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**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello everyone! I am very excited to serve as LISAA president this year and I am privileged to work with such a dedicated Executive.

Our annual general meeting was held Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> in Henderson Hall. We thanked Trish Chatterley (Past-President), Kristen Holm (Communications Officer) and Julie Ruel (Student Representative) for their commitment to LISAA and their hard work. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We also thanked Lesley Beaton for her dedication as President over the past year as she moves into her new position as Past-President. We are pleased to have Alison Henry commit to another year as LISAA Treasurer.

We are excited to welcome Dale Storie as Vice-President and Martina King as Communications Officer. Bronwyn Hartman continues as an executive members as the recipient of this year's LISAA Continuing Student Scholarship. I am pleased to announce that Lori Walter is our Entering Student scholarship winner; please join me in welcoming Lori to the executive and congratulating both of our student scholarship winners.

LISAA is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We are enthusiastically planning our Annual Alumni Brunch. This year's brunch will take place on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> in Henderson Hall at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta from 11 – 1pm. We have once again secured SLIS alum Thane Chambers as caterer this year so the

food is sure to be scrumptious! At this year's brunch we are proud to present our Distinguished and Honourary Alumni Awards to two colleagues who have contributed so much to both SLIS and the library community. We look forward to having you join us to honour David Jones as the recipient of the Honourary Alumni Award and Laurel Tarulli as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

LISAA will be working with the Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA) to coordinate a gathering during the winter months in Edmonton. This gathering will replace the annual NetPub event usually co-hosted by our organizations as well as the Foothills Library Association. This new event is due to the anticipated changes to the NetSpeed Conference. Please stay tuned for more information regarding this upcoming event.

We welcome contact by all alumni. If you have an idea for an event, content for the newsletter or just want to keep in touch, please don't hesitate to contact your Alumni Association. We are always looking for ways to engage with SLIS alumni not only in Edmonton, but throughout Canada and the world. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at the Annual Brunch on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Please enjoy the newsletter and don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns. Best wishes to all of you for the upcoming year.

Heather Sentes, LISAA President

**FALL EVENTS**

For more details on these events see p.6

**CELEBRATION BRUNCH**  
Saturday, September 25th 2010  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
1st Floor, Carrel Room  
School of Library and Information Studies  
Edmonton, AB

**GELA Pub Night**  
Friday, October 8th 2010  
Ceili's  
Full Details TBA

## GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SLIS

LISAA colleagues, today—September 7<sup>th</sup>—was a watershed day for me. I had the great honor of welcoming another class of distinguished students to our most distinguished School. This ritual has been performed some 41 times previously by previous SLIS Deans/Directors. But, for me it was a first. As you all may be aware, I was recently appointed to the SLIS directorship.

And what a class it is, and what wonderful alumni they will make. Let me provide some academic demographics: 55 new students; 80 previously earned degrees, both undergraduate and graduate; and these degrees completed at 19 universities; the cohort is pan-Canadian from Newfoundland to British Columbia and has international representation. They are intimidating in their intelligence and eager in their enthusiasm. SLIS faculty and staff look forward to the year.

I take this opportunity, also, to thank the many the SLIS alumni—and friends—who sent to me expressions of congratulations on my appointment. I am proud to follow in the footsteps of all previous SLIS leadership. Hopefully I can build upon collective accomplishment and legacy; hopefully I can contribute something of value to the SLIS story; and, hopefully with my SLIS faculty colleagues and our valued alumni, friends and supporters we can chart an exciting and progressive future for SLIS.

Finally, permit me a personal perspective. Coincidentally, 42 years ago (if my aging memory is correct), in September, 1968 I was first hired by the University of Calgary Library in a part-time position. I was enrolled in graduate study at that time. My professional career began a few years later, and in this current year I celebrated my 36 years as a librarian. This next interlude of my career here at SLIS is an honor that I could hardly have imagined those many years ago. I have always believed passionately in the nurturing of future leaders in the information professions, whether serving within 'traditional' library settings or finding career place in the myriad of public or private sector opportunities afforded by the nature of the credential offered by SLIS. I consider myself lucky to now have even greater opportunity to serve our profession which has served me so very well.

In all of this, I know that I can count on the SLIS alumni. Count on me counting on you! Until then, my very best to you as you pursue your career aspirations. Regards.

Ernie Ingles,  
Vice-Provost, and  
Director, University of Alberta, School  
of Library and Information Studies



## PRESENTING LISAA'S NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS!

### DALE STORIE, VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

I am very excited to be embarking on my three year term with LISAA. I received my combined MLIS/MA (Humanities Computing) degrees from the University of Alberta in 2008. I originally hail from Regina, Saskatchewan. It was while completing my BA (English) at the University of Regina that I first found myself in the library world, employed as a page/clerk at the Regina Public Library. After graduation I moved into a library assistant position (children's programmer!) and it was then that I decided a career in librarianship was perfect.

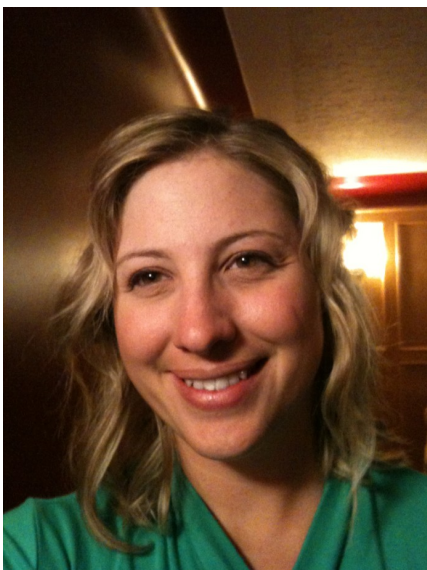
During my time at SLIS, I worked as a research assistant and as a student reference assistant at the University of Alberta, which piqued my interest in academic librarianship and research. After graduation, I was very fortunate to get an librarian internship at the U of A Health Sciences Library.

Although I had never anticipated working in a health library, it turned out to be a great experience. After my internship, I continued on there, first in a cross-appointed research position and now as Public Services Librarian. Now that I'm a couple years out, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to remain involved with SLIS and stay in contact with alumni through LISAA. Feel free to contact me at [vicepresident@lisaa.ca](mailto:vicepresident@lisaa.ca).



**Dale Storie**  
Vice-President/  
President-Elect

### MARTINA KING, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



**Martina King**  
Communications Officer

My name is Martina King and I am joining your LISAA executive as the Communications Officer. I enjoy being a part of the library community in Alberta and look forward to the opportunity LISAA events provide to get to know alumni. I received my MLIS and MA in Humanities Computing from the University of Alberta in 2009. Prior to engaging in my masters education I worked for The Alberta Library (TAL) as their Licensing Assistant. I had such a good time working with library staff at public and academic libraries around the province that I decided to join the profession.

I continue to enjoy working in libraries. Topics of professional interest include; data mapping, social catalogues, reference and readers services, reading technology, multimedia and digital literacy. Currently, I am working as the Emerging Technologies Librarian for the Edmonton Public Library. I enjoy collaborating with professionals around the province as we seek out ways to better serve library users.

My husband and I recently became first time home owners and we are very happy to call Edmonton our home. I look forward to being a part of LISAA and continuing to build professional relationships in the coming year. If you would like to get in touch with me please email me at [communications@lisaa.ca](mailto:communications@lisaa.ca).

# LISAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

## LORI WALTER, ENTERING STUDENT RECIPIENT



**Lori Walter, 1st year student representative**

My name is Lori Walter and I am a first-year student in the MLIS program at the University of Alberta. I have a BA and MA in English Literature from the University of Victoria, and I have completed further graduate work at the University of Western Ontario and University at Buffalo (SUNY).

After moving to Edmonton from Hamilton, where I was teaching at Mohawk College, I became a Library Assistant at the Centre for Reading and the Arts, Stanley A. Milner Library, Edmonton Public Library. My programming responsibilities include teaching computer one-on-one sessions, booktalking and storytelling, and assisting with the Film Forum series and the Cinema at the Centre.

Upon discovering my passion for working in the library system (I am able to gratify my love of literature, film, and teaching without all that pesky grading papers business), I decided to obtain a MLIS and pursue a career in librarianship. I am excited to be a student representative on the LISAA Executive and hope to be a part of LISAA as a future alumnus.

## BRONWYN HART, CONTINUING STUDENT RECIPIENT

I am a second year student in the MLIS program and I am delighted to be the recipient of LISAA's continuing student scholarship. I will also be continuing my role this year as a student representative on the LISAA executive.

My background is in French and translation, and specifically, my graduate research to date has focused on reference material, an area that is particularly interesting in the context of library scholarship. My love of libraries has been reinforced by my work as a Student Public Service Assistant with the Bibliothèque Saint-Jean and as a Summer Programmer with the Edmonton Public Library. I look forward to my second year as an MLIS student!

### A GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

Each year, the LISAA Executive funds a special project for either the Library School or the Library School students. You can designate funds for these special projects on your membership form, or you can donate to the Special Project fund at any time of the year!

This year, upon request by the SLIS, the funds were used to purchase signage for the building. The increased signage will help new students and visitors better navigate their way around the school.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### LIBRARIANS RUN FOR THE CURE: 7 YEARS IN AND \$120,000

By Pam Ryan

In the summer of 2004, Alberta's then Public Library Director, Punch Jackson, put out a national call for library staff and trustees to join in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure by participating on a national team. At the time, I was serving as the President of the Library of Association of Alberta and I worked with Punch to create awareness of the team and find members. This October 3rd will mark our 7th year participating as the "Librarians Run for the Cure" team.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure is Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led fundraising event dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, and education and awareness programs.

Our team has contributed to the fundraising efforts by raising just over \$120,000 in donations over the past 6 years. Our success is truly a team effort and each year we have participants from coast to coast. We have a dedicated group of Team Captains that volunteer to coordinate local logistics and organize team participation in their home run site locations. Our 2009 team had 111 members participating at 13 different run sites across Canada.



Team members don't need to be athletes or librarians.

All library staff and library supporters are welcome to join the team. Team members can walk or run the 5k or 1k course and with 56 run sites across the country, there is likely one near you. Participating alongside thousands of fellow citizens taking the time to make a difference makes the event inspiring each and every year.

*Pam Ryan is National Team Captain of the Librarians Run for the Cure team. She is a 1995 SLIS grad and is currently serving as Director, Library Services at Edmonton Public Library as a year secondment from her regular gig as Head,*

#### TO ALL SLIS GRADUATES!

Anyone else who has fond memories of their time at SLIS who would like to share their stories is more than welcome to send them to LISAA. We would also like to encourage you to send LISAA an update letting your fellow alumni know where you are and what you have been doing since you graduated from SLIS. We will try to periodically publish these stories and updates in our newsletters. Please email them to [lisaa@lisaa.ca](mailto:lisaa@lisaa.ca) or send a print copy to LISAA at:

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**LISAA EVENTS**

LISAA is happy to sponsor two social events this fall. Please join us if you are able!

**Celebration Brunch**

September 25th, 2010

11AM - 1PM

School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta in Henderson Hall

SLIS grads, current students, professors and library colleagues, please join LISAA for the 2010 Celebration Brunch. This event is sure to be enjoyable with food, friends and fun. Reconnect with former classmates, hear the latest news from the school and meet new people from the Edmonton library community. We will present the Honorary Alumni award to David Jones and the Distinguished Alumni award to Laurel Tarulli.

**GELA Pub Night**

Friday, October 8th, 2010

Ceili's Pub

The Greater Edmonton Library Association is holding a fundraiser in support of the Women's Prison Sub-Committee. LISAA is also sponsoring the event. Stay tuned for full details.

Over 1400 individuals have graduated from SLIS over the past forty years, and unfortunately the School has lost track of some of its graduates. The School's administrative staff are in the process of updating the database of graduate addresses and would like your help! If you haven't heard from SLIS in awhile, maybe you forgot to notify them the last time you moved? Please send your updated contact information to Sophia Sherman in the SLIS office at [slis@ualberta.ca](mailto:slis@ualberta.ca). Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated!



# LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Continue the Experience

### Membership Privileges:

- Develop your professional network and help fund *social events* including the Reunion Weekend Celebration Brunch, Partners' Day/Partners in Education, and the Welcome to the Profession Reception
- Support outstanding students with *donations* to scholarship and special project funds
- Honour colleagues with nominations for the *Distinguished Alumni* and *Honorary Alumni* Awards

Membership Application for: \_\_\_\_\_  **New** Membership     Membership **Renewal**  
 (Membership year)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership year: September 1 to August 31

Membership Category:     \$75 Lifetime member  
                                           \$25 Full member (One year membership) – SLIS graduate  
                                           \$15 Friend of SLIS – Non U of A SLIS graduate  
                                           \$5 Student member

In addition to my membership, I would like to make an additional gift of:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as an added contribution to the Scholarship Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards LISAA's annual fundraising project

**All memberships and gifts are eligible for a tax receipt!**

Please make cheque payable to *Library and Information Studies Alumni Association* or provide the following credit card information:

Type of Payment:     MasterCard     Visa     Cheque Enclosed

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in serving on the LISAA executive:     Yes     No

For the Distinguished Alumni Award, I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For an Honorary Membership, I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

When making an award nomination, please include on a separate sheet of paper  
 a brief description of the nominee's professional accomplishments and your reasons for nominating her/him.

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