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Issue highlights

Throughout most of *Call Number's* sixty-nine year history, it has provided news of the school and updates on the alumni with little reporting on students currently studying at UNT. In fairly recent times, however, we have included a student section in each publication which has grown to several pages, five in the last issue, but we have not focused on students in our feature or theme section of the magazine. This issue is the first to make a special effort to show our readers what outstanding professionals the College of Information is producing.

The Dean's column and a number of articles provide overviews of our student body while others include reports on individuals, 65 in all. We also have included articles about recent graduates who are in the process of establishing themselves in their careers, some already highly successful.

Our students have had a wide variety of experiences such as serving as a chemical weapons inspector in Iraq and as a story analyst/script reader for a number of movie studios including Dreamworks. One of our students is a structural engineer and a number are attorneys. One has served in the Marines and another in the Air Force during Desert Storm. There are those who come from other countries such as Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Philippines, Kosovo, Bulgaria, France, India, and Canada. Several are involved

in interesting fellowships and internships at the National Library of Medicine, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Library of Congress, University of Puerto Rico, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and the American Embassy in Rome.

Other articles in this issue cover exciting news such as the Department of Library & Information Sciences cohort grant called LEAP (Library Education for US-Affiliated Pacific) that will begin in fall 2011, articles about the new LIS Department chair and three new faculty members, and the opportunity to study abroad in summer 2011. For the Department of Learning Technologies, there is a report of the trip to Hangzhou Normal University in China in regard to a possible collaborative effort. There also are the usual sections for the Department of Learning Technologies and the Department of Library & Information Sciences containing reports on faculty, staff, and student activities, as well as alumni updates.

We also would like you to note that the College of Information magazine has gone green; you can choose to receive the *Call Number* in an electronic edition. Please see the information below for instructions.

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dean's letter



A quality education is not just evidenced by the reputation of the university, the status of the university's faculty, or even the excellence of a college's programs. A quality education is certainly enhanced by these things, but is truly evidenced by the character of its students, the diversity of their backgrounds, and the goals they bring with them to the learning experience. I am proud to say that the College of Information (COI) is consistently attracting, teaching, and graduating students of the highest caliber who spur us to continue our commitment to meet the demands required to prepare students for professions in the ever-changing field of information.

You may remember in the spring 2010 issue of the *Call Number* that the College honored seven outstanding students who all brought with them unique backgrounds, talents and interests. Besides being passionate about library and information sciences and/or learning technologies, these students came to COI with backgrounds in teaching, business, graphic de-

sign, and police work. Their goals ranged from language processing to media simulation to human resources. They expressed non-academic interests as varied as martial arts, parenthood, and motorcycle riding. They arrived with past awards, accolades, and other achievements. COI draws students who are not only intelligent and capable, but experienced and successful. COI does not draw the stereotypical student who comes to the classroom with a blank slate and singular focus on academics. COI embraces the complexity of a generation of students who are already established achievers, knowledgeable in their fields of interest, and looking for a challenging learning environment.

I am happy to say that COI is up for the challenge. Learning Technologies graduates are prepared for important responsibilities in school administration, technology coordination, web design and development, technical consulting, higher education, instructional design, and research. LIS graduates are prepared for important responsibilities in digital image management, archiving, telecommunications, distributed learning, health informatics, information organization, information systems, legal informatics, academic, public, and school librarianship, and youth services. In fact, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked COI's Health Librarianship program 3rd in the nation; two other programs, the Services for Children and Youth and the School

Library Media programs, ranked 13th and 15th respectively, and CIO ranked 17th among the graduate schools in the country.

COI had record enrollments in 2009-2010, including the LIS Houston Program, continuing cohorts in Nevada, Georgia, Virginia, California, as well as the joint cohort of South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana (SWIM). LIS also received funds to train new librarians through a distance education program in the Pacific islands. LEAP (Library Education for the U.S.- Affiliated Pacific) will provide full scholarships for 23 residents of the Pacific islands to enroll in the online MS degree program in library and information sciences.

As mentioned in Spring 2010 *Call Number*, COI is posturing for membership in the prestigious I-Caucus. Aligning with the I-Caucus's philosophy, COI realizes the importance of information in all private and professional endeavors. COI programs prepare the growing number of future information professionals to become experts in information use, information users, and the information technology that supports information use and information users.

Herman L. Totten, Dean
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V. LANE RAWLINS TO BE NOMINATED AS SOLE FINALIST FOR UNT PRESIDENCY

On November 9, 2010, UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson announced his intention to nominate V. Lane Rawlins as the sole finalist for the presidency of the University of North Texas. The nomination was presented and approved at the regularly scheduled UNT System Board of Regents meeting November 12, ending UNT's national search for a new president. Dr. Rawlins, the former president of Washington State University, has been serving a one-year interim appointment as UNT's president.

Chancellor Jackson praised the progress Rawlins has made to advance UNT along the pathway defined by the university's overall strategic and research plans. "Lane Rawlins has quickly developed an understanding of UNT's strengths and challenges, and he has impressed us all with his commitment to UNT," Jackson says. "He cares deeply about UNT's mission as a public university, and his warm, collaborative leadership style is proving to be invaluable for the university and its communities. During the last few months, people from both the university and community, including members of the

Presidential Search Advisory Committee, have encouraged us to explore the opportunity to extend Dr. Rawlins' service to UNT, and I'm pleased that he has agreed to stay with us to see his promising initiatives take shape over the next two years."

"UNT is at an exciting and pivotal point in its history, and I'm pleased to be playing a role in shaping UNT's future," said Rawlins. "I believe that my experience and commitment are a good fit for UNT at this time. This university is a place that truly values students and is committed to the challenge of becoming a national research university. We will meet our goals while preserving who we are and strengthening our traditional areas of excellence."

Following his retirement from the WSU presidency, Rawlins served from 2007 to 2009 as the interim director of the William D. Ruckelshaus Center for Conflict Resolution, a regional program of WSU and the University of Washington. Rawlins served as president of the University of Memphis from 1991 to 2000. He also served as the University of Alabama



System's vice chancellor for academic affairs, and WSU's vice provost and department chair in economics.

Rawlins has focused much of his academic research on labor economics (especially the effects of education on earnings in people's lives) and public policy. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University and a PhD in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

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COI DEGREE OFFERINGS

The Department of Library & Information Sciences and the Department of Learning Technologies each offer several programs of study. Students entering any degree offering must, of course, be admitted to UNT, and, in the case of graduate students, meet the standards required by the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies and the department concerned. Additional information on each of the offerings can be obtained from the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, available on request, or by appointment with **Toby Faber**, senior academic counselor or on line at <http://www.ci.unt.edu/>

Library & Information Sciences

Library and Information Sciences graduates are prepared for important responsibilities in digital image management, archiving, telecommunications, distributed learning, health informatics, information organization, information systems, legal informatics, academic, public, and school libraries. The department offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Science, the Master of Science, the post-master's Certificate of Advanced Study, the Doctor of Philosophy, Graduate Academic Certificate, and Graduate-level Certification in School Librarianship.



Bachelor of Science

The bachelor's degree, emphasizing general educational preparation, represents a first step in preparing students for careers as information professionals. By combining a major in information science with an area of special interest in the context of new information technologies, students may be qualified for a variety of positions in information centers, bibliographic utilities and networks, information industry companies, and specialized publishing abstracting and indexing services. Students who intend to pursue careers as information professionals should be prepared to undertake an additional year-and-a-half to two years of study to earn the master's degree which is recognized as the basic professional degree normally required for professional positions and continuing advancement in the field.

Master's Degree

The unique nature of this program is the approach to the study of information, its behavior and use, from the user's point of view. This creates a broad conceptual framework, which is developed in the core courses and further explored in courses that prepare information professionals for a number of different client settings—professional positions in information agencies in government, education, and industry. Many graduates work in public, school, and academic libraries, with the Internet, for software database producers, or as digital information managers.

The master's degree programs are offered both on campus and via the web. The core courses are provided in a unique face-to-face component called a Web Institute where students attend two four-day institutes or one nine-day institute in Denton, Houston, or several other locations to begin the program. After completing the institutes, students can finish courses online or take a combination of web-based and face-to-face courses. Program emphasis in a variety of areas are available: digital image management, distributed learning librarianship, general program of study, health informatics specialist, information organization, information systems, law librarian and legal informatics specialist, school librarianship, and youth librarianship.

Doctorate

The interdisciplinary doctoral program in information science addresses information-related problems, systems, and human behaviors regardless of disciplinary roots. Emphasis is placed on the interrelationship of economic, social, cultural, and technological aspects of an evolving information society. With the PhD degree, graduates are prepared to contribute to the advancement and evolution of the information society and may work in an information agency as an administrator, a researcher, and/or an educator.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Information Science is the largest fully interdisciplinary doctoral program in the nation and the second largest PhD program in the discipline.

LIS Certificates

Certificate of Advanced Study

The post-master's (sixth-year) program leading to a Certificate of Advanced Study is offered to those who seek further specialization in a particular aspect of library and information science. Those entering the program prepare for a level of competency beyond that provided by the master's degree.

Graduate Academic Certificates

The Graduate Academic Certificate is offered in advanced management in libraries and information agencies, storytelling, youth services, and digital content management in libraries and information settings. It is intended for two audiences: master's degreed library and information science professionals who want to develop expertise in specific areas in libraries or other settings and receive a graduate academic certificate; and bachelor's or master's degree individuals who want to develop or enhance their knowledge of specific areas in libraries or other settings by taking master's-level courses and receiving a graduate academic certificate.

Graduate-level Certification in School Librarianship

In Texas, the requirement to work as a school librarian includes: two years as a K-12 classroom teacher, a master's degree in any field, completion of an approved program in librarianship, passing score on the TExES, an exam administered by the State, and a grade of B or better on all courses in the required course sequence. The required sequence of courses required at UNT has been acceptable to meet the course requirements generally in all states.

Learning Technologies

Learning Technologies graduates are prepared for important responsibilities in school administration, technology coordinating, web design and development, technical consulting, higher education, instruction design, and research. The department offers the undergraduate Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS), Computer Education and Cognitive Systems Master's, Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Education degrees, and certificates in Career and Technical Education, Basic Corporate Training, and Advanced Corporate Training.

Undergraduate Degree

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Applied Technology and Performance Improvement (BAAS) online degree program, with a major in Applied Technology and Performance Improvement (<http://lt.unt.edu/BAAS>), consisting of 120 hours divided as follows: 42 hours in the University Core, 36 hours in an Applied Technology specialization, and 42

hours in Professional Development. Students in the BAAS degree program are preparing for careers in business, industry, government, and education. (See the article about the BAAS degree program in the spring 2010 issue of *Call Number* [<http://www.coi.unt.edu/press>]). **Dr. Jerry Wircenski** serves as Program Coordinator.

Computer Education and Cognitive Systems is available as an undergraduate minor. **Dr. Demetria Ennis-Cole** serves as Program Coordinator and CECS Undergraduate Program Advisor.

Master's Degree

The Computer Education and Cognitive Systems (CECS) Master's online program provides tracts in Instructional Design and Systems Technology (IST) or Teaching and Learning with Technology (TLT). The Master's degree program prepares students for dynamic roles in instructional systems research, technology and design, and learning technology integration. **Dr. Greg Jones** serves as Program Coordinator and **Dr. Scott Warren** as Advisor.

The Applied Technology & Performance Improvement Masters programs provide students an option of a Master of Science degree or Masters of Education degree. The Masters of Science degree is designed for those professionals who are seeking careers in the field of training and development. The Masters of Education program is designed for those who are seeking careers in the career and technical education field. Students seeking this degree program are also advised to seek Career and Technical Education Certification concurrently. **Dr. Michelle Wircenski** serves as the ATTD Master's Program Advisor.

Doctorate

The Applied Technology & Performance Improvement Doctoral program is a terminal degree program with an option of a Doctor of Philosophy or a Doctor of Education degree.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Computing within the CECS Program focuses on defining, understanding, and expanding the synergy of technology and learning/instructional systems theory. Toward the end, a successful doctoral candidate will demonstrate proficiency in both process and content areas. Currently, about 50% of graduating doctoral students are serving as assistant professors at other universities.

The Doctor of Education (EdD) is within the CECS Program and focuses on defining, understandings, and expanding the synergy of technology and learning instructional systems theory offered to prepare persons for high-level leadership roles in a variety of organizational settings. In this program, oriented to the practitioner, students apply knowledge, theory, and research results to problems in administrative practice in educational settings.

For general questions about the ATTD program contact **Dr. Jerry Wircenski**, ATTD Program Coordinator. For general questions about the CECS and ECM degrees, contact **Dr. Greg Jones**, CECS Program Coordinator.

LT Certificates

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The CTE certification is coordinated by specialized faculty in the Applied Technology, Training and Development program. The faculty can customize undergraduate or graduate programs to include Career and Technical Education teacher certification coursework. The certification areas available are:

Marketing Education



Trade and Industrial Education
Health Science Technology Education

Basic Corporate Training Certificate

The basic certificate consists of 12 hours (four courses).

Advanced Corporate Training Certificate

Upon the satisfactory completion of the basic certificate with a GPA of 3.0, students may continue toward the Advanced Corporate Training Certificate. Students must have at least a Bachelor's degree and one year of approved wage-earning experience in the area of corporate training and development. Students who do not have one year of approved wage-earning experience, a three credit hour internship is required as a prerequisite. All courses taken as part of the Basic and Advanced Corporate Training Certificate program can be utilized in the Master of Science in Applied Technology, Training & Development.

Fall 2010 Enrollment

- Overall COI fall 2010 enrollment is up 7% over fall 2009
- Department of Library & Information Sciences up 2.7%
- Department of Learning Technologies up 23.05%
- Overall COI undergraduate enrollments are up 48.8%
- Overall COI graduate enrollments are even with fall 2009

A LOOK AT A FEW LEARNING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS AND GRADUATES



Adriana D'Alba

Adriana D'Alba, LT doctoral student, is creating a 3D virtual environment for an exhibition of murals by contemporary artist and sculptor Leopoldo Flores that is on permanent display at the University Museum of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico in Toluca (UAEM). Adriana, a native of Mexico, received her undergraduate degree in graphic design from UAEM and her master's degree in 2D/3D motion graphics from the University of Glasgow. She is working with LT **Associate Professor Greg Jones** on the UAEM project.

Using Dr. Jones's software, Adriana is creating the Flores exhibit in a 3D multiuser virtual environment. She and a student in doctoral design at UAEM will later recruit students to be part of a pilot program to compare the virtual environment to the actual museum environment.

Dr. Jones recently received an award from the Joint UAEM-UNT Research Seed Funding Program for the research project, which will be the basis of Adriana's doctoral dissertation research. For additional information, see UNT News Services release at <http://web3.unt.edu/news/story.cfm?story=11908/>

David Adriansen, who received the EdD in 2005, retired from active duty with the U.S. Air Force in 1998, and returned to the U.S. Air Force Reserve after 9/11. He retired November 1, 2010 with 33 years of military service. Since 2003, he has worked for the Minneapolis VA Medical Center and held positions as the CPR Program Manager, American Heart Association Community Training Center Coordinator, and Emergency Manager for 330-bed facility. In December, he will assume a newly created position as the Minneapolis VA Simulation Center Manager and the VA Midwest Region Simulation Consultant, driving multi-disciplined simulation training initiatives within eight VA

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ATPI DOCTORAL STUDENTS RESEARCH GROUP

The Applied Technology & Performance Improvement (ATPI) Doctoral Research Group formed to collaborate and support graduate course work, conference presentations, publication development, and professional development during their ATPI Doctoral Program and beyond graduation. Their goals are to: connect during weekly meetings to discuss current projects, proposals, and general updates; share information and resources from the professional field; engage in professional development workshops, sessions, conferences, and activities; collaborative team wiki workspace and shared writing projects in Google Docs; edit and review current submissions – proposals, papers, conference proceedings, and final publications; and support and learn from one another during the doctoral program. They are currently working on: Sustainability and Organizational Innovation and Learning and Performance Innovation. The group includes the following doctoral students.



Mariya Gavrilova-Aguilar

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From: Sofia, Bulgaria

Expected graduation: May 2013

Career objectives: university professor; training & development manager consultant; non-profit owner

Research interests: exploring organizational diversity and organizational creativity; conducting evaluation studies and development HRD assessment instruments



Laura Pasquini

Laura Pasquini

From: Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Expected graduation: May 2013

Career objectives: educational leadership in higher education and/or faculty; consultant; instructional designer

Research interests: studying the effects and impacts of social media and open source learning in higher education; curriculum design and student development.



Pamela Scott-Bracey

Pamela Scott-Bracey

From: Yazoo City, MS

Expected graduation: summer 2011

Career objectives: university professor, in addition to serving as a performance improvement consultant for non-profit organizations

Research interests: career and technical education; gifted education; professional development



Ashwini Joshua

Ashwini Joshua

From: Mumbai, India

Expected graduation: May 2012

Career objectives: university instructor; consultant; T&D/performance improvement specialist

Research interests: cross cultural research in training and expatriates; performance improvement, and training evaluation



Denise Philpot

Denise Philpot

From: Flower Mound, TX

Career objectives: university professor; HR/T&D consultant

Research interests: adult learning and performance improvement; human performance technology and how learning outcomes are measured against desired goals and organizational objectives; teacher quality/instruction/mentoring/

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Medical Centers in the Midwest. David's dissertation Workplace Violence Prevention Training: An Analysis of Employees Attitudes, was published by VDM Verlag Publishers and translated into three languages.

Paul Burton, who holds the PhD in Applied Technology and Performance Improvement, works at Raytheon Company, Plano, TX, where he serves in multiple roles including training manager, project manager, organizational change manager, and Six Sigma Consultant. (Six Sigma is a business management strategy that seeks to improve the quality of process output by identifying and removing causes of errors and minimizing variability in manufacturing and business processes.) His activities focus on information technology and working with key departments across the country to deploy critical software systems.

Since receiving his PhD in 2000, **Bob Catino** has served as president of Spectrum Education & Technology Company, a Texas-based consulting firm with international clients and others within the southwest region of the United States. He is a specialist in computer-based and web-based training and education for engineering applications in health care, banking/finance, and defense. Bob has written for *International Living* on the topic of utilizing distance education and alternative educational programs to educate expatriate students. He is a frequent traveler to the Caribbean and Mexico.



Mitzi Lewis

Mitzi Lewis, who is employed in the mass communication office at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, is working on her dissertation. ATPI is her minor. "If you are looking for a program where you can apply what you learn to the real world while you are learning it, then this program is for you," she says. "The program is excellent." Through this association program, she also has had opportunities to collaborate (and publish) with instructors.



Linda Robinson

Linda Robinson, a professor in the Weatherford (TX) College Business and Computer Information Systems Department, received the EdD in Applied Technology, Training and Development in 2002. She also serves as an adjunct professor for the Learning Technologies Department. Since graduation, Linda says she has been busy starting her family and now has three children, including a new baby boy born on February 5, 2010.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES PROGRAMS AND COHORTS

PROGRAM

Houston

The Houston Program, which has graduated several hundred students since it began in 1992, has included many highly successful and interesting students over the years. (See also article on the Houston Program p. 16) A few of the current students are named below:

Heather Bostian, who goes by the name Boston Bostian because she has lived in that location for ten years, has served in the Marines.

She has a great passion for gender studies, which lead her to believe that she would like to be a subject specialist in gay/lesbian studies, gender studies,



Heather "Boston" Bostian

and/or women's studies at the university level. She is currently considering a concentration in the area after completing the LIS program. At present, Boston is collaborating on a project titled *the GENDER book* (<http://www.thegenderbook.com>) where she serves as the writer, researcher, and interviewer on the subject. She also volunteers at the Transgender Foundation of America in Houston, TX, cataloging the many artifacts of TG history, which are housed at the Transgender Center in Houston.

Veronica Garza, who is nearing completion of the degree, works for the Harris County (TX) Public Library as an administrative assistant in the eBranch and Marketing Department. She frequently contributes to the library's blog promoting major events and highlighting new titles added to the catalog, especially graphic novels, one of her passions. She edits photographs taken at the library's branches and combines them for slideshows commemorating Summer Reading Programs or Years in Review and manages the library's profiles on Facebook and twitter.

Veronica received an undergraduate degree at UNT where she reports that she studied in the library almost daily. When she finished her degree and was out of a job, she frequented her local public library. "It finally dawned on me to consider working at a library since I like to spend so much time there," she says. She started as a circulation assistant at Houston Public Library and volunteered at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston/ Hirsch Library.

Mira Washington, an associate planner for the City of Houston, works with neighborhoods providing technical assistance to groups as they move their projects through the city bureaucracy, offering www.coi.unt.edu



Mira Washington

maps, data analysis, and research on other projects. Often the tasks involve researching new developments in neighborhoods; processing applications related to yard parking, building setback, and lot size as directed by city ordinance; and providing grant analysis from the Neighborhood Matching

Grant Program. She often goes door to door helping to identify neighbors needing home repair or health care assistance. In addition, Mira works part-time at a community college library. "I really like working in college libraries and it was here at the community college that I decided to make a career change," she says.

COHORTS

California

The UNT and California State University, Northridge cohort consisting of approximately 50 students who began study in fall 2009, has a very active student association that sponsors many worthwhile activities. For example, they had over 65 in attendance at their recent All School Day event, and have an impressive roster of speakers for future events. There are many outstanding students including the five named below:

Kate Aaronson, who has served as a messenger clerk for the Los Angeles Public Library for almost two years, took part in the Los Angeles Public Library Reference Institute program that provided training and allowed her to work reference shifts at local branch libraries. She reports that she "is absolutely loving" the UNT/CSUN program. "The cohort is supportive and it is so great having local connections in the L.A. area." Kate is a member of ALA and SLA and enjoys going to the wonderful events that her local LISSA and SLA chapters host.

Prior to enrolling in the program, **Paul Birchall** worked for about 15 years as a story analyst or script reader for a number of movie studios, including Sony Pictures, MGM, Dreamworks, and CAA. He describes a script reader as a person in the studio's story department who reads all screenplays submitted and then offers a report that tells the producers whether or not they should purchase the material for movie production.



Paul Birchall

"I've read tons of stuff that later showed up as movies," he says, "though few that would be considered memorable (unless you include Harry Potter, which I did first coverage on, albeit not for the studio that bought and made it)." He also is a theater critic for the *LA Reader*, *Backstage West*, and *Citybeat LA*.

Elizabeth Marshall is a licensed attorney and has also worked as a software sales manager. She has always

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loved books and aspires to be a published novelist. Elizabeth thought that she should work where she is happiest, so she decided to become a librarian. She chose UNT/CSUN because the program offers the best of both worlds. The live institutes allowed her to get to know her professors and classmates, offering an "on-campus feeling," while taking the classes on-line allowed her to be a mom to her four young children (three of which are triplets) and work.

Grace Rosales is a reference librarian at a large law firm in Los Angeles. She obtained her J.D. from Whittier Law School, paralegal degree from UCLA, and BA degree in speech communication from California State University, Long Beach. In the cohort program, she is pursuing the Advanced Management Certificate and the Legal Information specialty in order to someday become a manager or director. She is founder and president of the UNT/CSUN SLA Student Chapter and is active in the Special Libraries Association and the American Association of Law Libraries at the local and national levels. She is the recipient of the SCALL Scholarship, AALL & Thomson West/George A. Strait Minority Scholarship, AALL Educational Scholarship, SLA Travel Grant Recipient – Legal Division, PLL Travel Grant, PLL Summit Grant and is a TRIPLL Conference Invitee.



Grace Rosales

Shawn Stamm has always had an interest in people, libraries, and research. His 15 years as a minister have given him an opportunity to indulge in all three of these areas. A few years ago, Shawn saw an opportunity to change his career to become a librarian and jumped at it. Shawn says that his favorite library is at Westminster Abby. When asking someone who worked there questions about the Abby, he was offered a private tour. Who knows but that someday Shawn might have the opportunity to serve as an archivist there.

Veronica Silva has been a paraprofessional in the library field for nine years. During that time, her passion for libraries has immensely increased, and she would like to serve libraries more than she is currently capable of doing. The opportunity presented itself when UNT held a presentation at her local library about its library science program. "The courses available in the curriculum felt like being in a candy store," she says. She was impressed with the structure of the program, along with its variety of graduate academic certificates it had to offer. Veronica knew this program was the best for her education and professional development.

Georgia

A celebration honoring those completing the master's program in summer 2010, along with those who graduated in December 2009 and May 2010, was held on August 21, 2010 at the Robert Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center. The second cohort began with an institute in September 2010, also held at the Robert Woodruff Library. The graduating class



included a number of outstanding students, such as the group named below:

Allison Badger, who came to the Georgia cohort from Montana, worked as a historian for the Heritage Research Center, an information brokerage firm focusing on industrial and environmental issues, based in Missoula, MT. Typically, Heritage sought documents that either confirmed a company had polluted the area or demonstrated someone else did the polluting. Allison conducted research in a variety of institutions such as National Archives, city, state, and federal agencies, historical societies, and state archives.

Shortly after graduation, **Roylee Cummings** started his new job as a reference librarian at the Robert



Roylee Cummings

W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, a consortium of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). His primary assignment is in computer science and music, but he also serves as back-up librarian for mass media arts and mathematics. After he is settled in his job, he will conduct library instruction, workshops, and other programming and outreach activities. Roylee was an invited speaker at the North Georgia Associated Librarians meeting in October where he addressed the topic "Increasing Your Online Magnitude: Stellar Tips for Gaining Usability of Your Library's Website."

Chris Pollette is an editor with *How Stuff Works.com*, which is a part of Discovery Communications. In



Chris Pollette

addition to his role editing technology-related articles for the website, he also cohosts the TechStuff podcast and co-writes the TechStuff weblog for *HowStuffWorks.com*. On September 5, he appeared with several fellow podcasters on a panel at Dragon*Con, a science fiction and fantasy convention held in Atlanta, to share their experiences as podcasters and to discuss how they create their show. He has been working as a website editor for almost five years and hopes to put into practice the information sciences knowledge he learned at UNT.

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Teneka Taylor is currently employed by the Georgia Public Libraries for Statewide Accessible Services, where she began in 2005 as a part time assistant working in Blind and Visually Impaired Services. She reports that she has loved every minute of the UNT program. "The degree coupled with my work has given hands on library experience and armed me with amazing knowledge to build and work in the 21st century library," she says. "In the future I would definitely like to work as a library administrator in development. With the new technologies emerging, libraries have to make tough decisions that impact the community they serve and I hope to be a leader in the state of Georgia." Teneka holds a BA in English from Georgia State University.



Teneka Taylor

Las Vegas

In 2001, the school formed a partnership with the University of Nevada Las Vegas and began the first Nevada cohort in 2002. A second cohort, supported with student grants awarded by the Institute for Museums and Library Services (IMLS) began in 2003, in collaboration with the Las Vegas/Clark County Library District and the University of Nevada Las Vegas Libraries. The third and fourth cohorts, started in 2007 and 2009 respectively, were supported with student grants from the Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program. The 5th Las Vegas cohort, 2009-2011, includes some 55 students who are attending without grant support. The group consists of more students from Utah than from Nevada. The Institute for the current group was held at Utah Valley University, Oren, UT in August 2009. The Las Vegas cohort has had many outstanding students and graduates over the years, a few of which are listed below:

Misty Allen graduated from the Las Vegas program in 2008 and is currently Interlibrary Loan/Media/Reserve Coordinator at Weber State University, where she has worked for almost 14 years. She felt that the online program was a good fit for her "because I wasn't tied to a chair and could do my assignments anywhere at any time."

Rae Baumgartner, is a professional engineer currently working with Sierra Consulting Structural Engineers in Las Vegas. Rae, who had worked in libraries in junior high, high school, and college with great enjoyment, pursued the engineering route in college. After six months working in the field, "the inner joy" won out, resulting in enrollment in the Las Vegas cohort with a view toward working in an academic engineering library.

Salvador (Sonny) Dulfio, who received the MS in 2006, reports that he loved the program and was grateful that UNT paved the way for him to fulfill his goal. "I believe **Dr. Chandler** and **Dr. Turner** were truly inspirational leaders of the program," he says. "I owe my degree to these people and all those who



Salvador Dulfio

helped me achieve a great education." Sonny, head of cataloging at Weber State University, Ogden, UT, immigrated with his family to the U.S. from the Philippines. He grew up in Hawaii and received the BA from Brigham Young University-Hawaii. He currently is pursuing the MBA/MHA degree at Weber.

Minnesota

The first Minnesota cohort was offered in 1999 when the school entered into an agreement with St. Cloud State University. The second and third cohorts were launched in 2001 and 2004 respectively when agreements were made with the University of Minnesota Law Library.

Some 80 students received their degrees from the three groups, including ones listed below:

Valerie Aggerbeck, who was born and raised in Athis-Mons, a small suburb of Paris (her mother is French, father is American), came to the U.S. in 1998 to attend St. Olaf College followed by the law school at Minnesota Law School and the Minnesota library & information science program (MS '07). Her first position was at the St. Paul (MN) branch of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Library. Since 2008, she has been a research librarian and adjunct professor of law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, where she teaches legal research to law students and helps professors and students with their research needs. She works closely with the professors who specialize in international law and the immigration clinic.

June Engel, a graduate of the last Minnesota Cohort (2008), is currently manager for the Imperial Beach Branch of the San Diego (CA) County Library. After working 25 years in staff positions at the Corona Public Library (CA), she decided to earn the professional degree. It took three years, while working full time. Two years ago, a couple of months before she actually graduated, June was recruited at the Minnesota Public Library conference for her current position as a branch manager. "My life here at the Imperial Beach Branch Library has been quite an adventure," she reports. "I am working with an unbelievable talented and dedicated staff. Our library circulation and program statistics have risen 60% in the past two years."



June Engel

June has received state and county community service awards for her work with the South Bay Community Change Project. The Chamber of Commerce recently awarded her a Certificate of Merit for her work with the City of Imperial Beach. She was selected as a fellow in the California State Library's 2010 Eureka! Leadership Institute, a week-long event that took place in September 2010.

Mary Freyberg, a 2005 graduate, is manager of the Scott County (MN) Law Library, where she worked

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a few hours a week prior to deciding to return to school in order to seek the professional degree. "I was a little nervous that on-line learning wouldn't match up to my on-campus experience (25 years earlier), but online proved to be even better," she says. After graduation, she increased her hours to 25. When the manager moved on a couple of years later, Mary was asked to run the library.

Mary has had several great opportunities since graduation. She did her Capstone Project on law library web pages which enabled her to create the first Scott County Law Library web pages. She was chosen to become a member of the Statewide Law Library/Self-Help Center Project Workgroup that produced a report titled "Best Practices, Standards and Recommendations to the Judiciary." One of the outcomes of the recommendations is the Self-Help Kiosk that provides instructions, court forms, phone links to attorneys who will assist with filling out forms, etc., now available in over 70 counties in Minnesota. The activities of the Workgroup have resulted in a number of other innovations.

Mary reports that when she first began working at the law library eight years ago, average usage was six to eight people a day, mostly attorneys. "Yesterday, I saw 66 people, and only 12 were attorneys," she reports. "Law libraries are changing and the services that we offer are changing as well. Law libraries are more vital than ever in offering access to justice."

South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana (SWIM)

SWIM, which the state libraries in each state put together because of need, began in fall 2010 with 35 funded students and 31 who were unfunded. The opening institute was held at the University of Missouri, Missoula. **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** and the state libraries involved in the project were able to recruit some interesting students for the program, a few of which are named below:

Matt Beckstrom, who lives in Helena, MT and works at the Lewis & Clark Public Library as a technology manager, holds a Bachelor's degree in applied science with an emphasis on information technology and management from Montana State University Billings. He says that when he realized that his background in technology and the future of libraries were merging, he decided to "become more involved in the library side of the organization." When the SWIM cohort became available, he applied for and received a grant to attend the program. He hopes to find a library position in technology or management.

Dana Kopp, librarian, The Learning Center, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, MT, began working at the hospital as a library technician (2001-08), before moving up to her

current position. The Learning Center brought a number of departments together, not only the library, but those involved in clinical education, staff education, physician education, as well as some members of the outreach staff. She is a participant in a number of committees and the Professional Development Council. She is working to build her library from a local to a regional resource, providing service for all levels of need, especially in rural areas. Dana, her husband and daughters (ages two and six), own 11 horses, 50 cows, three dogs, two cats, and a fish that lives in their stock tank. They play cowboy polo, trail ride, work the cows, hunt, and play some o-mok-see games on occasion.

Sabina Mustic was born in Bosanski Novi, Bosnia and Herzegovina, but because of the war in former Yugoslavia, immigrated with her family to Germany when she was eight years old. After about seven and a half years, the family came to the United States, settling in Sioux Falls, SD. Sabina, who attended high school there and graduated from the University of South Dakota, worked at a medical library throughout high school and college. She is currently working in the public library where she reports that she enjoys working with different groups of people and different age levels. When she learned about the SWIM scholarship program, she decided to apply. "I feel very fortunate to have been selected as one of the SWIM scholars. It is truly an honor," she says. After graduation she hopes to work in an academic library.

Elizabeth Walker, who had a work-study position at Boise State University library as an undergraduate, began to consider a career in librarianship after the first semester. After completing her degree in English literature and writing, she entered the SWIM program. She is currently working with the institutional repository at the university where she has become interested in technology. She is focusing on the academic libraries area with an emphasis on digital work. "I feel very lucky to be part of this cohort," she says. "Everyone is so wonderful, students and faculty alike."

Virginia



Commencement exercises for the first Virginia cohort, which began in August 2008, were held August 1, 2010 at the James Madison University Festival Center with more than 200 family and friends in attendance. Cynthia Church, Library of Virginia, served

as convocation speaker and **Megan Hodge** was student speaker. LIS faculty members in attendance included **Dr. Philip Turner**, cohort director, who awarded diplomas to the 38 students and **Dr. Yunfei Du**, who hooded the graduates. The second Virginia cohort began in fall 2010 with 25 students.

On October 21, 2010, during the Virginia Library Association conference, a reception was held for Virginia area alumni and students at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Conference Center, Portsmouth, VA. Some graduates of the first cohort are busy with professional activities:



Vikki Curtis

Vikki Curtis, a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law, practiced law for 16 years. Since much of her life has included working in academic, law, and other libraries, that seemed a natural place for her to be. For the past 14 years, she has served in school

libraries and is currently the assistant librarian at Trinity Episcopal School in Richmond, VA. She also teaches IB Environmental Systems & Societies to high school juniors and seniors. "The UNT program offered me the opportunity to develop my skills as a librarian and a teacher and to learn more about the process of online teaching and learning while learning about the current issues in information," she says. "I am glad to have attended library school more recently because the world of information science has changed so drastically. My interests are in continuing to learn about the process of organizing this increasing body of electronic information so that it is accessible and useful to people."

Megan Hodge, circulation supervisor for



Megan Hodge

Randolph-Macon College McGraw-Page Library in Ashland, VA, is seeking a professional position in reference/instruction, access services, or outreach at an academic library. She currently serves as a reference librarian for

the collaborative virtual reference service My Info Quest, as chair of NMRT's Nominating Committee, and as a book reviewer for *Library Journal*. She has been selected as one of the ALA Emerging Leaders for 2011; she is sponsored by the New Members Round Table. Eventually, Megan would like to receive a Fulbright or similar grant to help set up a library in a foreign country and to earn a doctorate in library science in order to become a professor or library manager.

Deborah (Debbie) Sweeney says that her purpose in pursuing the MS in Library & Information Science was two-fold, to gain

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formal education in public library service to combine with her years of library experience, and to secure her current position as assistant director of Augusta County (VA) Library. She had worked in libraries from junior high through college, but followed other pursuits for a number of years. In one position she received training and became certified as a TV and VCR repair technician. In 1993, she returned to libraries when she began working as director/coordinator of the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center's Family Resource/Education Center, a special library in the Center's hospital wing that provided resources and information to survivors of stroke, head and spinal cord injury and their families.

Five years later, she was hired at August County Library in an assistant position where she was responsible for creating and maintaining the library's webpage. This position allowed her to meld her experience, training and talents with technology and her desire to serve others through library work. When she obtained the position of assistant director, it was with the understanding that she would complete the library degree within four years. The Virginia cohort program gave her the opportunity to do so. "Working through the MLIS degree program at this time has given me a fresh perspective and the latest tools to better enable

me to critically assess my library's role and to better aid my director in making wise choices concerning our library's future," she says.

Earlier cohorts:

In 2004, the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) awarded the school a grant to recruit 20 bilingual students to complete the master's degrees online. The program was designed to help alleviate the problem of unfilled professional positions in both academic and public libraries along the Texas and New Mexico border. Program fellows served as professionals in training and received monetary support and other benefits in partner libraries located in cities along the 1,300 Rio Grande River bordering the two states. Most students in the cohort received the MS degree in 2006 with several completing the degree at a later time.

The school received a grant in 2004 from IMLS to support students in the Interdisciplinary Information Science Doctoral Program, half of the cohort to focus on students in school media and half on students in public libraries. Together with matching contributions from the school, funding covered two years tuition, travel to campus, and digital connectivity for students in this unique distance-independent education experience. In 2005, the school received an additional cohort grant with the same focus as the 2004 grant.

Spring 2010

The Department of Library & Information Sciences

granted 146 degrees in spring 2010, 2 bachelor's, 141 master's, 3 PhDs. The Department of Learning Technologies granted 40 degrees, 22 bachelor's, 13 master's, and 5 PhDs.

LIS Bachelors

Chloé Suzanne Kirk, Marian Elizabeth Silva

LIS Masters

Jasmine Africawala, Heather Denise Aston, Robert Ayala, Justine Basha, Sharon Ann Bass, Melanie Baucom, Amy Rayner Beatty, Vilma Betancourt – Garcia, Katy Ann Bleyle, Jody Kraemer Braswell, Julie Marie Lozano Brooks, Damian Michael Brum, Barbara Jazabel Caraballo, Candace Cathey, Jessica Champion, Christy Chiu-Yu Chang, Kristi Gee Childers, Dacia Elise Clay, Amanda Maree Cobb, Elanore Crystal Cornell, Stephanie Costa, Elaine Parker Cressionie, Marissa Lynne Criswell, Emily Gayle Dansby, Sofia Anjanette Darcy, Charlie Jack Dean, Glenn Randall Deering, Cynthia Leeth Dinneen, Jenelle Peters Drymalla, Courtney R. Drysdale, Kathleen Marie Dziminski, Sara Elizabeth Easley, Jaime Lee Eastman, Jamie Beth Eikenberry, Maristella Johanna Feustle, Lana Susanne Fleenor, Sophia J. Delgado Flores, Julie Michele Ford, Cayla Gamwell, Veronica Turner Garcia, Evelyn Jane Gavin, Teresa Gonzalez, Lori Gouner, Darrin Mathue Graham, Michelle Renee Greer, LaDonna Rena Haney, Alice Kathleen Harrigan, Meagan Hubbard Heckmann, Stormye M. Hendrix, Kathryn Jane Johnson, Amber Elizabeth Kennedy, Kimberly Ann Knief, Ryan Charles Knudson, Nancy Jo Ann Lambert, Britny Lorn LaMunyon, Daniel Scott Le, Kim Thien Le, Pamela Jean Leslie, Pamela Christine Lira, Amanda Lopez, Olga Maria López, Nathan William Lott, Ashley Camille Mackfield, Jennifer Elisa Mann, Traci Annette Marlowe, Shae Nel Martinez, Sally Elizabeth McConathy, Stephen Andrew McFall, Lori Shannon Mears, John Henry Melton, Mona Alane Mendoza, Kimberley Jo Miller, Alicia Montgomery, Michelle Angelic Moore, Suzanne Faith Moore, Lolita Rodriguez Mora, Kim Elizabeth Morgan-Benson, Shaneka Morris, Andrea Eleanor Mott, Jennifer Ann Murphy, Christine T. Nguyen Nelson, Dorene Patricia Nichols, Jose Noriega, Tonya DeAnn Oliver, Cecilia Annette Paez, Mark Lind Parker, Kelly Jean Patton, Joy Marie Perrin,

LIS RECEIVES GRANT FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS COHORT

The Department of Library & Information Sciences will provide full scholarships for 23 residents of the Pacific Islands to enroll in its online master's degree program. The goal of the program, called LEAP (Library Education for the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific), is to increase the number and diversity of degreed library professionals for the islands. The grant, amounting to almost \$1 million, was awarded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

During the 2010-11 academic year, students for the master's degree program will be recruited from American Samoa; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Federated States of Micronesia, comprised of the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap; Guam; the Republic of



the Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau. Students will begin the program in August 2011 by attending a nine-day Web Institute class held at the College of Micronesia in Palikar, Pohnpel State. During two years, students will take online courses

to complete the 36 hours required for the master's degree. They will also visit libraries in Pohnpei and attend professional development workshops before graduating in August 2013.

Dr. Yvonne Chandler, LIS associate professor, and **Beth Avery**, UNT Libraries, will serve as co-directors of LEAP.



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Sara Lynn Pope, Fred Ramón Porta, Ashley Jade Preston, Jennifer Ramirez, Cynthia Otagan Ramos, Joanie Racheal Ramos, Kallie Lane Rearden, Cheri Trinette Paul Rios, Barbara Ann Rivas, Ruby Natasha Robinson, Jennifer Lynn Rodman, Rosa Anna Rogers, Jo Anne Romero-Huerta, Roger Chris Rose, Mark Harding Salas, Kelli Elizabeth Sanders, Julie Marie Sarpy, Kelli Schuessler, Deborah J. Sellars, Lisa Sharbaugh, Kristen Nichole Sharp, Theresa Marie Sims, Aaron Michael Smith, Donna Sprunger, Kristi Johnson Starr, Robin Magers Stauber, Elizabeth A. Stearns, Angela D. Strait, Matthew Eric Strauss, Nikki Leanne Stroud, Geri Denise Swanzy, Gita P. Thamban, R. Verone Thompson, Megan Constance Treseder, Sandra Lynette Turner, Janet Stiles Tyson, Suzanne M. Valencia, Laura Northern Venhaus, Rowena Raquero Verdin, Jennifer Lynn Weber, Minda Dawn Wessman, Karen Elizabeth West, Susan Elizabeth Wheeler, Deena Lynne White, Kathleen G. White, Eric Glen Willman, Linda Suzanne Willmann, Johnathan Wilson, Steven Wilson, Christopher Drew Woodward, Leighanne Booth Young, Katrina Lee-Ramiller Zannier, Celeste Zygmunt

LIS PhD

Rebecca Dawn Baker, Mehmet Demircioglu, Serkan Tatil

LT Bachelors

Dorian F. Cazar, Caleb Austin Eaton, Rossana Eichman, Jeff Elliott Emerson, Patricia Ann Graham, Robert John Gutierrez, Brigid Leigh Havens, Drew L. Herley, Jason Andrew, Kelley Morgan Beth Lugo, Loren Patrick Marvin, Autumn Dawn Mitchell, April Nunez, Nicholas William Nurge, Latarsha R. Parker, Suzanne Ray, Carolyn Jean Ross, Nekita C. Sisk, Nancy June Smith, Katie Lyn Vitellaro, Sharica S. Walker, Monalin Jeanette Williams.

LT Master's

Michele M. Boerder, Shelley Kristine Farmer, Ronald William Forhan, Charlotte Gwenn Garrett, Jennifer Gause-Prestridge, Mariya Cvetanova Gavrilova, Scott Dwain Lindsey, Jelcher McGee, Becky Sides Miller, Sherrie Noel Orr, Kayla Rashelle Thedford Sappington, Tobi Barr Vanstory, Jenny Wakefield

LT PhD

Nancy Lynne Cox, Zenghan Lee, Tip M.A. Robertson, Joanna Gresham Shaw

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Langston Bates, who serves as a teaching assistant



Langston Bates

under **Dr. Yvonne Chandler**, holds a Bachelor of Musical Arts and a Master of Music, both within the field of electroacoustic music composition. When he graduates in May 2011, he hopes to enter the profession as a music librarian. Langston was selected as an Association of Research Libraries 2009-2011 Diversity Scholar which included a stipend award of \$10,000, paid membership in one of the ethnic causes of ALA, a designated mentor in the field, and participation in the ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce program. In January 2010 the group of scholars attended the annual ARL Leadership Symposium where they attended a variety of professional development seminars and were able to network with administrators and experts from research libraries. In April, 2010, the group traveled to Purdue University. Langston reports that as a teaching assistant, he has gained experience in information literacy instruction, grant research, and web design, among other skills. He also has been able to visit and assist with the distance learning cohorts in Utah, Georgia, and Montana.

Daniel Fiorito, who spent 15 years dedicated to non-proliferations efforts, was a chemical weapons inspector under the United Nations Monitoring, Verification, Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)



Daniel Fiorito

from November 2002 through February 2003. He was selected as one of 33 chemical weapons experts, chosen from a pool of international prospects, to serve as an inspector within Iraq. He was subsequently chosen to serve with the Iraq Survey Groups (ISG) as a subject matter expert in chemistry. After serving six months in Iraq (April through October 2005), he was selected to head Information Evaluation for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), an international treaty care taking organization based in The Hague, Netherlands. After three years serving the OPCW, he began training certain domestic entities on signature identification related to WMD. He once lived on a tropical island 852 miles SW of Hawaii (a 50 square mile area) for a year assisting the U.S. destroy WWII munitions filled with chemical warfare agents. Daniel, who studies French in Nice, Montpelier, and Paris as a young man, holds the BS degree from Westminster College, the MA from Leiden University, Nederland.



Quintin Fox

Quintin Fox, who will receive the MS in December, holds an undergraduate degree in mass communication from the University of South Alabama. He has worked in public library children's

departments since he was a sophomore in high school, where he finds interaction with children enjoyable and interesting. Quintin enjoys reading and writing short stories and poems and would like to spend more time sightseeing and studying the night skies, but his course work does not permit him to pursue these interests.

Angela Green currently lives in Doha, Qatar, a tiny country next to Saudi Arabia, where she works in the library at Texas A&M University in Qatar (TAMUQ) as a cataloger and public service desk supervisor. Her library is part of Education City, a campus that contains six universities each teaching a different discipline. TAMUQ teaches four engineering disciplines: chemical, electrical, mechanical, and petroleum. Angela has lived and worked there for two and a half years.

Sonya Ritchie came into the medical library



Sonya Ritchie

profession after years of searching for her niche. She has been in the health care field for about 22 years, starting in the Air Force as a medical services specialist serving during Desert Storm. She has worked as a hospital administrator and is currently serving as an ophthalmic technician. "I love to do research and help others locate information," she says. "I realized that being a medical librarian is where I need to be. It is my passion! I am excited about embarking on this new adventure."

Ahmet "Meti" Tmava who is from Kosovo, has just completed the master's degree in information science and is now enrolled in two PhD courses. He is currently working as a graduate library assistant in the UNT Libraries Government Documents Department; he previously worked as a graduate library assistant in reference and as a research/academic assistant for **Dr. Ana Cleveland**. In his home country, after the war, he worked for the United Nations Civilian Police as a language and administrative assistant/translator for three and a half years (1999-2003). "I translated in one-on-one interaction (in different environments), in meetings, law enforcement documents, and other matters," he says.

Eric Upchuch worked at the UT Southwestern



Eric Upchuch

Medical Center Library for ten years, starting out as a PC tech and ending as a systems administrator. Along the way, he was involved in implementing the Illiad system for ILL operations, implementing Microsoft Office SharePoint for staff and management workflow, replacing an ailing ad offline copy card system with a networked solution by Blackboard, and serving as project manager for the library's participation in the Texas digital library. Currently, he is a storage area network and virtualization administrator/architect for the cardiology division at UT Southwestern. He reports that he basically runs technology projects such as SAN replacement, SharePoint development, desktop presentation and server virtualization, and centralized PC management applications.

STUDENTS AND GRADUATES DOING INTERESTING THINGS

INTERNSHIPS/ PRACTICUMS

Kristen Burgess, who specialized in health informatics, is a 2010-11 Associate Fellow at the National Library of Medicine. She received her BA in international studies from Emory University during which time she studied in France and interned at a primary school and health clinic in Uganda. While completing



Kristen Burgess

her masters, Kristen worked as a senior administrator at KDH Research & Communications, a public health and public policy research institute. During that time she also interned with the MetaArchive Cooperative and the Morehouse School of Medicine Library in Atlanta and volunteered in the Family Library and the Inman Medical Library at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Eggleston.

Letrice Davis (LIS student) spent ten weeks in Washington, D.C. during summer 2010 as intern with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Summer Transportation Internship for Diverse Groups (STIPDG). She was assigned to the National Transportation Library (NTL) as the user experience intern. Her original responsibilities were to assist in conducting usability and other assessments of NTL web applications and web sites. Since the library is trying to overhaul its current website, her major responsibility became a website re-design. As such, she analyzed user input, provided recommendations for improvement to NTL tools/services, and identified new opportunities for NTL products and services. At the end of the internship, she presented a mock-up of how the new homepage would look as well as an explanation for why the change was needed. Once the site is up and running she will have completed her usability study. The NTL director also gave her an opportunity to do some cataloging with three different catalogers in OCLC copy cataloging, Dublin core cataloging in the NTL workroom, and Authority Control work.



Letrice Davis

"The most surprising thing about this internship," she says, "was how serious they took the work of the interns. The assignments given to us were more than just busy work. In meetings, I was able to do more than just observe. They actually wanted opinions and ideas and took what was said into consideration." She also was able to attend an ALA conference with the DOT librarians. "They knew so many different people in the field it was an amazing networking

experience," she reports.

Jami Judge (LIS MS '08), who is currently a moving image processing technician for the Library of Congress at the Packard Center for Audio Visual Conservation in Culpepper, VA, became interested in the area when she interned at CNN's Washington, D.C. bureau library in 2007. While at CNN, she became interested in moving image archiving and reports that she "learned an incredible amount about news librarianship and moving image archiving, everything from the amount of research that goes into television news stories to the challenges of cataloging news footage." After completing the internship, she remained in Washington and worked as a taxonomy engineer for Smartbrief.com while completing her degree, which she had begun with the Nevada cohort in the fall of 2006. She started her job for the Library of Congress in June 2009.



Jami Judge

Sharon Lee, a student in the Health Informatics Program, is taking part in a joint internship program with University of North Texas Health Science Center and Texas Christian University Library. She underwent a three-day training session hosted by the Texas Christian University Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research, a Joanna Briggs Institute Collaborating Center, learning how to construct a systemic review within the field of nursing. As a joint intern, she also participated in Evidence Based Nursing Council meetings held at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth, assisting the nurses in performing mediated searches of biomedical literature.

With a background in information technology, Sharon says that she hopes to utilize her skills in the field of health informatics, working on EHRs and medical information systems. She is co-presenting a poster at the annual SCC/MLA in Austin, TX later this year with **Dr. Ana Cleveland** and **Jodi Philbrick**, titled "Are We There Yet? An Analysis of Web 3.0 Technologies and Academic Health Sciences Libraries in the South Central Region."

Lynn Nguyen has been selected for a spring 2011 internship working in the Consular Section at the American Embassy in Rome, Italy. She will be assigned to the American Citizens Services unit that provides a full range of facilities to American citizens living in or travelling to Italy such as providing assistance in



Lynn Nguyen

passport matters, medical, or other personal situations. Lynn plans to continue her course work during the time, taking at least one course. She has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from PLSP and the State of California.

Maria Yolanda Rivera (LIS MS '10) was originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico but has lived in Dallas since 2000. She holds a B.A. and a Master's degree from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus. Before deciding to become a librarian, she worked as a translator, editor, and copywriter for almost ten years.

Maria did her practicum in the reference department at the Conrado F. Asenjo Library, University of Puerto Rico's Medical Science Campus. Most of her time was spent at the reference desk working with students, faculty, health professionals, and consumers, but she also was given the opportunity to interview each department head to familiarize herself with the functions of each department. As her practicum project, Maria was asked to create a virtual tour of the recently renovated library and some podcasts about the services offered, which were later posted on the library's web site. During her time there, she was invited to participate in numerous continuing education activities along with the staff.

Maria says that the practicum helped her realize how much she had learned these last four years. "It all came together with each reference interview, each search on a database, and each interaction with other librarians.

After completing her undergraduate degree in psychology and Spanish, **Maria Taylor** (MS student) moved to Spain where she worked and traveled for a year. She then returned home to obtain a Master of Arts in Spanish. She later returned to Spain to hike the last 190 miles of the Camino de Santiago, the crown jewel of Spanish walking trails that leads to the sacred tomb of Saint James.



Maria Taylor

Maria did an internship at a learning resource center where her primary responsibility was to choose books to purchase with grant money including high interest, low level materials to target English as second language students and books originally published in Spanish. The culmination of the internship was a research presentation about programs and services for Spanish-speaking patrons in a community library, citing examples from the local community. She implemented Spanish/English bilingual story time programming and organized bookmobile visits to community centers and schools in areas with large immigrant populations. After graduation, she hopes to work in an academic setting.

COI IN CHINA

Following in the footsteps of Marco Polo, four scholarly adventurers from the College of Information and International Programs at UNT journeyed to China in September 2010. Members of the delegation were **Dr. Herman Totten**, Dean of the College of Information, **Dr. Gerald Knezek**, Regents Professor of Learning Technologies, **Dr. Yungfei Du**, Assistant Professor of Library and Information Sciences, and Jennifer Rogia, International Programs Coordinator.

The group's destination was Hangzhou, a city of eight million located 90 minutes by train south of Shanghai. Their goal was to finalize a memorandum of understanding for collaborative activities with Hangzhou Normal University (HNU), which has a background similar to UNT: founded as a teacher's college, leader in the region for over 100 years, current enrollment of 21,000 and growing, plus targeted to have a name change to Hanzhou University, in recognition of its comprehensive university status.

The outcome of three days of meetings was an agreement to sign the memorandum of understanding during the fall of 2010, and to target a visit by HNU representatives to UNT in November 2010. Possible collaborative activities include enrollment of HNU faculty in doctoral programs in COI/UNT; masters degree candidates especially targeting educational technology, who will come to UNT or be served by a site-based program where UNT faculty go to China for two weeks for intensive course-

startup activities; and/or undergraduate exchanges from a new HNU Honors College that would feed into masters and doctoral programs at UNT.

Other faculty involved in planning for collaboration with HNU include: **Dr. Jessica Li**, Assistant Professor of Learning Technologies, **Dr. Cathleen Norris**, Regents Professor of Learning Technologies, and **Dr. Lin Lin**, Assistant Professor of Learning Technologies. Drs. Li and Norris, together with Dr. Knezek, attended a conference sponsored by HNU during the fall of 2009, where conversations at that time with the HNU President and Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences have matured into the more formal discussions currently underway. **Dr. Greg Jones**, Computer Education & Cognitive Systems Program Coordinator, has been leading the effort to develop cost-benefit projections and formal documents for the group.

Hangzhou is a special city to the people of China, and to visitors from other nations as well. Known in Chinese as "Heaven on Earth," it was reported by Marco Polo as "beyond dispute the finest and noblest [city] in the world." (Source:



Drs. Totten, Du and Knezek

The Travels of Marco Polo [1271-1295], retrieved at <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/china/trad/marco.htm#hangzhou>). Much of the charm of the ancient portion of Hanzhou is around West Lake (Hsi Hu) with its calm waters and surrounding hills and shrines. The UNT delegation was able to combine some of these attractions with work, including a half-day weekend meeting with HNU officials at a tea house on the lake. The delegation was also fortunate to see several highlights of Shanghai during a half-day stopover en route home, compliments of a car and driver provided by a family friend of Dr. Du!

Dr. Gerald Knezek
LT Regents Professor

INTERDISCIPLINARY INFORMATION SCIENCE DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

Terry Reese, Gray Family Chair for Inno-



Terry Reese

vative Library Services at Oregon State University, was the invited speaker for the Interdisciplinary Information Science Doctoral Colloquium held on September 10, 2010. The talk was titled "The Future of Digital Library Development."

The colloquium followed a presentation and response format in which four UNT faculty and researchers served as responders to Mr. Reese's talk. Responders included: **Dr. Martin Halbert**, Dean of UNT Libraries; **Dr. William Moen**, Associate Dean for Research for the College of Information and Director of TxCDK; **Cathy Hartman** (MS '91), Associate Dean of UNT Libraries; and **Jiangping Chen**, LIS Associate Professor. A lively discussion about research opportuni-

ties and potential topics of crucial importance to the development of digital libraries followed the presentation, attended by some 45 students, faculty members, and library personnel.

In his current position at Oregon State University, Mr. Reese oversees the development and implementation of new strategic initiatives for the university libraries. He is the author of a number of metadata-related software packages and libraries such as MarcEdit, MARC/XML Metadata Software Suite and the C# OAI Harvesting package. He is a regular speaker at national library forums and has published several works on metadata issues, including the book *Building Digital Libraries: A How-to-do-it Manual* in collaboration with Kyle Banerjee.

We would like to acknowledge the support from the UNT Libraries that made possible Mr. Reese's visit to Denton and his participation as speaker in the IIL PhD Colloquium.

Dr. Miguel E. Ruiz,
LIS Associate Professor

DINNER WITH UNT PRESIDENT RAWLINS

On July 8, 2010, some 50 LIS and LT faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff attended a dinner with UNT President Lane Rawlins. The dinner agenda included a short video presentation, prepared by **Professor Jeff Allen**, LT interim department chair at the time, to acquaint Dr. Rawlins with the college and departments, followed by a question and answer session. The president's responses were most informative and indicated his knowledge of the UNT image in the DFW area as well as his ideas for furthering relationships.

UNT is one of four Texas universities to receive funding from the Texas Education Agency's Career and Technical Education State Leadership Projects Grant Program. The others are Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech, with UNT receiving most of the funding.

NEWS FROM THE DEAN

COI Dean Herman Totten has been invited to join *The Library Quarterly* Editorial Board, for a three-year term, beginning in January 2011. Since 1931, *The Library Quarterly* has served as a primary outlet for research chronicling the continuing development of tomorrow's libraries of all types and other public sphere information organizations, particularly museums and archives. The journal, which publishes cutting edge articles, embraces the wide array of perspectives, approaches, and quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods that library and information sciences can bring to exploring such issues.

As a result of the University's required 5-year comprehensive review process, Dean Herman L. Totten has been reappointed Dean of

the College of Information for five years. In fall 2005, Dr. Totten, who had served the previous three years as faculty executive assistant to the UNT President, became the fifth dean of the School of Library & Information Sciences. Dr. Totten stated: "I am honored and delighted to accept another 5-year term as Dean of COI. I am totally committed to completing the College's shared 5-year vision."

In Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wendy K. Wilkins' letter confirming the reappointment, she stated, "You have excelled in your administrative assignments over the last review period, and I commend you (and thank you) for your service to the UNT community."

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION HOSTS CHINESE EDUCATORS

In June 2010, COI, together with UNT Libraries participated in a program hosting three Chinese educators in Library and Information Sciences. The visitors were: Professor Bingsi Fan, chair, Department of Information Science, East China Normal University; Professor Yulin Yang, associate dean, College of Public Administration, Northwest University in China; and Mr. Jingbo Hu, Program Coordinator of the Library Association of China. During the five-day visit, the guests met with Dean Herman Totten, the faculty, and graduate students in the College

of Information. Discussions included China's information professional education. The visitors were impressed with the achievements of the College, which was established only two years ago.

The group also visited the Dallas Public Library, Denton Public Library and its branches, and UNT Libraries. Professor Yang published a blog in Chinese describing their visit and including a



number of photographs of the Discovery Park facility and people met during the visit: http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_4fcba36b0100jkdp.html/

COI WASHINGTON DC TOUR

June 30-July 5, 2010, a group of 22 faculty, alumni and family members, and others, plus four who joined for specific activities, enjoyed a highly successful Washington, DC tour. Highlights included behind the scene tours of the White House and executive offices, the Capitol, the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museum, and Mount Vernon. A tour highlight was the July 4th evening aboard Patriot II to view spectacular D.C. fireworks from the promenade deck.

Last year, LIS sponsored a tour to New York City. The spring tour is announced on the back cover.



Spring 2011 Event Schedule

Conference	Start Date	End Date
FETC (Florida Educational Technology Conference) Orlando, FL	Feb. 1	Feb. 3
TCEA (Texas Computer Education Association) Austin, TX	Feb. 7	Feb. 11
IConference 2011 Seattle, WA	Feb. 8	Feb. 11
SALT (Society for Advancement in Learning Technologies) Orlando, FL	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education) Nashville, TN	Mar. 7	Mar. 11
MLA (Montana Library Association/ Mountains Plains Library Association) Billings, MT	Apr. 6	Apr. 8
AERA (American Educational Research Association) New Orleans, LA	Apr. 8	Apr. 12
TLA (Texas Library Association) Austin, TX	Apr. 12	Apr. 15
ULA (Utah Library Association) Layton, UT	May 11	May 13
ALA (American Library Association) New Orleans, LA	Jun. 24	Jun. 27

DR. SULIMAN HAWAMDEH NAMED LIS CHAIR



Dr. Suliman Hawamdeh

The LIS faculty welcomes its new chair, **Dr. Suliman Hawamdeh**, who replaces Dr. Linda Schamber who has served as interim chair since fall 2008. Dr. Hawamdeh comes to UNT from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as professor and program coordinator for the Knowledge Management master's degree program. Prior to coming to the University of Oklahoma in 2003, Dr. Hawamdeh founded and directed the first Master of Science in Knowledge Management in Asia at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

As one of the world's leading scholars and authorities in the area of knowledge management, he brings a unique blend of research expertise, industrial experience, and leadership to UNT. From 1993-1997, Dr. Hawamdeh served as managing director of ITC Information Technology Consultant Ltd, a company that developed and

marketed a line of products in imaging, document and record management, engineering drawing management, and library automation software. From 1989-1992, he worked as a researcher and project leader at the Institute of System Science in Singapore.

Dr. Hawamdeh has delivered several keynote presentations in various conferences and events around the world, including an invited talk at the United Nations World Summit on Information Society which took place in Tunis in 2005. He served in the capacity of chair and founding chair of several conferences including the International Conference on Knowledge Management, as founding president of the Knowledge and Information Professional Association, and founding president of the Information and Knowledge Management Society.

Dr. Hawamdeh has published extensively in books and monographs, book chapters, and journal papers pertaining to his specialty. His latest books include *Knowledge Management: Competencies and Professionalism* (World Scientific Publishing, 2008), and *Creating Collaborative Advantage through Knowledge and Innovation* (World Scientific Publishing, 2007). He is an editor of *Convergence of Project Management and Knowledge Management* (Scarecrow Press, in press).

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE LIS HOUSTON PROGRAM

The UNT Houston Program, led by **Dr. Ana Cleveland**, director, and **Jodi Philbrick** (LIS MS '01), assistant director, are pleased to celebrate 20 years of the Houston Program. The program, which began in 1990, has been committed to educating future Houston-area information professionals. Under the leadership of **Dana Rooks** (LIS Board of Advisors), Dean of University of Houston Libraries, Houston area librarians contacted UNT to develop and establish a library and information sciences program in Houston. Throughout the years, the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library has served as the headquarters for the program. University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Research Medical Library, headed by **Kathy Hoffman** (LIS Board of Advisors), executive director, and the Houston Public Library, headed by **Dr. Rhea Lawson** (LIS Board of Advisors), director of libraries, have been two anchors for the program. In addition, the strength and success of the Houston Program is due to the support and cooperation of the many librarians who have been so generous with their time and commitment.

As we look retrospectively on the Houston Program, it is rewarding to see how the enrollment continues to increase; we feel that we are positively impacting the Houston community. Our outreach, including partnerships with area library systems, is another way that we have enhanced the Houston-area workforce. We would like to highlight a few of the outstanding features of the program including adjunct faculty,

academic activities, and networking activities.

Adjunct Faculty: the Houston Program has been able to engage outstanding individuals from a variety of backgrounds who are recognized as leaders in their fields. The adjunct faculty members teach elective courses in a blended format, combining face-to-face and online instruction. They are supportive of our students and their mentoring goes beyond the classroom environment. Currently, there are a total of six adjunct faculty members, including:

- **Liz Brackeen** (LIS MS '92) and **Stephanie Fulton** (LIS MS '93) co-teach Electronic Databases and Information Services and Advanced Electronic Databases and Information Services
- Pat Bozeman teaches Special Collections and Archives
- Mon Yin Lung teaches Intellectual Property for Information Professionals
- Jimmy Newland teaches Web Site Development and Advanced Web Site Development
- **Karen Vargas** (LIS MS '97) teaches User Education

We cannot overlook the role of practicum site supervisors in the Houston area, as they have provided a bridge between theory and practice. Many of our current practicum students have worked on digital projects and the culmination of the practicum experiences has been presentations at professional meetings and publications.

Academic Activities: The Houston Program offers several academic activities throughout

each year, including two All School Days (spring and fall), field trips to area libraries, and study groups for the core courses. Each All School Day revolves around a different educational theme related to the profession, and guest speakers are invited to deliver presentations on the theme. The presentations are followed by a networking luncheon, a town meeting with **Dean Herman Totten**, and advising.

Networking Activities: At the beginning of each fall semester, students and alumni are invited to attend the program's Back to School Bash to kick off the new academic year. This is an exciting opportunity for students and alumni of the program to meet and mingle. The Houston Library and Information Sciences Student Association (LISSA) is a very active group that hosts many of their own networking activities, such as mixers and happy hours. They also have a presence in social media through their blog and Facebook.

This is just a snapshot of the exciting aspects of the Houston Program! As the program moves to the future, we are looking at new ways to provide an enriching experience for our students and alumni. On a final note, we dedicate much of the success of the Houston Program to the work of our alumni, who constantly carry the UNT banner high!

Dr. Ana Cleveland, LIS Regents Professor
Houston Program Director
Jody Philbrick, Houston Program Assistant Director

NEW CHAPTER OF BETA PHI MU

At the 2010 American Library Association Conference held in Washington, D.C. in July 2010, the National Board of the Beta Phi Mu gave charter for a new chapter of the international library and information sciences honor society, to the University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Sciences. The name of the new chapter is Beta Beta Nu. This historic action occurred under the deanship of **Dr. Herman Totten**. **Dr. Elizabeth Figa**, who has been the honor society advisor since 2001, prepared the necessary documents and secured the requisite number of support documents from members of Beta Phi Mu for the new chapter.

The inaugural induction of Beta Beta Nu Chapter took place on August 13, 2010 (a very lucky day!). Dean Totten gave the inaugural address to our students and their guests. A number of special dignitaries, including many of the past presidents of our former chapter, were present for this special occasion. The summer graduation class was very large and inaugural induction had 48 students selected to Beta Phi Mu,



Cindy Batman, Joe Jackson and Janet Bickle-Burton - Beta Phi Mu past presidents.

believed to be the largest group ever inducted.

The new chapter is still under development. Dr. Figa will recruit a new Beta Beta Nu Chapter Board that will provide oversight and advance the mission of the honor society in providing leadership and service to the profession.

Dr. Elizabeth Figa
LIS Associate Professor

LIS STUDY ABROAD IN SUMMER 2011

LIS will offer two courses in the eight week semester, May 16 – July 22, 2011, that include carrying out an on-site project in Peru, May 16 through June 5. The courses offered are SLIS 5750, Managing Library Automation Projects, and SLIS 5680, Seminar in Information Resources and Services for Special Clienteles. The course offerings provide a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience planning, managing, implementing, and assessing a sustainable automation system in a fully contained environment. The project will take place at the International School in Cuzco.

Students, along with **Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones** and **Toby Faber**, will fly to Lima, Peru on May 18 and to Cuzco on May 19. On May 21 and 22 the group will tour Cuzco and the surrounding area. The project will be carried out during a two-week period, May 23 through 27 and May 30 through June 3. An optional tour of Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley will be available during the weekend of May 28 and 29.

Honors and Rankings

Add value to your degree.
The College of Information strives to offer you the best opportunities in the information world.

Four UNT/LIS graduate programs have been selected as among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report's* graduate school rankings: The Health Librarianship program ranked in the Top Five nationally at No. 3; the Services for Children and Youth program and the School Media program both earned Top 15 rankings, listed at 13th and 11th respectively; and the College of Information is listed at No. 17 among the Top 20 schools in the country.

Enrollment in both Library & Information Sciences and Learning Technologies increased in fall 2010: LIS 1179 up 2.52%, LT 381 up 23.70%.

HAZEL HARVEY PEACE FALL LECTURE



Dr. Marcia Mardis

The semi-annual Hazel Harvey Peace Lecture, held September 11, 2010, featured speaker Dr. Marcia Mardis, Florida State University. Her lecture was titled "Coming Full Circle: How the Past Can Help Us Get It Right in 21st Century Learning." Dr. Mardis, the author of the *AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner*, has been lauded for her efforts to raise awareness of the need for school librarians to support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) advancement in schools.

Dr. Mardis has received many awards

including: 2010 Distinguished Service Award from AASL, 2009 MAME Presidential Award for Outstanding Service to School Libraries, a 2008 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, 2006 ALISE Research Award, 2005 Beta Phi Mu Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2005 MAME Award for School Library Leadership. She has received \$3 million in grants from the National Science Foundation and IMLS to support her efforts to raise school librarians' awareness of

their need to support STEM.

A reference works workshop was held in the afternoon following the morning lecture.



NEW LIS FACULTY MEMBERS

Three new faculty members joined the Department of Library & Information Sciences at the beginning of the fall semester: Drs. Joenghyun (Annie) Kim, Daniella Smith, and Oksana Zavalina.



Dr. Kim

Dr. Jeonghyun (Annie) Kim came to UNT from Emporia State University where she served as an assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Management. She holds the PhD from Rutgers University, the BA and MA degrees from Ewha Womans University, Korea.

Dr. Kim's latest publications include: (2009), "Predictors of Behavioral Intentions in Web Searching," *Proceeding of the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* and (2009) "Describing and Predicting Information Seeking Behavior on the Web," *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*. Other articles have been published in *Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, *Extended Abstracts of ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems CHI 2006*, *Information Research*, and *Proceedings of the Fifth ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries*. She had made presentations at the ALISE Annual Conferences, Internet Research Conference in Denmark, Information Seeking

in Lithuania, Kansas Library Conference, and a number of other conferences.

Dr. Daniella Smith holds the bachelors, masters, specialist, and PhD degrees from Florida State University, where she has been serving as Research Program Coordinator, The Palm Center, College of Communication and Information. She also has held positions in Florida in her area of specialization, school library media.



Dr. Smith

Dr. Smith's publications include: "District to Desktop: Making the Most of Broadband in Florida Schools," (with others) retrievable from The Florida State University, Partnerships Advancing Library Media Center (<http://palmcenter.fsu.edu/Uploads/1/docs/centers/PALM/broadband.pdf>); "A New Approach to School Library Media Leadership," in D. Loertscher (ed), *Connections: Papers of the Treasure Mountain Research Retreat* (pp.87-99), Salt Lake City, UT: Hi Willow; "My Own Piece of History: A Librarian at the Inauguration," *SLJ Second Helping*, retrieval at <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6631358.html>; and (in press) "What Next? Why Not a PhD!: The Path of Teaching, Learning, and Leading," *Knowledge Quest*. She made recent presentations at ALISE 2010 Poster Session, AASL 14th National Conference Exploratorium, Treasure Mountain

Retreat #15, and Florida Association for Media in Education Conference. She is currently Region Chairperson, Jim Harbin Student Film Festival, Florida Association for Media in Education.

Dr. Oksana Zavalina received her MS and PhD in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also holds the MS in Accounting/Economics from Ukrainian State Academy for Culture and Arts Management, Kiev, Ukraine, and a specialist degree in library and information science, and the A.N.D. in Nursing from Kiev State Institute of Culture, Kiev, Ukraine.



Dr. Zavalina

She held several professional positions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign including cataloger of Slavic and East European materials and in Kiev. Peer-reviewed journal articles have been published in *Journal of Library Metadata*; *Proceedings of the International DCMI Metadata Conference and Workshop*, *Proceedings of the 70th ASIS&T Annual Meeting*; and *Proceedings of the 7th ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries*. Her latest publication will appear in the *Proceedings of the 73rd ASIS&T Annual Meeting*, 2010. She also has numerous reports, books, and book reviews, and has made presentations at ALISE, ASIS&T, and other conferences.

INTELLIGENT INFORMATION ACCESS LAB ACTIVITIES

The Intelligent Information Access (IIA) Lab participated in the Wikipedia Image Retrieval challenge of the Cross-Language Image Retrieval Lab which is part of the Cross Language Evaluation Forum 2010 (CLEF 2010). Working with a collection of 237,454 images from Wikipedia (annotated in at least one language: English, French, or German), participating teams are challenged to determine the best information retrieval methods to find the relevant images for a set of users' queries. The UNT team automatically translated the French and German annotations into English and then used statistical language modeling to find the most relevant images for each query (Ruiz, Chen, Pasupathy, Chin, & Knudson, 2010). Overall, the UNT team ranked second of 13 participating teams from Europe, Asia and the Americas (Popescu, Tsirikra, & Kludas, 2010), with two of our three submitted runs among the top 15 runs (of 127 total runs). Results were ranked using Mean Average Precision (which measures quality of ranking of relevant images retrieved over the set of queries evaluated in the task). Upon invitation, **Dr. Miguel Ruiz** of the IIA Lab team presented at the CLEF 2010 Conference at the University of Padua (Italy). The UNT team included **Dr. Miguel Ruiz**, **Dr. Jiangping Chen** and three students: **Karthikeyan Pasupathy** (CSE), **Pok Chin** (IIS-PhD), and **Ryan Knudson** (IIS-PhD).

The IIA Lab will continue its research on Multilingual Information Access and Image Retrieval. The Multilingual Information Access research will focus on the IMLS-funded project through collaboration with UNT Libraries, Wuhan University, and the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico. The Image Retrieval research will explore innovative solutions to improve the performance of image retrieval in a multilingual context.

Additionally, the IIA Lab will collaborate with other faculty in the college and researchers in related fields to explore user's information and cultural behavior in the digital environment. The Lab will also contribute to the college on international information exchange and collaboration through assisting college faculty to interact and collaborate with universities and researchers in China.

The IIA Lab operates under the auspices of the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge (TxCDK) and receives internal research support from the College of Information. For more details about imageCLEF, visit the CLEF 2010 Website <http://www.clef2010.org>. For information about TxCDK and the IIA Lab, visit <http://www.txcdk.unt.edu>.

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Dr. Jiangping Chen, LIS Assistant Professor
Dr. Miguel Ruiz, LIS Associate Professor



Drs. Chen and Ruiz

DR. BARBARA STEIN MARTIN RETIRES



Dr. Barbara Martin (LIS faculty) retired effective May 31, 2010 and began modified service effective September 1, 2010. On August 20, 2010, the UNT Board of Regents approved the designation of Professor Emeritus for Dr. Martin in recognition of her many years of distinguished service at UNT.

Dr. Martin, who was Hazel Harvey Peace Professor and director of the School Library Certification Program prior to her retirement, joined the School of Library & Information Sciences faculty in January 1984. Throughout the years, she has been a leader in the area of school librarianship. Her many accomplishments include the development and offering of the fully online school library certification program, the first in the nation.

In addition to many conference presentations, she has contributed articles to numerous publications such as the *International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, *International Association of School Librarians Conference Proceedings*, and *Computers in Libraries Proceedings*. She also has published a number of books, such as her latest, *Fundamentals of School Library Media Management*, with Marco Zannier (LIS MS '06) (Neal-Schuman, 2009). She is currently acquisition editor as well as series editor for *How to Manuals for School Librarians*, both for Neal-Schuman Publishes.

Dr. Martin currently serves on the advisory boards of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries, and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming.

Mark your calendar

Texas Library Conference College of Information Alumni Dinner

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner and program

Place: Courtyard Marriott Austin Downtown; 300 E. 4th Street (conference bus service available)

Cost: \$30

Dinner registrations
(1) TLA registration or (2) via
www.coi.unt.edu/alumnidinner

DR. JIANGPING CHEN RECEIVES GRANT

LIS Associate Professor Jiangping Chen has been awarded a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The award, amounting to \$271,344 from IMLS and \$133,991 matching fund from UNT, is for a two-year project titled "Enabling Multilingual Information Access to Digital Collections: An Investigation of Metadata Records Translation." The project represents a collaboration of four units: UNT College of Information, UNT Libraries, Wuhan University in China, and the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico.

The project addresses the needs of three main audiences: 1) non-English speakers who wish to query English language digital collec-

tions; 2) digital collection develops interested in providing multilingual information access services for their digital collections; and 3) researchers in Machine Translation (MT) and



Cross-language Information Retrieval (CLIR). It will evaluate the extent to which current machine translation technologies generate adequate translation for metadata records and identify the most effective metadata records translation strategies for digital collections.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Library & Information Sciences

At the ALA annual conference in June 2010, Dr. Yvonne Chandler (LIS) attended two recruitment events: Leaders Wanted: Minority Doctoral Recruitment at ALA 2010 and Howard University Minority Recruitment Fair for Graduate Programs in LIS and other information-related areas.

As past chair of the Medical Library Association (MLA) Medical Library Education Section, Dr. Ana Cleveland (LIS) is serving on Section Council; she was invited to serve as the Section Council Liaison to the MLA Continuing Education Committee. She also is working with MLA and the National Library of Medicine on a Disaster Information Specialization program and the MLA Communities of Practice Task Force, an initiative from the current MLA President.



Dr. Cleveland

Dr. Cleveland was recently elected as the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) Nominating Committee. At the 2010 SCC/MLA Annual Meeting, she presented a contributed paper and poster. The paper, titled "Genomics and Translational Medicine for Information Professionals: Expanding the Abilities of the New Generation Workforce," was co-authored with Jodi Philbrick (LIS MS '01) and Kristi Holmes from Washington University School of Medicine. The poster, titled "Are We There Yet? An Analysis of Web 3.0 Technologies and Academic Health Sciences Libraries in the South Central Region," co-authored with Sharon Lee and Jodi Philbrick, received the Elizabeth K. Eaton Research Award, 2nd place. She and Dr. Don Cleveland are under

contract to update their very popular textbook, *Introduction to Indexing and Abstracting*.

Dr. Cleveland was one of four UNT faculty members invited to participate in strategic planning for the Texas State Health Plan on Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke. She continues to serve on the Texas Radiation Advisor Board where she chairs the Interagency Information Exchange Committee. At the university level, she serves on the IDEA Team, which has been developing a plan for diversity and equity at UNT.

Dr. Jiangping Chen (LIS) co-authored with two visiting scholars, Ms. Ren Ding and Mr. Shan Jiang, a paper titled "Metadata Records Translation: The Case of the Portal to Texas History," which has been accepted by the journal *Library and Information Service*. At the October 2010 Annual Conference of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) in Pittsburgh, PA she presented a paper, co-authored with Fei Li (LIS student), titled "Resource Acquisition Sharing and Use in Intelligent Information Access: An Investigation of the Researchers."



Dr. Chen

One of Dr. Elizabeth Figa's articles, "Faculty-Librarian Collaboration for Library Services in the Online Classroom: Student Evaluation Results and Recommended Practices for Implementation," was selected for inclusion in "LIRT's Top Twenty" library instruction articles. The committee



Dr. Figa

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BETA PHI MU INDUCTEES

The UNT Beta Phi Mu chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information sciences honor society, extended invitations to 46 students in summer 2010, three at doctoral level and 43 at the master's level. In fall 2010, the chapter extended invitations to 34 at the master's level. Selection for membership is based on academic performance and professional promise. Only 25% of the graduating class who meet the criteria for selection can be considered.

Summer 2010

Doctoral students

Osman Kilic, Julie George Thomas, Erin Wyatt

Master's students

Laura Armer, Bridget Battle-Mullice, Larry Bogart, Della Bunch, Kristen Burgess, Jennifer Burzenski, Jennifer Chapman, Laura Choyce, Savannah Coker, Angelle Cooper, Roylee Cummings, Victoria Curtis, Julie Dorn, Adelle Frank, Carrie Gassett, LeEllen Hannan, Rachel Hartig, Megan Hodge, Lisa Lopez, Sashenka Lopez, Sol Lopez, Maruja Lorica, Melissa Louey-Smith, Roxanne Magaw, Valerie Marchalonis, Margarite McCandless, Natasha McFarland, Elizabeth Nebeker, Etsuko Nozawa, Karol Osborne, Barbara Ott-Slaven, Lisa Puhala, Jolanta Radzik, Sudha Ramakrishnan, Megan Rush, Elizabeth Sensabaugh, Anne Sexton, Deborah Sweeney, Ahmet Tmava, Linh Uong, Berikak Williams, Kai Williams-Slaton, John Willis

Fall 2010

Master's students

Paige Alfonso, Treva Anderson, Elizabeth Bridges, Chiawen Cheng, Rebecca Cobb-Westbrook, Nichole Davis, Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Marilyn Doherty, Quintin Fox, Lynn Gaillard, Lauren Graves, Angela Green, Brenda Gunter, Nancy Haight, Rachel Hall, Larissa Hammond, Chad Hetterley, Richard Horah, Violeta Ilik, Julia Kanellos, Saritha Kasetty, Sashenka Lopez, Judann Luening, Joyce McFadden, Sabrina McKethan, Saskia Mehlhorn, Debbie Montenegro, Huong Nguyen, April Palmer, Natalie Schun, Michelle Speed, Shawn Stamm, Michelle Steebergen, Jonahan Stovall

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evaluated over 200 articles published in 2009 in making choices. Dr. Figá's article was chosen due to its quality writing, useful research, and stimulating ideas. The list of all articles selected was included in the June 2010 *LIRT Newsletter*.

Dr. Suliman Hawamdeh, LIS Department chair, was interviewed for an article by Allan Turner, published in the *Houston Chronicle*, October 3, 2010, titled "Going Beyond Books: Houston Libraries Are Revamping Their Services to Appeal to a Changing World." Dr. Hawamdeh will be presenting a paper titled "Making the Case for Public Libraries in the Knowledge Economy" at the 2011 Texas Library Association Annual Conference.



Dr. Hilbun

Dr. Janet Hilbun has been appointed as coordinator of the practicum requirements in all LIS master's programs of study except health informatics and legal informatics. In his formal announcement of the appointment, Dean Totten stated, "Practicum coordination is vital for culminating students' professional education and forging relationships with LIS's external constituents."



Dr. Leatherbury

Dr. Maurice Leatherbury, who was a member of the LIS faculty from 1993 until 1995, retired from UNT October 1, 2010. At the time of his retirement, he was vice president for information technology and its chief information officer. During his time at UNT, he oversaw the acquisition and installation of a high-performance computing cluster and planned the establishment of UNT's Center for Distributed Learning as well as the university's Classroom Support Service department.



Dr. Miksa

Dr. Shawne Miksa gave the keynote address on September 29 in Mexico City at the "V Encuentro de Catalogación Y Metadatos: 2010, año de la Investigación en Catalogación y Metadatos (2010, the Year of Research in Cataloging and Metadata)" The conference was hosted by the Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and the Instituto de Investigaciones Bibliográficas, Biblioteca Nacional de México. Dr. Miksa's talk was titled *Implications of RDA on Cataloging Practice and Research* will be published in the forthcoming conference proceedings.

Drs. Shawne Miksa and Barbara Schultz-Jones represented LIS/COI as part of a co-hort of library schools participating in the National Test of Resource Description and Access (RDA) that is being coordinated by the Library of Congress (LC), National Library of Medicine (NLM), and the

National Agricultural Library (NAL). Testing runs from Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2010 and centers on the creation of bibliographic and authority records using AACR2 and the new RDA rules. The US RDA Test Coordinating Committee will then analyze the results in Spring 2011. As stated in the official testing website. The three libraries agreed to make a joint decision on whether or not to implement RDA, based on the results of a test of both RDA and the Web product [RDA Toolkit]. The goal of the test is to assure the operational, technical, and economic feasibility of RDA. Testers will include the three national libraries and the broader U.S. library community." (<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/about.html>). LIS students, faculty, and UNT Librarians have been asked to volunteer as testers.

Other presentations that Dr. Miksa has made include: "RDA, New MARC21 Fields, and a Non-book Example," RDA 101 Pre-conference, American Library Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., June 25, 2010; "RDA: What Cataloging Managers Need to Know," Heads of Cataloging Interest Group, American Library Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., June 28, 2010; and "From AACR2 to RDA: An Update," Texas Library Association Annual Conference, April 14, 2010, San Antonio, TX.



Dr. Moen

Dr. William Moen, who directs TxCDK, is now titled Associate Dean for Research for the College of Information. In Dean Totten's announcement of the title change he stated, "This change is well deserved in recognition of Bill's tremendous effort to help increase the College's research productivity and visibility."

On October 28, 2010, TxCDK sponsored the "Community of Science Workshop," delivered by Lillian Niwagaba of the Office of Research and Economic Development (OED) on how to use the Community of Science (<http://www.cos.com>), a great resource for locating funding opportunities and/or collaborators for research and/or studies.

The citation under **Dr. Brian O'Connor's** name on page 16 of the spring issue of *Call Number* should have read **Richard L. Anderson** (PhD '06) and Brian O'Connor (2009) "Reconstructing Bellour: Automating the Semiotic Analysis of Film," *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 35(5), 31-40.

The Visual Thinking Laboratory (VTL) has consolidated its space. Actual photography, which formerly took place in the space next to the TxCDK main office, has been moved to E292N, next door to the VTL space for image manipulation and printing. This change will facilitate research activities as well as the occasional teaching functions associated with the Digital Imaging Program of study. **Melody McCotter**, a founding member of the VTL and a PhD student, is now the VTL Project Coordinator.

Dr. O'Connor is on faculty development leave in fall 2010; he will return in spring 2011. During his leave, Dr. O'Connor will be developing a book on photography and concepts of verisimilitude.



Dr. Schultz-Jones

Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones has been appointed as Director of the School Librarianship Program in LIS. In Dean Totten's announcement of the appointment, he stated, "This appointment promises to continue the program's fine leadership record set by **Dr. Barbara Martin**, who retired in May and has been named UNT Professor Emeritus."



Dr. Wheeler

Dr. Maurice Wheeler was accepted for a residency at the Metropolitan Opera Archives during summer 2010. He is continuing to use the archive to create the history of African American performers at the MET. A companion research project and article underway tracks the confluence of politics, race relations, culture, and Presidential tastes in White House performances.

Learning Technologies



technology integration class

Dr. Gerald Knezek, director of the Institute of Technology and Learning, and Associate Directors **Rhonda Christensen** and **Tandra Tyler-Wood** traveled to Washington D.C. in

September to take part in the 12th National Technology Leadership Summit. Dr. Knezek traveled to China for Halloween to present a keynote address to the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Education. His talk was titled "IT, AI, and E-Learning in the Digital Age." Recently, **Dr. Gerald Knezek** took his technology integration (preservice teacher) class on a field trip to Discovery Park to try out the middle school standby power monitoring activities from the NSF Middle Schoolers Out to Save the World Project (MSOSW). The students enjoyed investigating the red Peterbuilt truck that had been placed in the School of Engineering lobby.



Dr. Lin Lin

Dr. Lin Lin's research in media multitasking has recently caught some noteworthy publicity. Her name was mentioned in an article in *Scientific America* (December 15, 2009). She was reviewed by a Danish newspaper *Ingeniøren* (January 23, 2010), and *Le Temps*, a Swiss newspaper based in Geneva (May 12, 2010) regarding her research and takes on

the impacts of media multitasking on learning. She was also interviewed by the *Careers and Colleges Magazine* on the myth of multitasking, and invited to speak at the National Public Radio (NPR) Science Friday (June 11, 2010). In addition, she was interviewed by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* regarding the eBook use in schools (July 23, 2010).



Dr. Nimon

Dr. Kim Nimon (LT) has published several articles recently: (2010) "Measure of Program Effectiveness Based on Retrospective Data: Are All Created Equal," *American Journal of Evaluation*, <http://aje.sagepub.com/content/early/result>; (2010) "Regression Commonality Analysis: Demonstration of an SPSS Solution," *Multiple Linear Regression Viewpoints*, 36(1), 10-17; (2010) with R. Henson and M. Gates, "Revisiting Interpretation of Canonical Correlation Analysis: A Tutorial and Software Solution for Canonical Commonality Analysis," *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 45, 702-724; (2010) with P.G. Mathes, E.A. Swanton, T. Kurz, M. Shih, and J. Hocker, "Effectiveness of an Early Reading Intervention Scaled Up in Multiple Schools: Implications for Response to Intervention Models," *Exceptional Children*, 76, 394-416.



Dr. J. Wircenski



Dr. M. Wircenski

Dr. Jerry Wircenski's has published *Technical Presentations Skills Workbook*, 3rd edition (American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2010), and made presentations with **Dr. Mickey Wircenski**: "Online Curriculum Resources for CTE Teachers" and "Career Awareness for Elementary Education," both at Hawaii International Conference on Education; and "International Apprenticeship Instructor Training Program" (week long training in classroom delivery and management for ironworker apprenticeship instructors), Washatenau Community College, Ypsilanti, MI. He presented "Curriculum Resources for CTE with **Dr. Jeff Allen**, Open Source Conference, Austin, TX. **Dr. Mickey Wircenski** presented "Transition Resources" with Dr. Lynda West, George Washington University, at the International Transition Conference, Savannah, GA. The Drs. Wircenski attended the Brain Based Learning Conference, San Francisco, and National Career Cluster Conference, Denver, CO.

Drs. Jerry and Mickey Wircenski received a continuation grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the Texas Education Agency for Career and Technical Education. Dr. Mickey Wircenski's grant is for the CTE clusters: (1) Arts, AV Tech and Communications, and (2) Information Technology. Dr. Jerry Wircenski's grant is for the CTE clusters: (1) Health Sciences, (2) Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, and (3) Government and Public Administration.

Summer 2010

The Department of Library & Information Sciences granted 217 degrees in summer 2010, 213 master's and 4 PhDs. The Department of Learning Technologies granted 13 degrees, 8 bachelors, 4 masters, and 1 PhD.

LIS Master's

Kimberly Abrams, Agatha Agyemang, Glenda Alberti, Michele Alexander, Lucille Aranda, Laura Armer, Alison Armstrong, Stephanie Arnold, Allison Badger, Jon Baker, Julie Baldwin, Kristi Ballard, Kendra Banks, Dolly Barrios, Mirna Barrios, Mirella Barrios, Bridget Battle-Mullice, Stephanie Beach, Sheila Beasley, Larry Bogart, Rebecca Brandenburg, Kimberly Britt, Cheryl Brooks, Angela Brown, Janienne Brown, Martha Buckbee, Tracy Bulot, Della Bunch, Kristen Burgess, DeAnna Burks, Jennifer Burzenski, Corina Bustillos, Courtney Butler, Catherine Carter, Yvonne Casarez, Alicia Cashion, Elizabeth Chapa, Jennifer Chapman, Tammy Chatys, Laura Choyce, Arla Clarke, Brooke Clore, Donna Cohen, Savannah Coker, Grant Connors, Angelle Cooper, Pamela Crozier, Roylee Cummings, Victoria Curtis, Megan Dane, Sharon Dehnel, Lisa Dinkle, Julie Dorn, Mary Dwight, Julie Easterly, ary England, Lorlei Espinola, Sarah Eulert, Elizabeth Fambrough, Erika Farr, Jenny Lynn Ferguson, Meggan Ferguson, Sarah Filip, Jani Francis Okai, Adelle Frank, Denise Funk, Justin Gann, Stephanie Gardner, Amanda Garza, Heather Garza, Carrie Gassett, Cherlyn Glanville, Michelle Graham, Kathleen Grupe, Asha Hagood, Charles Hairgrove, Megan Hall, Moshmin Hamid, LeEllen Hannan, Kimberly Hardy, Audra Harms, Rachel Hartig, Jenni Hatfield, Holly Heatley, Allana Hennette, Megan Hodge, Shelley Holley, Rebecca Howdeshell, Anna Hubbell, Brian Hughes, Christine Jackson, Jaime Janosky, Allison Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Rebecca Jordan, Brice Kaminski, Shamsha Karim, Tara Kirk, Lynlee Krotzer, Rachel Lawson, KaylaLeech, Christina Link, Christy Loomis, Lisa Lopez, Sol Lopez, Maruja Loric, Melissa Louey-Smith, Sarah Maddaford, Elida Madrigal, Roxanne Magaw, Valerie Marchalonis, Margarite McCandless, Elizabeth McDaniel, Natasha Mcfarland, Mary McGettrick, Tom McKinney, Ashley McRuiz, Sarah McShane, Laura McWhirter, Kayla Middleton, Jessie Milligan, Ashli Montgomery, Abby Moore, Rob Morrisette, Christine Mortensen, Melissa Murphey,

ELVIRA AGUILAR

Featured Staff Member



Elvira Aguilar

Elvira Aguilar, marketing specialist for the College of Information, is no stranger to the College of Information or UNT. As a student, she worked for the UNT Office of Development as a fundraiser with Call Mean Green.

"I distinctly remember the friendliness of the (then) SLIS and Education alumni during my work at the UNT phonathon," she says. "Alumni always had words of encouragement for student fundraisers, or an inspiring anecdote from their time as students." Elvira also worked at the School of Library and Information Sciences as a student assistant to the Development Office while she completed her Bachelor of Business Administration degree

with a concentration in marketing. Her course work focused on brand management, non-profit marketing, and market research. Along with classmates, Elvira served as a marketing consultant for several local companies and non-profit organizations. "I bleed mean green. I've kept a strong connection with the University (outside my work) by serving on the governing board of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and by taking continuing education courses," she states.

Elvira currently is serving as co-chair for the UNT Staff Council Staff Development Committee. Staff Council promotes communication within the campus community; refers staff issues and informs administration about items that are of interest and relevant to staff members; and advances the university mission by continuing to improve services to employees. Staff

Council began the 2010-11 school year with plans for campus events such as Homecoming, the WFAA Toy Drive, and staff workshops.

Elvira began working for COI External Affairs & Alumni Relations as a part-time marketing assistant and was later promoted to a full time staff position. External Affairs & Alumni Relations serves as the news, marketing, and media portal for the COI. The staff is committed to act as the touchstone for all past, current, and prospective students, community leaders, and the information industry's professional media and publications. In recent times, External Affairs developed new branding standards for the COI. Success from the branding campaign included new recruiting brochures, exhibit displays, and an award for logo design from the 2010 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), District IV.

staff news



Ryan Anderson

Paul Anderson and his wife **Ashli** announce the birth of their son **Ryan Jackson Anderson**, born April 23, 2010. Paul is TA for Dr. Yunfei Du.



Finberg and Hand

Rebecca Finberg, student assistant in the COI Development office, and **David Hand** were married in Austin, TX on August 29, 2010.



Paula King and Carter King

Congratulations are in order for **Paula** and **Paul King**. They are grandparents! **Carter James King** was born September 24, 2010 to their son **Matt** and his wife **Adrienne**. Paula is special assistant to Dean Totten.



Maureen Murphy

Maureen Murphy (LT PhD '07), Project Manager, LT BAAS Recruiting Initiative, presented a poster session at the Creating Pathways for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Transfer Student Success conference held in Asheville, NC, September 19-21, 2010. The session is titled "Strategies to Engage Learning through the Use of Technology."



Lynne Cox



Pamela Scott-Bracey

Pamela Scott-Bracey (LT PhD '10) and **Lynne Cagle Cox**, staff members working on an Educational Excellence grant with **Dr. Mickey Wircenski** (LT faculty), were presenters at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) annual convention held December 2-4 in Las Vegas, NV. Pamela who is also a graduate student in the Learning Technology Department, is an adjunct for **Dr. Greg Jones**.

students

LT DOCTORAL STUDENT RECEIVES HONOR



Jacqueline Kennedy

Jacqueline Kennedy (doctoral student in LT ATPI program), director of professional development at Frisco (TX) ISD, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PKD International, a global association of education professionals. PKD Emerging Leader program recognizes educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership.

Jacqueline's 15-year career in public education has been largely focused on influencing, advocating for, and leading progressive organizational change, using professional learning as a vehicle for impacting school and system-wide improvement. She has held central administration positions in assessment and accountability and adult education in two large urban school districts and served as an assistant principal, counselor, education consultant, grant reviewer, and classroom teacher. She has spearheaded numerous teacher and student support programs, provided a variety of workshops for school districts, and presented at regional and state conferences.

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL STUDENT

In April, Yazoo City, Mississippi, my hometown, was destroyed by a tornado. Within one hour of the tornado hitting, Dr. Jeff Allen, then interim chair of the Department of Learning Technologies, called to check on me and to see whether or not my family was affected by the storm. He could tell how distraught I was by the sound of my voice, so he offered his trailer to me in case I needed to take lumber or generators when I returned home to help. Too prideful to accept any help, I declined his offer but expressed my gratitude for his thoughtfulness. Little did I know that he had something else up his sleeve. He immediately contacted Cindy Trussell, Learning Technologies Department administrative coordinator, and they worked together to spread the word about the disaster. Drs. Jerry and Mickey Wircenski also contacted me to see if there was any way that they could be of immediate assistance.

The very next day, over \$3,000 in cash, gift cards, bedding, food, and clothing donations had been collect-



Pamela with the Yazoo City Mayor

ed for me to take to Yazoo City. The massive generosity of this very small group was one of the biggest blessings that I have ever received in order to help someone in need. Because of UNT's donations, four families who were ineligible for FMA funds, were able to receive direct assistance. Three of these families had lost EVERYTHING. After I explained to the families that my university had sent the donations, everyone was overwhelmed with tears of astonishment, and expressed how thankful they were, especially the families who had babies or small children who were in desperate need of baby food and diapers. The Yazoo community is ever grateful to LT/COI for its kindness...and so am I. Thanks again for everything!

Pamela Bracey
Doctoral student
Department of Learning Technologies
CTE Cluster Specialist
Information Technology Cluster

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

Featured Student

Jenny Wakefield



Jenny Wakefield

Jenny Wakefield, who has been a student at UNT since 2005, is currently in the Learning Technologies Department Computer Education & Cognitive Systems doctoral program. She says she is enjoying every moment of it. She has just finished a research project with Dr. Scott Warren (LT), her major professor, which will lead to a book chapter. As she finished the M.S. program, she did an instruction design program at University of Texas at Dallas where she developed a program for undergraduate students to volunteer in the virtual world (Second Life) under Dr. Warren's guidance. "This was my very first real research and I have Dr. Warren to thank for it

being such a positive experience and a success—leading me to want to continue in the doctoral program and engage in further research," she says. "Under his excellent guidance I was able to learn how to conduct real world research as I studied the feasibility of engaging volunteer undergraduates in starting up, and building a campus Community of Practice in a virtual world." During the current semester, she and Dr. Warren are conducting computer mediated discourse analysis research on one of his courses that utilized the virtual environment Second Life. The two research efforts will be reported in a chapter titled "Instructional Design Frameworks for Second Life Virtual Learning" in a 3-D virtual worlds learning handbook to be published by Emerald Publishing in April 2011.

student update

LISSA (student organizations) Activities

CSUN (California State University-Northridge)

CSUN LISSA won the Special Library Association Student & Academic Affairs Advisory Council Award for Outstanding Leadership. In the letter informing the group of the honor, the committee chair stated, "Your group has a lot to be proud of and we would like to acknowledge your efforts and accomplishments, especially since you are a newly formed group."



2011 officers includes: Shawn Stamm, President, Evelyn Keolian, Vice President, Collette Chaffee, Secretary, Veronica Silva, Member-At-Large with Michele Lucero

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Elizabeth Nebeker, Ellen Neufeld, Amy Nighbert, Etsuko Nozawa, Dawn Oberg, Smart Okeh, Debra O'Neal, Elena Ortega, Karol Osborne, Barbara Ott-Slaven, Cynthia Oubre, Sarah Parramore, Aurora PartridgeChad Pearson, Erin Petty, Diwana Pinales, Christopher Pollette, John Powell, Kimberly Powell, Susan Powell, Jason Price, Lisa Puhala, Dennis Quinn, Jolanta Radzik, Sudha Ramakrishnan, Maryanna Ramirez, Diane Rausch, Christina Reedy, Felicia Render, Emily Rhodes, Lisa Richardson, Maria Yolanda Rivera, Lessye Katherine RobinSun, Katrina Rochon, Juliana Rodriguez-Lawson, Nicole Rodriguez-Terrell, Lauren Ross, Megan Rush, Laura Russell, Sylvia Santoyo, Abby Saunders, Alice Scammell, Ashley Schmidt, Mandi Schoenhals, Elizabeth Sensabaugh, Anne Sexton, Cerena Shaw, Jason Shoup, Deborah Simmons, Jarvis Sims, Connie Smith, Elizabeth Stevens, Jennifer Succi, Jennifer Sutcliffe, Deborah Sweeney, Teneka Taylor, Ann Terry, Elizabeth Thompson, Vickie Thornhill, Sarah Tischer Scully, Ahmet Tmava, Lynda Traugott Linh Uong, Robert Varner, Rebecca Velez, Mary Ann Venner, Margaret Walk, Jennifer Walker, Emily Wallace, Lisa Westerholt, Cristi Whiddon, Nancy Willard, Berika Williams, Kai Williams-Slaton, John Willis, Emily Wilson, Reanea Wilson, Christine Woelmer, Lauren Wolter, Sarah Worthen, Nova Wright, Julie Wylie, Kimberley Zuberbueller, Nina Zucco, Blanca Avila Gisela Hernandez, Benjamin Perez, Karen Plants, Melissa Veach

LIS PhD

Margaret Carroll, Osman Kilic, Julie George Thomas, Erin Drankwalter Wyatt

LT Bachelors

Calvin Maurice Bryant, Deborah Beryl Henry, Lorri Hill, Kristen L. Huddleston, Paula Powell Kolas, Jeremy J. Pope, Maaria Elisabet Tervo, Laura Elayne Wells

LT Master's

EunJoo Chang, Luis Jose Hernandez, Kirsten Linsenhardt Taylor, Terry Price Whitcher

LT PhD

Mohammed Alajmi

LISSA officers: **Shawn Stamm** President; **Evelyn Keolian**, Vice-President; **Collette Chaffee**, Secretary; and **Veronica Silva**, Member-At-Large.

The cohort students have been notified that the chapter of the Special Libraries Association has created a student group Facebook site called SLA Students.rts. Six students in the cohort have been named merit award winners by the Student and Academic Affairs Council (SAAAC): **Lisa Zilinski**, **Marie Botkin**, **Michael Braun Hamilton**, **Paula Diaz**, **Shannon Morrison** and **Wendy Foster**.

Dr. Philip Turner says that he is amazed at the cohort's committed involvement and the progress the students are making.

Campus

Campus LISSA sponsored a LIS-Student Welcome Week, September 7-9, 2010. Guest speakers were **Dean Martin Halbert**, Dean of UNT Libraries and LIS faculty, and **Kathy Strauss**, Special Collections Librarian. On September 14, new LIS chairperson **Dr. Suliman Hawamdeh** was speaker at the campus LISSA meeting. He shared his professional background as well as his goals and expectations for students enrolled in the library and information science program. At the fall 2010 Denton All School Day on November 6, Dr. Hawamdeh, with



Dr. Margaret Carroll, LIS PhD '10 and adjunct professor, gave a special presentation. Guest panelists were **Dexter Evans** (MS '93), H.W. Wilson Co.; **Barbara Fullerton**, Manager of Library Relations Morningstar, Inc.; **Deborah Liptak**, Information Broker for info2go; **Pauline Martin** (MS 07), Librarian/Archivist for the Sixth Floor Museum; **J.J. Leblanc**, Corporate Strategic Intelligence, Mary Kay, Inc.; **Michael Zimmerman**, Information Center Manager/Airline Industry Specialist Bain & Co.

Officers for the organization are: **Staci Young**, president; **Jaeger Wells**, vice-president; **Angel Durr**, secretary/treasurer; **Stephanie Boring**, member-at-large; **Howard Marks**, member at large; **Jennifer Lafleur**, SLIS Village manager.

Houston

The Houston Program student organization held its Back to School Bash for students,

friends, and families on September 2, at the Hilton Hobby Airport Tampico Room. On September 14, they sponsored a social mixer at Chocolate Bar in the Village. On October 16, they co-sponsored a field trip to Hirsch Library at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. The Houston LISSA sponsors a number of events each year. (See article on the Houston Program p. 16)



student news

Three students in the CSUN co-hort have received \$5,000 scholarships from the Public Library Staff Education Program, California State Library that is funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act Grant Funds. The students are: **Paul Birchall**, **Lynn Nguyen**, and **Arpine Eloyan**

LT News

Mariya Gavrilova (LT PhD student) received the Roger P. Lette Scholarship from the North Texas SHRM Chapter (\$150), UNT Multicultural Scholastic Award (for two years); **Ashwini Joshua** (LT GAC) and **Mariya Gavrilova** received the fall 2009-2010 Jim Wilkins Excellence in Education Student



Mariya Gavrilova and Ashwini Joshua

Scholarship from the HR Southwest Conference and Dallas Human Resource Management Association, along with complimentary registration

and accommodations for the conference held in Fort Worth, October 13-16, 2009; **Ashwini Joshua**, **Pam Bracey**, and **Mariya Gavrilova** received the continuing graduate student scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year.

LIS News

Eight Health Informatics students received funding to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA). National Network of Libraries of Medicine – South Central Region Library Student Outreach Award Recipients: **Sharon Lee**, **Joyce McFadden**, **Andrea Spencer**, **Jennifer Strayhorn**, **Michele Wilson**, **Joy Yeh**. SCC/MLA Mayo Drake Student Scholarship Award recipient: **Brenda Gunter**. HealthLINE Student Travel Award recipient: **Sonya Ritchie**.

Treva Shawn Anderson, who will graduate in fall 2010, accepted the position of librarian at South Texas College.

In August 2010, **Langston Bates** (LIS master's student) was a spokesperson, along with **Dr. Yvonne Chandler** and **Dean Herman Totten**, at a seminar held at the 7th National Conference of the Black Caucus of ALA. Topics included scholarship and career opportunities available for MLIS students. Langston prepared the literature to be handed out to attendees.

Paul Birchall, a student in the Los Angeles cohort, has been awarded the Public Library Staff Education Program grant of \$5000. He is employed by the Santa Monica Public Library, through which the grant was made. (See p. 7 for more information about Paul.)



Christine Carter awarded grant.

Christine Carter (LIS student), a librarian in the Roundrock (TX) ISD, was a student in **Dr. Elizabeth Figa's** graphic novels class during summer 2010. At the beginning of this school year, she wrote a grant proposal for her district's Partner's in Education program asking for funding to purchase graphic novels. She reports that she used a great deal of her "Reading Goes POP" proposal created for the graphic novels class project as the basis for her proposal. As a result, she has been awarded a grant of \$3,000 to purchase graphic novels for her campus. Part of the grant is to be used for Christine to lead a staff development session about graphic novels,

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their value to students, and how teachers can use them in classroom instruction. "As a brand new librarian (who is still in school), I'm thrilled to have received this [grant]," she says.

Mariya Gavrilova, LT graduate student and Graduate Student Council member, is serving as a member of the UNT Presidential Search Advocacy Committee. The 23 members, selected to ensure a broadly representative group of university and community stakeholders, include undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff members, administrators, alumni, and Denton and other community leaders. The committee is led by alumni and former UNT System Board of Regents chair Bobby Ray.



Penelope Hall

Nathan Hall (LIS MS '06, Interdisciplinary PhD program) and his wife **Monena Wynne Hall** (LIS MS '06) are the parents of a new baby girl named Penelope.



Rich Hasenyager

Rich Hasenyager (LIS doctoral candidate), who is director for library services at the North East Independent School District in San Antonio, is one of the 26 testing participants in the Resource Description and Access (RDA) National Test. He represents the only school library chosen out of the 90 applications. RDA is designated for the digital world and an expanding universe of metadata users.



Kristina Lambright

Kristina Lambright (LIS) received the McClay Grant from the Government Documents Special Interest section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) to attend the association's conference, as well as the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL), that met in Denver July 10-13, 2010.

Denise Philpot and **Ashwini Joshua** (LT Applied Technology, Performance Improvement doctoral students) presented at the SALT conference in Orlando, FL, February 3-5, 2010.



Serhiy and Oksana Polyakov

The wedding of **Serhiy Polyakov** (LIS PhD student) and his wife **Oksana** took place at Centrall Wedding Palace, Kyiv, Ukraine on July 23, 2010.



Grace Rosales

Grace Rosales (LIS/CSUN), who works at Howrey LLP in the Knowledge Services Department, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Southern California Association of Law Libraries. Grace also received a travel grant to attend the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting held in July.



Veronica Silva

Veronica Silva (LIS CSUN) was awarded a \$2,000 Alice L. Haltom Educational Scholarship, funds that exist for the purpose of furthering education in the field of information and records management. The fund is supported by contributions from various chapters of the Association of Records Management and Administrators International (ARMA).



John Turner

John Turner, a new LT doctoral student, published "Using Feed Process As a Means of Performance Improvement in a Dynamic Environment," in *Performance Improvement Journal*, September 2010.



Jennifer LaFleur

Jennifer LaFleur (LIS) has retired from her position in the UNT Computing and Information Technology Center and will be concentrating on finishing her LIS program. She has been the manager of The Village and has served as LISSA president and other board positions for many years.



Christine Walczyk

Christine (Tine) Walczyk (LIS) is winner of the spring 2010 College of Information Student-Faculty Research Grant award. Tine will be receiving \$3000 to support her study, working in collaboration with **Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones**, on "An Assessment of Cultural Competence Factors in Relation to a Study Abroad Experience with Library and Information Science Students."

Congratulations to doctoral students in the College of Information who have been awarded student travel grants during the fall 2010 competition to attend the following conferences: (LIS students) **Serhiy Polyakov**, **Elena Vassilieva**, and **Hong Xu**, Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), 2011 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA; (LT students) **Ashwini Joshua**, 2010 Academy of

Human Resource Development (AHRD) 9th International Conference of the Academy of HRD (Asia chapter), Shanghai, China; **Buncha Samruayruen** and **Pamela Scott-Bracey**, E-Learn 2010—World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education, Orlando, FL; **Princess Cullum**, Society for Human Resource Management Annual Student and Faculty Conference and Society for Human Resource Management Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

American Association of Law Libraries awarded several scholarships and grants to LIS students. **Ron Fuller**, Nevada Cohort, received the Library Degree for Law School Graduates scholarship. **Grace Rosales**, Los Angeles Program, received two awards: AALL and Thomas West/George A. Strait Minority scholarship and the AALL scholarship. **Kai Williams Slaton**, Georgia Program, and **Meredith McNett**, Nevada Cohort, received grants to attend the annual AALL conference in Denver.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AT COI BOOTH AT THE VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Wini Ashooh, Emily Thompson, Ann McDuffie, Kristi Jerome, Sandi Keefer, Joan Ladnerberg, Mollie Channell, Norma McMurrer, Allison Armstrong

LIS STUDENT-TO-STAFF REPRESENTATIVE AT ALA CONFERENCE



Megan Hodge

Megan Hodge (LIS Virginia cohort) attended her first ALA conference as UNT's 2010 Student-to-Staff representative. The program provides registration, housing, and meal costs to the first 40 ALA-accredited library schools submitting a nominee's name. In exchange, students are assigned to an ALA division or office and are expected to work four hours a day throughout the conference. Megan was assigned to work with *Cognotes*, the conference newspaper, a plumb assignment.

"I had dinner with most of my fellow Students-to-Staffers just hours after arriving in DC," she states. "It was wonderful getting to know some future colleagues other than my UNT classmates, particularly when walking around the conference in later days and recognizing some friendly faces. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to network, get published, and participate in the profession."

ALUMNI SERVING AS LIS ADJUNCT FACULTY

Betty Burch, a member of the LIS staff for several years, died in Denton, September 7, 2010.

Mark Jordan, husband of **Lynnette Jordan** (LIS MLS '78), member of the Board of Advisors, died in Houston on October 2, after a long struggle with Crohn's disease.

Mary Ann Tate Grundborg (LIS BA '77), formerly of Justin, TX, died in Arlington, VA, September 7, 2010

Toby Nelson's brother died in a freak accident while at Camp Pendleton in September 2010. Toby is a PhD student (1996 CECS master's degree) in the Learning Technologies Department and a member of the COI Alumni Society board.

We also have learned of the deaths of:

- Jesse Boyd (LIS MS '90), Alpine, TX
- Rebecca Brumley (LIS MS '98), Ennis, TX
- Parris Cobb (LIS BA '77), Lauderdale Lakes, FL
- Laura Dansby (LIS MLS '74), Houston, TX
- Georgia Edwards (LIS BS '44), San Angelo, TX
- Evelyn Fambrough (LIS BA '55)
- Dorothy Fesler (LIS MS '91), Dallas, TX
- Norma Foster (LIS MS '80), Fayetteville, AR
- Jonnie Fredrickson (LIS BA '47), Santa Fe, NM
- Frances Gee (LIS BA '79), Carrollton, TX
- Douglas Green (LIS BA '51), Tyler, TX
- Freda Hunsaker (LIS MS '96), Norman, OK
- Wilma Johnson (LIS BA '69), Jacksboro, TX
- Jo Kimbro (LIS BA '68), Garland, TX
- Kathleen Liggett (LIS BA '74), Midland, TX
- Daniel Marmion (LIS MS '85), Granger, IN
- Shirley Martin (LIS BA '63), Mineola, TX
- Virginia McCollum (LIS BA '75), Bridgeport, TX
- Patricia McNally (LIS BA '72), Winston Salem, NC
- Barbara McMinn (LIS BA '44), Winters, TX
- Deborah Paschal (LIS MS '91), The Colony, TX
- Camille Phillips (LIS BA '65), San Marcos, TX
- David Schell (LIS MS '90), Woodville, WI
- Omar Sharp (LIS BA '68)
- Louella Stewart (LIS MLS '79), Amarillo, TX

LIS is fortunate to have capable and experienced alumni serving as adjunct faculty members; twenty-one of our graduates have taught classes during recent times. Those individuals, along with their faculty supervisors, include: **Daniel Alemneh** (PhD '09), Dr. Ana Cleveland; **Rich Anderson** (PhD '94), Dr. Brian O'Connor; **Elizabeth Brackeen** (MS '92), Dr. Ana Cleveland; **Connie Coyle** (MS '00), **Stephanie Fulton** (MS '93), Dr. Ana Cleveland; **Tara Hoopes** (MS '05), Martin; **Valli Hoski** (MS '01), Dr. Larry Enoch; **Edward Hoyenski** (MS '97), Dr. Herman Totten; **Deborah Jennings** (MLS '74), Dr. Barbara Martin; **Melody Kelly** (MLS '73), Dr. Herman Totten; **Janet Macpherson** (PhD '05), Dr. Linda Schamber; **Frances May** (MS '84), Dr. Herman Totten; **Jeannie Naylor**

(MS '08), Dr. Larry Enoch; **Agnes Percy** (PhD '07), Dr. Philip Turner; **Jennifer Sheehan** (PhD '06), Dr. Barbara Schultz-Jones; **Lynne Michelle Simpson** (PhD '09), Dr. Larry Enoch; **Christine Sue Stark** (MS '07), Dr. Barbara Martin; **Tim Stettheimer** (PhD '00), Dr. Ana Cleveland; **Karen Vargas** (MS '97), Dr. Ana Cleveland; **Randy Wallace** (MS '02), Dr. Herman Totten; **Marco Zannier** (MS '06), Dr. Barbara Martin.

Others who have served as adjuncts in recent times include: Sharon Almquist, Patricia Bozeman, Teresa Crafton, Marilyn Joyce, Mon Yin Lung, Jimmy Newland, Morris Martin, Florence Mason, Julia Michele Merkel, Jimmy Newland, Julie Nichols, Mary O'Connor, Kathy Royal, and Beth Thomsett-Scott.

FEATURED ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS



Maureen Murphy

Maureen Murphy (LT PhD '07), Project Manager for UNT's ATPI BAAS Recruiting Initiatives as well as a UNT instructor, joins **Toby Nelson** (LT MS '96) and **Credence Baker** (LT PhD '08) as the Department of Learning Technology representatives on the Alumni Society Board. Dr.

Murphy also is a consultant/contractor for physical fitness programs at municipalities in North Texas. Her experience includes over twenty years in corporate workforce development and consulting. She holds a BS degree in Business Finance and an MA degree in Human Resource Development and Training from Northeastern Illinois University, and a doctoral degree in Applied Technology Performance Improvement from UNT. Her dissertation is titled: Improving Learner Reaction, Learning Score and Knowledge Retention by the Chunking Process in Corporate Training. Dr. Murphy's professional interests include: workforce development, adult brain-based learning, corporate culture, and the use of technology for human performance improvement.



Catherine Whitney

Catherine Whitney (LIS MS '06), National Account Manager for Westlaw Business in Texas and Arkansas, has over 15 years of experience as a reference librarian at major law firms in Houston. Her current job involves providing resource awareness training on the Westlaw Business platform, as well as research assistance and account

management guidance. Catherine received the Bachelor of Music Education degree *summa cum laude* from Baylor University in 1978, studied at Clare College, Cambridge in 1978, received a post-graduate paralegal degree in 1981, attended law school at the University of Houston Law Center 1983-85, and received the MS in library and information science from UNT in 2006. She actively participates in volunteer work in the community and professional associations, particularly the Houston Area Law Librarians, the American Association of Law Libraries, and the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries. She has served on the Board of the Friends of the Houston Public Library and is a frequent speaker on the subject of securities research.

ALUMNI SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two LIS students received Alumni Society Scholarships for fall 2010, **Amber Reed** and **Erin McDaniel**.

Amber, who plans to graduate in May 2011, has completed her first courses in the program and reports that she has been successful in all of her classes. "UNT offers one of the finest and most widely respected library and information science programs in the country, and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend," she says. "Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community." She plans to pursue a position in an academic or public library in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Erin states that she is excited to continue her academic work and to begin her new career path. "The



Amber Reed



Erin McDaniel

University of North Texas offers a first-rate Masters of Library Science program, and it is an honor to be a part of the program and a scholarship recipient," she says. In a recent job interview, she was able to list the scholarship, which she believes helped her secure her first library job.

Eighteen other students have received Alumni Society Scholarships since fall 2007, most in the amount of \$1,000. They include: (2007) **Lauren Ko**, **Misty Allen**, **Kristin Blackburn**, **Markieta Bohnen**, **Dona Robertson**, **Kimareanna Ross-Winston**, **Jennifer Simmons**, **Brenda Willey**, (2008) **Patrina Epperson**, **Amanda Montgomery**, **Della Pan**, **Jennifer Simmons**, **Danie Wiig**, (2009) **Jennifer Chapman**, and **Wandee Tangsathitkulchai**.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Featured Graduate Paul Signorelli



Paul Signorelli

Paul Signorelli has been involved in a variety of writing, training, and consulting projects since he received the MS in December 2009. In early 2010, he joined a ten-member team of training specialists helping nurses, social workers, chaplains, physical therapists, and home health aides learn to use the Homecare Homebase PointCare medical record-keeping software on smartphones at Sutter VNA & Hospice throughout northern California. He is currently assisting, as a writer and editor, with "Finding Health and Wellness @ the Library: A Consumer Health Toolkit for Library Staff" available online at <http://www.library.ca.gov/lds/>

[docs/HealtToolkit.pdf/](#) As president (2010) of the award winning (Chapter of the Month, December 2009) Mt. Diablo (San Francisco East Bay Area) Chapter of the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD), he recently facilitated efforts to develop an effective chapter marketing plan. He has received confirmation that he will begin a three-year term on ASD's National Advisors for Chapters group effective January 1, 2011; in October he was among the workshop presenters at the ASTD's Chapter Leaders Conference in Arlington. He presented two workshops through the ALA TechSource in September 2010 on "Using Technology in Library Training."

Two of Paul's articles, drawn from semester-long projects he completed with **Dr. Philip Turner** and **Dr. Florence Mason** while study-

ing at UNT, were purchased for the online version of *American Libraries* magazine. "Remodeling on a Budget," published in April 2010, and "Adult Learning: When Miracles Happen" was included in the May 2010 issue of the online *ALA-APA Library Worklife Newsletter*. His "The 2010 Horizon Report: What Learners Look to Us to Learn" was included in the March 5, 2010 issue of *Learning Solutions Magazine* (online). Paul has accepted an invitation to serve on the New Media Consortium's 2011 Horizon Report Advisory Board, which bills itself as "an international non-for-profit consortium of learning-focused organizations dedicated to the exploration and use of new media and new technologies;" it out an annual report on the use of technology in education.

alumni update

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Early Years

The Westbank Community Library, Austin, received the 2010 ALA John Cotton Dana Award for its promotion of its new Laura Bush Community Library. **Beth Fox** (BA '67) is director of Westbank Library.



Hal Hall

Hal Hall (LISMLS'68), who retired in August 2010 from Texas A&M Libraries has held various positions since he joined the library staff in 1970: Serials Librarian, head of the Special Formats Division, head of Learning Resources Department, and Cushing Library Curator of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Collection. Last year, he was named to the Thomas D. Clareson Award for Distinguished Service, honoring his life's work in the service of science fiction scholarship. He is one of the founding scholars of the Science Fiction Research Association and one of the leading bibliographers of the history of science fiction criticism and book reviewing, having published several indexes to publications in the field. The first volume, covering 1878-1985, was selected as an outstanding reference book by *Choice Magazine* in 1987. He created the Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Database that is online at <http://ssfrd.library.tamu.edu> that provides bibliographic access to

some 90,000 items on the history and criticism of science fiction.

1980s

While in Idaho recently, **Dr. Ana Cleveland** saw **Frank Nelson** (BA '82) who continues to work for the Idaho Library Commission.

1990s



Barbara Beard

Barbara Beard (LIS MS'91), Literacy Coordinator, Beaumont (TX) Public Library System, published an article in the April 1020 issue of the *Texas Adult & Family Literacy Quarterly*, titled "GED Math Instruction: Getting It Right."



Jon Crossno

Jon Crossno (LIS MS '96) was elected the 2010-11 President-elect of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

Linda Dulin (LT PhD '05), a tenured faculty member in communication studies at McLennan Community College where she is co-director of the Honors College, has published "Leadership Preferences of a Generation Y Cohort: A Mixed Methods Investigation," *Journal of Leadership Studies*. 2008.

Stephanie Fulton (LIS MS '93) has been promoted to Associate Director of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

Central Research Medical Library. In May 2010, she received the Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year from the Medical Library Association. The award recognizes "an academic medical librarian at mid-career level who demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence."



Kerol Harrod

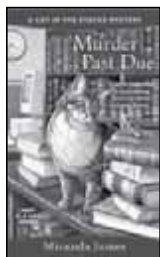


WyLaina Hildreth

Kerol Harrod (LIS MS '98), Denton Public Library, has completed several episodes of a children's educational television show. The Denton Public Library, in association with Denton Television (DTV) and the Denton Independent School District, are producing an educational television show for children. The program, *Library Larry's Big Day*, is available on demand at the library's web site, <http://www.cityofdenton.com/index.aspx?page=1276> and airs twice daily on local channels. The television show, which is produced once a month, is designed to target children two to eight years old. The stars of the show are three puppets who "live" in the library, Library Larry, a good old Texas bull, Emmy Lou Dickenson, a word-loving pig, and Mr. Chompers, a madcap and fun-loving hippo. Together, they read books, visit places around town that relate to the books they read, and provide an entertaining and educational experience for Denton children. **WyLaina Hildreth** (MS '03) is the show's co-producer.

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Corinne Hill (LIS MS '95), interim director, Dallas Public Library, along with Cathy Ziegler, director of the Plano (TX) Library System, were interviewed by Chris Boyd, July 16, 2010, on KERA, Dallas/Fort Worth/Denton PBS. Among topics discussed were relevancy of today's libraries and the struggle to stay open during trying economic times. Corrine has been interviewed on several other radio and television local broadcast.



Dean James (LIS Houston Program MS '92), associate director of collection development of the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library, under the pen name Miranda James, is the author of a new mystery novel, *Murder Past Due* (Berkley). The book, which involves a library, a librarian, and a Maine coon cat, was on the extended *New York Times* mass market paperback bestseller list for three weeks.

Martha (Marty) Rossi (LIS MS '04), Library Media Specialist, (TX) Education Service Center Region 20, is the TLA November Member of the Month on the organization's website at <http://www.txla.org/> Marty is a member of the COI Alumni Society Board.

Morgan Tucker (LIS MS '97) and his family have made a temporary move to the Washington, D.C. area in order for him to pursue a career in Cyber Security Consulting with Accenture. He has acquired the Certified Information Systems Security Professional designation from ISC(2) and will soon begin studies for the Cisco Certified Network Association (CCNA) and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) certification. He reports that he now has added three members to his family, Solomon (4 years), Elias (2 years), and Paolo (2 months).



David Whelan

David Whelan (LIS MS '99), Great Library Manager, The Law Society of Upper Canada, published a book titled *Finding and Managing Legal Information on the Internet* (Canada Law Books).

Chris Childs (LIS MS '05) is now working at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa.



Chris Childs

2000-2005

Janet (Jenny) Benedict (LIS MS '05) is now Director of Library Services at the West Vancouver Memorial Library in British Columbia, Canada. She was previously Co-Interim Director and Deputy Chief Librarian for Public Services at Hartford (CN) Public Library. She currently serves on ALA's Committee on Library Advocacy.



Joan Goodbody

Joan Goodbody (MS '01) began her job in the Examiners Training Academy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 25, 2010. She reports that she will be in the area of Business Methods, the same area where she has been a researcher and trainer for almost four years. Joan is an Alumni Society Board member.

Christina Hoffman Gola (LIS MS '04) has been named Head of Library Instruction at the University of Houston Libraries.



Philip Montgomery

Philip Montgomery (LIS MS '05), who was formerly archivist and special collections librarian at Fondren Library, Rice University, is now archivist and department head at Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Center, Houston. Philip had two LIS practicum students working under his direction, **Brenda Gunter** and **Kristin Smits**. He stated that in working with LIS students both at Rice and in his current position he found them "to be well trained, hard working, and self-motivated."

2006 to date

Arnoldo Becho (LIS MS '06) is the director of the Weslaco (TX) Public Library.



Laurissa Gann

Laurissa Gann (LIS MS '07), outreach librarian, Research Medical Library, UT MD Andersen Cancer in Houston, is the September Member of the Month on the Texas Library Association website. (<http://www.txla.org/>) "After receiving the degree with a specialization in Health Informatics," Laurissa reports in the bio information, "I worked at the Patient/Family Library at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center for a little over two years. While I loved working with the patients, I switched to the Research Medical Library to focus on library instruction in an academic hospital library."



Carrie Gassett

Carrie Gassett (LIS MS '10), reference and instructional librarian at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Central Library, presented the contributed paper, "The Diary of a New Librarian: Lessons Learned on the Job," at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association.



Starr Hoffman

Starr Hoffman (LIS MS '06) has accepted the position of head of the Government Documents Department at UNT Libraries.

Christy Loomis (LIS MS '10) is the Marion (TX) High School librarian.

Sarah Paramore (LIS certificate), librarian at Oak Meadows Elementary School, Manor (TX) ISD, received a Laura Bush Foundation Grant for her library. She also was awarded a TLA Christina B. Woll Memorial Fund grant to help build her library's graphic novels collection.



Melissa Place

Melissa Place (LIS MS '08) is now a reference librarian in the Business Information Center, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University.

Sheryl Stoeck (LIS MS '07) was selected as one of 16 teachers to participate in a seminar entitled Historical Interpretations of the Industrial Revolution in Britain, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She spent five weeks during summer 2010 with other teachers from across the U.S. studying and visiting sites in England related to the period.



David Wachanga (r) at BBC

A 13 minutes BBC interview in Swahili with **David Wachanga** (LIS PhD '07), assistant professor of journalism and information science,

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Communication Department, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) was aired in East and Central Africa, August 8, 2010. David is in the process of filming two documentaries revolving around the lives of Professor Ali A. Mazrui and Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o, who are prominent African scholars. David says that his "agenda is to preserve African memory through documentary conversations with African elders and sages. My next project will be on Professor Wangari

Maathai, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate." In July 2010, David filmed in five cities in England and traveled in eight U.S. states. He filmed in East Africa in December 2009, and will do so again this fall.

Berika Williams (LIS MS '10) has accepted the position of Web Services Librarian at the University of Houston-Victoria Library.

Deidra Woodson (LIS MS ?) was elected 2010-11 Secretary of the Hospital Library Interest Section of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, replacing another graduate, **Jeff Swindoll** (LIS MS '07).

Thank You

A special thank you to the College of Information Alumni Society Executive Officers and Board members who agreed to serve an additional year of their term to assist with the transition and reorganization of the Society from a Library and Information Sciences group to that of the College of Information Alumni Society. These and other elected board members have worked feverishly to establish new by-laws, select both LIS and LT board representatives, and have assisted in setting forth a new direction to encompass supporting alumni of both departments. Special thanks to:

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The Alumni Society Board is now accepting nominations for new Board members to serve the 2011-2013 term. Both Learning Technologies and Library and Information Sciences alums are needed. For more information email CI-Alumni@unt.edu.

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As a graduate student in the College of Information, I directly benefit from UNT's affordable, top-notch instruction, generous scholarships, and Graduate Library Assistantship program.

Also, as a student worker in Advancement, I have the opportunity to see the impressive extent to which individual alumni gifts positively impact the University of North Texas. Thank you!

Drew Hopskotch
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*In working with UNT students, I find them to be highly involved and interested in making a better world. Many students work, attend classes, and still find time for philanthropy and giving back. I look at the young people on this campus, and I find them amazing. Almost everyone is on a budget in these tough financial times, but **giving back is a pleasure and not a burden.***

Sue Kennedy Stinson
B.A. 1964; M.Ed. 1973



UNT played a big part in both my personal and profession life. *Dr. Jack B. Scroggs prepared me to teach history, and Dr. Darrell Dunham showed me how to teach and make learning enjoyable. Any money I send to the University helps in some way to employ and keep excellent professors. That is the number one reason that I give back what I can.*

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