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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31, 2013

Health Affairs Job and Internship Expo 2013
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Ram's Head Recreation Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Free and Open to the Public

February 26, 2013

2013 Emerging Trends in Information Professions Showcase
Motorco Music Hall
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Durham, NC
Watch for your invitation.

March 1, 2013

Lecture on Health Informatics
Dr. Charles P. Friedman, Professor and Director of the Health Informatics Program in the School of Information and the School of Public Health
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
BCBS Auditorium, 1001 Michael Hooker Research Center
Gillings School of Global Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Free and Open to the Public

March 24, 2013

OCLC/Frederick G. Kilgour Lecture in Information and Library Science
Dr. Deen Freelon, Assistant Professor of Public Communication, American University
Reception following the lecture
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Free and Open to the Public

May 12, 2013

Spring Commencement
1 p.m.
Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The cover photo is of doctoral student, Sarah Ramdeen, who is sitting outside of the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail in Meknès. The photo was taken by Billy Cook (MSLS '12).



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Greetings from the Dean



Dear Alumni and Friends:

The year 2012 was a positive and active year for SILS. Our undergraduate program is blossoming with students winning outstanding internships and being offered great jobs upon graduation – some even before they graduate. The Master's program continues to attract the best and brightest with our graduates garnering placement in leading institutions. The Carolina Health Informatics Program (CHIP) is experiencing growth in its certificate program. The School recently launched a Post Master's Certificate program that offers special opportunities for those interested in data curation. Taught by our world-class faculty who are leaders in the area of data curation, this program has a leadership emphasis that will be tailored to the student's work life. It is an intensive and extensive 30 credit hour program that begins with two weeks of summer study on campus followed by online courses.

SILS faculty and staff are winning awards and research grants and traveling abroad to share their findings. This issue of the newsletter highlights the international involvement and the efforts currently underway to extend Carolina's global presence.

We are strongly engaged with the SILS Alumni Association and supportive of their efforts, and over the summer months, we visited with alumni around the U.S. at major conferences during our alumni receptions. It was great to see so many of you who were able to stop by to re-engage with SILS. We had a good turnout for the American Library Association reception in June and we hope to see many of you at the ALA conference in Chicago this summer.

The School continues to host events that are interesting and meaningful. We work diligently to increase our student body diversity offerings and recently, Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell completed her report titled, "Building a Bridge to Literacy for African American Male Youth – A Call to Action for the Library Community" the result of her research and the successful summit held last June. In September, four of our alumni participated in a panel titled, "The Chief Information Officer (CIO) as a Career Path." Most recently, five of our alumni treated us to an interesting discussion on entrepreneurship. For those who missed it or other lectures and events, you may view many of them on the SILS Vimeo channel at: <http://vimeo.com/uncsils>

As we welcome the new year, we look forward to adding five new faculty positions - including Denise Anthony, a lecturer with expertise in archives and records management; Cliff Missen, the director of Widernet; and three faculty who will specialize in librarianship, health informatics, and information and organization behaviors. We have begun the reaccreditation process for our graduate programs and are working to prepare our "Committee on Accreditation" report. We are pleased with the continuation of major research initiatives in big data, data curation, data forensics, metadata and our continued long-standing engagement with the Environmental Protection Agency Library and new projects such as Xearthy (see page 16) and the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information for the sharing of scientific and technical information.

On a final note, thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your gifts in time, energy and dollars. Please stay in touch either through visits, social media links or other means. We value your engagement with the School.

Sincerely,

Gary Marchionini

Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor

Faculty Research: Zeynep Tufekci



Dr. Zeynep Tufekci in Tahir Square in Cairo, Egypt during a protest.

Does Facebook cause loneliness? What does Twitter have to do with revolution? Who acquires friends through social media and why? What can we learn about social networking sites from non-users? Did technology have an impact on recent presidential elections? How did the use of social media impact the Arab Spring? These are just a few of the questions that Dr. Zeynep Tufekci researches and then addresses on her popular blog, technosociology.org/.

Tufekci, a SILS assistant professor and adjunct faculty member with UNC at Chapel Hill's Department of Sociology – also a fellow at the Center for Information Technology at Princeton University and a past fellow at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society – has research interests in the social impacts of technology (especially social computing), research methods, gender, inequality and new media.

Because the topics of her research are so relevant to current events, she is frequently quoted in newspapers and on Web sites such as The New York Times, Time, The Economist, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times

and international publications and sites such as Public Radio International's The World, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Times of India and a myriad of other news sources. Shortly after the presidential election, Tufekci contributed an Op Ed piece to The New York Times about the impact technology had on President Obama's re-election campaign.

In the editorial, she offers the following insight about how databases and the Internet were used to determine and persuade voters to hit the polls:

"How did Mr. Obama win? The message and the candidate matter, of course; it's easier to persuade voters if your policies are more popular and your candidate more appealing. But a modern winning campaign requires more. As Mr. Messina [Obama's campaign manager] explained, his campaign made an "unparalleled" \$100 million investment in technology, demanded "data on everything," "measured everything" and ran 66,000 computer simulations every day. In contrast, Mitt Romney's campaign's data operations were lagging, buggy and nowhere as sophisticated. A senior Romney aide described the shock

Social Media changing the world

he experienced in seeing the Obama campaign turn out “voters they never even knew existed.” And that kind of ability matters: while Mr. Obama did win decisively, the size of his lead in four states that determined the outcome, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and Colorado, was about 400,000 votes — or about 1.2 percent of the eligible voters.”

Her research on the social impacts of technology covers a broad range of topics including the latest ethical question of whether or not the photo of the unfortunate man who had been pushed onto the tracks of a New York subway in front of an oncoming train should have been published by the New York Post. Her comments on her blog are candid, honest and they include her personal experiences of seeing other photos, some quite morbid, which were visual representations of the results of war that are normally not disclosed in the media.

The changes brought about by newer technologies such as cell phones with photo taking abilities - which can be immediately shared with the world via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or other social media - have changed how wars are fought, help is sought, perceptions are brought about and how things and ideas are marketed.

Tufekci shared an example of how social media changed the outcome of needed medical assistance during the Arab Spring uprising. She speaks of an incident in 2011 in which multiple field hospitals were set up around Tahrir Square, but there was an obvious need for coordinating the flow of supplies, doctors and patients around this large public square in the middle of intense clashes. Using Twitter, Google spreadsheets and cell phone contacts, a young pharmacy student in his early 20s worked with a few other young people to coordinate the flow of supplies to a sizeable field hospital operation during these clashes in which, unfortunately, more than 30 people were killed and thousands wounded. This is indeed an outcome that is far different from previous uprisings or wars that relied on different means of communication.

Dr. Tufekci investigates a number of other social issues that are being impacted by technology such as privacy and free speech. She is passionate and vocal about her research, which is evident in her blog posts, articles, books and many presentations. It's not surprising that she is contacted regularly by media outlets such as National Public Radio (NPR) and MSNBC for her expertise and views about topics ranging from social media and the Arab Spring, to Twitter's policy on blocking tweets, to controversial photos.

Last spring, Tufekci was interviewed on Public Radio International's flagship international affairs show *The World*, which is broadcast on NPR. She spoke to host Marco Werman about the news released in the United Kingdom's *Guardian* newspaper, which had obtained e-mails written by Syrian leader Bashar Al-Assad and members of his inner circle during the year-long uprising in that country.

“The revelation of e-mail accounts alleged to belong to Bashar and [his wife] Asma Assad had once again revealed how the rapid spread of new technologies can contribute to unprecedented kinds of surveillance,” Tufekci said. “What would have been perhaps pieced together by historians much later and in much later fragments appears to have been exposed in real-time. This level of unearthing of personal correspondence of a dictator during an ongoing uprising is without parallel in history.”

With her focus on researching the changes brought about by new and innovative technologies, Tufekci has her finger on the pulse of how our lives are evolving and history is changing.



About Zeynep Tufekci

Dr. Zeynep Tufekci is an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science and an adjunct professor in the Department of Sociology. She is also a fellow at the Center for Information Technology at Princeton University and a past fellow at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. She received her Ph.D. and Master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Istanbul University, Turkey and an undergraduate degree in computer science from Bosphorus University, Turkey. She worked professionally as a programmer before returning to academia. Her research interests are social impacts of technology, privacy and surveillance, inequality, research methods and complex systems. She writes regularly at her personal site: technosociology.org/

Faculty Research: Jane Greenberg



By Matt Poland

As information professionals, we spend most of our work lives behind desks, usually staring at computer screens. But, every once in awhile, an opportunity comes along for something a little out of the ordinary. Last year, Dr. Jane Greenberg, SILS professor and director of the Metadata Research Center, found herself doing some of the same research on linked data, machine learning and automatic metadata generation – it just so happened that she was working not in Manning Hall, but in Madrid, Spain.

Jane and her family spent six months living in Madrid during the first half of 2012. She was the second woman of 92 awardees to have been presented a Cátedra de Excelencia (Chair of Excellence) at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M). This professorship was supported in part by Grupo Banco de Santander. Named for an 18th-century monarch, UC3M has about 19,000 students enrolled and is ranked one of the top universities in Spain. At UC3M, Jane worked mainly with the Technology Applied to Information and Information Science (TECNODOC) research team in the Departamento Biblioteconomía y Documentación (Department of Library and Information Science). She also worked closely with the National Library of Spain (BNE), Spain's largest public library, also located in Madrid.

While in Spain, Jane's research focused primarily on advancing the HIVE project. HIVE, which stands for Helping Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Engineering, is funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and is headquartered at the Metadata Research Center at SILS. The idea behind HIVE is to combine the strengths of algorithms and people in the creation of descriptive information about resources. There is a wealth of discipline or domain-specific controlled vocabularies – systems in which resources are assigned subject headings according to their content, their "aboutness," and then those index terms are standardized so as to optimize their ability to help

users find what they need. Anyone who has used the Library of Congress Subject Headings or MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) has used a controlled vocabulary. However, these vocabularies must be created by experts and become quite expensive to maintain and update, not to mention that frequently controlled vocabularies from one domain do not interoperate (work together, that is) with vocabularies from others. The goal of HIVE, then, is to map disparate controlled vocabularies to one common data model so as to ease the problems of cost, interoperability, and usability.

Jane went to UC3M in order to launch the Spanish version of the HIVE initiative, HIVE-ES. "HIVE-ES serves as a research hub and a means for advancing linked open vocabulary applications," Jane says, referring to the growing ecosystem of interoperable linked controlled vocabularies of which HIVE is a part. "During my UC3M residency, we were able to launch HIVE-ES, with specific attention on Spanish language applications for indexing and providing access to digital resources."

In addition to teaching and initiating the HIVE-ES project, Jane was able to conduct work on her main research interests with one publication and two more in press. She also presented her work on a number of different occasions around Europe and at the American Library Association's annual conference in Anaheim, California in June. At UC3M, she had the opportunity to interact with two other Chairs of Excellence, Dr. Peter Ingwersen, a Danish expert on information retrieval with whom she shared an office, and Dr. Fabio Crestani, whose professorship was in the Computer Science Department.

Jane also sponsored three workshops while abroad. Her work at the metadata workshop as a part of the SILS program in Morocco is profiled on page 8 in this newsletter. The Linked Open Vocabularies (LOV) Symposium, which Jane led with Dr. Eva Méndez, was held on June 18 at UC3M. The symposium drew 58 attendees from around Europe and the Americas, and focused on the challenges, solutions to, and research specific to linked open vocabularies. Highlights included a presentation by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) President Dr. Diane Sonnenwald (also Head of the School of Information and Library Studies at University College Dublin) and closing remarks by Diane Hillman, the vocabulary manager for the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative, with which Jane has been extensively involved.

The very next day, on June 19, Jane co-sponsored the SKOS-2-HIVE Workshop, with Dr. Eva Méndez, Dr. Gemo Bueno de la Fuente and the faculty and graduate students affiliated with the TECNODOC team at UC3M. This workshop, offered simultaneously in English and Spanish, targeted the use of Simple Knowledge Organization Systems (SKOS), a W3C standard and the data model on which HIVE is based. Linked data and the HIVE library of open source applications were also discussed, and the 59 participants were similarly international in scope to the LOV workshop. A highlight was that SILS Ph.D. student Angela Murillo and Master's student Jackie Chapman flew to Spain to lead modules during the workshop and engage with graduate students

Jane in Spain

at UC3M. Both are fluent in Spanish – Angela presented in Spanish, while Jackie presented in English, and both assisted with bilingual communication throughout.

Although she was exceedingly productive while at UC3M, Jane's experiences in Spain were not all metadata, all the time. While she and her family did not get to see all the sights that they wanted to, as Jane put it, they were not there to be tourists. "We were doing life in Spain," she says. "We managed to see a few gems, but at the end of the day there was laundry, cooking and kids needing to complete their homework. We adopted the life of Madrileños, on some level, like that of New Yorkers – visiting the park regularly, and visiting a museum or historic place mainly when an out-of-town friend came."

There was no shortage of out-of-town visitors passing through from SILS. Rebecca Vargha, SILS librarian, came to town on the way home from a meeting of the German Library Association in Berlin. Dr. Claudia Gollop, Frances Carroll McColl Term Professor, paid a visit, as did SILS Board of Visitors member Sarah Snow (MSIS '04) and her husband, Claude. "One of the most difficult things about being away was not being here to be with my SILS family when Deb passed," Jane says, referring of course to the passing of Dr. Deborah Barreau, longtime SILS professor, in February. "She has been in our thoughts often."

Still, though much is taken, much abides, and Jane and her family took comfort in the everyday rituals of life in the Spanish capital. "One of my favorite things I'll miss most was seeing people of all ages in the park being affectionate," says Jane. "Couples of all ages – young lovers to the elderly – always holding hands. I always loved to see the señoras coming into the coffee shops at 5 p.m. for the churros and gossip." The Spanish tradition of taking lengthy



Dr. Greenberg with Dr. Mar Hernández-Agustí, Head of Technical Processing of the National Library of Spain in the grand stairwell of the National Library, also known as Biblioteca Nacional de España.



Dr. Greenberg with some plant life metadata.

lunches and very late dinners took some getting used to. "We were never able to adjust, but still I appreciate this about Spanish culture," she added. "Our boys are now spoiled by a big lunch in public school, so now we pack them a bigger lunch, often one of their favorites, a jamón y queso wrap (ham and "good" cheese)."

Jane's children – Jonathan, age 9, and Robbie, age 7 – had become regular Spaniards by the time they returned to North Carolina. "I've learned a bit of Spanish," says Jane, "but not nearly as much as the boys. Their vocabulary increased in desirable ways and of course there are some words that aren't to be repeated – that's part of joining the gang and playing ball!" Soccer became as integral a part of their life as it was to other Spanish families, it seems. "It was amazing to see kids, specifically little boys, just learning to walk in the park, and their dads and uncles would be out there with the soccer ball. There's always a game to play in the park."

The family was in Spain at an auspicious time for Spanish soccer, namely the 2012 Euro Football Championship. Held throughout June in Poland and Ukraine, the pan-European soccer tournament ended with the Spanish national team drubbing Italy 4-0 in the final. Jane remembers, "Jonathan came home from school at least three times with yellow and red paint [the Spanish national colors] painted down his arms – that stuff wouldn't come off for days. He became an enthusiastic fan, always cheering for Spain. We happened to be in Barcelona the night of the final game, and we heard fireworks all over town when they won." It was a suitably exciting ending to an exciting time.

Faculty Research:



By Matt Poland

Last May, like a caravan headed east, several SILS graduate students and faculty members set off for Morocco with all their enthusiasm and expertise in tow. While their explicit purpose was to hold a workshop on metadata and knowledge management, their less tangible aim was to expand the dialogue between information professionals in the West and the Middle East. SILS faculty was represented by Dr. Javed Mostafa, Dr. Evelyn Daniel, and Dr. Jane Greenberg, along with MSLS student Billy Cook and Ph.D. students Summaya Ahmed and Sarah Ramdeen.

Both Ahmed and Ramdeen are fellows of the ELIME-21 program, a joint venture between SILS and the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations. Led by principal investigator Dr. Barbara Moran, Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor at SILS, ELIME-21 stands for "Educating Librarians in the Middle East: Building Bridges for the 21st Century." According to co-principal investigator Mostafa, the program has two overarching goals. "The first goal of the program is to provide opportunities for graduate students, particularly for doctoral students, to get training in a Middle Eastern cultural context. We want them to have a chance to interact and learn in those countries. The topics of their experiences vary, from the digitization of scholarly Arabic materials to the organization, collecting, and cataloguing of materials at institutions across the Middle East."

"The wider goal of ELIME is to promote and participate in the development of library and information science programs in the Middle East," Mostafa con-

tinued. "We are now engaged in a discussion about developing an LIS certificate program in Morocco, with similar efforts underway in Egypt as well. We received significant investment from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that provided us with the impetus to explore these goals fully."

Intercultural communication through library and information science is the mission of ELIME, and for the metadata workshop that took these members of the SILS community to Morocco. "We too often give lip service to cross-cultural communication, but until you're involved in it you don't really realize what differences there are," said Daniel, who co-led the workshop with Greenberg. "The only thing for it is lots of exposure and experience between cultures."

The workshop took place on the campus of one of ELIME's primary partners, Al-Akhawayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco. Though it may not fit with many westerners' idea of Morocco, Ifrane is a European-style alpine town nestled in the Middle Atlas Mountains about 150 miles southeast of the nation's capital, Rabat. "It's actually a ski resort in the winter," Cook said. AUI itself is a small – about 1,800 students – public university that was founded by royal decree in the 1990s. With its architecture in keeping with the alpine style of the town, Evelyn Daniel said, "It's a beautiful campus, and the facilities were quite comfortable."

Although coordinating the development of the metadata workshop presented something of a challenge – while Evelyn Daniel was at SILS, Jane Greenberg was in the middle of a semester teaching and conducting research in Spain (see

Morocco Workshop

her profile on pages 6 and 7) – they were able to put together a comprehensive, three-day program that focused on the rudiments and applications of metadata and knowledge management in a library setting. While Greenberg and Daniel developed the workshop's content, the graduate students collaborated with the staff at AUI to make sure it went off without a hitch. It was not easy to work out logistics for registration, transportation and other details remotely.

"We were going overseas, and that meant making sure everything was in place before we left," said Ramdeen. "Getting to work so closely with the staff at AUI was a great experience. I think it strengthened our relationship with AUI, and will help us in the future as we work on other projects."

"Billy, Sarah and Summaya were critical [for the workshop]," said Mostafa. "Having them there really helped out because they did advanced work beforehand to get the workshop settled. I really want to give credit to them for helping execute the workshop."

Students were introduced to the range of metadata standards and frameworks for their management, especially the Dublin Core standard with which Greenberg has been extensively involved in developing. Challenges to how organizations "do" metadata and its different forms – from the highly structured Dublin Core vocabulary to the looser, user-generated tagging systems we see on social Web sites like Flickr – was on the agenda. The group also focused on emerging opportunities in the metadata field, including knowledge organization systems, the Semantic Web, and metadata for scientific data and the digital humanities, as well as management issues.

"In instructing," Greenberg said, "we had to keep the varied backgrounds of our participants in mind." Daniel explained that, while the participants were mostly library staff from the Mohammed VI Library at AUI, there was also a pair of librarians from the American University in Cairo, two from Russia and two from an academic libraries center in the Moroccan capital, Rabat. Unlike in the United States, library staff in Morocco often have little formal library training, an issue the ELIME program seeks to address. Many librarians there come from liberal arts backgrounds, as well as from the social sciences and information technology.

Even though there is little formal LIS training in Morocco, said Mostafa, there are common values that can be built upon. "It's a culture that has a deep interest in scholarship, collections and the dissemination of knowledge," Mostafa said. "They are quite ready to engage in advanced learning in LIS. At the workshop, I noticed how inquisitive and interested our colleagues were about developing LIS and learning more."

Greenberg echoed Mostafa, saying, "There was a real thirst to learn. All the participants were so bright and engaged." It must have been fairly well received, Greenberg thought, because at the end everyone was hugging. "That's how you know it went well," she said.

The metadata workshop was not the only project the ELIME group conducted over the summer at AUI. Cook, the student who also helped facilitate the workshop, received the Baker & Taylor Award to lead a project at the Mohammed VI Library. Staying after the metadata workshop team had departed, over the course of six weeks Cook created and implemented the AUI Digital Image Library. He conducted an environmental scan to develop a strategy for the project, generated workflows for the various stakeholders involved and presented his strategy to the library's administration. After conducting a pilot test, Cook implemented the digital image library using the Omeka platform, an open source Web publishing system for digital archives that is based on the Dublin Core metadata standard.

In addition to developing the system, Billy helped improve the usability of the new Mohammed VI Library Web site and market it to the university. He researched collection development practices and reported his findings to Baker & Taylor. "I'd like to thank Baker & Taylor and the ELIME program for sponsoring my internship," he said. "It was exciting to be a part of 'Team Morocco' and I was grateful for the opportunity to help strengthen the relationship between SILS and AUI."

"Billy's was a positive experience for him and for the university library," Mostafa said. "They had a very specific need for image storage and image retrieval, and Billy provided them with a good starting point for getting their project up and running. They were very impressed with his work." To tie things



Part of the workshop team, Sarah Ramdeen, Billy Cook and Evelyn Daniel at Volubilis - the ruins of an ancient Roman city located just outside of Meknes.

up nicely, the AUI Digital Image Library went live on Cook's last day in Ifrane.

Although the SILS delegation was clearly quite industrious during their time in Morocco, they did not spend all their time working. All took several opportunities to do some sightseeing and get a crash-course in Moroccan culture. Music and food feature prominently in their reminiscences about Morocco, though there was one reported case of derring-do: "I defended my cabin and fellow passengers against ruffians during a train robbery between Marrakesh and Casablanca," said Cook.

Other sightseeing experiences were considerably more low-key. In two separate groups, all made the trip to Volubilis, a partly-excavated Roman city dating from the 1st century CE that was built on top of a 3rd century BCE Phoenician settlement. "Having seen Pompeii," said Daniel, "the Roman ruins were interesting in that you could see the similarities, even though they were so far away from each other." Volubilis is known for its town houses that were built with large, intricate mosaics in the floor. "Morocco in general is striking because all of these old industries are still alive and being practiced – leather, tiles, mosaics, textiles," Daniel continued. "And there's a strong interest in these materials from the international community."

Food, sport and shopping in the country's colorful marketplaces left all with lasting impressions. "Summaya and I were in the city of Tetouan when they beat Rabat for the national soccer tournament," remembers Ramdeen. "The

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Alumni Profile: Dr. L. Teresa Church



Dr. L. Teresa Church (Ph.D. '08) has always enjoyed history and preserving her own and other's historical records. In fact, she enjoys it so much she focused her doctoral studies and dissertation on how the heritage and memories of the African American community are documented and archived. Her dissertation, "Documenting African American Community Heritage: Archival Strategies and Practices In the United States," was one example of her commitment to archiving and preservation. For the past two years, Church has helped preserve the memories of an important group from our nation's history, the Tuskegee Airmen.

Dr. Church has had the honor of meeting a number of the original Tuskegee Airmen in-person while she researched and documented her findings for a special project about the World War II pilots. She served as the Material Culture Expert for the exhibit at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Web site <http://www.nps.gov/tuai/index.htm>, in Tuskegee, Alabama, documenting the contributions.

The Tuskegee Airmen was "an all African-American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941. The 'Tuskegee Airmen' refers to all who were involved in the so-called 'Tuskegee Experiment,' the Army Air Corps program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. The men overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II," according to the National Park Service Web site. <http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/tuskegee/airoverview.htm>

While working on the project, Dr. Church learned of the challenges and accomplishments these then young men went through during a time of unacceptance and hostility.

"Listening to these living legends talk about their experiences from the 1940s has inspired me to devote even more of my time and efforts to document and preserve African American history and primary sources wherever they may be found," said Church. "Some of the Airmen have saved valuable photographs, documents and artifacts from World War II. They recall with such accuracy and

Preserving Memories - Tuskegee Airmen

richness of detail what it was like to be young Black men in uniform facing some of the hostilities they encountered in a segregated America. Then, there is the pride of victory and all of the accomplishments that have made the Tuskegee Airmen such treasures for researchers at home and abroad. They are so humble and appreciative for every effort to make their stories known."

The exhibit, which is expected to open in 2013, will include photos, documents and memorabilia of the Tuskegee Airmen at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Motion Field in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Last spring, Dr. Church delivered the keynote address for the luncheon of the North Carolina Airports Association's 33rd Annual Conference in New Bern, North Carolina. The title of her talk was "A Perspective On Flight From Another Height: Appreciating and Preserving the History of the Tuskegee Airmen."

To an audience of 350 people at the NC Airports Conference, Church noted that: "The Tuskegee Airmen were not just the "best," they were the best of the very best during World War II. They numbered nearly 15,000, including fighter pilots, bomber pilots, navigators, mechanics, armorers, crew chiefs, riveters, parachute riggers, nurses, flight surgeons, clerks, food service personnel and in other support roles that kept the pilots flying. More than 950 pilots trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field. They flew with distinction during World War II and debunked racist stereotypes that claimed Blacks lacked the intelligence to learn how to fly and operate complex machinery. Some of the Airmen continued on with lengthy military careers, while others made their indelible mark across a broad spectrum of civilian life in the United States and beyond."

Dr. Church is an independent archival consultant and the sole proprietor of LTC Consulting.



Second Lt. Gabe C. Hawkins, second from right, an Army instruction teacher, looks over a map before taking his students on a cross-country trip at Tuskegee, Ala., on Sept. 5, 1942. The cadets are being trained to join the first black combat unit in the U.S. Army Air Corps. (AP Photo)

Baker & Taylor Funds Global Travels

Thanks to a gift from leading worldwide book distributor Baker & Taylor, three SILS students had the opportunity to study and work abroad last summer. Graduate students Allyson Smally, Sara Suiter and Billy Cook were the recipients of the scholarships, which included funding to attend summer seminar programs to Prague and London and a special workshop to Morocco.

Smally traveled to Prague, in the heart of the Czech Republic, to participate in a seminar titled, “Libraries and Librarianship in the Czech Republic,” while Suiter traveled to London to participate in a seminar titled, “British Libraries and Librarianship: Past, Present and Future.” The scholarships covered program registration fees, hotel, the fee for academic credit and an \$850 stipend. Cook attended a program at Al Akhawayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco.

Led by Dr. Barbara Moran, Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor, Smally’s 12-day trip to Prague also included visits to other cities in the area, as well as a weekend trip she took on her own to Berlin, Germany.

“As part of the seminar, our group toured various kinds of libraries—public libraries, school libraries, academic libraries and libraries in monasteries and museums,” said Smally. “We had lectures from university professors, researchers and library directors about different aspects of libraries and librarianship in the Czech Republic. We also had free time to walk around and explore the city and visit museums, parks, castles and restaurants.”

Smally thanks her hosts for serving as excellent tour guides and translators to help facilitate a smooth and educational trip. As an MLS candidate at SILS, Smally feels the trip will be useful in her educational and professional career.

“The trip was useful because it exposed me to new perspectives on libraries, education and access to information,” Smally said. “Also, it was interesting to learn about the opportunities and challenges facing Czech libraries today and consider how they are both different from and similar to those facing libraries in the United States.”

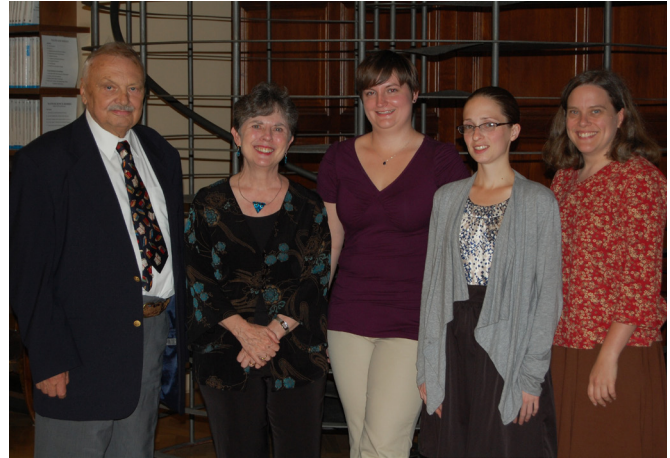
Suiter participated in the London Summer Seminar on her scholarship. This two-week trip was an opportunity to explore libraries and archives in the United Kingdom and was led by Paul Jones, clinical professor and director of ibiblio.

“We visited 11 different libraries and archives that ranged from national institutions, like the British Library, to local borough institutions, like the Whitechapel IdeaStore (similar to US public libraries),” Suiter said. “We also met library science students studying at the University College of London.”

Like Smally, Suiter feels that this trip will be beneficial to her professional development as she completes her MLS and begins a career.

The third travel was slightly different than the summer seminars. The \$4800 stipend provided by Baker & Taylor covered all expenses during Cook’s stay and registration for the workshop in Morocco. Al Akhawayn University paid for housing costs and some meals. Cook traveled to Morocco as part of a delegation from SILS for the “UNC Educating Librarians in the Middle East: Building Bridges for the 21st Century (ELIME-21)” workshop on metadata. In addition to assisting with the workshop, Cook stayed for six weeks in Morocco to manage the design and implementation of the Al-Akhawayn University Digital Image Library. (See page 8 and 9 for more information regarding his trip.)

“It was a great adventure,” said Cook. “Whether I was at work or traveling around the country, each day presented a unique challenge. From building the Digital Image Library in less than four weeks despite cultural and language barriers, to fending off train robbers outside of Casablanca, I had an experience I will never forget. I am especially grateful to the amazing staff at the Mohammed VI Library who welcomed me with open arms, and whose passion and eagerness to learn were inspiring.”



The group traveling to Prague stopped by the Academy of Sciences Library for a tour and met with Charles University faculty member, Stanley Kalkus, a former Slavic bibliographer at UNC at Chapel Hill Libraries. SILS students Dawn Reinhardt, Allyson Smally and Courtney Bailey are to the right of Dr. Barbara B. Moran who led the group.



Sarah Suiter relaxes on a “book” during some down time in London.



Billy Cook sits on the tiled fountain outside the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail in Meknes Morocco.

Photo by Sarah Ramdeen, doctoral student

Researching with Alternative Reality Games

A diminishing water supply shared by two fictitious international communities with differing needs was the problem presented to Carolina freshmen of Dr. Sarah Shields' "First Year Seminar" class. The first year students are challenged to learn how to use the library to do research. Approached by SILS doctoral student, Laura Christopherson, Shields was open to trying a new method of learning using Alternate Reality Game (ARG) techniques. The ultimate goal was to teach information literacy and research skills per ACRL performance indicators and to help the students to better judge the credibility of primary versus secondary research.

Using the performance indicators, the learning objectives were set and the problem was introduced. The development team was formed and included: SILS alumna, Emily King (MSLS '08), E-learning services coordinator; Chad Haeefe, Emerging Technologies librarian; Jonathan McMichael, undergraduate experience librarian; Dr. Brian Sturm, SILS associate professor; Nathan Arrington, undergraduate student, public policy major; and Ben Berk, undergraduate student, peace war and defense major.

The fictional country of Durkow was the setting for the game that used clues from multiple places, both online and in person at the libraries on the UNC at Chapel Hill campus.

The main storyline was created by Dr. Sturm and others on the development team. It presented the two communities as "the Bilirandans, a reclusive and pastoral community, living in the northeast part of the country of Durkow. Their lives are spent wandering in search of forage and water for their herds of cattle and goats. Their territory is bordered by Lake Altara to the west, the Findar desert to the north and the ethnically different and warlike Furlogs to the south. Normally this range provides enough food and water to sustain their people, but the last 30 years has seen a significant warming of the climate that has led the desert to move south nearly five miles a year, and has reduced rainfall dramatically. Over the years, the Bilirandans have lost hundreds of miles of precious grazing land and several water holes to the encroaching desert sands, and fresh water has become a valuable commodity worth fighting for. The primary drinkable water source is Lake Altara, which is dwindling primarily from its eastern edge (Bilirand's side).

Each community had specific albeit different needs for the only water supply in the land. How they resolved their differences would be determined by the students who had been split into small groups with a specific focus on the areas of water technology solutions, military solutions, religious solutions and economic solutions. Each group had a liaison (roles played by the game's development team) who sent their group members e-mail messages, puzzles,



resources and campus locations to visit to research their topic. Each day the groups received news updates from the International Broadcast Network (IBN), a fictitious news source, that provided new challenges.

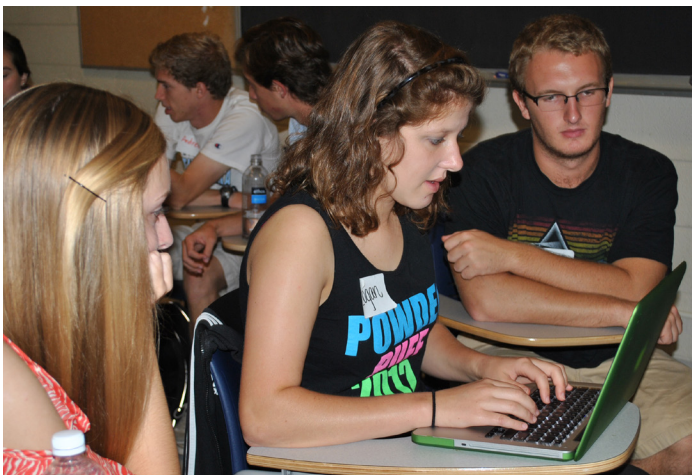
"The Graborians' territory shares the Lake as an eastern boundary, and tensions have been rising as they, too, have begun to suffer drought conditions. The Graborians' need for water is different but no less vital. Graborians are primarily miners in the High Hills of Gwendion, and they have a religious aversion to dirt that causes them to wash at least once a day, particularly to get rid of the dirt from their mining lifestyle. The gold and diamonds they excavate with picks and shovels are sent down to the Furlogs, with whom they have tenuous trading agreements. Graborians also have a genetic anomaly that causes their skin to suppurate and blister if not washed daily, and they have developed elaborate cleansing rituals and religious rites to ensure their health and wellbeing."

As part of the game, security clearances were required - three clearances were needed in order to be part of the Durkow Summit the final day of class when the groups presented their solutions to end the water crisis. Student players earned security clearances from their liaison when they completed puzzles or found particularly well hidden pieces of information, called Easter eggs.

Over seven days, Dr. Shields' students pursued clues and solved puzzles, while learning more about information literacy and research skills. Their liaisons asked them to prepare a presentation outlining the solution(s) they developed as a result of their research. On the eighth day, the final day of class, the students came together to present their "most promising solutions" at the Durkow Summit. The presentations were followed by discussions moderated by Dr. Terry Barnett, senior professional with CMI Concord Group (a conflict management company).

Using blogs, online resources, print resources found in the library and puzzles that resulted in prizes, the students conducted research that focused on the specific areas for which they were assigned: water technology solutions, military solutions, religious solutions and economic solutions. They presented their findings and received feedback from Dr. Barnett during the summit.

"The learning objectives of gaining research skills and information literacy were met in a fun way," said Christopherson, project manager. "It was important that the students learned how to find information, judge its credibility, determine primary/secondary sources, etc. - all the things included in information literacy and research skills."



Welcome to SILS

Cliff Missen joins SILS as clinical associate professor



SILS welcomed Cliff Missen as clinical associate professor on Jan. 1, 2013. Missen is the director of The WiderNet Project and has previously been an instructor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa.

The WiderNet Project works to improve digital communication in developing countries through the development of human capacity and program planning. With over 20 years professional experience in computers, networking, multimedia design, teaching and applications development, Missen oversees the development of the eGranary Digital Library, an innovative way to deliver the world's knowledge to people and institutions with inadequate Internet access.

Following a year as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Jos (Nigeria) in 1999, he founded the WiderNet Project which has delivered technology training programs for over 3,000 African university administrators, librarians, and technicians with funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, USAID, and the U.S. Department of State. Missen brings WiderNet with him to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Cliff and his important projects to SILS," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor. "His passion to assist those who are in need and the energy he projects are contagious. The work he has done and continues to do fits in with the goals and objectives of the School. We are excited to welcome him to Carolina."

SILS Welcomes Dr. Denise Anthony to the faculty



Dr. Denise Anthony joined the faculty on Jan. 1, 2013 as lecturer. Anthony comes to SILS from the University of Denver's Library and Information Science where she taught for seven years, most recently as the lead faculty for Archives and Special Collections.

"We are delighted to have Denise join the SILS family," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor. "She brings teaching experience, and also practical experience of working with archives and historical collections."

Anthony received her undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Michigan State University, after which she worked for a pharmaceutical company for several years before returning to school. She obtained her Master's in Library Science and Ph.D. from the School of Information at the University of Michigan. It was during those academic years, she gained extensive practical experience working at the Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections, consulting for the State Archives of Michigan and acting as coordinator for University of Michigan students tasked with processing and describing the records of the Pan Africanist Congress, which are held at the University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

International Visiting Scholars

Three visiting scholars from Korea, China and Australia arrived in Chapel Hill during the past several months.

Jong Sung Kim's teaching and research interests include school library media program and youth services in public libraries in Korea. He attended two SILS classes per semester, thus adding his expertise to our students' experiences, and participated in SILS brown-bag lunches and faculty meetings. Dr. Kim holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Library and Information Science from Pusan National University. He is currently chair of the Department of Library and Information Science, Keimyung University. He has written a number of books and articles on bibliotherapy for children and the history of school libraries in Korea. His sponsor during his stay in the U.S. is Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell, SILS professor.

Fenglin Li is a senior professor and associate chair at the Department of Information System and E-Commerce, School of Information Management, Wuhan University. This school was the first Chinese School to join the iSchool Caucus, of which SILS is a charter member. He has published papers in peer-reviewed conferences in English as well as papers in Chinese language journals and conferences. Dr. Li is spending a year in the Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory to perform collaborative research and observe SILS classes that coincide with courses offered at Wuhan University. He is working with students and faculty in the lab on user interface evaluations, participating in discussions related to our work in designing tools to support collaborative Web search over multiple sessions, observing courses in HCI and information seeking behavior and giving at least two guest lectures, one related to his own research and one related to the information science program at Wuhan. Li's sponsor is Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor.

Falk Scholer lectures at the School of Computer Science and Information Technology at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Scholer has an international reputation in the area of information search. He is active in all major conferences and has made substantial contributions to the growth of the field through his research, teaching and service. Dr. Scholer's research is specifically related to understanding human information behavior, developing behavioral models and technologies that help people find information and developing evaluation approaches for these technologies. Dr. Scholer and Dr. Diane Kelly are collaborating on a project that investigates how the design of search systems conditions people to act in particular ways, and how this can limit people's abilities to solve particular kinds of information search problems. While visiting, Dr. Scholer audited SILS courses and was invited to participate in lab meetings, brown bag discussion sessions and presentations. His sponsor was Dr. Diane Kelly, Frances Carroll McColl Term Professor.

A Move? New Job? Other Life Changes? Stay in Touch!

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Visit sils.unc.edu/alumni/alumni-directory to update your information.

Summer Seminars to Prague and London



SILS invites you on a journey to the literary, academic and cultural capitals of Prague, Czech Republic and London, England. Set for May 19 to June 1, 2013, the two week seminars offer an opportunity to gain an in-depth view of libraries and librarianship in the world's most historic places. Registration is open to all students and professionals. Librarians and information science professionals at all stages of their careers have found these summer seminars enjoyable and worthwhile. Everyone is welcome to participate, and students enrolled in a library science program can receive three (3) hours of graduate credit for the seminar. Be sure to register soon. These seminars fill up fast!

For details, call 919.962.8366 or visit the Web site: <http://sils.unc.edu/news/2012/summer-seminar-prague-london>. Photo by Dr. Barbara Wildemuth.

Faculty Research: Morocco Workshop (continued from page 9)

Rabat for the national soccer tournament," remembers Ramdeen. "The whole town just went crazy – people flooded the streets and were cheering, they had flags and signs and we just walked around eating street food and enjoying the excitement. It was really cool."

"I think one of my favorite moments," she continued, "was shopping in Fez with Evelyn, Jane, Billy and Javed and his son. The market was so colorful and so hectic. It felt like something out of a movie at times."

Another favorite memory was a traditional festival they attended at the public school in Ifrane, which serves students – many of them children of the staff at AUI – in the equivalent of kindergarten through high school. "There was dancing, there were instruments," said Greenberg. Ever the inveterate librarian, Daniel was most excited to explore the school library. "It reminded you a bit of a school library here 20 years ago," she said. "But the mix of books in different languages was remarkable. French is still quite common after the colonial period, and English is increasingly the language of the elite, but of course there were also books in Arabic and Berber."

Interoperability – the ability for diverse systems and organizations to work together – is one of those ideas that crops up time and again in SILS courses. By fostering relationships and communication between information professionals in quite different parts of the world, it's a kind of cultural interoperability that the ELIME program seeks to create. Beyond concepts, standards and best practices, it is the human urges to organize, share and help each other on which LIS professionals can build, making them ready intermediaries between the world's diverse cultures.

"Information Entrepreneurs: SILS Case Studies" Video

For those unable to attend the "Information Entrepreneurs: SILS Case Studies" event, a video is now available online at <http://vimeo.com/54955975>.

The panelists featured five of the School's many entrepreneurs who are making a difference in the world of information and library science.

The event was held on Nov. 28, 2012, and was moderated by Dr. Gary Marchionini, SILS dean and Cary C. Boshamer, Distinguished Professor. Panelists included:

- David Iberkleid (MSIS '10), managing partner at WhyEquals, LLC where he and his team develop tools that give community members community-wide reach. WhyEquals is known for "PaseLaVoz," a Spanish-only mobile alert network with 125,000 subscribers and growing.
- Oakkar Oakkar (MSIS '13), president and co-founder of Keona Health while completing his Masters in Clinical Informatics at UNC at Chapel Hill. He is a software developer with nine years of industry experience in software development, including Web, mobile and enterprise applications. He also co-founded Recopia, which developed mobile and Web 2.0 applications.
- Duncan Smith (MSLS '80), creator and founder of NoveList, EBSCO's electronic readers' advisory service. Vice president of the division whose products include NoveList Plus, NextReads, NoveList Select and LibraryAware.
- Ann Stringfield (MSLS '80), owner of InfoCrofters, "Harvesting your Organization's Information" as an authorized partner, reseller, trainer and consultant using Inmagic, BookWhere and Homestead software.
- Fred Stutzman (Ph.D. '11), visiting assistant professor at SILS. He is also the founder of Eighty Percent Solutions, which distributes the productivity software Freedom and Anti-Social.



Dean Gary Marchionini moderates the panel discussion on entrepreneurship that highlighted the work of five of the School's many entrepreneurs. From left to right, skyping in on the monitor was David Iberkleid, Dean Marchionini, Fred Stutzman, Duncan Smith, Oakkar Oakkar and Ann Stringfield.

International Consortium Planned to Support Sustained, Robust Data Management Technology

A new consortium formed by the UNC at Chapel Hill and members of the Max Planck Society, a successful research organization in Germany, will work to develop a popular open source data management solution called the integrated Rule-Oriented Data System (iRODS) into a sustained, production-quality technology for data management, sharing and integration.

Plans to establish the Enterprise iRODS (E-iRODS) Consortium was introduced at SC12, the annual international conference of high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis. Demonstrations and information were presented in the RENC1/North Carolina exhibit booth in Salt Lake City, featuring representatives of RENC1, the Max Planck Society, the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group at UNC at Chapel Hill and iRODS users such as NASA, the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT and Distributed Bio.

iRODS, developed by members of the DICE group, professors at SILS and the University of California, San Diego, provides researchers in academia and government labs with distributed, policy-based data management technologies.

Through the planned E-iRODS Consortium, UNC at Chapel Hill and its partners at the Max Planck Society seek to bring together universities, research organizations, businesses and government agencies to guide the continued development of E-iRODS, obtain funding to support that development, and broaden the iRODS/E-iRODS user community. The consortium's vision is to build E-iRODS into an open source data management system with the robustness, stability, documentation and development cycle of commercial software—a critical need for researchers and businesses as data sets grow larger and data sharing and access become more challenging.

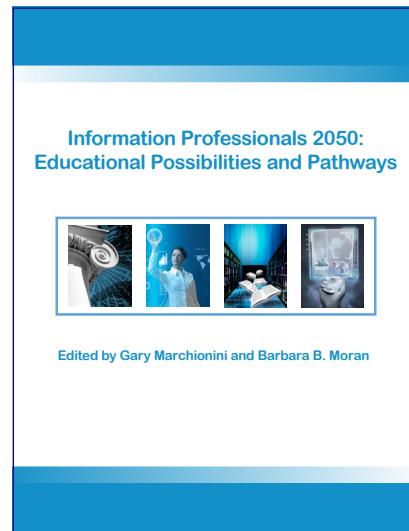
The E-iRODS Consortium will be managed by an executive director and chief technologist based at RENC1. Courses involving iRODS technology, such as INLS 490-161, "Building a Personal Digital Library," are frequently taught at SILS. For more information about coursework, please visit the Web site: <http://sils.unc.edu/courses>

IP2050 Symposium and Conference

SILS celebrated the ending of its 80th anniversary year by taking a forward look at the future of our field and its graduates during the Information Professionals 2050 (IP2050) Symposium and Conference. The result of the conference and symposium are documented in the book edited by Drs. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor and Barbara B. Moran, Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor, Information Professional

2050 (IP 2050): Educational Possibilities and Pathways publication. The video of the day-long conference may be viewed at: <http://vimeo.com/49317328>

"The debates about the roles, return on investments and future of higher education are rising to a feverish pitch," said Dr. Gary Marchionini. "It is clear that from the White House to our individual homes the discussion has begun to rival the level of health care concerns. The natures of higher education, libraries and information resources are affected by globalization, new technologies, multiculturalism and environmental constraints, and our responsibility to the information professions of tomorrow require us to offer learning experiences that foster creative and adaptive thinking, cooperative problem solving, compassion and mutual respect, and devotion to learning and knowledge stewardship."



Xearthy Project - Solving Environmental Problems

An exciting project to develop content and tools for a new service that supports collaborative environmental problem solving is now in beta test mode. SILS and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have initiated a social media hub that supports environmental groups, especially those concerned with water resources, to share ideas and materials in a Drupal-based Web environment. SILS students have been invited to work on the project by gathering information resources, creating metadata services or building online tools for users. This is a great way to apply your talents to make the world better, cleaner, and safer.

"Julie's Earth (Xearthy) is a platform designed to catalyze concerted and participatory environmental problem solving," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, SILS dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor. "Our hope is that individuals, organizations and communities (or e-hoods) will use the site to solve sustainability, environmental and natural resources problems."



Basic social media functionality is in place, but for the site to succeed, the team hopes to expand functionality to include, for example, graphical visualization tools, maps, streaming environmental data and much more - all linked directly to more advanced social media functionality (e.g. ranking tools). Developers of decision support and scenario planning tools may wish to integrate their tools.

This effort was launched as a partnership between SILS and the EPA Office of Research and Development, but the opportunity to add new partners, whether individuals or organizations, is welcome.

For login information to the pilot Web site at www.julieseearth.org OR xearthy.org, contact UNC project lead: Aaron Brubaker, brubaker@email.unc.edu or US EPA project lead: Rick Ziegler, ziegler.rick@epa.gov.

NEW! Post Master's Specialty in Data Curation

Are you increasingly tasked with managing digital collections? Are you trying to define new processes and workflows to care for digital materials in your institution? Is leadership in data curation in your future? Digital curation involves many new skills, methods and principles that are difficult to obtain on the job or through short workshops. Help is on the way! You can now apply for a Post Master's Certificate in Data Curation!

SILS is pleased to offer this NEW degree program for practicing professionals.

The Post Master's Certificate in Data Curation will help develop and strengthen data curation skills needed in current roles and prepare those who wish to pursue leadership opportunities in their organizations.

With a two-week intensive kick-off on the UNC at Chapel Hill campus during summer session (May 2013), the remainder of the program will be taught online and includes guided projects that arise from a student's work experience. The 30 credit program can be completed in two years.

Defined by Drs. Helen Tibbo, alumni distinguished professor, and Christopher (Cal) Lee, associate professor at SILS, "Digital/data curation involves selection and appraisal by creators and archivists; evolving provision of intellectual access; redundant storage; data transformations; and, for some materials a commitment to long-term preservation. Digital/data curation is stewardship that provides for the reproducibility and re-use of authentic digital data and other digital assets. Development of trustworthy and durable digital repositories; principles of sound metadata creation and capture; use of open standards for file formats and data encoding; and the promotion of information management literacy are all essential to the longevity of digital resources and the success of curation efforts."

SILS is among the leading research programs in data curation with classes taught by our world renowned, award-winning faculty.

For more details or to apply for the program, please visit <http://sils.unc.edu/programs/graduate/post-masters-certificates/data-curation> or send an e-mail message to Lara Bailey, student services graduate manager, at ljbailey@email.unc.edu or call her at 919.962.7601.

MOU between SILS and KISTI

A new five-year Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between SILS and the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) to "establish a cooperative relationship in the field of scientific and technical information." The agreement provides a formal mechanism for sharing information between the two organizations.

"KISTI is a specialized institute providing STI services to the public to promote national competitiveness in science and technology by actively challenging [the] world paradigm."

Future activities between SILS and KISTI may consist of exchanging data or visiting one another's organizations; technical assistance; cooperation on minor research projects; and/or other cooperative activities such as developing courses and academic programs or offering exchange opportunities for students and researchers.

"Building a Digital Public Library of America" video available

Video captured during the "Building a Digital Public Library of America" presentation by Dr. John G. Palfrey, Jr., head of the Phillips Academy and former Henry n. Ess III professor of Law and vice dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law School, is now available on the SILS Vimeo site at <http://vimeo.com/uncsils>.

The featured presentation of the annual Lucile Kelling Henderson Memorial Lecture took place on September 24, 2012 in the Pleasants Family Assembly room in the Wilson Library. Dr. Palfrey spoke about the ambitious, big-tent initiative to establish a national digital library system for the United States.



SILS graduate student, Brianna Leesch, provides musical entertainment for the sing-along during the Winter Stories Program.

"Chilly and Charming," the 20th Annual Winter Stories Program for Children of All Ages

"Chilly and Charming," the 20th Annual Winter Stories Program for Children of All Ages, took place December 6, 2012 in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room of the Wilson Library.

Storytellers and musicians entertained a packed house for children of all ages featuring tales and live instrumental music and sing-alongs.

In honor of the 20th anniversary, Jeffery Beam, poet and founder of Winter Stories in 1992 and Terry Rollins, professional storyteller and early performer for Winter Stories, joined Dr. Brian Sturm, associate professor at SILS, and SILS students Kate Barr, Marianne Bell and Emily Childress-Campbell, and UNC senior English major Hugh Koeze who charmed listeners with folk tales from around the world, literary tales, poems and songs.

SILS students Veronica Koven-Matasy, Brianna Leesch, Virginia Neisler, Peter Shirts, Emily Vardell and Nicole Lehotsky and her husband, Chris, provided music.

World Leaders ...

It's no secret that SILS faculty and staff are a busy group. They teach. They research. They serve on university, local and national committees. They also extend Carolina's global presence, research and teaching by traveling around the world to participate at an international level. Here's where some SILS faculty and staff have traveled recently.

Helen Tibbo - Florence, Italy;
Copenhagen, Denmark; Toronto,
Canada



Rebecca Vargha - Helsinki and
Turku, Finland; Berlin, Germany;
St. Petersburg, Russia



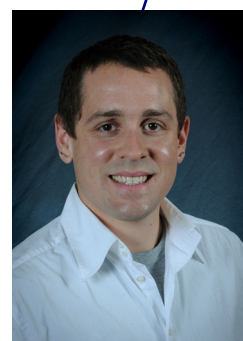
Zeynep Tufetci - Pueblo, Mexico;
Cairo, Egypt; Republic of Tunisia,
Beirut, Lebanon; and the State
of Qatar



Richard Marciano -
Nottingham and London,
England; Vichy and Nice,
France; Hamburg, Germany



Barbara Moran - Prague,
Czech Republic

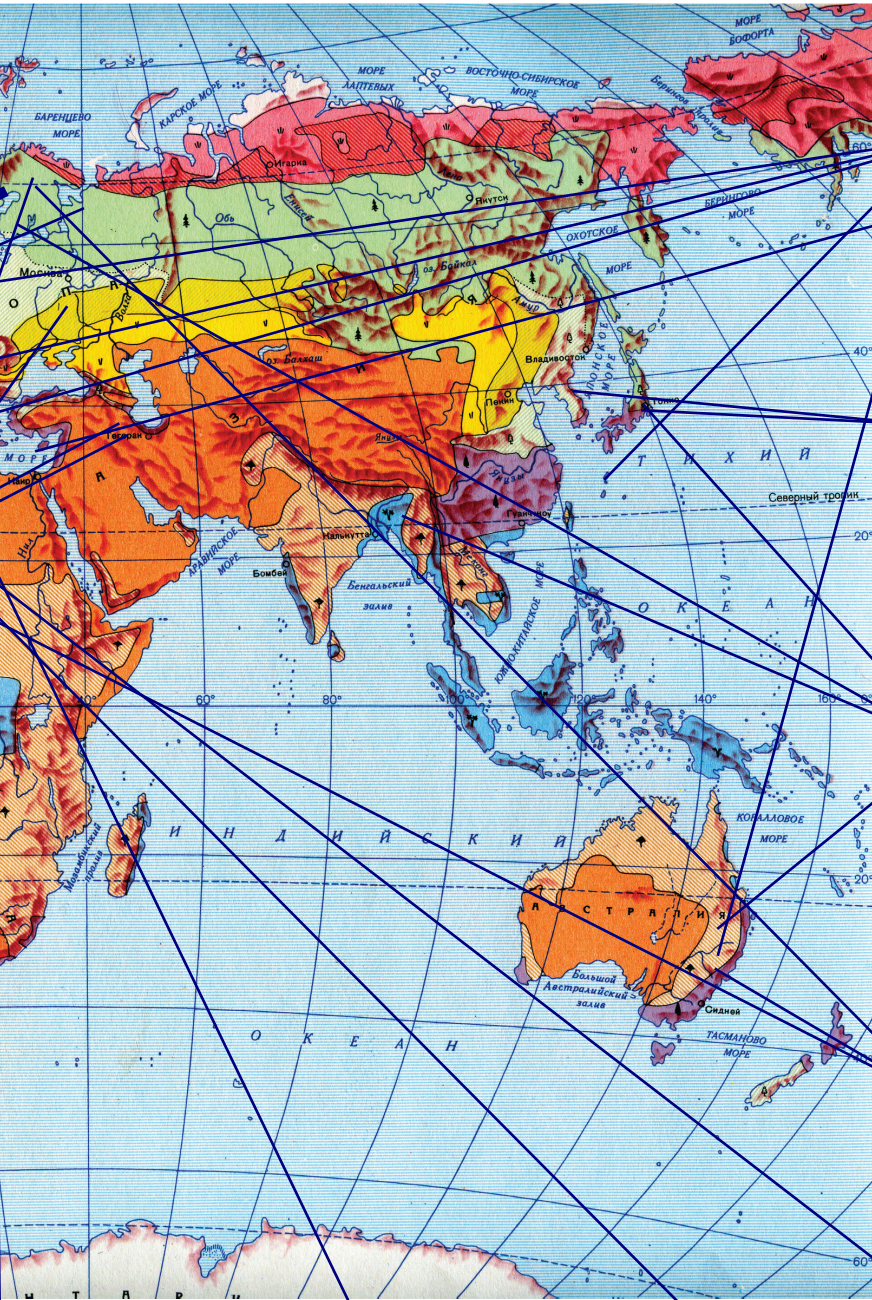


Ryan Shaw - Hamburg,
Germany



Reagan Moon - Umeå,
Sweden

Faculty and Staff Global Travels



Jane Greenberg - Madrid, Spain; Brisbane, Australia; Morocco, North Africa; Taipei, Taiwan; Republic of Cyprus; Greece; Scotland, United Kingdom



Gary Marchionini - Tokyo, Japan; South Korea



Diane Kelly - Haifa, Israel; Lorne, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; Nijmegen, Netherlands;



Christopher (Cal) Lee - Gentofte and Copenhagen, Denmark; Canberra and Brisbane, Australia; Toronto and Vancouver, Canada



Paul Jones - London, England



Evelyn Daniel - Morocco, North Africa



Javed Mostafa - Morocco, North Africa



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Honors & Awards

Kaitlyn Murphy and Mark Snyder receive 2012 SILS Staff Excellence Awards

The 2012 SILS Staff Excellence awards were presented to Kaitlyn Murphy, student services manager and Mark Snyder, desktop support and help desk manager during the School Retreat on December 6, 2012.

The award is presented to SILS staff members who have demonstrated excellence, commitment, teamwork and outstanding service to the School.

Murphy manages the student services activities of the SILS undergraduate program. She consistently provides support for prospective and current students regarding registration, program requirements and University deadlines as well as student advising and student admissions. Murphy promotes the program to those who have not declared a major and to others who may be unfamiliar with it. She also compiles statistics and other information related to the School's financial aid awards and has been responsible for the field experience program. Additionally, she coordinates the international summer seminars program for SILS.

"In addition to her stellar efforts on the recruitment front [for the undergraduate program], Kaitlyn also takes excellent care of our BSIS students. She is available to answer any questions they might have along with making sure they have met all of their graduation requirements along the way. Kaitlyn truly cares about the success of our undergraduate students."

Mark Snyder is the School's desktop support and Help Desk manager who provides personal computing support for the faculty, staff and students within the School; and working at the Help Desk in the Information Technology Resource Center Computer Lab. Snyder is responsible for all desktop and mobile computing devices and serves as the first point of contact for IT Help Desk questions.

"Mark has been indispensable to me in keeping my technological needs met promptly (from camera equipment to advice on Web page design to getting one of his student lab assistants to discuss options for video editing

software to replacing a worn printer in my office, almost before I got back to my office from meeting with him). Mark always strives for excellence in his service to SILS, and he will always go the 'extra mile' to ensure that our needs are met quickly and completely... and he does it all with a smile on his face and a gentle and helpful attitude."

Murphy and Snyder received framed certificates and \$500 and three additional paid days of leave. Their names will also be submitted for the Chancellor's Award in spring 2013.



Kaitlyn Murphy and Mark Snyder with their "Staff Excellence Awards" after they were presented by SILS Dean Gary Marchionini.

Dr. Deborah Barreau honored with the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence



Dr. Deborah Barreau, an outstanding and beloved professor at SILS, who passed away February 10, 2012, is the recipient of the prestigious 2013 Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Award for Teaching Excellence.

The award, which will be presented posthumously, is offered by the ALISE organization to a teacher who has repeatedly demonstrated "evidence of regular and sustained excellence in teaching library and information science; makes contributions to curriculum design which demonstrated subject expertise and the ability to integrate new developments in library and information science; provides evidence of mentoring students, alumni and/or practicing professionals outside the classroom; and demonstrates use of effective and innovative teaching methods."

"Deborah demonstrated a passion and energy to provide only the best education for her students," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer distinguished professor at SILS. "Her concern for and involvement in our students' education was demonstrated both inside and outside the classroom in all the roles of an excellent teacher. She provided feedback to students on their work, mentored and advised them and went above and beyond to develop interesting and innovative learning opportunities. In particular, she emphasized interaction and involvement in her classroom and encouraged students to conduct high quality research. She received enthusiastic praise for her teaching, from both her students and her peers and excelled at teaching even those courses that are required and not necessarily the most popular in our curriculum."

"On behalf of the entire committee, we congratulate your school for having had such a fine educator on your faculty, and we recognize the major impact she made on many, many students' lives," said Dr. Denise E. Agosto, chair of the selection committee and associate professor College of Information Science & Technology Drexel University. "It was obvious from her nomination materials that she was well-loved by students, faculty and those in the field."

Winners of the ALISE teaching award receive a complimentary registration to the ALISE annual conference held in January. The School will select an outstanding student to attend the conference in memory of Dr. Barreau.

SILS has had four recipients of this prestigious award. Along with Dr. Barreau, previous winners were Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell in 2011, Dr. Jerry D. Saye in 2002 and Dr. David W. Carr in 1994.

Honors & Awards

Faculty and Doctoral Student Lead Data Curation Workshop

Three members of the SILS community recently took their expertise in digital curation on the road. Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean of SILS and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor; Dr. Cal Lee, associate professor; and Heather Bowden, doctoral student, conducted a workshop entitled "Curating for Quality: Ensuring Data Quality to Enable New Science," in Arlington, Virginia.

On September 10-11, Marchionini, Lee and Bowden led discussions about the increasing importance of curating research data. These data are the traces of collection, processing, transmission and use of scholarly work - for example, data that scholars collect, store in spreadsheets or databases and include in documents that report on their results.

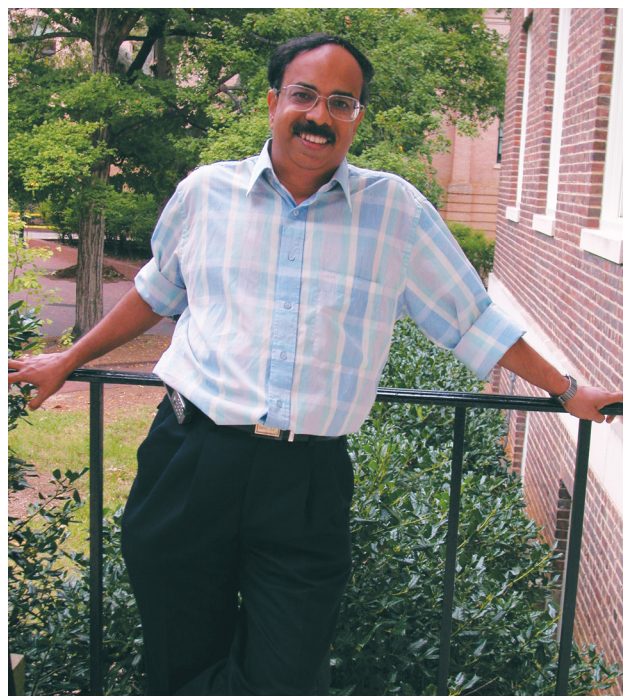
Data Curation Workshop Participants 2012 Data curation - a type of digital curation - is, they argue, the best method to approach managing these rich new sources of data from a lifecycle perspective. As Dr. Lee and another SILS faculty member, Dr. Helen Tibbo, wrote in 2007, "Digital curation involves selection and appraisal by creators and archivists; evolving provision of intellectual access; redundant storage; data transformations; and, for some materials, a commitment to long-term preservation. Digital curation is stewardship that provides for the reproducibility and the re-use of authentic digital data and other digital assets."

At the workshop, Marchionini, Lee and Bowden focused on defining data quality research issues and potential solutions. They addressed topics including data quality criteria and contexts, human and institutional factors, tools for effective and painless curation and metrics for data quality measurement and error correction. The workshop was supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation - Dr. Marchionini and Dr. Lee are co-principal investigators.

Participants included:

- Micah Altmann, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Kevin Ashley, Digital Curation Centre (DCC)
- Heather Bowden, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Jackie Bronicki, University of Michigan Library
- Ruth Duerr, National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC)
- Ricky Erway, Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
- Andrew Fiore, Facebook/UC Berkeley
- Michael Giarlo, Pennsylvania State University
- Alan Hall, National Climatic Data Center (NCDC)
- Leslie Johnston, Library of Congress
- Cal Lee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Michael Lesk, Rutgers University
- Gary Marchionini, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Matt Mayernick, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
- Jerome McDonough, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Prasenjit Mitra, Pennsylvania State University
- Reagan Moore, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Michael Nelson, Old Dominion University
- Andy Rauber, Vienna University of Technology (TUWEIN)
- Caitlin Sticco, National Library of Medicine (NLM)
- Jamie Taylor, Google
- Kris Tolle, Microsoft
- Doug White, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Jasmine Young, Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics Protein Databank (RCSB PDB)

NSF BIG DATA grant awarded to Dr. Arcot Rajasekar



The National Science Foundation (NSF), with support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), announced nearly \$15 million in new Big Data fundamental research projects. Dr. Arcot Rajasekar, SILS professor and chief scientist at the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI), is the principal investigator of one of the eight Big Data projects who received awards, which aim to develop new tools and methods to extract and use knowledge from collections of large data sets to accelerate progress in science and engineering research and innovation.

The project, "DataBridge – A Sociometric System for Long-Tail Science Data Collections," will use socio-metric networks similar to LinkedIn or Facebook on a larger scale to enable scientists to find data and like-minded research. It will improve the discovery of relevant scientific data across large, distributed and diverse collections. The funds provided by NSF for the DataBridge project total \$1.5 million.

"This grant is an excellent fit for campus and SILS' priorities and the research and curriculum initiatives already underway," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor. "We are excited to have an opportunity to extend our national leadership in big data tools and services."

The "DataBridge" project is a collaboration with Drs. Gary King, Albert J. Weatherhead III University Professor, Faculty of Arts and Science Institute Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University; Merce Crosas, director of product development Harvard MIT Data Center, Harvard University; and Justin Zhan, director of iLab, Department of Computer Science North Carolina Agriculture & Technical State University. Co-PIs from UNC include: Thomas W. Carsey, distinguished professor and director, H.W. Odum Institute; Hye-Chung Kum, research associate professor, School of Social Work and adjunct professor in the Department of Computer Science; Howard Lander, senior research software developer; and Sharlini Sankaran, executive director, REACH NC/RENCI. Jonathan Crabtree, assistant director of Computing and Archiving, H.W. Odum Institute and a doctoral student at SILS, is senior personnel on the project.

Faculty & Staff News

Robert Capra, assistant professor, presented a demo of the ResultsSpace Collaborative Search Environment at the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in June in Washington, D.C. This is work on which he collaborated with **Jaime Arguello**, assistant professor, **Annie T. Chen**, SILS Ph.D. student, **Katie Hawthorne**, SILS BSIS student, **Gary Marchionini**, SILS Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, and **Lee Shaw** (MSIS '12). In October, Capra co-organized the "Sixth Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction and Information Retrieval" (HCIR 2012) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He also presented a paper entitled "Design and Evaluation of a System to Support Collaborative Search" at ASIST 2012 in Baltimore, Maryland, co-authored with the same researchers mentioned above. Another demo of the ResultsSpace system was also presented at ASIST 2012.

Jane Greenberg, professor, completed in June her appointment as Catedra de Excelencia (Chair of Excellence) at the Universidad Carlos III Madrid in Spain. During her time in Spain, she participated in conferences and workshops, in Spain, Denmark, the United Kingdom and Morocco. Read more about Jane's time in Spain on page 6 of this newsletter. She is first author on a recent publication in Cataloguing and Classification Quarterly and co-author on publications in the Proceedings of the International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications 2012 and JASIST. The latter article was co-authored with **Craig Willis**, graduate research assistant at the SILS Metadata Research Center; and SILS Ph.D. graduate **Hollie White**. Greenberg has recently presented on the HIVE project at conferences in Cyprus and Scotland, and on the Data-at-Risk Project in Taiwan, Baltimore, Chicago, and Brisbane, Australia. She was also invited to speak at the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Diego, California, in June.

Sandra Hughes-Hassell, professor, has had a number of publications in recent months. This fall, she published a report called "Building a Bridge to Literacy for African American Male Youth," based on a summit held at UNC in June. She also published an article entitled "Making the Most of Professional Learning Communities," co-written with **Debbie Dupree** (school media coordinator at Wake County Public Schools) and **Amanda Brasfield** (MSLS '11), in the November edition of the Knowledge Quest journal. Also in November, Hughes-Hassell delivered the Anne Scott MacLeod Children's Literature Lecture at the University of Maryland Symposium on Diversity in LIS Education in College Park, Maryland.

Paul Jones, clinical professor, led the summer seminar to London, England. He also presented at the North Carolina Research and Education Network Community Day at Elon University in November. He crowd-sourced the event by polling attendees on what topic they wanted him to speak on – his #noemail effort was the clear winner. Jones was on the panel on disruptive technology at the Internet Summit, held in early November in Raleigh. He gave a talk called, "#noemail: Why you could/should/must use better ways of communicating than email!" He also spoke about #noemail on the Mystery Roach Show on North Carolina State University's WKNC FM.

Diane Kelly, Frances Carroll McColl Term Professor, attended the invitation-only Strategic Workshop on Information Retrieval at Lorne (SWIRL) in Lorne, Australia, in February. She led a discussion about how to empower users to search and learn and delivered a talk called, "Rage Against the Machine Learning." In April 2012, she attended the Program Committee meeting for the SIGIR 2012 Conference in Haifa, Israel. She also participated in the SIGIR conference in Portland, Oregon, in August, and had two submissions accepted. "Task complexity, vertical salience and user interaction in aggregated search" was co-authored with **Jaime Arguello**, assistant professor, Ph.D. student **Wan-Ching Wu**, and BSIS student **Ashlee Edwards**. "User evaluation of query quality" was co-authored with Wan-Ching Wu and visiting scholar **Kun Huang**. Also in August, Kelly also gave a keynote speech at the Information Interaction in Context Conference in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. A poster she was co-author on with Wan-Ching Wu, Ashlee Edwards, and Jaime Arguello received the Best Poster Award at the conference. In October, Kelly gave a talk at a workshop called Whole-Session Evaluation of Interactive Information Retrieval Systems at the Shonan Village Center in Japan.

Christopher (Cal) Lee, associate professor, led two DigCCurr Professional Institute meetings early last summer, one in Chapel Hill in May and one in Copenhagen, Denmark, in June. He also made a presentation entitled "Evidence in the Image: What Bitstreams Can Tell Us" at a summer seminar at the National Association for Preservation of Photographs and Film in Gentofte, Denmark, in June. Also in Denmark, Lee led a pre-conference workshop and spoke about digital forensics at Archiving 2012 in Copenhagen. Lee participated in the Digital Forensics for Archivists Workshop in New York City in late June, as well as co-organizing the digital curation pre-conference and presenting on the BitCurator Project at the Archival Education and Research Institute in Los Angeles, California. Lee also made several presentations at the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, in August. Later in August, he spoke at the National Library of Australia in Canberra, as well as at the International Council on Archives Congress in Brisbane. This fall, Lee has spoken about digital curation and digital forensics in Arlington, Vancouver, and Toronto. In October, he also co-instructed sessions at the Sixth International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance with **Helen Tibbo**, Alumni Distinguished Professor.

Heather Lewis, health informatics coordinator, promoted the Carolina Health Informatics Program (CHIP) at the Rex Hospital Employee Education Fair in Raleigh in May. She also traveled to the North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance annual meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, in September. Also in September, she traveled to the North Carolina Citizens for Public Health annual education conference in New Bern, North Carolina. In October, she participated in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Employee Education Fair in Durham. In November, she traveled to the American Medical Informatics Association Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Faculty & Staff News

Richard Marciano, professor, participated in a research meeting about building a national redlining collection at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland, in May. He delivered a talk entitled “Data Science at the Service of Cultural and Historical Content” at the International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST) in Washington, DC, in June. Also in June, he participated in the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, held in Washington, D.C. In July, he attended the Digital Humanities 2012 conference in Hamburg, Germany. Also in July, he presented a paper with **Chien-Yi Hou**, SILS Ph.D. student, at the Computation World 2012 conference in Nice, France. In August, he presented at the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on a panel titled “Towards seamless connections between born-digital and hard-copy records.” In October, he delivered a talk about “Big Data Collections for Cultural Content” at the Arts and Humanities Research Council “Infinite Archives” workshop in Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Reagan Moore, professor, participated in a data cyber-infrastructure workshop in June in Washington as a part of the NSF EarthCube project. Also in June, he traveled to a seminar on policy-based data management at the University of Florida in Gainesville. In July, Moore participated in the NSF EarthCube working group meeting in Boulder, Colorado (he made another trip to Boulder for another PI meeting in October), as well as the DataNet principal investigator meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This fall, he made presentations on policy-based data management at the Broad Institute at MIT as well as at Yale, and participated in the Curating for Quality Workshop, again in Washington, DC. In terms of international travel, in late September Moore traveled to Linköping, Sweden, to participate in the PRACE workshop, leading a discussion of the use of the iRODS data grid.

Jeffrey Pomerantz, associate professor, is currently collaborating with two recently graduated SILS Ph.D. students, **Cassidy Sugimoto** and **Carolyn Hank**, on the first-ever study of social media policies in higher education. This research is funded by OCLC and ALISE. Along with **Kaitlyn Murphy**, undergraduate student services manager, Pomerantz has developed a field experience handbook for sites and potential site supervisors, as well as working on developing new sites for field experiences with **Lori Haight**, career service coordinator.

Ryan Shaw, assistant professor, attended the “Digital Humanities 2012” conference in Hamburg, Germany at the University of Hamburg where he presented a short paper on his work with oral histories. He also assisted in running a workshop on “Modeling Space and Time in the Humanities.”

Brian Sturm, associate professor, published “Go on! Tell ‘em a Story in Class: how storytelling engages students” in the fall 2012 edition of *The Ladder*. He was also named Research Fellow at the Graduate School of Information and Library Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sturm has continued his work with the Story Squad literacy initiative, through which storytellers have performed in six locations around the area and have ten more upcoming performances scheduled.

Sturm also participated in the “Project Durkow” team, writing a story line and helping develop and deploy an alternate reality game to help undergraduates in a history class on border conflicts learn about resources and information seeking processes. He is also a consultant with the Menokin Foundation, helping to design a Web application to engage people in the ongoing restoration of the historic Menokin House in Warsaw, Virginia.

Helen Tibbo, Alumni Distinguished Professor, traveled to the Royal Library in Copenhagen, Denmark, in June and presented a talk called “Closing the Digital Curation Gap: A Grounded Framework for Providing Guidance and Education in Digital Curation” at the Archiving 2012 conference. In July, she gave a talk called “Pursuing Digital Curation Research” at the Archival Educators’ Research Institute in Los Angeles, California. She also spoke at the Data Curation Profile Symposium at Purdue University in Indiana in September. In October, at the ninth annual International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects (iPRES) in Toronto, Tibbo spoke on multiple panels. Also in October, she co-instructed sessions at the Sixth International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance with **Christopher (Cal) Lee**, associate professor. In December, Tibbo traveled to Florence, Italy to participate in the “Cultural Heritage Online: Trusted Digital Repositories and Trusted Professionals” conference, as well as being an invited speaker at the DigCurV workshop, “Framing the Digital Curation Curriculum.”

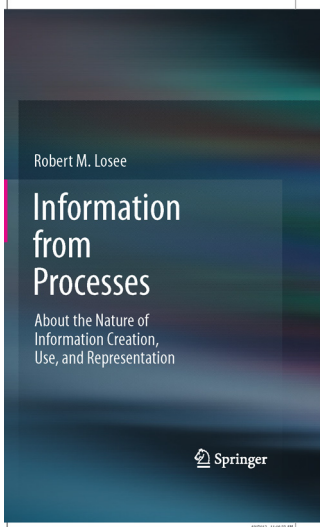
Zeynep Tufekci, assistant professor, has been featured in several prominent media outlets in recent months. She has written op-eds for CNN.com, The New York Times, Philly.com, and Wired. She maintains an active presence on Twitter. Read more about her activities on page 4 of this newsletter.

Rebecca Vargha, SILS Librarian, moderated a panel on “E-journals, use data, and negotiations with vendors” at the 78th International Federation of Library Associations Conference in Helsinki, Finland, in August. Prior to the main conference, Vargha attended a satellite meeting in Turku, Finland. Also prior to the IFLA conference, she participated in meetings at the National Library in St. Petersburg. She also attended the meeting of the German Library Association in Berlin.

Barbara Wildemuth, professor and associate dean for academic affairs, presented a paper at the Sixth Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction and Information Retrieval (HCIR), held in October in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The paper, co-authored with Luanne Freund of the University of British Columbia, was entitled “Assigning search tasks designed to elicit exploratory search behaviors.” Also in October, she presented a lightning talk at the ASIST Special Interest Group on Information Needs, Seeking and Use (ASIST SIG USE), held in Baltimore, Maryland. At the same meeting, she was a member of a panel on “Information, interaction, and innovation in consumer health: New directions at the intersection of information science and informatics.” She also co-organized the ASIST Doctoral Seminar on Research and Career Development.

Faculty News

Information from Processes, Dr. Robert Losee's new book



SILS Professor, Robert M. Losee's book, *Information from Processes, About the Nature of Information Creation, Use, and Representation*, is now available.

Losee's book, published by Springer, strives to find a domain-independent information model useful in the many disciplines such as computer science, the physical sciences, epistemology, for which information is a core concept. The emphasis here, according to the book's official Web site, is on information and information science rather than on computer science or psychology: the processes that create information and how it can be understood and used in a variety of environments.

The book situates information concepts and phenomena in a hierarchy of information processes, where one process uses others. It discusses these processes in the context of theoretical and applied information science. According to the book's description, "Research about processes and computing is applied to answer the question of what information can and cannot be produced, and to determine the nature of this information (theoretical information science). The book also presents some of the basic processes that are used in specific domains (applied information science), such as those that generate information in areas like reasoning, the evolution of informative systems, cryptography, knowledge, natural language and the economic value of information." This approach makes the book a sturdy foundation for future discussions of the creation and use of information. The Introduction and the last chapter (both available on the book's Web site) present an argument for why Information Science can be studied most usefully with a focus on information, instead of as a technological discipline.

The Web site for CHIPL, a programming language that supports the study of information through information systems modeling and which Losee uses for some of the information processing in the book, is at <http://chipl.org>.

Dr. Losee's primary intellectual interests are in Information Science (the rigorous study of information) and Library Science (the rigorous study of libraries). In many areas, he says his interests overlap with Computer Science and Philosophy.

Losee is well published and in addition to his latest book, he has published *Text Retrieval and Filtering: Analytic Models of Performance* (Information Retrieval Series), Kluwer, 1998. *Research and Evaluation for Information Professionals* (Library and Information Series), Academic Press, 1993. (Losee and Worley.) *The Science of Information: Measurement and Applications*, (Library and Information Series), Academic Press, 1990.

The editors at *Against the Grain* selected *Information from Processes, About the Nature of Information Creation, Use, and Representation* as "Book of Week" on September 3, 2012.

Accident claims the life of SILS alumnus, adjunct professor and Board of Visitor member, Lee Dirks and his wife Judy Lew

A fatal automobile accident in Peru claimed the lives of SILS alumnus, adjunct instructor and Board of Visitors member, Lee Dirks (MSLS '93) and his wife Judy Lew on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. According to news reports, the couple were on their way to visit pre-Columbian ruins in Calca while vacationing in Peru when the car in which they were riding left the road resulting in a 1,311 foot drop into a ravine.



Dirks was a great supporter of SILS and the iSchool movement, serving on various iSchool boards including SILS Board of Visitors and the board of the SILS Metadata Research Center. He had recently been appointed adjunct instructor at SILS. He was the Director for Portfolio Strategy in Microsoft Research Connections, the team within Microsoft Research responsible for working closely with academia and research organizations to help solve some of the world's most challenging scientific and social problems via collaborative research projects, and a leader in the field of data curation.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to their daughters and to Lee's and Judy's families," said Dr. Gary Marchionini, dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor. "Lee was one of our greatest champions and a leading figure in data curation and the i-School movement."

A Web site has been created where additional information about the couple can be found. There is a section on the site where you may leave your favorite memory. Please visit: <http://leeandjudy.wordpress.com/>

The family has set up a financial support fund accessible on the site. Donations may be made to the Esmé and Lila Dirks Memorial Support Fund.

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Student News

Sumayya Ahmed receives research award

SILS Ph.D. student Sumayya Ahmed was able to study in Morocco this summer with the aid of a grant from the American Institute of Maghreb Studies. The award totaled \$3,320 and was used to help pay for Ahmed's research titled "Digital Preservation of Moroccan Manuscript Collections."

According to Ahmed's research abstract for the grant, "This research looks specifically at large scale digitization of manuscripts being carried out at the Moroccan National Library in Rabat. By observing the library's current digitization projects, as well as curation and workflow protocols, it hopes to understand how the library organizes, curates, and eventually digitizes manuscripts in its vast collection."

Ahmed spent her mornings at the National Library of Morocco and studied manuscripts with an Arabic teacher in the afternoons. This aspect of the trip was paid for by a Foreign Language and Area Studies grant from the UNC African Studies Center.

"[The summer research] represents a chance to diversify and expand discussions on digital cultural heritage while possibly contributing to a body of knowledge that informs how Arabic and Islamic manuscripts from Morocco are understood and used after the digital preservation process," Ahmed said.



Graduate student, Haley Walton, receives Sara Aull Award

Haley Walton has been honored with the 2012-2013 Sara Aull Student Award. The award competition is sponsored by the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (NCSLA) and provides students with a one year membership in SLA and the opportunity to participate on the NCSLA board.

According to the award Web site, "This competition recognizes an outstanding student member who has demonstrated a commitment to SLA and shows potential of being an outstanding member of the profession. The competition is open to students currently enrolled in MLS or MIS programs within the state of North Carolina."

Walton is an MSLS 2014 candidate and President-Elect of the Student Chapter of NCSLA at UNC. She says the award will provide her with an excellent opportunity to prepare for her future career goals.

"The Sara Aull Award makes it possible for me, as a student, to collaborate with professionals in the NCSLA, helping to build a strong network of individuals whose experience can guide and inform the early years of my professional life," said Walton, "but also cultivating the leadership qualities that will make it possible for me help shape the future of the profession and contribute to the SLA as an organization."



Nicole Lehotsky, awarded Robert F. Asleson Memorial ALA Conference grant



Nicole Lehotsky, a second-year student at SILS, has been awarded this year's annual Robert F. Asleson Memorial ALA Conference Grant. This \$1,500 award gives Lehotsky the opportunity to attend the American Library Association Mid-Winter meeting.

To win the award, Lehotsky submitted an essay responding to a prompt which asked applicants to imagine themselves as dean of a library and determine how they would present the value asset of the library to their clientele.

Lehotsky's essay can be read at: http://aslesongrant.org/winning_essays.htm

Katie Meyer, BSIS student, inducted into Phi Beta Kappa



Undergraduate student, Katie Meyer, was initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society on Nov. 19, 2012. Meyer, a senior Bachelor's in Information Science student who has focused on front-end Web development and user experience design, was inducted into the Alpha of North Carolina Chapter of the national

honor society, the oldest and most prominent such society in the country.

Her induction into Phi Beta Kappa is not the only recent good news for Katie. She has also accepted a Web User Interface Software Developer position at IBM, to start after she graduates. Meyer says she's thrilled about both the Phi Beta Kappa induction and her new position at IBM, and thankful to SILS for positioning her to succeed.

"I couldn't have gotten such a great job without the excellent education I received through SILS!"

Student News

Samantha Crisp wins ALA Student-to-Staff award



Samantha Crisp's creative blog entry into the University of North Carolina Student Chapter of the American Library Association (SCALA) "Anything Goes" contest has won her the opportunity to participate in this year's ALA Student-to-Staff program. The Student-to-Staff program allows 40 graduate students from Information and Library Science schools around the country to work 16 hours at the Annual Conference

while being paid \$200 and receiving free housing.

Crisp believes participating in the program will be a good opportunity to network and become more involved in the library community.

"Even before I heard about this contest, I had wanted to go to ALA, but I knew I'd never be able to afford it," said Crisp. "Now that I have this opportunity, I'm extremely grateful," said Crisp. "It's really important to me to do as much as I can to give something back to the library community, so I'm thrilled to be able to not only attend the conference, but work there as well. I want to be as involved with my field as I can while I'm in school. I'm very thankful that SCALA has made this amazing experience possible for me."

The blog entry can be seen at <http://samforalastudenttostaff.blogspot.com>



Dewey Decimators have a winning season

SIIS has been experiencing unprecedented athletic success in its intramural sports league, the Dewey Decimators.

"The Dewey Decimators are an open team, meaning anyone in SIIS can play," said Decimators co-captain Laina Stapleton. "We play at the co-recreational level in any sports we can get enough people to sign up to play. Thus far this year, we have played indoor volleyball and outdoor soccer."

The outdoor soccer team brought the Decimators their first win of the year on October 23 with a score of 1-0. The winning goal was scored in the second half by Ben Jahre in what was likely the second or third win in Decimators history. Indoor volleyball followed this victory shortly afterward by winning their first round playoff game. The Dewey Decimators finished their volleyball season with a 2-3 record. This semester the Decimators had a total of three teams, two for indoor volleyball and one for soccer.

MSIS Student Anne Barrett Wins Fellowship to Present at Architectural Historians Conference



Anne Barrett, an MSIS student at SIIS, has won a fellowship to attend and present at the April 2013 Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) conference.

The Scott Opler Graduate Student Fellowship is given to "support the travel of advanced graduate students whose papers have been accepted for delivery at the SAH annual conference."

Although not a conference one might think would attract many library science students, Barrett's research marries architectural history and archives and records management. The paper she will present began its life in Alumni Distinguished Professor Helen Tibbo's "Archival Appraisal" (INLS 755) course last spring.

Architectural records, especially born-digital CAD (computer-aided design) records, pose unique challenges to archivists. Best practices have been created for content creators and for records facilitators, but to this point they do not necessarily intersect. In her paper, Barrett advocates for a collaborative approach between architects, historians and archivists to identify best practices from those professional perspectives.

Lisbeth Wells-Pratt Wins Theater Library Association Scholarship

SIIS Master's student Lisbeth Wells-Pratt was awarded the Brooks McNamara Performing Arts Librarian Scholarship at a ceremony in New York City. Awarded by the Theater Library Association (TLA), Lisbeth collected her award at a gala ceremony at one of the world's most hallowed venues, the Lincoln Center.

The Brooks McNamara Scholarship is awarded to acknowledge "the outstanding professional accomplishments of promising students currently enrolled in MLS or archival training programs specializing in performing arts librarianship." The award is named for Brooks McNamara, a former professor of Performance Studies at NYU and founder of the Shubert Archive.

Coming from a background in theater, Lisbeth came to SIIS with an interest in the American Theater Archive Project and in issues surrounding avant-garde theater archives. Wells-Pratt has held the position of the president of the SIIS chapter of the Art and Museum Library and Information Student Society (AMLISS), and works as a librarian through a fellowship at the Environmental Protection Agency Library in Research Triangle Park.

Megan England wins YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium stipend

Megan England, SIIS graduate student, is the recipient of the 2012 Young Adult Literature Symposium student stipend from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

England applied for the scholarship to attend programs that directly relate to her research interests, diversity in teen services — especially LGBTQ issues. England is the co-chair of Checked Out, the diversity awareness student organization at UNC, with the goal of providing educational opportunities and maintaining an open dialogue about diversity in the information professions.

"No teen should ever feel unwelcome in a library," England wrote in her application, "and giving quality service to teens is essential for building lifelong library users."

Letter from SILS Alumni Association President

Dear SILS Alumni:

I am honored to serve as the President of the SILS Alumni Association this year. It's been a pleasure to work with such a talented and dedicated Board of Directors, and it's been wonderful to work closely with the SILS office staff. They are a stellar group of professionals who are devoted to the success of SILS and its students.

SILS has evolved since I graduated from the program in 1999. The school has added several post-graduate certificate programs in emerging areas of practice, and the undergraduate program in Information Science now represents a large and growing portion of the SILS student body. In response to these changes, SILSAA added an undergraduate student representative to the Board this year, and we hope to do more to engage with BSIS students and alumni in the coming years.

In August SILSAA hosted a reception welcoming the more than 100 new students who entered the program this fall. Most recently, on November 28, 2012, SILSAA sponsored a panel discussion in Wilson Library that highlighted the field experience program. The panel included supervisors and students who have recently participated in field experiences. Students interested in the program learned about the benefits of the field experience program and heard perspectives on the elements of a successful field experience. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

This spring SILSAA will host our annual speed networking event, which brings together SILS students and area library and information professionals for an evening of conversation and refreshments. The speed networking event is one of the most popular events SILSAA sponsors, for both students and alumni. It provides an excellent opportunity for alumni to meet with motivated and talented students, and for students to make valuable professional connections that will serve them well as they build their careers.

SILSAA depends on the participation of alumni to produce high-quality events that enrich students' academic experience. For alumni living in the Triangle area, hosting a field experience student or participating in events like the speed networking program are excellent ways to provide service to the school and to the profession. More importantly, professionals who work with students in these ways benefit from the enthusiasm and fresh perspectives that students can bring to the table. I encourage any of you who are interested in participating in these events to contact a member of the SILSAA Board.

If distance makes attending in-person events difficult, there are other ways you can stay involved. Consider reconnecting with SILS via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or the SILS alumni e-mail list (sils-alumni@listserv.unc.edu). If your place of work has an internship or job opening that could be filled by a SILS student or graduate, contact Lori Haight, Career Services Coordinator, so she can spread the word.

Finally, on a bittersweet note, the SILSAA Board unanimously selected Lee Dirks (MSLS '90) as the next Distinguished Alumnus. Lee passed away in August in an automobile accident. He was the Director for Portfolio Strategy in Microsoft Research Connections, a leader in the field of data curation, an adjunct instructor at SILS and a valued member of the SILS Board of Visitors. His contributions to SILS were many, and he will be sorely missed.



In Deepest Sympathy

Austin, Judith Michelle	9/18/2012	MSLS 1998
Barile, Margaret Renegar	6/14/2012	BSLS 1947
Bauer, Alice Lee Googe	10/29/2012	ABLS 1938
Bedard, Evelyn Margaret	8/22/2012	MSLS 1972
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~Mae L. Rodney, Ph.D. 1986; Director of Library Services, Winston-Salem State University



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~Nico Carver MSLS 2012; Assistant Librarian and Coordinator of Student Multimedia Design Services, University of Delaware Library



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~Terrell Russell, Ph.D. 2011; Data Management Research Scientist, UNC Renaissance Computing Institute



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Alumni News

Susan Brown, leads "Banned Books Trading Card" initiative



Some of the most influential books of this generation are works which were released to a fair amount of controversy and were at times even banned from libraries. "Banned Books Week," which took place September 30th through October 6th, sought to renew appreciation for these challenged works and to draw attention to the harms of censorship. Susan Brown (MSLS '01), marketing director at Lawrence Public Library in Lawrence, KS, led a creative project called the "Banned Books Trading Card" initiative, which gave local artists an

opportunity to showcase their talents by displaying seven widely contested books in the form of trading cards. Follow Susan on her blog on marketing public libraries at: www.658point8.com (Slaughterhouse Five card by artist Kent Smith.)

Sarah Dooley and Emily Guhde join NC LIVE

Two SILS alumna have joined the staff of NC LIVE. Sarah Dooley (MSLS '12) and Emily Guhde (MSLS '12) are the newest additions to North Carolina's statewide online library service.

Dooley joins NC LIVE as its first Web and User Experience Development Librarian. Her job is to improve the usability of NC LIVE's Web interfaces, discovery tools and to consult with member libraries on their presentation of online content and services. Guhde is NC LIVE's newest Online Services Librarian. She was NC LIVE's first intern through the Educating Stewards of Public Information in the 21st Century (ESOP1 21) program, which is coordinated by SILS and the UNC at Chapel Hill School of Government.

Jenifer Grady new executive director of Tenn-Share

Jenifer Grady (MSLS '93) has been appointed executive director of Tenn-Share, an organization whose mission is to help "Tennessee libraries deliver efficient, effective library services through group purchasing power and innovative resource sharing projects." The organization is a resource for more than 600 members which include libraries, information agencies, archives and museums across the state of Tennessee.



Kelly Wooten co-edits "Make Your Own History: Documenting Feminist and Queer Activism in the 21st Century"

Kelly Wooten (MSLS 2002; BA 1999) has co-edited the book *Make Your Own History: Documenting Feminist and Queer Activism in the 21st Century* (Litwin Books, 2012) with Lyz Bly. The book addresses the practical and theoretical challenges and advantages of researching, documenting and archiving recent and contemporary activists in the feminist and queer movements.

Wooten is research services and collection development librarian at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture, part of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, and Librarian for Sexuality Studies for Perkins Library at Duke University.

K.T. Vaughan receives Watson Davis Award

The prestigious Watson Davis Award, presented each year by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), went to K.T. Vaughan (MSLS '01), education services librarian at UNC's University Library and adjunct professor of Pharmacy at the Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Established in 1975, the Watson Davis Award commemorates the memory and legacy of ASIS&T founder Watson Davis. It is given yearly to a single ASIS&T member who demonstrates outstanding continuous contributions and dedicated service to the Society (with an emphasis on the words "continuous," "dedicated" and "service").

Vaughan has been an active member of ASIS&T since 1999 not only contributing her time and energy as a member, but by taking on many leadership roles over the years.



Dr. Meredith Weiss appointed associate vice chancellor at UNC

Dr. Meredith Weiss (Ph.D. '10), has been appointed associate vice chancellor for business and administration in the University's Division of Finance and Administration. This is a new position which is part of organizational changes within the division. Weiss oversee the University's Auxiliary Services.

"This [the duties] includes Student Stores, Carolina Dining, Trademark Licensing, Mail Services, Laundry/Vending, the UNC OneCard office, Carolina Copy and the campus's Xerox Printing Operations," said Karol Kain Gray, vice vice chancellor for finance and administration

Before accepting this position, Weiss worked for UNC's School of Law for two years as an assistant dean for information technology, and for six years as an associate dean for administration, finance and information technology.

Princeton names SILS alumnus, Jay Dominick, VP and CIO

Dr. James "Jay" Dominick (Ph.D. '05), the top-ranking information technology administrator at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, was appointed vice president for information technology and chief information officer at Princeton University on Aug. 13.

Serving as a member of President Shirley M. Tilghman's cabinet, the CIO leads more than 250 staff. Dominick focuses on sustaining the service-oriented practice of OIT; assisting with new initiatives in the use of online pedagogy; addressing IT security needs; and implementing systems improvements related to the University's financial systems and reporting.

Dominick has served as vice chancellor for information technology and CIO at UNC-Charlotte since 2008. For 12 years previously, he was the first CIO at Wake Forest University, after holding increased levels of responsibility since joining the institution in 1991. He also worked at the Research Triangle Institute in Research Triangle Park, N.C., and served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. During his career, Dominick has taught courses in IT and telecommunications.



Alumni News

Dr. Kevin Cherry appointed North Carolina's Deputy Secretary/Office of Archives and History



The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Office of the Secretary selected Dr. Kevin Cherry (Ph.D. '10) as the next Deputy/Secretary in the Office of Archives and History.

Cherry served as a Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, D.C., where he coordinated the nation's largest competitive grant program for libraries and archives," said Secretary Linda Carlisle

in a memo about the appointment. "Previously, he served as a consultant for Special Collections with the N.C. State Library and created one of the largest cultural heritage collaborative projects ever undertaken in N. C. - NC ECHO. He has also worked in Rowan County and at UNC at Chapel Hill and taught at East Carolina University."

The Office of Archives and History is part of the Department of Cultural Resources (alongside the State Library of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina Symphony and the North Carolina Museum of Art) within the Office of Archives and History may be found the Division of State History Museums, Division of Historic Sites, Division of State Archives and Division of Historical Resources (the final comprising the Office of State Archeology, Historical Publications, State Historic Preservation Office and the Research Branch.)

Joyce L. Ogburn "One of 30 Women to Watch"



Joyce L. Ogburn (MSLS '82), dean, J. Willard Marriott Library University Librarian University of Utah and past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, has received the distinction of being selected as one of 30 women to watch by Utah Business Magazine.

"The annual 30 Women to Watch program, shines the spotlight on women who are exceptional leaders, entrepreneurs, change-makers, mentors—and shining examples to the men and women who work in their industries."

When describing Ogburn, the article notes that her first role as university librarian was a complex \$80 million, multi-year renovation. "Just as the whole building has been transformed, the services and spirit of the place have changed dramatically," she says. "The library has become more vital than ever to the university and it serves as an anchor for partnerships with other libraries and many other cultural institutions throughout the country. The Marriott Library is a powerhouse of new ideas that build on its strong collections and services."

Ogburn served as president of the 12,000 member Association of College and Research Libraries professional association. ACRL also "works on behalf of 2,500 academic libraries across the country." In addition to her university and professional obligations, Ogburn serves on the council of the Utah Academic Library Consortium and is a member of the board of the Center for Research Libraries.

Lee Dirks selected as 2012 SILS Distinguished Alumnus

Lee Dirks (MSLS '93), director for Portfolio Strategy at Microsoft who died tragically in an automobile accident along with his wife Judy Lew last August, has been selected as a 2012 SILS Distinguished Alumnus. The award, which was announced by SILS Alumni Association president Jill Sexton during the Fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 16th, is the highest honor bestowed on the School's alumni.



"Lee was an alumnus who continuously made professional and personal contributions to the field and who demonstrated continued support and advocacy for SILS by serving as a member of the School's Board of Visitors, the board of the SILS Metadata Research Center and most recently as an adjunct professor at SILS," said Jill. "He was the director for Portfolio Strategy in Microsoft Research Connections, the team within Microsoft Research responsible for working closely with academia and research organizations to help solve some of the world's most challenging scientific and social problems via collaborative research projects. He was an outstanding leader in the field of data curation. This summer, the information and library science community lost a great proponent of information and library science and a passionate, bigger than life spirit with a huge heart."

Established in 1981, the Distinguished Alumni Award is presented twice each year during the commencement ceremonies by SILSAA. The award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding professional library or information science achievements at national, state or local levels or who have provided outstanding service to SILS or its Alumni Association.

Jill also read a special message from Tony Hey, vice president of Microsoft's Research Connections:

"On behalf of Lee Dirks' friends and colleagues at Microsoft, I want to thank the UNC SILS Alumni Association for recognizing Lee in this way.

"We were fortunate to have Lee as part of our team in Microsoft research for the past six years, after he had spent time working with other groups at Microsoft, including the Microsoft corporate archive and the library. As many of you knew, Lee was an inspirational collaborator and his aspirations for the university library and academic publisher communities were admirable. He was a true talent, with an infectious sense of humor, an obvious zest for living and an ability to drive innovation while making friends and partners. Lee was unfailingly kind and considerate, and he treated others with an admirable sense of respect and dignity. His efforts and his impact can serve as inspiration to all."

A 20+ year veteran across multiple information management fields, Lee held an M.S.L.S. degree from SILS as well as a post-Master's degree in Preservation Administration from Columbia University. In addition to past positions at Columbia and with OCLC, Lee held a variety of roles at Microsoft including the corporate archivist, corporate librarian and as a senior manager in the corporate market research organization.

Along with participating on several National Science Foundation task forces, Lee served on the SILS Board of Visitors and on the advisory boards of the SILS Metadata Research Center, the University of Washington Libraries and the UW iSchool's MSIS program. He was an adjunct faculty member at SILS and at the iSchool at the University of Washington. Lee was born in Texas and raised in Louisiana. He was a true blue Tarheel fan and loved life, his family and friends and real slow-cooked barbeque.

Alumni News

Ben Carter - assistant director at Conyers Rockdale Library

The Conyers-Rockdale Library welcomed back Ben Carter (MSLS '06), who began work as the new assistant director on September 4. Carter had previously served at the Library as head of Youth Services from 2006 – 2007, then worked for Gwinnett Public Library System for five years, most recently as assistant branch manager.

A native of Walton County, Carter has degrees from the two oldest state universities in the U.S., the University of Georgia and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His interests include studying languages (he's currently learning the basics of Tamil), reading and hiking in state parks.

The job of assistant director is to coordinate and supervise the four public service departments: Adult Services, Circulation, Computer Center and Youth Services.

Elizabeth Cribbs - catalog librarian/assistant professor

Elizabeth Hille Cribbs (MSLS '10) has accepted the faculty position of catalog librarian/assistant professor at Northern Illinois University. She will be working primarily with music materials.

Dr. Irene Owens appointed to UNC Press

Dr. Irene Owens (Ph.D. '95), dean of the School of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University, has been appointed to a five year term of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina Press.

SAA Pease Award goes to alumna Pam Mayer

Pam Mayer (MSLS '11) has been awarded the 2012 Theodore Calvin Pease Award from the Society of American Archivists (SAA) for her Master's paper entitled "Like a Box of Chocolates: A Case Study of User-Contributed Content at Footnote."

The Theodore Calvin Pease Award was created in 1987 and modified in 2007 to recognize "superior writing achievements by students of archival studies." This competitive award is judged on innovation, scholarship, pertinence and clarity of writing. In addition to a cash prize presented at the annual conference, Mayer's paper will be published in *The American Archivist*, both in print and online.

Dr. Chirag Shah's publishes *Collaborative Information Seeking*

Dr. Chirag Shah (Ph.D. '10), assistant professor at Rutgers University Department of Library and Information Science at the School of Communication and Information, has a new book. In *Collaborative Information Seeking* Shah focuses on "two individually well-understood notions: collaboration and information seeking, with the goal of bringing them together to show how it is a natural tendency for humans to work together on complex tasks."



Welcome Baby Tar Heels

Benito Luciano III (BSIS '12), technical analyst at North Carolina State University, and his wife, Marquita Luciano and daughters Alyssa Luciano and Alana Luciano, welcomed Brianna Grace Luciano on May 18, 2012 at 11:14 p.m. Baby Brianna weighed 9 lbs 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Evan Micah Conrad-Perez was born on September 22, 2012 to SILS alumnus Megan Perez (MSLS '08) and Erin Conrad. Evan was 7.5 pounds and 21.75 inches. He was birthed under water at home using only a midwife, one good friend and a baby pool. No hospital. No medical interventions. All mommy. "I'm very proud of you, Erin," said the proud dad. "You did something exceptional."



Chien-Yi Hou, doctoral student and research assistant at SILS, and his wife Ya-Chun Lee welcomed baby George Hou on November 30, 2012. George was 3166 grams when he was born.





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