

## **Library and Information Studies Alumni Association**

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

 LISAA's membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Renew now for 2003-2004!
 Membership forms are available on the LISAA web site at http://www.ecn.ab.ca/lisaa, by contacting any Executive member, and via e-mail (lisaa@ecn.ab.ca).

## PARTNERS' WEEK: JANUARY 20-23

In collaboration with the School of Library and Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA) and "Partners in Education" the students at SLIS organize two weeks for students to partner up with a librarian in the field they like to explore. Every year there is an overwhelming response from librarians willing to participate, which has given students the opportunity to pair up with academic and public librarians, government and legal librarians, archivists, and records managers. Students get to spend a couple of hours with a librarian and talk about the librarian's position and library. This is a unique experience for students to explore different career options, learn about challenges in specific libraries, and learn from firsthand experiences.

The first week ran in November and many students took advantage of this opportunity. I paired up with Jane Starr, who is the Head Librarian at the Alberta Government Library – Neil Crawford Centre Site, as I already have some experience working in academic and public libraries and wanted to explore another li-

brary setting. Jane showed me the library, the services they provide to the ministry, and talked with me about her position and the challenges she faces in her job. It was a very educational experience and provided me with lots of insight into what it takes to run a library.

One of my fellow classmates, Sonya Betz, spent a full day at the Red Deer College Library. There, each of the librarians shared some time with her so she had a taste of all the different positions in an academic library. Sonya said that "it was an exciting and interesting experience, and so great to meet a group of librarians who are so friendly and enthusiastic about their work." Having worked there myself for a couple of years, I'm not surprised she had a great time!

The second round of Partners' Week will run from January 20 – 23. On Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a reception for all those librarians and students who participated in Partners' Week. Another opportunity for students and librarians to network!

CJ de Jong LISAA Entering Student Rep

## PD Day returns February 6

This popular annual event is fast approaching: Mark your calendars for Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>! Each year, the students of the School of Library and Information Studies organize a one-day conference (Professional Development Day). It provides an opportunity for practicing professionals from northern Alberta's library community to meet their future colleagues and hear from a variety of interesting speakers. Keynote speakers for this year's event include Wendy Sinclair-Sparvier, a public library manager from an inner-city Regina branch and chair of the provincial committee, Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal People. As well, the recently appointed National Archivist, Dr. Ian Wilson, will join us from Library and Archives Canada.

Other highlights of the day include a panel of experts who will discuss meeting the needs of diverse users, as well as an opportunity to hear current or recently graduated library students speaking about their research. Professional Development Day receives generous sponsorship from the Graduate Student Association Lecture Grant program.

PD Day is changing venues this year. It will be held at the University Extension Centre on the edge of campus at 8303 112 Street. There is limited underground parking as well as various surface lots in the vicinity.

LISAA has traditionally sponsored a "Welcome to the Profession" reception at the end of the afternoon on PD Day. This year the organizing committee suggested it would be more inclusive to provide lunch for all those who attend the event instead of just the guest speakers. So, for the first time, LISAA and LISSA(the Student's Association) are co-sponsoring a welcome lunch. The conference will wrap up about 3.30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend Professional Development Day, but the organizers ask that you let them know by February 4th if you're planning to attend. Visit their website at http://www.ualberta.ca/~lissa1/pdday.htm for more information or to RSVP.

Alison Faid LISAA Continuing Student Rep Page 2 LISAA News

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2003-04

The School of Library and Information Studies is proud to announce the recipients of scholarships and awards in 2003-04. So far this year our students and graduates have been awarded 38 scholarships and awards (if the 24 Alberta Learning awards are included the total is 62), 23 academic prizes and honours, and 13 travel awards. Our congratulations to all recipients, and our sincerest thanks to all scholarship donors and award supporters.

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS:

ALBERTA LEARNING Sandra Anderson Elizabeth Hamid Angelique Mandeville Graduate Student Regan Balfour Linda Harmata **Christine Marshall** Scholarship Rebecca Cook Katherine Johnston Katherine McKenzie Value: \$2000 (24) Nancy Evenson Perrin Kerravala Leeanne Morrow Yanming Fei Denis Lacroix Allison Sivak Ina Smith Tannis Gibson Jocelyn LaFace Stephen Greenhalgh Marielle Layton Kirsten Wurmann Darcy Gullacher Elizabeth L'Heureux Hao Xue

Awarded to full-time continuing Master's students at Alberta universities on the basis of academic performance in 2002-2003.

H.W. WILSON Award

Value: \$1200 (3)

Elizabeth Sadler

Michelle Sinotte

Virginia Wilson

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

#### JIM PARKER MEMORIAL Scholarship

Judith Franchuk

Value: \$1500

Recognizes superior academic achievement of an MLIS student in archival administration or records management.

#### JOHN EDWIN BISSETT Scholarship

Reegan Breu

Manitoba Library Association

Value: \$6500

Awarded to a University of Manitoba graduate to continue graduate studies in an MLIS program.

## LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Scholarship

Cees-Jan de Jong Alison Faid

Value: \$1500 (2)

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

#### LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Continuing Education Award

Kirsten Wurmann

Value: \$500

Awarded to support a continuing student in the MLIS program.

#### MARION SHERMAN BURSARY FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

Sharon Thompson

Value: \$500

Awarded in support of studies in children's librarianship to entering or continuing MLIS students.

#### M.E.P. HENDERSON Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Stuart Drozd Joanne Wotypka

Value: \$1500 (2)

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

#### MISS LESLEY HEATHCOTE Graduate Scholarship in

Shannon Christoffersen

Library and Information Studies

Sandra Hart

Value: \$6500 (2)

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

#### PROVINCE OF ALBERTA Graduate Scholarship

Benita Hartwell

Value: \$9300

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and research potential of full-time entering or continuing Master's students in all disciplines at the University of Alberta. One of 44 awards at the Master's level this year.

#### ROBERT AND GRETCHEN BRUNDIN Scholarship in Library and

Valerie Thomson

Information Studies

Value: \$1700

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

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#### SARAH REBECCA REED Memorial Scholarship in Library and

Judith Franchuk

Information Studies

Value: \$2700

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

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

Value: \$1371-\$5486 (11)

Jenna Barker Shelagh K. Genuis
Reegan Breu Sandra Hart
Stuart Drozd Brenda Raynard
Judith Franchuk Amber Ritchie
Carol Friesen Virginia Wilson
Alexis Gaston

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

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Graduate Intern Tuition Supplement, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Value: \$1500-\$2300 (12)

Anwen Boyd
Reegan Breu
Shannon Christoffersen
Stuart Drozd
Judith Franchuk
Carol Friesen
Sandra Hart
Benita Hartwell
Brenda Raynard
Amber Ritchie
Elizabeth Sadler
Virginia Wilson

Recognizes academic and scholarly achievement of outstanding scholars who are entering or continuing in the full-time MLIS program and who hold at least \$7000 from other scholarships and awards or from other University of Alberta sources as outlined in the Academic Internship Model.

#### PRIZES and AWARDS:

BERTRAM LIS 501 Prize Donna Riehl

Value: \$100

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

BETA PHI MU INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY Membership Value: qualification for election to Society (12)

Sandra Anderson
Michelle Altheim
Stephen Carney
Shona Dippie
Linda Fraser
Katherine Johnston

Perrin Kerravala
Denis Lacroix
Marielle Layton
Elizabeth L'Heureux
Angelique Mandeville
Alice Swabey

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional promise of students graduating from the MLIS program with a grade point average of 8.2 or better on the 9-point scale (3.75 on a 4-point scale).

BRUNDIN LIS 503 Prize Virginia Wilson

Value: \$100

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

DAVID AND RHEA JENKINSON Prize in Young Adult Literature Linda Berezowski

Value: \$250

Recognises outstanding academic performance of an MLIS student in children's and young adult literature, LIS 548 and LIS 585.

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION Award Linda Harmata

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.

MARY ALICE SCOTT Prize, Alison Sivak

Association of Professional Librarians: University of Alberta

Value: \$250

Value: \$250

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

**NEOS Collections Workshop Scholarship** 

Value: conference registration (2)

Jennifer Cameron Elizabeth L'Heureux

Support to attend the  $\overline{N}EOS$  collections management workshop for MLIS students producing outstanding community studies in LIS 531.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, CONT'D.

## (Continued from page 3) SARAH REBECCA REED Medal in Library and Information Studies

Shona Dippie

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

Recognizes the graduating student with the highest academic standing in the MLIS program.

#### SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Shelagh K. Genuis

WESTERN CANADA CHAPTER

Scholarship for Special Librarianship Essay Contest

Value: essay published in the "Wired West" web journal plus one-year membership in SLA Recognizes best student paper on the topic of the greatest challenge facing special libraries today.

#### UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Award, University of Alberta

Adriana Feneser

Value: \$250 (2)

Denis Lacroix

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



#### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION Travel Award**

Sandra Anderson

Value: \$400

Travel assistance to present research results at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Halifax, May 2003.

#### LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Prize

Value: \$200 in conference expenses, one-year membership in LAA (2)

Sandra Anderson Darcy Gullacher

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

#### MARY LOUISE IMRIE Graduate Student Award

Sandra Anderson

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Value: \$600

Travel assistance to make a presentation at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Halifax, May

#### NORTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Shelagh K. Genuis

Student to CHLA Prize

Value: conference registration

Support to attend the annual conference of the Canadian Health Libraries Association in Edmonton, June 2003.

**SLIS Conference Support Award** 

Value: \$30-\$80 (7)

Christine Bourchier Anwen Boyd Caroline Forst

Elizabeth Hamid Norma Anne Power Virginia Wilson

Andrew Fraser

Conference registration subsidy for attendance at Netspeed 2002 in Calgary, October 2002 or the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper,

#### SLIS/CLA Student-to-CLA Award, Canadian Library Association

Anwen Boyd

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.

> Dr. Alvin M. Schrader, Chair Scholarships and Awards Committee November 30, 2003



Happy New Year from your LISAA Executive!



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### NEW APPOINTMENT AT SLIS: ALI SHIRI

Anna Altmann, Interim Director, School of Library and Information Studies, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ali Shiri as an assistant professor in a tenure-track position with the School, effective July 1, 2004. Ali recently completed his PhD in Information Science at the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom. While pursuing his PhD, he worked as a tutor in the MSc Information Management program and as a project officer for the Glasgow Health Information Gateway. He will continue to be a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Digital Library Research at the University of Strathclyde until he takes up his position at the University of Alberta.

For his PhD dissertation, Ali investigated how the thesaurus-enhanced search interfaces can improve information retrieval, specifically from large online bibliographic databases in the domain of agriculture and veterinary sciences. His main areas of interest are information and knowledge organization, the subject approach to information retrieval, and user-centred evaluation of knowledge organization tools.

Ali has both a BA and an MA in Library and Information Studies from the University of Tehran. Prior to beginning his PhD program, he worked as a cataloguer, indexer and resource organization officer in Tehran, as well as lecturing at Alameh Tababaei University. The theoretical work for his doctorate and academic publication has been balanced by practical work in the area of health information and digital libraries, giving Ali a well-rounded understanding of the issues involved in organizing and accessing information.

His expressed areas of teaching interest include Cataloguing, Indexing, Virtual Reference, Information Architecture, and Digital Librarianship. Ali's teaching strength lies in his natural ability to both structure and deliver complex material in an accessible and relevant manner. Ali will be a wonderful addition to the School, the University and to the LIS communities.

Ali Shiri brings energy and passion for both teaching and research, and will complement the School with his unique international perspective.

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# SECOND NETSPEED RECEPTION REUNITES GRADS OLD AND NEW

The Library and Information Studies Alumni Association was pleased to present another Alumni Association Reception at the Netspeed 2003 Conference this past October. SLIS grads met after the sessions on Friday, October 24 in a hospitality suite at the Chateau Lacombe Crowne Plaza in Edmonton. The cozy atmosphere provided for many friendly discussions and reunions with former classmates. Approximately 45 people came from across Alberta to enjoy the excellent home-made and prepared snacks, along with complimentary beer and wine. The festivities continued well into the evening!

This was the second alumni event put on by LISAA during the Netspeed conference, and we hope to make this reception an annual event. So if Netspeed 2004 is on your agenda next year, be sure to look out for another reception—it's a great way to meet up with conference attendees and make plans. A hospitality suite is already booked at the Glenmore Inn in Calgary!

Netapeed 2003

Susan Dahl LISAA Secretary/Treasurer Page 6 LISAA News

### HOPE OLSON ENJOYING BUSY LIFE IN WI



Staff and students of SLIS were saddened last summer by the departure of Professor Hope Olson who left Alberta to assume a position at the School of Information Studies (SOIS), University of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee. Hope and her family like their new home and neighborhood in Wisconsin and feel that they are returning to their Midwest roots. Hope describes Milwaukee as "a great city on Lake Michigan" with beautiful rolling and wooded countryside and lots of green space, and a little river and parkway two blocks from their house. Milwaukee has many cultural aspects that they are just starting to explore, lots of interesting architecture and good German-American beer from local breweries.

Hope describes SOIS and the University of Wisconsin as having a great environment with interesting, diverse and welcoming colleagues, engaged students, excellent support staff and facilities and a university administration that is supportive of SOIS. The MLIS program is taught both onsite and online and she will be teaching an Organization of Information course online this semester.

Since her move last summer, Hope's schedule has been filled with numerous activities besides teaching and unpacking. To illustrate, she has provided us with a list of some of the things she has accomplished in the short time she has been away. They include:

- September 2003 Mexico City: Speaker at conferences on women's information.
- December 2003 Tokyo: New research project with Dr. Hur-Li lee on use of directories in Yahoo searching.
- Exploring new research project with Dr. Dennis Ward on classification as a switching language. This grows out of a previous project with Dr. Ward and Yanming Fei.
- Wrote introduction to an oncoming book *On account of sex: an annotated bibliography on the status of women in librarianship, 1998-2002* with Amber Ritchie.
- Wrote "The Ubiquitous Hierarchy: An Army to Overcome the Threat of a Mob" for *Library Trends*.

Plans for next summer include:

- Hosting of friends from the U. of A. Library for a North American Serials Interest Group conference in Milwaukee in June.
- Will give a paper at the International Society for Knowledge Organization in July.
- Will write a book for a project begun in Alberta: *The Cultural Construction of Classification.*

Hope sends thanks to everyone for the many gifts and good wishes that she has received, for they make her still feel connected. She is enjoying her new life: the people, the activities and the work; and takes pleasure from visits with family and friends. We send her our best wishes and hopes for her future endeavors.

Betsy Hamid LISAA Vice President/President-Elect



LISAA President Connie Forst congratulates Ernie ingles on his Honorary Alumni Award.

## CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH A SUCCESS

LISAA's annual Champagne Brunch was held on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at SLIS and was an overwhelming success with over 35 attendees. Past alumni and colleagues turned out to renew old acquaintances and check out the picture gallery in the hallways as well as improvements to the school.

An Honorary Alumni award was presented to Ernie Ingles, FRSC, who is Chief Librarian of the University of Alberta Libraries and Associate Vice-President (Learning Services). Ernie was recognized for his ongoing support of SLIS over the years. Along with his award, Ernie was presented with a Certificate of Donation for a book donated to Special Collections by LISAA in his name.

Many alumni, as they toured the corridors of SLIS compared notes on the fate of past classmates, wondering where they are now and what they are doing. This gave us the idea to publish profiles on old alumni to let people know about the broad range of exciting positions and achievements that SLIS graduates have become proficient at. Look for profiles in upcoming editions of *LISAA News*!

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## SLIS GRADS SELECTED FOR UOFA INTERNSHIPS

The University of Alberta Libraries Academic Internship Program was established in 2000 to provide experience to new graduates interested in exploring a career in academic libraries. This year we were delighted to hear that members of the 2003 graduating class of SLIS filled all four Internship positions. The Internships are designed to expose new graduates to the large variety of opportunities that are available in an academic library setting, and to create mentoring and networking opportunities for the novice librarian. The Interns have a variety of core duties in common which include spending time on the reference desk, chat reference and email reference; providing bibliographic instruction to their subject specific classes and spending time on various committees and on collection development work.

Allison Sivak is working in the Cameron Science and Technology library full time with duties that include acting as faculty liaison for the departments of Agriculture and Renewable Resources. She provides bibliographic instruction to first year Biology students as well as on the ProCite bibliographic management software. She also does science-specific projects that include literature searches and patent searches for faculty research and indexing for the University of Alberta Library's PolarInfo database. Her intern project involves participating in the 8Rs Canadian Library Human Resource Study, a large-scale study on the state of library human resources in Canada. The study has been surveying libraries of all levels regarding their level of preparation for the anticipated upcoming mass retirements about to hit the library sector. Data is being gathered on recruitment, retention and retirement; also such areas as job satisfaction and levels of succession planning are being investigated. Allison finds the job to be varied and multifaceted and one that has been built on knowledge gained through the MLIS program. She affirms that the Internship is a very rewarding placement.

As part of her Intern assignment, Liz L'Heureux has her time and duties split into three directions, divided between the Cameron Science and Technology Library, the Education Library and an intern project on usage data for Library Administration. Along with the core duties of providing reference services, collection development and instruction, Liz's responsibilities include acting as faculty liaison for the Department of Rural Economy and providing content development for the Web. She finds satisfaction in the wide variety of core duties, the excellent training opportunities and her involvement in interesting and important projects and research.

Kat Johnston describes the Internship Program is "an amazing opportunity that provides recent MLIS graduates with a wealth of experience." She is posted in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. She provides bibliographic instruction for English and Native Studies classes, as well as general sessions entitled "Navigating the Library". Her main intern project is with the Information Technology Services Department researching context sensitive linking technologies. The project involves reviewing the current literature, interviewing staff about the current management of electronic resources, reviewing electronic resource management products, investigating applications at other libraries, and finally making recommendations regarding the technologies. Kat concluded by saying that she finds the Internship Program to be challenging and rewarding.

Angie Mandeville is the second of the two interns to be posted at the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. She provides bibliographic instruction for English 101, a Women's Studies class and classes for new faculty members. Her collection development responsibilities included seeking out works in the Welsh literature and Christianity areas. She spent a short time this fall working with the team at the Bibliotheque Saint-Jean but has returned to HSS full time at the end of November. Her intern project involves the conversion of subject headings used in the Peel Bibliography (based on the *Canadian Thesaurus*) to Library of Congress subject headings. She also translates the LC subject term into its French equivalent using *Repertoire de Vedettes Matieres*. Angie has found the internship experience very rewarding and looks forward to the second six months of her posting.

All four of the interns have found their positions to be challenging, fascinating and rewarding. The program has provided them with opportunities for professional development and for being recipients of the formal and informal mentoring process that occurs during interactions with many of the librarians on staff. As Kat succinctly put it: "I highly recommend that recent SLIS graduates apply for the University of Alberta Academic Library Internship."

Susan Dahl LISAA Secretary-Treasurer "This year we were delighted to hear that members of the 2003 graduating class of SLIS filled all four Internship positions." Page 8 LISAA News

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## NEW FACES AT SLIS

The School of Library and Information Studies will be welcoming some new sessional instructors to the program this year, many of whom are Alumni from the School themselves. These librarians, from the University of Alberta and beyond, will bring their work experience to the classroom and teach courses in a variety of subject areas.

LISAA's own past president, Virginia Clevette, will be teaching Cataloguing and Classification this year. Sharon Farnel, Textbase Manager of the Orlando Project at the University of Alberta, will take on the required course, Organization of Knowledge and Information.

Also from the University is Ione Hooper, who will draw from her experience as Head of Reference Services at the Humanities and Social Sciences Library to teach the Reference and Information Services course. Kit Wilson, Collections Librarian for the University, will be teaching Collection Management.

Steve Joyce, a Ph.D. candidate (University of Western Ontario), will be joining the School as a Post-doctoral Fellow. He will be teaching Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibility in Librarianship.

New instructors added to the teaching roster last year were Peter Binkley, the Digital Initiatives Technology Librarian, who is co-teaching Digital Librarianship along with Kenton Good, the Web Development Librarian. Tami Oliphant, Research Librarian at Learning Services, is teaching the undergraduate course, Critical Strategies for the Information Universe.

Congratulations to all new instructors. Your practical work experience will be a valuable asset to the MLIS program!

Susan Dahl LISAA Secretary/Treasurer

## Professional Development Day Friday, February 6, 2004 "Honouring diversity in our library community"



Space is limited: RSVP today! http://www.ualberta.ca/~lissa1/pdday.htm