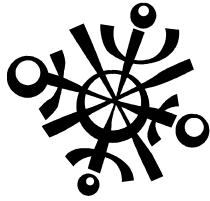




NEWS



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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we head into the new year we have another great issue of the LISAA newsletter for you. See pages 2-5 for a comprehensive list of SLIS scholarship and prize winners. Congratulations to all. Nicolle Lemay, our communications officer reflects on the 2006 accreditation reception she attended and we've included some photos from the past Celebration Brunch. Thank you to all those people who made 2006 a successful year for all of us at LISAA. Have you considered some resolutions related to your alumni community? Maybe this is the year to renew your membership, send in an article or some news to publish in the newsletter, or attend one of LISAA's social events? I look forward to meeting up with you in 2007.

Angie Mandeville
LISAA President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."
~Edith Lovejoy Pierce

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things."
~John Burroughs

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."
~Joey Adams

From the LISAA executive...All our very best to you for a great 2007!



We are (from L to R): Susan Dahl, Amelia Martin, Roxy Welter, Angie Mandeville, Nicolle Lemay, Anna Altmann, and Erika Banski. Missing: Dai Newman. This picture was taken at the Celebration brunch in October. Turn to page 7 for more pictures from the event. Thanks to everyone who attended!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2006 Fall—New Awards Announcements

The School of Library and Information Studies is proud to announce the recipients of scholarships and awards in 2006. Unless stated otherwise awards are listed for 2006/07. Our congratulations to them, and our sincerest thanks to all scholarship donors and award supporters.

MLIS SCHOLARSHIPS:

**ALBERTA LEARNING
Graduate Student Scholarship**
Value: \$2000 (35)

(2005/2006)
Julie Carter
Patricia Chatterley
Lauren De Bruin
Sarah Eccleston
Kenneth Gariepy
Tamara Guillaume
Cameron Hoffman
Joycelyn Jaca
Aiyang Ma
Karen Mah
Sarah Mead-Willis
Renee Morrissey
Tanya Rogoschewsky
Jade Shepherd
Heather Simpson
Michelle Whitehead
Charles Wood
Markus Wust

(2006/2007)
Jocelyn Badley
Thane Chambers
Elena Doebele
Tanya Driechel
Peggy Sue Ewanyshyn
Delia Filipescu
Naomi Haberstock
Brettany Johnson
James MacDonald
Kirsten MacLeod
Dale Storie
Soleil Surette
Douglas Whistance-Smith
Jilliane Yawney
Xurong Zhao

Awarded to full-time continuing Master's students at Alberta universities on the basis of academic performance in 2005/06 and 2006/07.

**ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES INITIATIVE
TO RECRUIT A DIVERSE WORKFORCE Program**

Value: \$2500 per term (up to a maximum of \$10,000) plus symposium travel expenses (2)

Provides leadership training, travel expenses to attend an ARL Leadership Symposium, work with an assigned ARL mentor, and requires a commitment to working for two years in an ARL Library upon graduation

Joycelyn Jaca
Xurong (Rachel) Zhao

CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (Master's Program), SSHRC

Value: \$17,500

Awarded to entering or continuing full-time Master's students in SSHRC disciplines to support research training in the social sciences and humanities at a Canadian university, 12 months non-renewable. One of 37 awards at the Masters level across Canada.

Jilliane Yawney

EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY Next Generation Grant

Value: \$500

Recognizes commitment to public libraries, commitment to life-long learning, potential for a successful career in public libraries, and current involvement in the broader library community.

Joanne Mekdara

H.W. WILSON Award

Value: \$1200 (3)

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional potential of an entering or continuing MLIS student.

Elena Doebele
Kathleen Edwards
Jody Nelson

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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Scholarship

Value: \$ 1500 (2)

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional potential of one student entering and one student continuing in the MLIS program.

Amelia Martin
Dai Newman**M.E.P. HENDERSON Scholarship in Library and Information Studies**

Value: \$ 1500 (2)

Recognizes academic performance and professional promise of an entering or continuing MLIS student.

Donna Riehl
Teneil Vuori**MISS LESLEY HEATHCOTE Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Studies**

Value: \$6800 (2)

Recognizes academic performance and professional promise of one entering and one continuing full-time MLIS student.

Catherine McLaughlin
Dale Storie**QUEEN ELIZABETH II Graduate Scholarship Program**

(formerly Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship)

Value: \$9300 (May start), \$6200 (September start)

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and research potential of full-time entering or continuing Master's students in all disciplines at the University of Alberta. Three of 79 awards at the Master's level this year.

Kirsten MacLeod
Sarah Polkinghorne
Rebekah Willson**ROBERT AND GRETCHEN BRUNDIN Scholarship in Library and Information Studies**

Value: \$ 1500

Recognizes outstanding academic performance of a full-time entering MLIS student.

Megan Kettner

SARAH REBECCA REED Memorial Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Value: \$2700

Recognizes outstanding academic performance of a full-time continuing MLIS student.

Huai-Yang Lim

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARIES EDUCATION Bursary, Saskatchewan Library Association

Value: \$5000

Recognizes academic achievement, leadership potential, and demonstrated interest in the profession of an entering or continuing MLIS student. Requires a commitment to Saskatchewan library employment upon graduation.

Christine Varnam

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION Scholarship

Value: \$6000

Recognizes outstanding students and supports travel to SLA's annual conference in Baltimore, June 11-14, 2006.

Brettany Johnson

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Graduate Assistantship, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Value: \$3092 - \$6184 (9)

Awarded to entering or continuing students on the basis of academic standing and research expertise to assist SLIS faculty members with research activities.

Thane Chambers
Huai-Yang Lim
James MacDonald
Kirsten MacLeod
Jody NelsonDavid Newman
Sarah Polkinghorne
Heather Simpson
Dale Storie**WALTER H. JOHNS Graduate Fellowship**

Value: \$4672

Awarded to students registered full-time in a Master's program who are receiving an eligible major scholarship from SSHRC.

Jilliane Yawney

MLIS PRIZES and AWARDS:**BERTRAM LIS 501 Prize**

Value: \$ 100

Recognises outstanding academic performance and professional potential of an MLIS student enrolled in LIS 501 in the Fall term.

Ronald Kelland (2006)
Jody Nelson (2005)

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL—CONTINUED

BETA PHI MU INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY Membership

Value: qualification for election to Society

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional promise of students graduating from the MLIS program with a grade point average of 3.75 or better on the 4-point scale.

Julie Carter
Kenneth Gariepy

Tanya Rogoschewsky
Elizabeth Sadler
Sarah Mead-Willis

BRUCE PEEL Prize in Historical or Archival Studies

Value: \$200

Awarded to a student in the MLIS program who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance in History of the Book or Archives Administration.

Anna-Marie Klassen (2005)

BRUNDIN LIS 503 Prize

Value: \$100

Recognises outstanding professional potential for reference services of an MLIS student enrolled in LIS 503 in the Fall term.

Rebekah Willson (2006)
Markus Wust (2005)

DAVID AND RHEA JENKINSON Prize in Young Adult Literature

Value: \$450

Recognises outstanding academic performance of an MLIS student in children's and young adult literature, LIS 585.

Mary Ann Fitzpatrick (2005)
Donna Riehl (2006)

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION Award

Value: one-year membership in CLA

Recognizes outstanding performance as a student, academic merit, and potential contribution to the library profession of a student graduating from the MLIS program. Sponsored by Linda Cook.

Michelle Whitehead

MARY ALICE SCOTT Prize,

Association of Professional Librarians: University of Alberta

Value: \$500

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional potential of a student in the MLIS program specializing in academic librarianship.

Sarah Mead-Willis

SARAH REBECCA REED Medal in Library and Information Studies

Value: gold medal, one-year membership in CLA and LAA

Recognizes the graduating student with the highest academic standing in the MLIS program from fall 2005 and spring 2006 convocations.

Sarah Mead-Willis

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES Professional Award

Value: one-year membership in CLA

Recognizes outstanding extracurricular activities of a student, outstanding performance, and academic merit.

Tanya Rogoschewsky

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Award, University of Alberta

Value: \$500 book prize

Recognizes outstanding academic achievement and professional promise of a student graduating from the MLIS program.

Cameron Hoffman

MLIS CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS:

AUGUSTANA INFORMATION LITERACY IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES WORKSHOP Award

Value: workshop registration

Awarded to raise student awareness of the workshop and the relevance of Information Literacy to today's academic librarian.

Delia Filipescu

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL—CONTINUED

CLA STUDENT ARTICLE Contest

Trish Chatterley

Value: \$150 + travel expenses and conference registration

Travel support to the CLA Annual Conference in Ottawa, June 17, 2006. Article published in Feliciter and winner receives a copy of Micromedia's Directory of Libraries in Canada.

ED DIVINE/SLIS Student-to-CLA Award

Sarah Polkinghorne

Value: travel expenses and conference registration

Assistance to the president of the School's Library and Information Studies Students' Association or an alternate to support attendance at the annual conference of CLA in exchange for help with conference work activities.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Prize

Claire Banton

Value: \$200, conference registration and travel allowance, LAA membership (2)

Cameron Hoffman

Recognizes outstanding performance in academic merit and potential contribution to the library profession of two students graduating in 2006 from the MLIS program at the University of Alberta.

SLIS Conference Support Award

Value: \$60 (5)

Jocelyn Badley

Thane Chambers

Soleil Surette

Christine Varnam

Jennifer Wilson

Conference registration subsidy for Netspeed 2006.

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS:

CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (Doctoral Program), SSHRC

Shelagh Genuis

Value: \$35,000

Awarded to entering or continuing full-time doctoral students in SSHRC disciplines to support research training in the social sciences and humanities at a Canadian university, 3 years non-renewable. One of 53 awards at the PhD level across Canada.

DON MAZANKOWSKI Graduate Scholarship in Nursing

Shelagh Genuis

Value: \$1000

Awarded annually to a full-time doctoral student in the Faculty of Nursing on the basis of academic excellence and community involvement and/or leadership. Endowed by the Don Mazankowski Scholarship Foundation.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II Doctoral Scholarship Program

Kristie Saumure

(formerly Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship)

Value: \$10,500 (May start), \$7,000 (September start)

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and research potential of full-time entering or continuing Doctoral students in all disciplines at the University of Alberta. One of 63 awards at the PhD level this year.

WALTER H. JOHNS Graduate Fellowship

Shelagh Genuis

Value: Honorary Fellowship

Awarded to students registered full-time in a doctoral program who are receiving an eligible major scholarship from SSHRC.

WORLD BOOK Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Science

Shelagh Genuis

Value: \$2500

Awarded annually to an individual already holding an MLIS degree who is pursuing a PhD degree.

For further information, contact
Dr. Alvin M. Schrader, Chair
Scholarships and Awards Committee
December 20, 2006

MUSINGS FROM THE ACCREDITATION RECEPTION

As 2007 begins, I find myself reflecting on the events of the old year. More specifically, I find myself reflecting on the fact that I am no longer a "new librarian" and have become a "barely new-ish librarian". At no time during the year was this change more apparent than at the SLIS Accreditation Reception last March. I had received an invitation from Anna Altmann to attend this reception as one of 40 or so "stakeholders" of the SLIS programme. The idea was to have the members of the Accreditation Committee meet informally with the stakeholder group to talk about the programme. I was thrilled to accept the invite because, after all, if you are "a stakeholder" it probably means you have many "valuable opinions" and someone wants to hear them (my boyfriend tells me very sweetly that I have an opinion about everything, so I thought I was definitely the right person for the job...).

I visit SLIS several times a year for LISAA meetings and am always impressed by how much funkier it is now than when I went there. And, predictably, within a minute of arriving at the reception I saw a friendly face from "back in the day". And this classmate reminded me that "our day" was the class of '99, and that we were graduating when the last accreditation occurred seven years ago.

Man, how did that happen? One minute I'm trying to HTML my capping exercise on Feminist Epistemologies (truly compelling reading I must say...) and the next I'm standing relating my near-ancient

SLIS experiences to "new librarians" and even "pre-librarians". To add to my disillusionment, more and more frequently, my overused and severely lame joke that our graduating cohort "partied like we were the Class of '99" is being met with a blank stare followed by a slight pitying expression (it was a Prince song people! It was really big in the 80's!).

Okay, it's not that bad. There are a few advantages to being not so new in the field. For example, I can now speak about librarianship with some insight, and the tiny amount of wisdom culled from a few years of work under my steadily expanding belt. I've met some amazing people through this profession who have become both friends and mentors. And the work that I have done over the past seven years has been challenging, exciting, fun, and sometimes frustrating, but never dull (how many people can say that about their jobs?).

So, even though my chances of being mistaken for a "new" librarian are diminishing faster than my chances of getting ID'd at the hockey game, the fact that I graduated from SLIS in the last century doesn't bother me. Much.

Happy New Year!

Nicolle Lemay
LISAA Communications Officer

LISAA HOSTS ANOTHER ALUMNI RECEPTION AT NETSPEED

About 50 people gathered at the Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe for LISAA's Alumni Reception during the Netspeed 2006 conference. The LISAA Executive invited alumni and guests to the hospitality suite for snacks and drinks after sessions ended on October 19th. It was a great way to wind down at the end of the day, meet friends

and fellow delegates, and make plans for dinner. The event has proven to be a popular fixture at Netspeed, and will be offered again for Netspeed 2007 in Calgary. We hope to see you there!

Susan Dahl
LISAA Past President

CELEBRATION BRUNCH — OCTOBER 2006



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Do you have news to share with your fellow SLIS alumni? Drop us a note or even a whole article about what you've been up to at lisaa@ecn.ab.ca

SLIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The graduate students' Professional Development Day Committee is pleased to announce our annual Professional Development Day, which will be held on Friday, February 2, 2007 in Room 3-40, Faculty of Extension Building (8303 - 112th Street, Edmonton). Our theme for this year's event is "Pathways to Advocacy and Access in Libraries."

Huw Williams is this year's keynote speaker. Mr Williams consults for the Canadian Library Association on advocacy issues and is the President and Senior Partner at Impact Public Affairs. He specializes in government and media relations.

Other speakers include:

- Ron Wickman, architect. Mr Wickman will be speaking about "Universal Design," and will focus on issues of accessibility in libraries.
- Catherine Bush, Writer-in-Residence for Winter 2007 at the University of Alberta Department of English and Film Studies. She is the author of three novels, including *Claire's Head*.
- Gerry Meek, Director of Calgary Public Library. Mr. Meek is actively involved in the process of planning Calgary's new central library, and has extensive experience dealing with local government.

Don Carmichael, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Professor Carmichael has served on Edmonton Public Library's Board of Trustees, including two terms as Chair.

The event is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Naomi Haberstock, njh3@ualberta.ca, by January 26, 2006. More details can be found at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~slis2/pdday.htm>.

We greatly appreciate the past support that we have had for this event and hope many of you can attend this year as well.

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