors to the SILS Web site and once again feedback was requested. With a selected design, content will be moved from the current site and new pages will be developed to better share our information with the global community. The new site is expected to be available in early 2010.



# WILIS study completed

By Susan Rathbun Grubb and Joanne Marshall

In the fall of 2007, the Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science (WILIS 1) project launched a large-scale, retrospective Web-based survey of the careers of the graduates of all library and information science (LIS) programs in North Carolina between 1964 and 2007. The five participating LIS master's programs in the state were: Appalachian State University Library Science Program, East Carolina University Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology, North Carolina Central University School of Library and Information Sciences, UNC at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science and UNC at Greensboro Department of Library and Information Studies. The Central Carolina Community College Library and Information Technology program for library technicians also participated in the study. Thanks to the response of thousands of NC LIS alumni, researchers are gaining a better understanding of the educational, workplace, career and retention issues facing LIS graduates.

There were 3,049 UNC at Chapel Hill SILS graduates invited to participate with 43 percent responding to the survey. Demographically, SILS graduates who responded are similar to the profession nationally – 77 percent are female, the median age is 50 and 93 percent are White/Caucasian. There are 79 percent currently employed, 6 percent are unemployed and 15 percent are retired. Of those who are currently working, 85 percent are in the LIS field overall with 69 percent working in libraries – most are working in academic library settings (43%), followed by public (23%), special (23%) and school libraries (11%). Those who are not working in libraries are in a wide range of industries, but positions in education, information technology, government and research

were the most common professions cited.

When asked about their professional identity, 43 percent considered themselves to be a “librarian” only, 19 percent considered themselves to be an “information professional” only, 27 percent considered themselves to be both a librarian and an information professional and 11 percent claimed neither as a professional identity. Out of those responding, 94 percent say they are satisfied with LIS as a career, and 88 percent plan to be working in the LIS field three years from now; of those who intend to leave the field in the next three years 70% will be retiring from the field.

For more information on the findings of the WILIS 1 survey, please visit [www.wilis.unc.edu](http://www.wilis.unc.edu). The site has short reports, including overall study results across the five university-based programs, the experience of recent graduates and comparisons by workplace. The November 2009 issue of Library Trends showcases research being conducted on workforce issues in the field, including a number of articles that analyze data collected by the WILIS 1 study.

The WILIS 1 project was a collaborative research partnership of UNC SILS and the UNC Institute on Aging, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through its Librarians for the 21st Century program. A second grant, WILIS 2, has also been funded by IMLS to explore ways to develop an alumni tracking model that all LIS programs can potentially use. An alumni survey was launched during the spring of 2009 for eight LIS programs in the US and Canada, and 25 more programs will survey their graduates this fall. The study recently received a supplement from IMLS to add an additional 10 programs to the full launch.

# Scientific data repository gets \$2.18 million boost

A digital data repository that researchers agree has the potential to transform how scientific research is pursued will be expanded with a \$2.18 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The repository, called Dryad, is designed to archive data that underlie published findings in evolutionary biology, ecology and related fields and allow scientists to access and build on each other's findings. Grant recipients include:

- SILS' Metadata Research Center
- National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent), a collaborative effort involving UNC at Chapel Hill and Duke and North Carolina State universities
- North Carolina State University's Digital Library Program;
- Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network Office at the University of New Mexico
- Yale University's TreeBASE database

The NESCent and the Metadata Research Center have been developing Dryad in coordination with a large group of journals and societies in evolutionary biology and ecology. With the new grant, the additional team members are contributing to the development of the repository.

For more information about Dryad or projects of the Metadata Research Center, visit: <http://ils.unc.edu/mrc/>

## BotCamp 2009

### *Learning botany with Web 2.0 tools*

Eighteen students from the local community participated in BotCamp 2009 on July 24 and 25.

BotCamp, part of BOT 2.0, is an innovative program featuring a curriculum that weaves together botany, environmental conservation, the use of social technologies and metadata literacy. The program is designed to recruit, educate and retain nontraditional students in the study of botanical science. BOT 2.0 is funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation and it is led by Dr. Jane Greenberg, SILS professor and director of the Meta-

data Research Center at SILS, and Dr. Alan Weakley, curator of the UNC Herbarium, a department of the North Carolina Botanical Garden.

The campers were from North Carolina Alamance Community College, North Carolina State University's Women in Science program, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina Agricultural & Technological State University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The students visited the North Carolina Botanical Garden; hiked in Battle Park; logged names of plants they had eaten via a series of meals; learned about plant identification, folksonomies and metadata; and took part in a number of competitions,

such as discovering the most interesting tree bark and describing a plant using the most characters.

The funding for this project is from the National Science Foundation with additional funding from Dr. Greenberg's Francis Carroll McColl Term professorship and her 2008 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology sponsored by OCLC.

Team members from SILS included Evelyn Daniel, associate dean for Academic Affairs; Phillip M. Edwards, instructor; Claudia Gollop, associate professor; Jacob Kramer-Duffield, doctoral student; and David Woodbury, SILS alumnus and North Carolina State University Library Fellow.

## ibiblio.org helps found open-source advocacy group

ibiblio.org, a conservancy of freely available information on the Internet based at SILS, is a founding member of a new group aiming to promote use of open-source technology by the federal government.

The group, Open Source for America, is a cross-section of more than 50 companies, universities, communities and individuals believing that government can and should become more transparent, participatory, secure and efficient by using open-source software.

The group also holds that the open-source community can drive collaborative innovation for government; and that a decision to use software should be driven solely by the requirements of the user. For more information about Open Source for America, visit: <http://opensourceforamerica.org>

## WWW2010 Conference

WWW2010, the 19th International World Wide Web conference, is coming April 26-30, 2010, to the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC.

Since its inception in 1994, the WWW Conference series has evolved into the longest-standing annual meeting on the topic of the future direction of the World Wide Web. The conference is a premier global forum for productive debate about the evolution of the Web, the standardization of its associated technologies, and the impact of those technologies on society and culture.

Paul Jones, director of ibiblio and clinical associate professor at SILS and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC at Chapel Hill, is co-chair of the conference along with Michael Rappa, founder and director of the Institute for Advanced Analytics and Distinguished University professor at North Carolina State University.

Departments from UNC at Chapel Hill (SILS, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Department of Computer Science, the Gillings School of Global Public Health and the UNC Office of the Provost) are contributing to the underwriting of the conference in collaboration with North Carolina State University's Institute for Advanced Analytics.

To participate in the "Call for Papers" or for more details visit: [www2010.org/](http://www2010.org/)

## SILS research funding increases 572 percent

UNC at Chapel Hill reported a record-breaking rise in research funding from 2008 to 2009 totaling \$716 million for fiscal year 2009. Contributing as one of the top performers, SILS saw a 572 percent jump in funding it received from primarily government agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS).

SILS received \$7,714,912 in research funding for the 2009 fiscal year compared to \$1,147,239 in 2008. The increase is based on 24 grant awards representing many different areas of research.

"With the arrival of the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group last fall, we witnessed a rise in grant awards almost immediately," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran, interim dean. "In addition, our faculty received impressive awards for their research projects that contributed to the overall increase in our funding."

To see a list of research projects, please go to: [sils.unc.edu/research/projects/grants.htm](http://sils.unc.edu/research/projects/grants.htm)

### New Research Projects

#### Educating Stewards of Public Information in the 21st Century

Dr. Helen Tibbo, professor, was awarded \$803,258 in funding from IMLS for a project titled, "Educating Stewards of Public Information in the 21st Century." The award is part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grants. The project seeks to prepare the next generation of public information stewards by building on the Digital Curation Curriculum. Colleagues involved in the project include the National Archives and Records Administration, University Archives at UNC at Chapel Hill, State Archives of North Carolina and SILS students.

#### Closing the Digital Curation Gap: An International Collaboration

IMLS has awarded \$249,623 to Drs. Helen Tibbo, Richard J. Marciano and Cal Lee as part of a cooperative agreement to complete their project, "Closing the Digital Curation Gap: An International Collaboration." The project will include co-operation with the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and the Digital Curation Center (DCC) in the United Kingdom and

attempts to establish/support a network of digital curation practitioners, researchers, and educators through face-to-face meetings, Web-based communication and various other information and communication technology (ICT) tools.

#### Policy-Driven Repository Interoperability

IMLS has awarded Dr. Richard J. Marciano of the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group a grant of \$492,463 for his project, "Policy-Driven Repository Interoperability (PoDRI). The focus of PoDRI is to investigate the feasibility of interoperability mechanisms between repositories at the policy level. The research project focuses on the integration of an object model and a policy-aware distributed data model with Fedora and iRODS as representative open source software for each model. Other project partners include the Carolina Digital Repository, UNC Libraries' institutional repository which is based on an integrated Fedora/iRODS infrastructure.

#### TUCASI data-Infrastructure Project

This project, which is directly informed by Dr. Richard J. Marciano's "Policy-Driven Repository Interoperability (PoDRI)" project (see above), was funded this fall through the Research Triangle Foundation Board. TIP is a \$2.7 million grant that brings together the three CIO's and the three Head Librarians from Duke, North Carolina State University, UNC at Chapel Hill, the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) and the DICE group, and looks at building shared collections across the Triangle universities through the federation of storage resources.

#### Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science 2 (WILIS2)

IMLS has awarded Dr. Joanne Marshall \$101,000 to complete the "Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science 2 (WILIS2)" project (see related article on page 4). This project will develop a shared alumni tracking system that all LIS programs can potentially use. The IMLS supplement provides an opportunity to include an additional ten programs, including SILS and the other North Carolina programs that participated in WILIS 1. Together, the two WILIS projects will provide information on SILS graduates from 1964 to 2009. There are several articles on WILIS 1 and other workforce-related issues in the November 2009 issue of Library Trends.

## Brian Pinkney presents Susan Steinfir Lecture

At this year's North Carolina Literary Festival, Brian Pinkney entertained both children and adults as he spoke of his experiences as author and illustrator of award-winning children's literature. Pinkney, who has twice received the prestigious Caldecott Award, as well as the Coretta Scott King Award, presented on the Children's Main Stage at the festival, hosted this year by the UNC at Chapel Hill. His talk was one of the highlights of the three-day event, which included readings and presentations by other writers such as poet Dorianne Laux and author John Grisham. Pinkney described the inspiration for

his drawings and books, demonstrated his artistic "scratchboard" technique, showed his art in various stages, played the drums and read from his works. After the presentation, Pinkney signed books for his many fans.

Pinkney was invited to speak at the festival as this year's Susan Steinfir Memorial Lecturer in Children's Literature. The Steinfir Lecture honors the memory of SILS professor of children's and young adult literature Susan Steinfir. Steinfir, a SILS professor from 1976 to 1996, dedicated her life to the study and promotion of children's literature.



Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell, associate professor; Brian Pinkney, illustrator and writer; and Gene Story, husband of Susan Steinfir, at the book signing.

## National Security Archives director discusses secrecy

On September 24th, National Security Archive director Tom Blanton presented his talk, "The Secrecy Hangover," to a large crowd of SILS students, faculty and the local community (in the Frank Porter Graham Student Union Auditorium). The talk, which was followed by a special screening of the award winning documentary, *Secrecy*, addressed issues related to the over-classification of documents by the United States government, including several examples related to the War on Terror. As an advocate for governmental transparency throughout his career, Blanton has worked for years on issues

related to the de-classification of classified information. During his talk, he shared several personal experiences—both humorous and serious—about his own dealings with secrecy.

The Lucille Kelling Henderson Lecture Series was established in 1990 to honor the memory of Lucile K. Henderson, SILS faculty member (1932-1960) and dean (1954-1960). An excellent teacher, administrator, counselor and adviser, Henderson made many lasting contributions to the University and to her profession.



Tom Blanton, director of the National Security Archives, speaks with doctoral student Laura Sheble.

## Reflections on the Google Booksearch Settlement

The legal settlement between authors, book publishers and Google regarding the company's indexing and book scanning project was the focus of the fourth annual OCLC/Frederick G. Kilgour Lecture in Information and Library Science on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Pamela Samuelson, the Richard M. Sherman '74 Distinguished Professor of Law and Information at the University of California at Berkeley and

director of the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology presented "Reflections on the Google Booksearch Settlement," to a crowd of about 200 in the Frank Porter Graham Student Union Auditorium on the UNC at Chapel Hill campus.

The OCLC/Frederick G. Kilgour Lecture in Information and Library Science is funded through a special endowment from the OCLC Online Computer Library Center to honor Dr. Frederick G. Kilgour. The

fund supports an annual lecture bringing together scholars and leaders from around the world to share innovative ideas and cutting-edge research.

Samuelson teaches courses on intellectual property, cyberlaw and information privacy. She has written and spoken extensively about the challenges that new information technologies pose for traditional legal regimes, especially for intellectual property law.

## DigCCurr Institute

Registration for the first DigCCurr Institute, "DigCCurr Professional Institute: Curation Practices for the Digital Object Lifecycle," was filled to capacity before the registration deadline. The Institute offered an opportunity for digital curation practitioners to come together for a week of intensive sessions taught by international digital curation experts.

The institute consisted of one five-day session

held in June with a two-day follow-up session that will take place in Jan. 2010. The June session included lectures, discussion and a hands-on "lab" component. A course pack and online discussion space was also provided to supplement learning. The Institute is designed to foster skills, knowledge and community-building among professionals responsible for the curation of digital materials. For more information about the next Institute scheduled for May 16-21, 2010 & January 5-6, 2011, visit the Web site at: <http://ils.unc.edu/digccurr/institute.html>





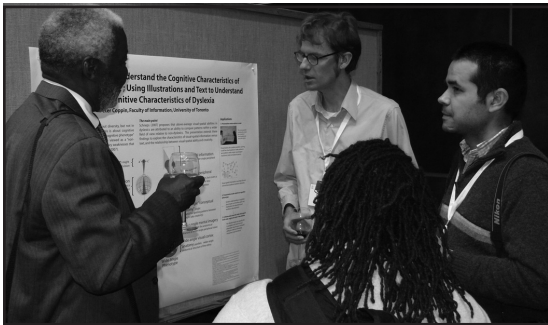
# iConference 2009

**iSociety: research, education, engagement**

The 2009 iConference was hosted by SILS on Feb. 8 - 11, 2009 at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill. Drawing an international audience of more than 300 people from nine countries, the event began with pre-conference activities, including a half-day Junior Faculty Mentoring Session, a Doctoral Colloquium as well as a meeting of the iDeans.

With a theme of iSociety: Research, Education, Engagement, the conference offered a variety of topics that reflected on the core activities of the iSchools community as they move more fully into the iSociety. These were reflections on: research topics, practices, methods and epistemologies for an iSchool; educational practices in iSchools; and engagement between the iSchools and wider constituencies both in the United States and abroad.

Plenary sessions featured speakers Holden Thorp, chancellor of UNC at Chapel Hill; Edward Seidel, director of the Office of Cyberinfrastructure at the National Science Foundation; and Andrew Campbell, director of Prometheus and lecturer



Conference attendees learn about research taking place at iSchools from around the nation during a poster session.

in Psychology at the University of Sydney.

There were also two half-day workshops: "Biomedical Informatics: Emerging Issues in Education and Research"

(sponsored by the National Science Foundation); and "The Science of Socio-Technical Systems in iSchools."

The iConference featured nine paper sessions, which included presentations of 31 papers; 14 roundtable sessions, 10 wildcard sessions, along with two poster receptions with 77 posters displayed. There were many opportunities for networking and catching up with fellow iSchool colleagues in several social settings.

To access papers and abstract submissions, please visit the conference Web site at: [www.ischools.org/oc/conference09/](http://www.ischools.org/oc/conference09/)

iConference 2010 will be hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on February 3 - 6 in Urbana-Champaign, IL. To register, go to the conference Web site at: <http://www.ischools.org/iConference10/2010index/>



Opportunities for networking and catching up with colleagues were a big part of the iConference. Reagan Moore, SILS professor; Peter Bloniarz, dean, College of Computing and Information, University of Albany, NY; and Richard Marciano, SILS professor enjoy a social moment.

# DigCCurr 2009

**Digital Curation Practice, Promise and Prospects**

The second digital curation curriculum conference was held April 1 to 3, 2009 in Chapel Hill, NC with more than 100 speakers and nearly 300 conference participants from ten countries in attendance.

John Wilkin, associate university librarian at the University of Michigan and executive director of the HathiTrust, kicked off the conference with a presentation entitled, "Building the Universal Library: The promise and challenges of HathiTrust."

The conference included two days of paper presentations, panel discussions, digital curation tool demonstrations, poster presentations, receptions and a conference dinner. Speakers reported on best practices, current experiences and tools available for digital curation tasks today on topics such as: Digital Curation Tools and Strategies; Funders' Perspectives; Gaps and Persistent Challenges; Distributed Custodial Frameworks for Archival Preservation; Digital Curation of Humanistic, Multimedia Materials: Lessons Learned and Future Directions; Digital Curation for Cultural Institutions; Education for Digital Curation; Curation of Scientific and Datasets: Trends, Current Initiatives and Solutions; Technology Learning for Digital Curators; Metadata and Personal Digital Archiving.

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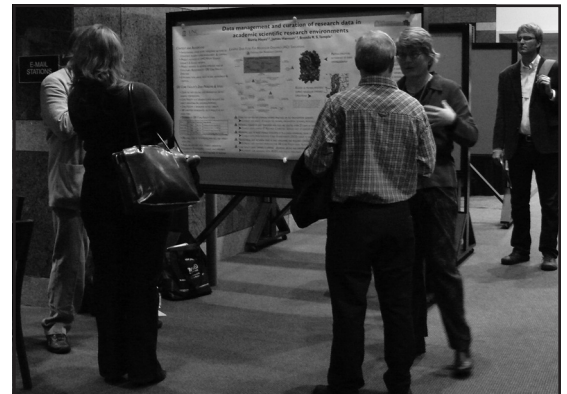
(DigCCurr) project, a three-year (2006-2009), Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)-funded collaboration between SILS and the National Archives

and Records Administration. The primary goals of the project are to develop a graduate-level curricular framework, course modules, and experiential components to prepare students for digital curation in various environments.

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Stephen Davis, director of digital Libraries at Columbia University, chats with Dr. Helen Tibbo, professor and principal investigator of the Digital Curation project at UNC at Chapel Hill, during a break at the DigCCurr 2009 conference.



"The program was terrific. I liked the fact that the topics ranged from theoretical to practical. Also, great group of participants," said one attendee.

## Open Video Project named one of the “100 Best Self-Education Sites for Switching Careers”

The Open Video Project, a project whose purpose is to “collect and make available a repository of digitized video content for the digital video, multimedia retrieval, digital library, and other research communities” has been named one of the “100 Best Self-Education Sites for Switching Careers” by OnlineColleges.net. Creators of the site has compiled a list of links to help those who are reconsidering “their career options” and need tools to help them.

The Open Video Project is in the “Self Education Tools” section of the site, which can be accessed at: [www.onlinecolleges.net/2009/07/26/100-best-self-education-sites-for-switching-careers/](http://www.onlinecolleges.net/2009/07/26/100-best-self-education-sites-for-switching-careers/)

Open Video was developed in 1998 with **Drs. Gary Marchionini** and **Barbara Wildemuth** supervising. For more on Open Video, visit: [www.open-video.org/](http://www.open-video.org/)

## Archivist summer camp

In collaboration with Mark Conrad (NARA), Caryn Wojick (State Archives of Michigan) and Mike Smorul (University of Maryland), a Society of American Archivist Summer Camp on Preservation was held at SILS on July 27-31. Participants from SILS included **Reagan Moore**, **Richard Marciano**, **Arcot Rajasekar**, **Antoine de Torcy** and **Chien-Yi Hou** of the Data Intensive Cyber Environments Center and **Leesa Brieger**, of RENCi.

During the week-long summer camp, presentations and demonstrations were given on archival processes that were implemented using the iRODS (integrated Rule Oriented Data System) data grid. The demonstrations used an iRODS data grid installed on RENCi resources. Access to the data grid was provided through a Web-DAV interface a Web browser, an EnginFrame portal, and Unix-style shell commands.

Eighteen archivists participated in the summer camp. They included archivists from University of Wyoming, Yale University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, California Judicial Center Library, the Catholic University of America, Ohio State University and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.

## Taming the Data Deluge: DICE Center established at UNC at Chapel Hill

Researchers at UNC at Chapel Hill have launched a center that will bring together scholars and technical experts to solve the pressing problems of managing and sharing today's deluge of digital data. In addition to building shared collections, the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) Center supports software systems for data curation and data preservation so that today's knowledge will be available for future generations.

The Center, which is funded by external research grants, draws on leading data management technology whose advanced generic nature makes possible a remarkable array of uses, from helping the National Archives preserve the nation's digital information including records that document our nation's experience, to helping digital libraries cope with the ever-increasing size and complexity of digital knowledge, to enabling sharing of digital data by large-scale interdisciplinary scientific research collaborations across the nation and the globe.

“We believe this new data center will serve as a model of interoperability, collaboration and sustainability for the 17-campus UNC system and universities across North Carolina, the United States and indeed, the world,” said Bernadette Gray-Little, former UNC executive vice chancellor and provost.

At UNC, the Libraries, Information and Technology Services, the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCi), SILS and numerous research projects will all make use of the Center's technologies to organize and curate collections, create digital repositories and federate data resources.

“As digital information expands at a staggering rate, there is a pressing need for this center,” said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development and chair of the Center's Oversight Board. “We are very fortunate that a world-renowned team of researchers with expertise in data management, curation and preservation will provide leadership in this field.”

For more than 10 years the DICE group's data grid technologies have been used in research projects worldwide to manage large, distributed data collections and support discovery, access, retrieval, replication, archiving and analysis tasks. The researchers most recently released iRODS, the open source Integrated Rule-Oriented Data System, which introduced user-settable rules that automate complex management policies, helping users handle today's mushrooming collections of digital data.

“The indispensable role of digital data across society, and the increasing size and complexity of data collections, are reaching a critical point,” said Richard Marciano, executive director of the Center. “With the growing need for practical digital data technologies, the new DICE Center is already collaborating with many important projects across the UNC system as well as national and international partners, helping them harness their digital data collections and working with them to efficiently create, share and preserve new knowledge.”

The Center includes **Reagan Moore**, direc-

tor; **Richard Marciano**, executive director; and director of research and technology, **Arcot Rajasekar** all of whom are SILS professors and RENCi chief scientists. Other staff include **Antoine de Torcy**, data grid developer; **Chien-Yi Hou**, digital preservation specialist; **Mike Wan**, chief architect; **Wayne Schroeder**, product manager; **Sheau-Yen Chen**, data grid system administrator; **Bing Zhu**, computational scientist; **Paul Tooby**, community development coordinator; and **Mike Conway**, Java Library and Interface developer.

The campus-wide DICE Center will initially include three core research units that form the foundation for data intensive and data lifecycle activities.

Marciano will serve as director of the Sustainable Archives and Libraries Technologies (SALT) unit, which will be an interdisciplinary unit focused on developing information technology strategies and conducting research in the area of digital materials and records collection and preservation.

Rajasekar will serve as director of the Data Grid and Policy unit, which will explore the design and development of rule-based data middleware capabilities.

**Helen Tibbo**, professor, will serve as director of the Digital Curation @ Carolina unit. This latter unit will help UNC preserve its digital assets with a focus on training and service learning.





Tammy Cox

## Tammy Cox - director of business operations

The School of Information and Library Science welcomed **Tammy L. Cox** to the position of director of business operations on Aug. 31, 2009. Cox comes to SILS from North Carolina State University where she served as the assistant director and chief fiscal officer for the North Carolina Sea Grant Program. She manages the School's business operations, including overseeing multiple business components in the areas of budget management, financial planning, personnel administration and facilities management. Cox is a certified research administrator and earned a bachelor of science in accounting from Mount Olive College where she graduated with highest honors. She also served as compliance officer for fiscal activities and human resource transactions and audited all federal, state and agency funds—responding to issues or inquiries from regulatory bodies regarding funding. She joins SILS with more than 22 years of experience in the areas of finance and administration primarily in academic settings.

"We are delighted to welcome Tammy to SILS," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran, interim dean. "She brings with her a strong and successful financial background with an excellent understanding of North Carolina's business procedures and accounting processes, important qualities for our School."



Kay Lackey

## Kay Lackey - contracts and grants specialist

**Kathryn (Kay) Lackey** was welcomed as the School's contracts and grants specialist on Aug. 31, 2009. She works closely with faculty and staff to initiate and monitor research proposals, reports and contracts while interpreting rules, regulations and processes required for each contract or grant. She is also responsible for pre- and post-award activities, communicating with the appropriate parties on their grants and maintaining oversight of each project to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Lackey previously worked at the UNC at Chapel Hill's School of Social Work where she served as a contract administrator/accounting technician since January 2006. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration/accounting from Elon University where she graduated with honors.

"Kay's experience with the grant process from inception to the end of a project, as well as her knowledge of UNC's policies and procedures, is a needed and most welcomed talent. We are pleased that she has joined us," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran.



Shaundria Williams

## Shaundria Williams - human resources manager

SILS welcomed **Shaundria Williams** to the role of human resources manager on Aug. 17, 2009. In this role, she coordinates all human resources activities for the School working closely with the dean to ensure compliance with University and State personnel activities such as Equal Employment Opportunity, recruitment and leave policies as well as health and safety requirements. She also collaborates with University Human Resources staff to administer programs related to employee benefits and other human resources activities—managing faculty, non-faculty, SPA, student and non-student personnel actions. Williams received a bachelor of arts degree in communication/public relations from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

"Managing human resources to ensure the University's policies and guidelines are followed is an essential function for all schools and departments on campus," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran. "We are delighted to welcome Shaundria, who brings knowledge and experience of human resources practices and procedures to this important role for SILS."



Susan Sylvester

## Susan Sylvester - executive assistant

**Susan Sylvester** joined SILS staff as executive assistant on Aug. 3, 2009. Sylvester provides support with policy, procedural and informational matters as well as administrative support to the dean. She also acts as liaison with the Office of the Provost, the dean of the Graduate School and other administrative offices of the University.

Sylvester is a familiar face at SILS where she has worked in the dean's office as a temporary employee since August of 2006. She is also a SILS graduate, obtaining her MSLS in 2005.

With a strong interest in children and their education, Sylvester received her undergraduate degree in education from the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her honor's thesis was titled, "The reflective characteristics of preoperational thought in children's picture books." She has used her education working as a nanny since September 2003 and as lead teacher at the Jordan Child and Family Enrichment Center and Learning Together, both located in Raleigh, NC.

"Susan is a reliable and dedicated professional who has already proven to be an excellent addition to the administrative team at SILS," said Dr. Barbara B. Moran. "Her knowledge of the university, and her enthusiasm and commitment to SILS are assets to the School. We are delighted to have her as part of our permanent staff."

## Paul Jones named “Internet Maven” of the Southeast

In the summer issue of TechJournal South, readers will find **Paul Jones** on the cover next to others from the southeast “who have played roles in shaping today’s Internet cyberscape or are making it more effective, easier to use or commercially viable.”

Those featured in the article are considered Internet pioneers and entrepreneurs. Jones is listed as the only academic among the movers and shakers selected for the article such as Steve Case, chairman and CEO of Revolution who co-founded America Online; Vinton ‘Vint’ Cerf, “father of the Internet,” and Google “chief evangelist;” Hooman Radfar, co-founder and CEO of ClearSpring; and others who have had a significant impact on the World Wide Web as we now know it.

Jones, a clinical associate professor at SILS, directs [ibiblio.org](http://ibiblio.org), an open source digital library and archive. [ibiblio.org](http://ibiblio.org) is one of the world’s first Web sites and largest “collections of collections” on the Internet. It is a conservancy of freely available information, including software, music, literature, art, history, science, politics and cultural studies.

[ibiblio.org](http://ibiblio.org) was formed as a collaboration between the UNC at Chapel Hill’s MetaLab, formerly known as SunSITE, which was founded in Oct. 1992, and the Center for the Public Domain in Sept. of 2000.

“When I started writing GNU software in 1987, the universe of free and open source software easily fit on a 140MB 9-track tape,” said Michael Tiemann, vice president of Open Source Affairs at Redhat. “As that universe expanded, and the Internet with it, file servers and FTP became the preferred method of distribution, but a new problem arose: which server hosted which project? How many servers would one have to query to build a complete system? Paul Jones solved that problem by creating a well-organized, scalable platform called SunSITE that basically became the Library of Congress for free and open source software. I still remember when SunSITE hosted the GNU C++ compiler (and the rest of the GNU compiler collection) and my feelings of pride that my work had been selected by an Internet maven for inclusion into that significant archive.”

## Dr. Diane Kelly is 2009 ASIS&T Teacher of the Year



**Dr. Diane Kelly**, assistant professor, has been named the American Society of Information Science & Technology’s (ASIS&T) 2009 Thomas Reuters Outstanding Information Science

Teacher.

The Award was established in 1980 and is administered annually by the Information Science Education Committee with the purpose of recognizing the unique teaching contribution of an information science educator.

Kelly’s reception of the award comes after five years of dedicated teaching at SILS—where she won the SILS Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 2007.

Letters written by her peers in support of her nomination highlight Kelly’s exceptional teaching skills. She was described as both “accessible to her students” and “an excellent mentor and role model for them both inside and outside the classroom.”

Another faculty member wrote: “Diane has received enthusiastic praise for her teaching, from both her students and her peers, and excels at

teaching even those courses that are required and not necessarily the most popular. As one student noted, she ‘really rocks as a teacher!’”

“She is an exemplary teacher; demanding yet fair, master both of her topics and of the ability to impart that knowledge effectively, innovative in identifying new and significant topics of instruction, and in methods of instruction,” said Nicholas Belkin, professor, Department of Library and Information Science at Rutgers University. “In particular, Dr. Kelly has been remarkably successful in the teaching of methods of research in information science, developing wholly new courses in this area, inspiring her students to appreciate the significance of the topic (no small feat) and leading them to become expert in it themselves.”

In summing up Dr. Kelly’s remarkable pedagogical skill, Dr. Barbara B. Moran, perhaps says it best: “It is clear from her students that Dr. Kelly is a wonderful mentor and advisor. Time and again, our students have emphasized that she is available to them both inside and outside the classroom, always giving of her time and expertise.”

Kelly received the award at the association’s annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

## Dr. Claudia Gollop wins REMCo Roadbuilders’ Award

**Dr. Claudia Gollop**, associate professor at SILS, has won the North Carolina Library Association’s (NCLA) Roundtable for Ethnic and Minority Concerns (REMCo) Roadbuilders’ Award in Library Education.

The REMCo Roadbuilders’ Award recognizes ethnic minority librarians and scholars in library education, academic librarianship, special librarianship and public librarianship who have served as pioneers in librarianship and who also represent a positive role model in the field. The award further recognizes ethnic minority librarians who exemplify courage, integrity, perseverance and who have contributed to the field of librarianship for their specific category.

“We were quite impressed by the breadth of her experience and with her obvious commitment to multicultural endeavors,” said Anne H. Coleman, chair of REMCo. “Her articles, presentations, research, etc. document her interest and dedication to the provision of information access and services to the underserved sectors of the library community, such as women, older adults and ethnic minorities. She clearly embodies the spirit of the award.”

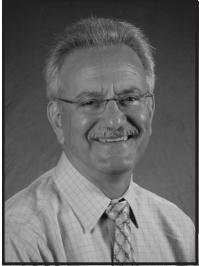
“I am very grateful to the REMCo selection committee for this honor and I am very proud to join the ranks of the previous recipients,” said Gollop. Previous winners of the award include SILS alumna and Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University, Dr. Irene Owens, who received the award in 2007.

Gollop was presented the award at the 58th Biennial NCLA conference on Oct. 8th in Greenville, NC.



## SILS faculty elected president

Two SILS professors and one adjunct professor have been elected presidents of prestigious international library and information science professional organizations including: the American Society for Information Science & Technology, the Society of American Archivists and the Medical Library Association.



**Gary Marchionini**, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished professor, has been elected president for a three-year term by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). Marchionini began his year as president in Nov. 2009. ASIS&T is a professional organization for information science and technology professionals that focuses on improving access to information. "The mission of the American Society for Information Science and Technology is to advance the information sciences and related applications of information technology by providing focus, opportunity, and support to information professionals and organizations."



**Helen Tibbo**, professor, has been elected vice president/president elect of the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Tibbo began a one-year term as vice president of the SAA in August 2009 and will begin her presidency in August 2010. SAA is "North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. With a mission to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 5,000 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation and use of records of historical value."



**Connie Schardt**, MLA, AHIP and adjunct professor at SILS, as well as associate director for Public Services at the Duke University Medical Center Library, is the new president of the Medical Library Association. Schardt was elected vice president/president elect last year and began her presidency year in May, 2009. "The Medical Library Association (MLA) is a nonprofit, educational organization with more than 4,000 health sciences information professional members and partners worldwide."

The three faculty members join previous faculty and staff who served as presidents of professional organizations. **Rebecca Vargha**, president of the Special Libraries Association in 2006/07; **Joanne Gard Marshall** served as president of MLA in 2004/05; **José-Marie Griffiths**, president of ASIS&T in 1992/93; **Evelyn Daniel**, president of ALISE in 1991/92; **Donald King**, president of ASIS&T in 1983/84; **Edward Holley** served as president of the American Library Association in 1974/75.

## Michael Penny wins staff excellence award

**Michael Penny**, departmental assistant, has received the 2009 SILS Staff Excellence Award.

Penny was selected for his excellence, commitment, teamwork and outstanding service to the School. One of his nominators said, "Michael is always willing to help, no matter how large or small the task. He treats everyone with respect, has a great sense of humor and has made being in or visiting the SILS office a pleasure." Another nominator said, "He is very dependable and will go out of his way to help a student, faculty member or staff member."

Penny assists the office with a myriad of tasks and was especially helpful in planning logistics for the 2009 iConference, the 2009 DigCCurr Conference as well as assisting with the international program. He also stepped in when there was a need for an executive assistant to the dean.

He received a framed certificate, \$500 and three additional paid days of leave. His name will also be submitted for the Chancellor's Award next spring.

A ceremony was held in the Administrative Offices of Manning Hall on October 28.

## Dr. Javed Mostafa appointed McColl Professor



**Dr. Javed Mostafa** has been appointed the 2009 Frances Carroll McColl Term Professor.

The McColl Professorship was established in 1997 to recognize faculty who have made notable contributions to research, teaching and service to SILS. It provides a salary supplement and funds for research and travel to a SILS faculty member for a two-year term.

Mostafa joined the SILS faculty and the Biomedical Research Imaging Center (BRIC) for a joint appointment as associate professor on Aug. 1, 2007. He teaches courses on database systems and information retrieval. His current research focuses on mining and retrieval of biomedical data.

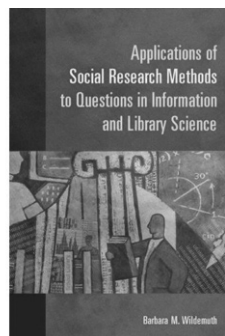
Since joining UNC, he has been a successful co-investigator on three large-scale grant initiatives including: a \$2.5 million dollar, four-year initiative sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation that involves developing a multi-site data registry; a second project, in which he has the role of a biomedical informatician, is an \$8 million dollar, six-year project. The latter project includes development of a genomics and informatics clinical infrastructure for supporting research in the COPD area. Finally, he is serving as the co-deputy director of Biomedical Informatics and assistant director of Clinical Data Management for the Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute at UNC at Chapel Hill, which received a five-year \$61 million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) last year.

Dr. Mostafa serves on the advisory board of the Annual Review of Information Science and Technology and he is an associate editor of the ACM Transactions on Information Systems.



## New books and proceedings

### Book unveils research techniques



**Dr. Barbara M. Wildemuth**, SILS professor, has published *Applications of Social Research Methods to Questions in Information and Library Science*, a book that is described as a “first of its kind for librarians.”

The book describes the process involved in conducting a research study, introducing a variety of research methods.

“The field of information and library science is not large, so we must all contribute to the improvement of practice by conducting research and evaluation studies and publishing their results,” says Wildemuth in her introduction. “This book is intended to be useful to all who are engaging in this enterprise.”

For Wildemuth’s colleague, Dr. Diane Kelly, who teaches “Research Methods” at SILS, the book comes at a perfect time.

“Barbara’s book discusses all of the research methods that I am interested in teaching students, uses examples from ILS and includes references to exemplar papers from the ILS field that illustrate use of the different methods,” said Kelly. She also believes the book can be used as a reference by students and other professionals in their future work.

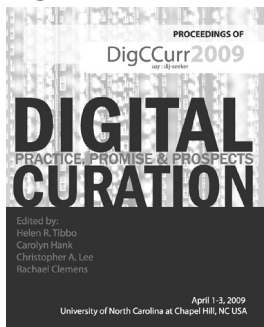
“Increasingly, ILS professionals are expected to be able to conduct analysis, assessment and evaluation of tools and services - Research Methods is about equipping students to do this; Barbara’s book lends itself to being referred to later, once students are out on the job and have a need to ‘remember’ and apply what they learned in class.”

There are at least a dozen contributing authors, all of whom developed their contributions while in the doctoral program at SILS. They include: Leo L. Cao, Songphan Choemprayong, Abe. J. Crystal (chief research and strategy officer at MoreBetterLabs, Inc.), Carolyn Hank, Lili Luo (assistant professor at San Jose State University), Chad Morgan, Sanghee Oh, Carol L. Perryman (instructor at Texas Woman’s University), Laura Sheble, Kristina M. Spurgin, Mary Wilkins Jordan (assistant professor at Simmons College) and Yan Zhang (instructor at the University of Texas, Austin).

Proceeds of the book will go toward doctoral research at SILS. The book is available online at: [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

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### DigCCurr Conference proceedings

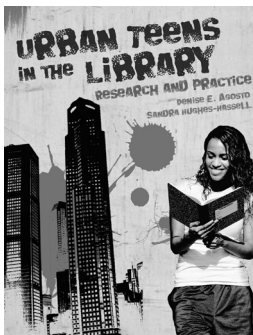


For those who attended, and for those who were unable to attend the successful digital curation curriculum symposium, “DigCCurr 2009: Digital Curation Practice, Promise and Prospects,” hosted last spring by SILS, the proceedings are now available.

“Digital & Print Access Proceedings of the DigCCurr2009 Conference” may be accessed through the online publisher, Lulu. The 221-

page proceedings are free for electronic download and print-on-demand is available for a nominal fee plus delivery. To get your copy, please access: <http://stores.lulu.com/DigCCurr2009>

### Urban Teens in the Library

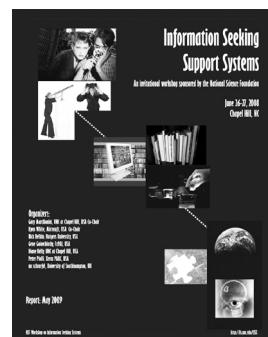


*Urban Teens in the Library: Research and Practice* is the title of a new book co-edited by **Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell**, SILS associate professor and director of the SILS media program and Denise E. Agosto, associate professor at Drexel University. The book explores the ways in which librarians in urban contexts can make libraries more accessible and relevant to urban teens. Topics covered include library Web site design, social networking tools, the value of street literature and the importance of moving

beyond stereotypes in order to better serve teens’ information needs. Based on research by a team of experts who have closely studied teens’ information habits, the book serves as a resource for librarians looking for ways to better connect with younger patrons—as well as scholars interested in new ways to conceptualize the structure and function of urban libraries as they relate to youth culture today.

The book is available for pre-purchase through the American Library Association Store at: [www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2762#](http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2762#)

### Information-Seeking Support Systems report



The results of 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 is included in a report titled, “Information Seeking Support Systems, An invitational workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation.”

The workshop, which was led by **Dr. Gary Marchionini**, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, was held in Chapel Hill on June 26-27, 2008. It was attended by 30 participants from academia (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 <http://ils.unc.edu/ISSS> where the agenda and the list of attendees can be found. **Dr. Diane Kelly**, assistant professor; **Dr. Brad Hemminger**, associate professor; and **Dr. Cathy Blake**, assistant professor from SILS, and SILS doctoral students **Rachael Clemens**, **Chirag Shah** and **Laura Sheble** also participated in the workshop.

**Deborah Barreau**, associate professor, presented a paper, co-authored with **Drs. Joanne Marshall** and **Susan Rathbun-Grubb** at the Special Libraries Association annual conference in Washington, DC in June. The paper was entitled "The Changing Terrain of Special Librarianship: Report from Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science"

**David Carr**, associate professor, edited RANews, on the Web site of NoveList, June 2008. He presented, "Walking Across Egypt Together," Cabarrus County Public Library, Kannapolis, NC, Sept. 25, 2008; "Cultural Institutions and the Unfinished Issues of American Life," Conference on Social Theory, Policy and the Arts, Baltimore, Maryland, Oct. 16, 2008; "We are the Connections," Keynote, Ohio Academic Library Association, Wilmington, OH, Oct. 24, 2008; and "Library and Community," New Hanover County Friends of the Library, Wilmington, NC, Nov. 13, 2008. Carr has also worked with the Queens Library on the New New Yorkers Program, which designs and implements educational classes to meet the needs of immigrant adult communities in Queens. He most recently participated in readings during "Apro-Poe, an evening of stories by and inspired by Edgar Allan Poe" at the Deep Dish Theater in Chapel Hill, NC. He also led a book discussion on *Something for the Pain* on Oct. 14, 2009 at the Regulator Bookshop in Durham, NC.

**Phillip M. Edwards**, instructor, published, "Representing publication and distribution practices for scholarly materials: A cross-disciplinary comparison" in R. Furuta (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 9th ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL)* (pp. 383-384). New York: Association for Computing Machinery. Edwards, Phillip M., Elaine Z. Jennerich, and Jennifer L. Ward. "Supporting a Culture of Library Research at the University of Washington at Seattle." An Introduction to Staff Development in Academic Libraries, edited by Elizabeth Connor, pp. 77-89. New York: Routledge, 2009.

**Claudia Gollop**, associate professor, attended the 75th IFLA General Conference held in Milan, Italy this year with the theme: "Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage." On Aug. 25th she presented a paper entitled, "Cardiac Rehabilitation and Women: A Multi-level Information Access Approach." On Sept. 11-12, 2009 Dr. Gollop attended the "Making Technology Connections: Strength through Collaboration" conference, where she was a keynote speaker. The conference was held at the University of the Virgin Islands, Information and

Technology Services (UVI-ITS), St. Thomas, USVI.

**Jane Greenberg**, professor, presented at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, "Metadata Research: The Promise and Challenges with Web Semantics and Digital Data" in Washington, D.C. on June 17, 2009. Greenberg's article, "Theoretical Considerations of Lifecycle Modeling: An Analysis of the Dryad Repository Demonstrating Automatic Metadata Propagation, Inheritance, and Value System Adoption" was published in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* (47, no.3): 380-402. Greenberg and co-writers, Hollie White, C. Carrier and R. Scherle's article, "A Metadata Best Practice for a Scientific Data Repository" is in press for an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Library Metadata*. Greenberg is co-founder with Stu Weibel, senior research scientist, OCLC, of a new Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) community called DCMI Science and Metadata.

**José-Marie Griffiths**, professor, contributed to Michele R. Wright's book *Dear Success Seeker: Wisdom from Outstanding Women*, a collection of "success letters" from 83 outstanding women achievers including Ruby Dee, Marian Wright Edelman, M. Jocelyn Elders, Shirley Jones, Billie Jean King, Patti La Belle, Rosa Parks, Phylicia Rashad, Della Reese and Patricia Schroeder. The contributors were asked to write words to inspire young women on how to succeed based on aspects of "family, integrity and doing" that led to their success. Dr. Griffiths also authored the chapter "Computational Education for Scientists" in *Transform Science*, published by Microsoft Corp. March 2009.

**Stephanie Haas**, professor, and **Javed Mostafa**, McColl Term professor, have received research awards from the UNC at Chapel Hill North Carolina Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center for public health preparedness efforts, including the response to the current H1N1 influenza outbreak. Haas' research study is titled "Modeling communication links among public health emergency preparedness officials in North Carolina using social network analysis: A pilot study." Mostafa's research project is titled, "Public Health Informatics Pilot Study."

**Sandra Hughes-Hassell**, associate professor, presented with Duke Ph.D. candidate Heather Mitchell "From Forever to Harry Potter: Banned Books That Kids (and Adults) Love" on Oct. 1st at the Durham County Library and is part of a three-event series in honor of Banned Books Week.

**Diane Kelly**, assistant professor, attended a workshop about Interactive Information Retrieval Schloss Dagstuhl, and in April gave the keynote talk at the "Workshop on Contextual Information Access, Seeking and Retrieval Evaluation" at the European Conference on Information Retrieval in France. In July, she attended the ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval, where she was a mentor at the Doctoral Consortium, presented a paper describing research with doctoral students Karl Gyllstrom and Early Bailey and served on a panel at the "Workshop on the Future of IR Evaluation." Kelly was also the workshop chair for the conference.

**Donald W. King**, distinguished research professor, participated on a US House roundtable on federally-funded research for scholarly publishing—the main objective of the roundtable being how to deal with Open Access. King also served as an expert panel member for the Cambridge Economic Policy Associates study on Activities, costs and funding flows in the scholarly communications system in the United Kingdom (UK). King was an expert reviewer on the UK Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) study on Economic Implications of Alternative Scholarly Publishing Models: Explaining the costs and benefits. King's article with C. Tenopir, et al, "Variations on article seeking and reading patterns of academics: what makes a difference?" was included in *Library & Information Science Research*. 31(2009) 139-148. The article, "Scholarly information-seeking and reading patterns of faculty at five U.S. universities," co-authored with C. Tenopir, **S. Choemprayong** and **L. Wu** was published in the April 2009 issue of *Learned Publishing*. 22(2) King presented on several topics at the 2009 SCONUL Conference, Bournemouth, England, June 2009.

**Cal Lee**, assistant professor, organized and led a meeting of 22 experts from Australia, Austria, UK and the US called "Stewardship of E-Manuscripts: Advancing a Shared Agenda" on March 31 in Chapel Hill, NC. He also initiated an international Personal Digital Archives Working Group (PDAGW) and he was an invited speaker at the Digital Lives conference on February 9-11, 2009 at the British Library. Lee co-organized DigCCurr2009, and was co-editor of the proceedings. He was core instructor for the week-long DigCCurr Professional Institute May 16-21, 2009, Chapel Hill, NC. He also serves on the Advisory Board of a project entitled, "Computer Forensics and Born-Digital Content in Cultural Heritage Collections."

**Gary Marchionini**, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, was appointed chair of the Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) for the July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 period. This is the fourth year of Marchionini's four-year term serving on this Committee that reviews and advises the NLM and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on grants in the areas of medical library resources, integrated advanced information management systems, training in medical library and other information sciences, research in medical and biotechnology informatics and biomedical scientific publications.

**Joanne Marshall**, Alumni Distinguished professor, and colleagues presented papers and posters on the "Workforce Issues in Library and Information Study" [www.wilis.unc.edu](http://www.wilis.unc.edu) at the following in 2009: ALISE in Denver, 5th International Conference on Library and Information Practice in Stockholm, NC State University Libraries, i-Schools Conference, University of Western Ontario, NC Library Association, UNC Institute on Aging and SILS. Additional WILIS papers were presented by **Barbara Moran** and **Paul Solomon** at ACRL and **Deborah Barreau** at SLA. An issue of Library Trends that includes articles on the WILIS study results is being published in Nov. 2009. Marshall was also a presenter at the Committee on Accreditation External Review Panel Chair training session at the ALA 2009 Annual Meeting in Chicago. During 2009, Marshall and her colleagues completed an evaluation of the Lifelong Access Libraries program of Libraries for the Future. The evaluation reports may be found at: [www.aging.unc.edu/programs/lal/](http://www.aging.unc.edu/programs/lal/)

**Sarah Michalak**, University librarian and vice provost was elected to the American Research Libraries Board of Directors (2008-2010). She was also elected to the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) Board of Directors (2008-11); and serves as CRL treasurer, 2009-10. She was appointed in 2006 for a five-year term to the PubMed Central Advisory Committee. Michalak is chair of the search committee for the vice chancellor for Student Affairs position and she serves on the executive vice chancellor and provost search committee.

**Barbara Moran**, professor and interim dean, led a group of nine to the SILS summer seminar in Prague, Czech Republic May 24 - June 6, 2009. Moran will be traveling to Zayed University in Dubai to begin working on a Certificate Program in Library and Archival Science in collaboration with SILS. She expects to teach the first course spring term.

**Javed Mostafa**, McColl Term professor, traveled to Al Akhawayn University at Ifrane, Morocco with **Jeff Pomerantz** to visit, present and consult with faculty and administrative colleagues in summer of 2009. A summer program for 2010 is under consideration at AU with a new position created for an instructor/reference librarian to act as a bridge person with UNC and SILS. Mostafa has worked toward creating other international programs at Zayed University in Dubai and University College London.

**Jeffrey Pomerantz**, associate professor, presented a poster with **Barbara M. Wildemuth**, **Sanghee Oh**, **S. Yang** and **Edward Fox**, of Virginia Tech, "The variety of ways in which instructors implement a module digital library curriculum" at the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, June 15-19, 2009, Austin, TX. The group also presented the poster, "I-schools as a natural home for digital libraries education" at the 2009 iConference, Feb. 9-11, 2009, Chapel Hill, NC; and "Digital library education module development and field-testing results from Virginia Tech" presented at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Feb. 18, 2009, Blacksburg, VA. Pomerantz also presented a paper along with **Wildemuth**, **Helen Tibbo**, **Carolyn Hank**, **Sanghee Oh**, **S. Yang** and **Edward A. Fox** entitled, "Comparing curricula for digital library and digital curation education" at the DigC-Curr 2009: Digital Curation Practice, Promise and Prospects, April 2, 2009, Chapel Hill, NC.

**Brian Sturm**, associate professor, co-wrote with Renee Bosman and Leigh Lambert "Windows and mirrors: secret spaces in children's literature" which has been published in the New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship, 14, 2, 83-101. His article with Karin Michel, "The 'structure' of power in young adult problem novels," has been published in Young Adult Library Services, 7, 2, 39-47. Sturm and Jamie Naidoo of the University of Alabama, will co-convene for the Youth Services Special Interest Group sessions at the 2010 ALISE annual conference.

**Helen Tibbo**, professor, attended the SUN-PASIG meeting Oct. 7-9, the I-PRES (International Digital Preservation) Conference Oct. 5-6, and chaired IDEA (International Digital curation Educators Action) working group Oct. 6 in San Francisco, CA. Tibbo was recognized as the incoming vice president of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) during the SAA Conference in Austin, TX held Aug. 10-15. She co-chaired the Research Forum, attended Council

meetings and presented a poster. She attended the Archival Education and Research Institute (AERI) at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA held July 5-11 where she served on the Board of Advisors, co-taught a day-long workshop on digital curation with **Cal Lee** and led mentoring sessions for doctoral students and junior faculty. She conducted DigCCurr II Professional Institute on June 21-26. In Chapel Hill, NC, and she presented a paper with Elizabeth Yakel (University of Michigan) on the Archival Metrics for Government Archives project and tools at the Midwest Archives Conference held in St. Louis, MO on April 30 - May 2. Tibbo attended the InterPARES Working Meeting in Vancouver, BC Canada on May 25-29.

**Rebecca Vargha**, SILS librarian, and **Tamika Barnes**, library director at the US EPA Library, received the "SLA Technology Programming Award for Chapters/Regions" for sharing their expertise (along with others from the North Carolina Special Library Association (SLA) Chapter) at the Web 2.0 Roundtable held in July, 2008. Vargha shared tips on Podcasting and Barnes shared ideas on SLA's course on 23 Things. The award was presented at the annual SLA conference in Washington, D.C. on June 16, 2009. Vargha also received the second Distinguished Alumna Award from the School of Library and Information Sciences at North Carolina Central University "for her leadership contributions in the Special Libraries Association as a student and as a professional."

**Barbara Wildemuth**, professor, has published her book, Applications of Social Research Methods to Questions in Information and Library Science (publisher: Libraries Unlimited). A paper she co-authored, "A novel approach to recruiting and educating medical informationists" was presented by **Connie Schardt** at the 2009 annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in Honolulu, HA in May. **Claudia Gollop** presented another paper Wildemuth co-authored: "A novel approach to educating medical informationists" at the Association for Library and Information Science Education annual meeting, Denver, CO, Jan. 20-23, 2009. **Yang, S., Wildemuth, B.M., Pomerantz, J.P., Oh, S., & Fox, E.A.** (2009). Core topics in digital library education. Handbook of Research On Digital Libraries: Design, Development, and Impact. IGI Global, Chapter 49. Digital library education module development and field-testing results from Virginia Tech. A poster was presented at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Feb. 18, 2009, Blacksburg, VA.



## BSIS student Chancellor for a day

It was by no means easy—but he did it. Last spring, Garnett Matney, SILS undergraduate student, had to take off more than 30 articles of clothing while sprinting wildly alongside other contestants in the first ever “Chancellor’s Chase” in order to claim his lofty prize: a day spent alongside Chancellor Holden Thorp.

The “Chase” Matney won was part of a clothing-drive benefit put on by the Order of the Bell Tower (OBT), the first event of its kind on campus.

“Order of the Bell Tower developed an event to shed light on our organization and engage the UNC community with a philanthropic endeavor that is uniquely ours,” said Morgan Redd, Order of the Bell Tower public relations chair. “The ‘Chancellor’s Chase’ grants one giving student the invaluable opportunity to be chancellor for a day. OBT are the official ambassadors of UNC and have recently adopted the role of tradition keepers. ‘Chancellor’s Chase’ is an event that OBT is proud of, and we look forward to its growth and development into a new tradition on campus.”

Matney and his fellow students were encouraged to wear their own donated clothes for the race, taking them off as they tumbled toward the finish line. A point system was used to calculate the winner, based on both running ability (7 points for winning the race) and clothing shed (shoes, for example, carried a weight of 10 points).

Matney’s final score of over 100 points made him the clear winner. He donated, impressively, over 30 articles of clothing to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service in Chapel Hill—which redistributed the clothes to needy town residents after the race.

“The run was certainly something interesting to explain,” said Matney. “I wasn’t exactly stripping for charity, but it could be interpreted that way.”

During his day as chancellor, Matney had the opportunity to accompany Chancellor Thorp to several important events, including: a seminar for research



universities, a guest appearance by the chancellor on the “Town and Talk” radio show and an event celebrating the opening of the new Boshamer Baseball Stadium among other meetings and events. When asked to describe his experiences that day, Matney called them “rewarding” and was quick to point out how impressed he was with Chancellor Thorp’s communication skills - particularly when the chancellor addressed large groups - calling Thorp “an amazingly efficient and quick speaker.”

At one point in the day, Matney was at Chancellor Thorp’s side when the two were approached by a group of students protesting the Youth for Western Civilization’s Tom Tancredo event. The students were upset with the way fellow protesters were being treated by police. Matney looked on as Chancellor Thorp calmly diffused the tension, explaining why the protesters’ behavior was, in the context of a free and public event, rude and unacceptable.

“When I was a student at Carolina, I couldn’t tell you how the chancellor spent his day,” said Chancellor Thorp. “So it’s great to have a student tag along with me and see what a chancellor does.”

When asked if he would like to become the University’s chancellor himself one day, Matney declined the prospect. “I don’t think I come close to matching the energy and mental capacity that Chancellor Thorp has. He has a very rigorous schedule [and has to be] extraordinarily assertive and wise.”

## Four SILS Students Named HASTAC Scholars

Graduate students Laura Christopherson, Adam Rogers, Matthew Wood and Mike Nutt have been named 2009-2010 Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholars. Founded by researchers committed to inter-disciplinary information sharing, HASTAC is a “meta-consortium” of thinkers and doers which seeks to use technology as a means of disseminating and appropriating new forms of knowledge on the web and elsewhere. During the upcoming year, Christopherson, Rogers, Wood and Nutt will work closely with other students and professors already in HASTAC to promote the online consortium’s primary goals: promoting expansive models for thinking, teaching and research through blogging, micro-blogging, grant-writing, seminars and forums.

## Scholarships go to New BSIS Students

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded for newly admitted undergraduate students have gone to Brittany Hayes and Grant Harrison. The students are entering into the Bachelor of Science in Information Science (BSIS) program in spring 2010.

The Margaret Kalp Merit Scholarships are named for a former dean of the School who was held in high regard by both her students and her professional colleagues.

“Brittany and Grant were selected based on their high grade point averages, compelling essays and their interest and understanding of the field of information science,” said Dr. Barbara B. Moran, interim dean. “We are delighted to welcome them to SILS and wish them only the best as they begin the major in information science.”

Two \$1,000 scholarships will once again be offered for the fall 2010 semester for newly admitted students in the BSIS major who meet the criteria.

## ASIS&T Research Award goes to Sugimoto

The 2009 Thomson Reuters Citation Analysis Research Grant from the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) has been awarded to Cassidy Sugimoto, SILS doctoral student, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for her project, “Measuring interdisciplinarity: an exploration of a novel metric applied to ILS dissertations.”

The grant, given by Thomson Reuters, awards \$3,000 to support research based on citation analysis, as well as \$500 towards travel expenses to the grant recipient. Sugimoto formally received the award at the annual ASIS&T meeting on Nov. 6-11, 2009, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Her project will describe the constructs of disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity and explore measurements used in empirical studies of interdisciplinarity, with a particular emphasis on those studies that focus on interdisciplinarity indices. An interdisciplinarity index will be proposed along with a study for validating and applying the index.

Sugimoto holds a B.A. in Music and Music Performance from UNC at Chapel Hill and received her MSIS degree from SILS in 2007.

## Student Briefs

Ph.D. student **Dana Hanson-Baldauf** and associate professor and director of the SILS media program, **Sandra Hughes-Hassell** published an article in the January 2009 issue of *Library and Information Research* titled "The information and communication technology competencies of students enrolled in school library media certificate programs."

Doctoral students, **Carolyn Hank**, **Laura Sheble** and **Songphan Choemprayong** presented "Considerations for the Preservation of Blogs," an invited briefing paper for DigitalPreservationEurope. [http://www.digitalpreservationeurope.eu/publications/briefs/preservation\\_blogs.pdf](http://www.digitalpreservationeurope.eu/publications/briefs/preservation_blogs.pdf)

Ph.D. student **Chirag Shah** received 3rd place in the best paper award category and \$500 at the YouTube and 2008 Election Cycle in the United States Conference held at the University of Massachusetts. Shah also gave three invited talks: "A Story of Context-Capturing and Cross-Country Coding" at the University of Wisconsin at Madison on Aug. 12th, 2009, as well as "System-mediated and user-mediated Collaborative Information Seeking (CIS) at Microsoft Research Cambridge, UK, on Aug. 19th, 2009 and at the University of Sheffield UK, on Aug. 21st, 2009.

**Cassidy Sugimoto**, **Terrell Russell**, and **Cheryl Grant**, students in the doctoral program, had an article published in the Summer 2009 V50, Issue 3 of the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science (JELIS)* titled "Library and Information Science Doctoral Education: The Landscape from 1930-2007."

Ph.D. students **Cassidy Sugimoto**, **Terrell Russell**, SILS alumnus **Lokman I. Meho**, Ph.D., and **Dr. Gary Marchionini**, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, published a paper in the Dec. 2008, Volume 30, Issue 4 of *Library and Information Research* titled "MPACT and citation impact: Two sides of the same scholarly coin?"

SILS doctoral students **Dana Hanson-Baldauf** and **Meredith Weiss** contributed an article they wrote titled, "E-mail in Academia: Expectations, Use, and Instructional Impact" in *EDUCAUSE* to the annual 2009-10 edition of *Computers in Society*.

SILS doctoral student **Ernie Cox** has been

elected by the membership of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) to serve on the 2011 Sibert Award Committee. This award recognizes the best book of information from the 2010 publishing year.

Doctoral student **Songphan Choemprayong** and **Donald King**, distinguished research professor, published an article in Vol. 22, Number 2, April 2009 issue of *Learned Publishing* entitled "Scholarly journal information-seeking and reading patterns of faculty at five US universities."

Ph.D. student **John Blythe** was an invited speaker at the first Digital Lives Research Conference: Personal Digital Archives for the 21st Century at the British Library in St. Pancras, London (Feb. 9-11, 2009) in the session, "Practical Experience: Digital Lives Invited Presentations."

**Carolyn Hank**, Triangle Research Libraries Network Doctoral Fellow was an invited panelist for the "Panel III: Blog Preservation" held as part of the "Future of Today's Legal Scholarship Symposium" at the Georgetown Law Library on July 25, 2009.

Doctoral student **Hollie C. White** gave a presentation at the 2009 annual American Association of Law Libraries meeting entitled "G-2: Unmasking a Marvel of an Idea in D.C: How Graphic Literature can be Supertools for Law Librarians."

SILS student **Lindsey C. Dunn** published a chapter in a book from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) called "Cool Teen Programs for Under \$100."

**Scott Kraus**, who began work on a text mining project as a BSIS student, recently had the project accepted as a poster for the MEDINFO conference. Kraus is currently a MSIS graduate student.

Graduate student **Katharine Knott** recently presented, "The Effect of Library Instruction on Undergraduate Library Use" at the 2009 LAUNCH-CH Research Forum.

**Rosanna Ensley** and **Catherine Blair** were junior fellow interns at the Library of Congress in summer 2009. Ensley was assigned to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division and Blair worked in the European Division.

## Hollie White awarded Zipf Fellowship



SILS doctoral student Hollie C. White has been awarded the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) 2009 A.R. Zipf Fellowship.

The award was established by the CLIR in honor of A. R. Zipf, "a pioneer in information management systems." The prestigious 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.

"I am extremely pleased that Hollie has been granted this award," said Dr. Jane Greenberg, professor at SILS. "Her dissertation research is cutting edge, and she is examining the convergence and challenges associated with linking personal and formal knowledge organization systems. Her research leadership is exceptional, showing she is very deserving of this award."

White is a doctoral research fellow at the SILS Metadata Research Center working on the National Science Foundation funded Dryad repository project, and the lead doctoral researcher on the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded "Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering" (HIVE) project. She is currently working toward a Ph.D. with a research focus on metadata, the evolution of technical services in academic and law libraries, interdisciplinary knowledge organization and scientific organization of data.

SILS students who have previously won the \$10,000 award include Meredith Weiss (2008), Abe Crystal (2006), Miles James Efron (2002) and Debra Ruffner Weiss (1999).

**Allison Long**, a first-year MSLS student, was awarded the Baker & Taylor Scholarship. The \$4550 scholarship covered the registration costs and fees to attend the SILS Oxford Bodleian Summer Seminar in Oxford, England. Baker & Taylor, a leading worldwide distributor of books, video, music and games, has funded the scholarship since 1998.





## Fall 2008 SILS graduates

### Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Judd Matthew DeVault

### Master of Science in Information Science

August Graduates

Peter Jon Cobb

Adrienne Waingold MacKay

Douglas Anthony Whitfield

December Graduates

Benjamin B. Pennell

Brittany Elizabeth Rogerson

Timothy Andrew Ross

Megan Grace Van Noord

### Master of Science in Library Science

August Graduates

Heather Lynn Barnes

Mary Katherine Barnes

Michael Leonard Fitzgerald

Marion Norris Grabarek-Matthews

Christopher Michael Granatino

David Alton Green

Paul Daniel Greitzer

Brian Paul Higginbotham

Jennifer Delores Joyner

Gretchen Mary Ptacek

Anne Elizabeth Pusey  
Timothy Peter Ramsey  
Mary Susan Randolph  
Amanda Thompson Ross  
Jessica Malane Sedgwick  
Beth Ann Siekiera  
Vedana Vaidhyanathan  
Eric Joseph Werthmann

December Graduates

Kendra Lauren Allen

Brian William Clossy

Victoria Anne Cunningham

Rita Diane Johnston

Ann Christel Smith Kadala

Hannah Grey Kiesewetter

Katherine Kyu Matsuura

Amy Suzanne McDonald

Mark Edwin Peterson

Edward Logan Rainey

Julia Constance Thompson

Judy Lynn Jackson Whitesell

### Certificate of Advanced Study

Elizabeth Edith Crowley

### Doctor of Philosophy

Abe Crystal

Lila Teresa Church

## Commencement Ceremonies

The School of Information and Library Science awarded degrees to 135 students at its fall 2008 and spring 2009 commencement ceremonies.

**Barbara Semonche**, SILS distinguished alumna and recent director of the library at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC at Chapel Hill, was the guest speaker for the spring 2009 commencement ceremony. She delivered an inspiring presentation titled, "History, Mystery, and Info to Go," which shared her experiences as a news librarian and offered what she termed her "hard-earned life maxims."

**Cassidy Sugimoto**, president of SILS Alumni Association, presented a 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award to **Dr. Ray English**. English is a 1977 MSLS graduate of SILS (see page 20).

The spring ceremony included presentations of student and faculty awards (see page 19).

The School's 2008 fall commencement featured keynote speaker, Mark Allen Greene, director of the American Heritage Center (AHC), University of Wyoming. Greene has been involved with the Society of American Archivists for many years, serving as president 2007-2008. In 2002 he was named a Fellow of SAA, the organization's highest honor. He shared his thoughts on preserving the future with graduates and their friends and families.

During the ceremony, SILSAA president, Cassidy Sugimoto, presented a 2008 Distinguished Alumna Award to **Janet L. Flowers**. "Flowers is a previous president of the SILS Alumni Association, and a dedicated professional who has been a wonderful representative of the profession of librarianship throughout her long career," said Sugimoto.

Flowers began her career as a Reference Librarian at Wake Forest University and then moved to UNC Libraries where she held positions of Romance Languages Cataloger, Assistant Head and then Head of Bibliographic Searching and—most recently Head of Acquisitions. "Janet has been a stellar role model for students as well as her fellow librarians, mentoring SILS students on management and acquisitions and serving as a lecturer for SILS' Collection Management classes," said Sugimoto.

Among her many professional activities, Flowers is a leader and regular participant of the Charleston Conference of Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition and the NC Serials Conference. Flowers retired April 1, 2008, as head of acquisitions at the UNC at Chapel Hill Library on the anniversary of her 38th year of employment with the Library.





## Spring 2009 SILS graduates

### **Bachelor of Science in Information Science**

Mia Audrey Barnes  
Taylor Chase Birchette  
Alex Ray Callihan  
Andrew David Cary  
Madré Lynnelle Fowler-McDonald  
Thomas Allen Jones  
Prashant Katwa  
Gareth Edward Keah  
Tera M. Kijek  
Melvin Lee Lynch, Jr.  
Daniel Salvatore Maiolo  
Mary Elizabeth Peters  
Robert Dean Shoemaker II  
Jamila Thompson  
Amber Nicole Walker  
John Joseph Weis, Jr.  
Nevin Yang

### **Master of Science in Information Science**

Eric N. Azares  
Amol Jayprakash Bapat  
Martin Borbone  
Dimitrios Couchell-Koutsogiorgas

Phillip James Fulcher  
Elijah James Hecht  
Larry Elliott Hibbler  
Andrew Paul Hull  
Ellis Bosivert Johns  
Ryan Merrill Jones  
Anthony Joseph  
Matthew Kirk Langman  
Jennifer Marie Mantooth  
Beth Jackson Massie  
Kelli Elizabeth Monahan  
Jonathan Levi Morris  
Shayne N. Muelling  
Gyorgy Polczer  
Travis Barton Roscher  
Laura Rickey Saslaw  
Lee Etta Renett Smith  
Robert Perry Strickland  
Erin Rebecca White  
David Noah Woodbury

### **Master of Science in Library Science**

Page Elizabeth Mowery Andersen  
Heather Anne Barkley  
Lyn Marie Batty

Anna Murray Branscome  
Howard St. John Carrier  
Jesse Lee Carter  
Stephen S. Chan  
Monte Devonta Evans  
Sarah Anne Everhart  
Eric Brian Forster  
Lisa Anne Gregory  
Samantha Alison Guss  
Danielle Renae Hinks  
Matthew Flynn Hopkins  
Alisa Ryan Hutchison  
Katherine Mary Jelen  
Linda Elise Johnsen  
Amy Lynn Johnson  
Sarah Marie Jorda  
Amy Lyndall Kapral  
Katherine Daniel Kemp  
Nathaniel Brice King  
Jennifer Marie Klaudinyi  
Katherine Grace Knott  
Bethany Ann Koestner  
Heather Rae Koopmans  
Siobhan Cremins Loendorf  
Jennifer Coleen Lynch  
Jennifer Eileen McElroy

Michael Millner  
Laura Carey O'Neill  
Allison Joy Peacock  
Demetria Nichelle Penix  
Alexander Hoyt Poole  
Amy Nicole Roberson  
Michael Patrick Rooney  
Nicholas Jay Salomon  
Brian Austin Schneider  
Caitlin M. Shanley  
Sarah Elizabeth Stanley  
Morgan Michelle Stoddard  
Kynita Nicole Stringer-Stanback  
Meredith Susan Sutphin  
Jennifer Audrey Townes  
Monica L. Twork  
Suzanne C. Walsh  
Elizabeth Preston Ward  
Sara Washington  
Laura Anne Westmoreland  
Christina Winston  
Renée Amber Young

### **Doctor of Philosophy** Katherine Mary Wisser

# Outstanding Teachers & Student Awards

Two faculty members from the School of Information and Library Science received Outstanding Teacher Awards, which were presented to them during the School's commencement ceremony on May 10, 2009.

Dr. Gary Marchionini, Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished professor was presented the award by last year's winner, Dr. Deborah Barreau, associate professor.

"As his nomination letter states, he is someone who successfully juggles multiple roles in his professional life yet always takes time for his students," said Barreau. "His inbox is always overflowing, but he manages to respond to every inquiry and no question is too small. He designs innovative courses and provides new technologies to experiment with and explore. His trust in your process and ability makes you want to exceed his expectations. His nominator says that 'his classes have been bright spots in my time at SILS.'"

Marchionini specializes in information seeking in electronic environments, human-computer interaction, digital libraries, information design and information policy. He has recently taught "Issues in Digital Video Retrieval" and "Human Information Interactions." He earned a B.A. from Western Michigan University, and a master's in education and his Ph.D. from Wayne State University.

This year's Outstanding Teacher Award for adjunct faculty was awarded to Dr. Evelyn Daniel, associate dean for Academic Affairs. Tommy Nixon, who received the award along with Pam Sessoms last year, presented the award during the commencement ceremony.

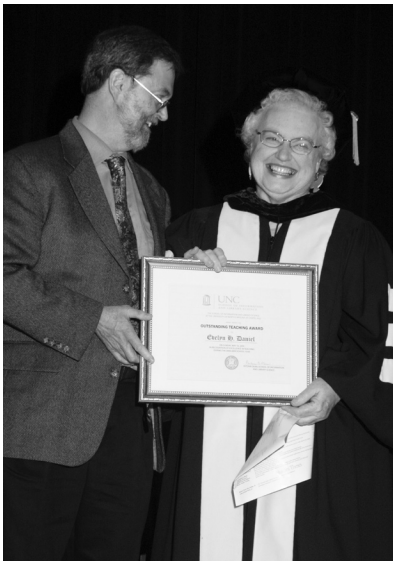
Dr. Daniel officially retired June 2008, but stepped in to serve as associate dean for academic affairs for the School on July 1, 2008.

"Her students describe her as a teacher who keeps them motivated and interested, that she considers each individual learner and how they can best succeed," said Nixon.

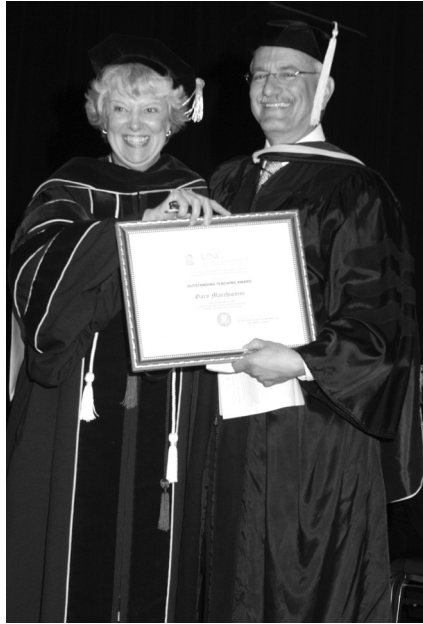
"Words such as, professional and innovative, a mentor and friend, one who is always there to help, have aptly been used to describe her. Her nominator says that she leads by example and personal integrity, and there is no finer example of this high standard of excellence, personal and professional than Dr. Daniel."

Daniel was previously the dean of SILS from 1985 to 1990. Throughout her years of teaching, she has taught courses on basic management, marketing, knowledge management, strategic planning, grant writing, information brokering, competitive intelligence and financial management.

The Outstanding Teacher awards include a framed certificate and a monetary award. For a list of previous winners, please go to the Web site: [sils.unc.edu/about/sils\\_teaching.html](http://sils.unc.edu/about/sils_teaching.html)



The 2008 winner, Tommy Nixon, presents the Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award to Dr. Evelyn Daniel.



Dr. Gary Marchionini receives the Outstanding Teacher Award from last year's recipient, Dr. Deborah Barreau



Dr. Barbara B. Moran presents the Edward G. Holley for the Good of the Order award to Katherine M. Wisser



Erin White receives the Outstanding Service to the School award from Cassidy Sugimoto, president of SILSAA



Dr. Barbara Wildemuth presents one of the Dean's Achievement Award to Laura Westmoreland



Laura O'Neill receives a Dean's Achievement Award from Dr. Barbara Wildemuth



# News from SILSAA



## Alumni Message

By Emily King  
SILSAA President

Hello SILS Alumni!

I am excited about serving as the SILS Alumni Association President this year, and I think this upcoming year will be an exciting one for the SILS Alumni Association.

Last year, the board of the Alumni Association conducted a survey of alumni to see what you wanted the alumni association to be.

The overwhelming response was that you wanted us to provide more chances for you to connect with other alumni. This year, we are endeavoring to make some changes to allow alumni to connect more with other alumni and contribute more to the Alumni Association. Starting this year we will be:

- Hosting alumni get-togethers across the country. To allow you to get to know who else from SILS might live in your area, the Alumni Association will be sponsoring Alumni nights in various parts of the country and at several national conferences. If you are interested in working with the Alumni Association to host a dinner in your area, please contact me or anyone on the alumni board.

- Creating and contributing to alumni groups in social networks. We currently have SILS alumni groups in both Facebook and LinkedIn. If you would like us to add a group in another social network, please let us know.

- Adding a Member-at-Large. This year there is an additional member of our board. This member is one who lives outside of North Carolina and specifically represents the interests of alumni who live outside of North Carolina. Meredith Ran-

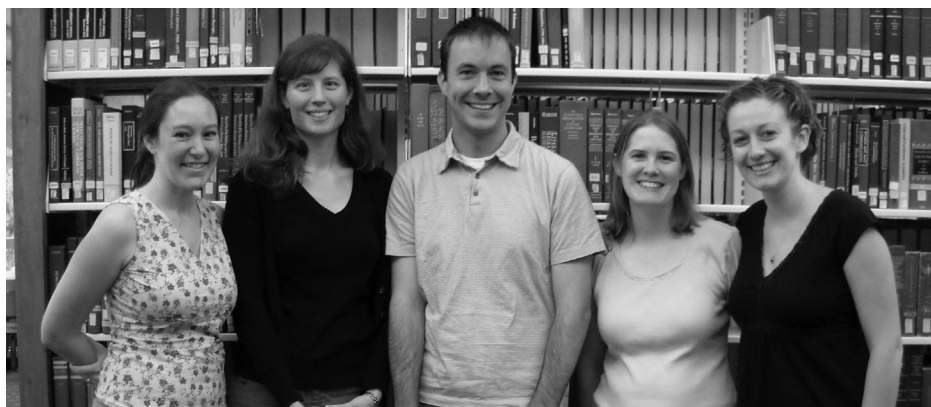
dall, a resident of New York City, will serve as our Member-at-Large in this inaugural year.

- Opening up the nomination of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Traditionally the board selects one or two alumni every year that have significantly contributed to the information and library science field. This year we would like to receive nominations for this distinguished award from you, the alumni. You can send your nominations to me or anyone on the alumni board.

- Re-instituting the alumni listserv. This year we will be re-instituting the alumni association listserv. To ensure that we get everyone through this transition, we will be adding the e-mail address that SILS or the General Alumni Association has on record to this list. If you would like these messages sent to a different e-mail address or you would not like to be included in this listserv, please contact Wanda Monroe ([wmonroe@email.unc.edu](mailto:wmonroe@email.unc.edu)) in the SILS office.

In addition to the above changes we will be discontinuing our summer mailing. Instead of receiving a request for dues with our summer mailing, we will send a renewal request over the alumni listserv. This will allow the alumni association to allocate the funds used on this mailing to future alumni events. If you would still like to receive a mailed renewal application, please let us know and we will send one out to you. I look forward to working with alumni this year and I welcome any additional suggestions that you might have to improve the SILS Alumni Association.

Sincerely,  
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SILS Alumni Association Executive Board from left to right, Emily King, Angela Bardeen, David Woodbury, Libby Gorman and Cassidy Sugimoto.

## Distinguished Alumni



**Ray English** (MSLS '77) was named a 2009 Distinguished Alumnus of the School of Information and Library Science during the school's spring commencement ceremony on May 10, 2009.

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 alumnus who more than meets the criteria for the SILS Distinguished Alumnus Award," said Cassidy Sugimoto, SILS Alumni Association president. "He is a SILS graduate who has made significant professional and personal contributions to librarianship and information science."

English is the Azariah Smith Root director of libraries at Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH. He was a primary founder of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) scholarly communication program, and a long-time member and current chair of the SPARC steering committee, of which Oberlin College is a founding member. He was named the 2006 Academic Research Librarian of the Year by the Association of College and Research Libraries, and he recently received the American Library Association's prestigious Hugh C. Atkinson Award, which "recognizes an academic librarian who has made significant contributions in the area of library automation or management and has made notable improvements in library services or research."



# Your SILS Alumni Association Needs Your Support and Participation

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 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
- Service awards and research scholarships for students
- Mentoring celebration pairing students with professionals
- Graduation reception honoring new graduates
- Communication via alumni listserv and social networking site (Facebook and LinkedIn)
- 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 Research Fund. This fund supports innovative research current library students do in conjunction with their master's paper. 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 two Chatman Research Scholarships annually to help defray the cost of original research for master's students. Your contribution in any amount is important to the students and much appreciated. Please print out, fill in and return the form to make your contribution.

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## Martin and Radice receive presidential medals

**Dr. Robert Martin**, (MSLS '88) former director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), has been awarded a Presidential Citizens Medal for his service and lasting contributions to U.S. cultural institutions. The Presidential Citizens Medal was created nearly four decades ago to recognize the service efforts of exemplary American leaders, and is one of the highest honors a citizen can receive.

As a librarian, archivist, educator and administrator, Martin has been involved with a number of national and regional attempts to broaden and solidify the role libraries and museums play in contemporary American culture. Martin served as the director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Women's University (TMU), and previously as the director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

During his time at IMLS, Martin was instrumental in increasing funding for libraries and museums across the nation. IMLS also grew leaps and bounds

under Dr. Martin's direction—making its first appearance on the international stage with his drafting of a ministerial statement for the first-ever U.N. World Summit on Information Society in Geneva, Switzerland in 2003.

**Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice**, current director of IMLS, also received the Presidential Citizens Medal for her years of devoted public service to libraries and museums.

Prior to her appointment as the IMLS director, Dr. Radice worked for a variety of cultural and civic institutions—including the National Gallery of Art and National Museum of Women in the Arts, as well as the United States Information Agency—playing a critical leadership role in each instance. In May 1992, she served as the Acting Chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts. A UNC at Chapel Hill alumna, Radice received her Ph.D. in Art and Architectural History from the university in 1976 and continues to remain an active spokeswoman for the Arts and Humanities.

## Bryna Coonin receives Emerald Research Award

**Bryna Coonin**, associate professor and reference librarian at the Joyner Library, East Carolina University, and SILS alumna (MSLS '86) has received a 2009 Emerald Research Award.

The award, administered by the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS) of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), provides \$5,000 to the winner in support of proposed research in the field of business reference. Coonin's winning proposal focuses on open access publishing as it relates to business librarianship.



"The results of this survey will provide baseline data for researchers investigating the progress—or lack thereof—of open access journal publishing in the non-science disciplines," said Stacey Marien, chair of the BRASS Emerald Research Awards Committee. "It should also provide useful information for business librarians seeking to strengthen the partnership between their libraries and the business faculty they serve."

"Although open access (OA) publishing is now an accepted pillar of the scholarly communication movement, the greatest traction for OA publishing has thus far been gained in the sciences," said Coonin. "The perspective on open access publishing from researchers in the non-sciences is largely missing. I completed an earlier study of OA publishing in the social sciences and humanities for ACRL in Seattle 2009. My proposal to Emerald was a bit of an outgrowth of this, allowing me to study specifically the perspectives of faculty publishing in business," she said.

Coonin has served for many years as a business librarian in academic libraries. She hopes to provide business librarians with some useful insights into the publishing practices of their faculty.

"The Emerald award assists in a very practical sense with some expenses associated with the project, but more significantly provides heightened visibility for research in open access publishing generally," said Coonin. "I'm indebted not only to Emerald, but to the staff of ALA Reference & User Services Association and the officers of the Business Reference and Services Section for their efforts in administering this award."

## Son of SILS alumnus featured in *We Chinese in America Magazine*

Kevin Kewei He, son of SILS alumnus **Dr. Shaoyi He** was recently featured on the cover of *We Chinese in America Magazine* for his accomplishments as a student at the West Point Military Academy. Kevin, who was courted by West Point recruiters coming out of high school, has made the Dean's list every semester while attending the Academy.

Currently a senior, He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in May 2010, and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. After fulfilling five required years of active military service, He plans to attend Johns Hopkins University for medical school.

Dr. Shaoyi He, Kevin's father, received his Ph.D. from UNC in 1998 and is now an associate professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management at California State University, San Marcos.

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## Jay Orr “Goes Country” at the White House

When we think of the South, one of the first things that comes to mind—along with thoughts of mint tea and juleps—is country music. SILS alumnus **Jay Orr**, (MSLS '82) vice president of museum programs at the Country Music Hall of Fame, would know.

Since his first job as head of technical services in the museum's Library and Media Center in 1984, Orr has had the opportunity to work closely with some of country music's biggest names, making himself a bit of a SILS legend in the process.

Last July, Orr facilitated a discussion between country music superstars Brad Paisley and Alison Krauss and a group of approximately 120 aspiring young musicians at the White House.

The discussion was part of an initiative begun by First Lady, Michelle Obama, called “The White House Music Series.” The workshop on country music is the second installment of the series following a program on jazz. The program titled, “A Country Music Celebration,” aimed to promote a better understanding of and appreciation for the country music genre and its many sub-genres. The workshop allowed middle school and high school students to interact with some of their favorite country music stars in person. On behalf of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Orr served as a mediator for the event—fielding student questions.

A perfect choice for moderating the musical duo, Orr's speaking voice was described by Tennessean reporter, Peter Cooper, as “a gentle baritone” that sounded “nearly as musical as the flights of melody that sprung from Krauss' aged fiddle” and “Paisley's sunburst Gibson guitar.”

Students Orr called on had the opportunity to ask Krauss and Paisley a variety of questions about both their careers and lives offstage. According to Orr, the singers discussed songwriting, how they first discovered music, how much practicing they did and how their families helped them achieve their long-term goals in the music business.

Both Krauss and Paisley performed later that evening for President Obama and his family at a special concert in the East Room. Orr, seated adjacent to the Obamas, was an honored guest. Reflecting on the event afterward, he described it as “stirring” and “a real triumph for country music.”

The evening, however, was also the culmination of a chain of events that led Orr from the halls of Manning as a SILS graduate student to a prominent position in Nashville's vibrant music scene.

After leaving his post as head of technical ser-



Country Music stars Alison Krauss and Brad Paisley, and moderator Jay Orr, take questions about their work as part of the White House music series celebrating country music in the State Dining Room at The White House in Washington, July 21, 2009. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

vices in the museum's Library and Media Center in 1989, Orr joined *The Nashville Banner* as a music reporter—later writing for *The Tennessean*. In 2000, Orr left *The Tennessean* to work for CMT.com, Web site of the popular country music channel.

Eventually, Orr found his way back to the Country Music Hall of Fame, where he now oversees public and educational programs while also writing and editing for the museum's exhibits and publications.

Though at this point in his career Orr is “only marginally involved with [the daily operations of] the library,” his journey from SILS to a professional career in the music business is no less remarkable: an example which shows that libraries are just one of the many places where you'll find former graduates finding great success.

## Movers and Shakers: Alumni recognized in the *Library Journal*

Community Builders, Trendspotters and Advocates are the categories represented by three SILS alumni included as “Movers & Shakers” in the March 15, 2009 issue of the *Library Journal*. **Kim**

**Duckett** (MSLS '01), **Jason Griffey** (MSLS '04) and **Pam Sessoms** (MSLS '94) were three of 51 professionals acknowledged as “the people shaping the future of libraries” for 2009.

Kim Duckett is the principal librarian for Digital Technologies and Learning at the North Carolina State University Libraries where she serves as product lead for Library Tools, a system which matches course data and librarian recommendations to create course Web guides for all 6000-plus NC State University courses.

Jason Griffey is recognized as a Mover & Shaker in the “Trendspotters” category alongside Karen Coombs, a colleague from the University of Houston who worked with Griffey and Michelle Boulé to create the BIGWIG Social Software Showcase, an annual program from the BIGWIG Interest Group of the Library Information Technology Association that challenges the format of the traditional conference program.

Pam Sessoms, electronic reference services librarian at UNC, was named “Puzzle Master” for coming up with a solution to allow multiple librarians “to respond to and field IM and chat reference questions.” Sessoms co-developed LibraryH3lp, a software program that allows multiple librarians to answer questions through IM or chat services.



**2009**

**Susan Rathbun-Grubb** (Ph.D.) has been appointed a Research Scientist at the UNC Institute on Aging. Rathbun-Grubb also works on the IMLS-funded Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science 2 project (WILIS-2), as well as the North Carolina Collaboration on Lifelong Learning and Engagement.

**Yan Zhang** (Ph.D.) joined the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin's School of Information. Zhang, who has a M.S. in Information Science from the University of Tennessee and a B.S. in Information Management and Systems from Nanjing University, China, teaches courses in information architecture and understanding and serving users.

**Mary Wilkins-Jordan** joined the faculty of Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science as assistant professor.

**Katherine Wisser** (Ph.D.) joined the faculty of Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science as assistant professor.

**Kynita Stringer-Stanback** (MSLS) had her article, "Recruitment, Retention, & Diversity in Libraries and Higher Education: Why Doing the Right Thing is Easier Said than Done" published in the Spring/Summer 2008 edition of North Carolina Libraries.

**2008**

**Michael Peper** (MSLS) won a \$1,000 stipend to attend the Special Library Association Annual Conference. Michael is the librarian for mathematics and physics at Duke University Libraries.

**Anna Craft** (MSLS) has been named Metadata Librarian at Western Carolina University.

**Xin Fu** (Ph.D.) has been awarded the 2008 Emerald and the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Outstanding Doctoral Research Award for his dissertation, "Evaluating sources of implicit feedback for Web search."

**2007**

**Lili Luo** has been appointed assistant professor at San José State University. Dr. Luo teaches courses in reference and information services, as well as research methods.

**Daphne Childres** (MSIS) has been named the new director of the Nantahala Regional Library in Cherokee County, NC. Prior to this appointment, Childres served as the youth services librarian.

**Jillian E. Robinson** (MSLS) has been appointed the NC LIVE Outreach and Promotions Librarian. Robinson has been the Instruction Librarian and Learning Resource Center Manager at the Morrisville campus of ITT Technical Institute.

**Karen Sobel** (MSLS) had her article, "Promoting Library Reference Services to First-Year Undergraduate Students: What Works?" published in the summer '09 edition of Reference & User Services Quarterly.



6 lbs 9 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long.

**2006**

**Benn P. Joseph** (MSLS) is now the Manuscript Librarian for the University Archives at Northwestern University.

**Megan Oakleaf** (Ph.D.) reviewed a paper titled "A Practical Guide to Information Literacy Assessment for Academic Librarians" in the December 2008, Volume 30, Issue 4 of Library and Information Research.

**2005**

**Marisa Ramirez** (MSLS) presented at an Institutional Repository colloquium that she was also responsible for planning and running. Her presentation was picked up by ACRL, and is now featured on their ScholComm Toolkit Web site: <http://www.acrl.ala.org/scholcomm/node/12>

**Anita Jotwani** (BSIS) is a Business Analyst in Client Relationship Management at Goldman Sachs.

**2004**

**Michelle Cronquist** (MSLS) was appointed North Carolinian Cataloger in the UNC at Chapel Hill Library, Feb. 16, 2009. In her position, Cronquist will catalog materials in multiple formats primarily held by the North Carolina Collection.

**2003**

**Karen Brown Waller** (MSLS) has received her National Board Certification in Teaching for Library Media. She teaches at Timber Drive Elementary in Garner, NC.

**2002**

**Christine Stachowicz** (MSLS) was appointed head of E-Resources & Serials Management in the UNC at Chapel Hill's University Library, effective Feb. 1. Previously, Stachowicz served as serials access librarian and catalog management librarian at UNC and as reference librarian and head of collection access at Randolph-Macon College.

**Erica Jarvis** (MSLS) welcomed Ryan "Cormac" Jarvis early on March 30, 2009. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

**2001**

**Kim Duckett** (MSLS) co-published the article "Course Views: A Scalable Approach to Providing Course-Based Access to Library Resources" with Jason Casden and Tito Sierra in the June 2009 issue of the Code4Lib Journal.

**2000**

**Cara Bonnett** (MSIS) has been named the Managing Editor of News & Information for Duke University's Office of Information Technology.

**1998**

**Selden Lamoureux** (MSLS) has received the Coutts Award for Innovation in Electronic Resources Management from the Collection Management and Development Section (CMDS) of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS).

**1988**

**Dr. Robert S. Martin**, former director of IMLS, received the Association of Rice Alumni's annual Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is given to alumni whose professional activities reflect the high standards of Rice University.

**1977**

**Rebecca Kornegay** (MSLS) and **Heidi Buchanan** (MSLS '00) co-wrote a book with Hildegard Morgan entitled *Magic Search: Getting the Best Results from Your Catalog and Beyond*. The book answers many of the research questions librarians handle on a daily basis, and is available for purchase on ALA's Web site.

**1971**

**Laurance R. Mitlin** (MSLS) retired on Sept. 30 after 38 years with the Winthrop University library in Rock Hill, SC. Mitlin joined Winthrop in 1971 as documents librarian, later becoming assistant college librarian and dean of library services. During his tenure, he was responsible for a variety of duties but concentrated on library automation. He edited the South Carolina Librarian for nearly ten years and served on the SOLINET

## Alumna gives over \$1 million for student scholarships

A SILS alumna who dedicated her life to education has left the School over \$1 million for student scholarships.

**Jane Iris Crutchfield** (BSLS '55) spent her career as a teacher and school librarian. She taught at the Danville, VA Public Schools and later at the Richmond Public Schools. She came to SILS after 19 years of teaching to pursue a degree in library science, graduating with a bachelor of science in library science in 1955.

In addition to receiving her degree from SILS, Crutchfield held degrees from Mary Washington College (Bachelor of Science) and the University of Virginia (Master of Education). She was a school librarian at the Patrick Henry Elementary School in Arlington, Va from 1960 until she retired in the late 1970s.

The \$1.12 million gift, given by Crutchfield in memory of her mother, Janie Gammon Crutchfield, who always encouraged Iris to pursue her education, will go to the school's Susan Grey Akers Scholarship Fund "that assists deserving students admitted to the Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) degree program and distinguished by evidence of professional promise, character, leadership and high scholastic achievement."

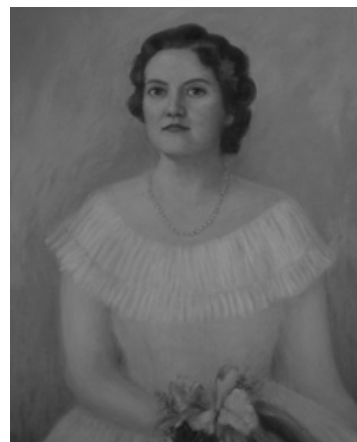
Crutchfield was 92-years-old when she died on Dec. 10, 2006. She is remembered fondly by her neighbors and friends.

Ann Lanzillotta, a neighbor of Crutchfield for 40 years, considered the gracious and thoughtful Crutchfield part of her family. "Iris attended graduations, holiday gatherings and other special events with my family," said Lanzillotta. "She was a warm and very cultured person who loved children. She loved teaching and had a talent for getting them excited about reading and writing. She was a treasure."

Lanzillotta's daughter, Mary Kay, described Crutchfield as an elegant lady who was always on the go and actively involved with children's reading. She was also active in her community, especially with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Female Educators and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Miss Iris [as they called her] thought if she could engage children in exploring through reading, they could do anything," she said. "If they couldn't yet read, she would offer reading hours. She would make studying fun and interesting by bringing in artifacts from her many travels to relate to her stories or the book they were reading. She wanted everyone to read, to appreciate and enjoy reading. As a children's librarian, she always had suggestions of books to read or things to explore for my siblings and me. Each birthday we received a book that had been carefully selected and was meaningful for each of us."

Her favorite memories of Crutchfield were her tea parties. "She would have my sister and me over for tea," said Mary Kay. "They were very special occasions for us." In honor of Crutchfield and to commemorate the gift, the dean will host an annual tea in the name of Jane Iris Crutchfield for the recipients of the Akers scholarships.



## Diggs' endowment to support SILS library

Growing up in rural Virginia, Timothy Diggs and his brothers immersed themselves in books at an early age. The family put a high value on reading, and Diggs had access to thousands of books at home and at the library where his mother was librarian. A self-professed bibliophile, he was reading Edgar Allen Poe by the time he was in fourth grade.

Armed with a great love for books and an intense understanding of the importance of reading, Diggs worked with SILS to establish the "Helen Neighbours Diggs Endowment for Collections Support in the School of Information and Library Science." The initial endowment is for \$21,000 with \$11,000 in matching funds from Diggs' employer the Shell Oil Company Foundation. The endowment is intended to support the acquisition of books and materials, preservation of the books or other needs of the Library.

"I always hoped that I would someday be able to help replace or repair books that were tattered, or purchase new books, media or whatever is needed for the library," said Diggs. "Now that I can provide a gift, it was logical that the SILS library would be the best place to honor my mother, as this is where she spent time studying to become a librarian and she has always had a love for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

**Helen Neighbours** (MSLS '83) was pursuing her bachelor's degree in English at UNC at Chapel Hill in the late 1940s and was on the way to the library when she became re-acquainted with Henry Diggs, who was also a student at UNC. "We were both from the same small town in Saltville, Virginia and happened to meet again in Chapel Hill," said Mrs. Diggs. On the Christmas Eve following graduation in 1949, they married in the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. The couple moved to Smithfield, NC where Helen became head librarian at the Cleveland School. She also worked the summer bookmobile program in the Johnston County Public Library—taking books and collections to rural towns throughout the county. Eventually, they moved back to Saltville where Helen worked as the elementary school librarian while rearing three sons and teaching several English classes. After moving to Portsmouth, VA, she took classes in her spare time from professors traveling from Chapel Hill who participated in the School's unique, field-based library media program designed for those already in the field. She returned to UNC at Chapel Hill for two summers for her master's in library science, completing her degree in 1983.

Before retiring from her position as librarian at Erwin Middle School in Bumcombe County, NC, Helen served as a librarian and educator for 29 years. She has been involved with setting up libraries, working in a bookmobile, reading and educating students and the public nearly all of her life.

SILS librarian, Rebecca Vargha, is grateful for the endowment which she says will significantly enhance her ability to add to the collection in the SILS Library, with initial acquisitions in the area of folklore and fairy tales. "Because of this gift, we can grow the collection and provide resources that will be used by generations of students to come," said Vargha. "The outstanding generosity of Timothy Diggs leaves a wonderful legacy to our students—those who will be our future librarians and information specialists."

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