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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2011 BETA PHI MU AWARD

Dr. Lesley Farmer, professor of librarianship at the California State University Long Beach, has been selected the recipient of the American Library Association's 2011 Beta Phi Mu Award. This annual award, donated by the Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honorary Society, is presented to a library school faculty member or to an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship.

In selecting her for the award, the jury was impressed with Dr. Farmer's commitment to working with her students and preparing them to be exemplary Teacher Librarians. In an era when many school libraries are staffed by untrained clerks, Dr. Farmer's dedication to preparing Teacher Librarians for their special relationships with both students and teachers is exemplary.

School libraries are fundamental to ensuring that students have strong research and critical thinking skills and are able to advance and meet their educational goals. At California State University at Long Beach (CSULB), Dr. Farmer helps students who have diverse and varied life experiences become Teacher Librarians; her students praised her use of technology to help them understand the course material and also to teach them well in both the practical and theoretical aspects of librarianship. "She models innovations, and then students

learn them...She is cutting-edge, and she has nurtured that desire in her students." In addition, both her colleagues and students mentioned how much she works at revising her classes to be as effective as possible. Her students also said she understands each one of them and their specific interests. Her support continues long after graduation, as she mentors many of them both in their jobs and in getting them involved in national and California-based library organizations.

The Library Media curriculum that Dr. Farmer coordinates has attracted considerable positive attention. In addition to the care that her students get, they also receive a wide-ranging library education. It includes such initiatives as Service Learning, the use of many different kinds of technology and even an interactive book repair workshop. Her program was commended by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education as follows "The [CSULB] program provides leadership not only on the campus but throughout the country and internationally." In the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) review, Dr. Farmer's curriculum was praised "...as an outstanding example of advanced preparation."

Everyone mentioned her impressive publication list - including more than 20 books, as well as chapters and articles. Her written work is often linked to the settings she researches, which further increases the impact of her work. Praised as being forward thinking, Dr. Farmer is currently examining young people, especially girls and technology; she recently launched a digital citizenship Wiki. Last year she helped develop the California State Library Standards that now serve as the basis for a statewide library curriculum, and she is serving on the steering committee to update teacher librarian program standards. She presents at local, national and international conferences as well. *Reprinted from the American Libraries Magazine.*



Dr. Lesley Farmer

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Call for Papers

BETA PHI MU/LRRT RESEARCH PAPER AWARD FOR 2012

This award is being jointly presented by The Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society (<http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/>) and the American Library Association's Library Research Round Table (<http://www.ala.org/lrrt/>) to recognize excellent research into problems related to the profession of librarianship. Any ALA member is eligible for this \$500 award, and all methodologies and research topics/questions are eligible for consideration. The criteria to be followed for the selection of an award winner are:

- ❖ Importance of the research question or problem
- ❖ Adequacy of the review of relevant literature
- ❖ Appropriateness of the methodology used
- ❖ Effectiveness of the application of the methodology
- ❖ Addition of the findings to the knowledge and/or praxis in the field of librarianship
- ❖ Articulation of the conclusions emanating from the study
- ❖ Clarity and completeness

The page limit for submissions will be thirty (30) double-spaced pages plus bibliography. Only complete papers will be considered and submissions should be made electronically to the contact person below. The submissions must not have been published prior to March 1, 2012 and should follow APA style. Individuals may submit only one paper. Jointly authored papers are acceptable, but all authors must be ALA members, and will split the award of \$500.

The deadline for submission is March 1, 2012. All submissions that meet the deadline and the criteria (including length of paper) will be considered. The papers will undergo a blind-review process by a joint BΦM/LRRT award committee and the winner will be notified by May 1, 2012. Please include a title page with title of paper and author contact information including name, institutional affiliation, mailing address and email address.

The award will be presented during one of LRRT's research programs at the ALA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, June 21-25, 2012.

Email Submissions as Word documents only to:

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The President's Page

Marie L. Radford, Beta Phi Mu President

Greetings to all Beta Phi Mu members and congratulations to new initiates for 2010-2011. It is my great honor to be 2011-2012 President of the BΦM National Executive Board. I graduated from Syracuse University with my MSLS in 1973 and was chosen to be a BΦM candidate for the Pi Lambda Sigma chapter (<http://bpm.syr.edu/>). I am a lifetime member of the Theta Chapter at Pratt Institute (<http://bpmtheta.org/>), and am now also a member and faculty advisor of the Omicron Chapter at Rutgers University (<http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com/>) where I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science (LIS).

I was elected to the BΦM National Executive Board in 2006, and have since been an active member, serving on several scholarship award committees, including being Chair of the Garfield Dissertation Award Committee in 2008-2009. One of the most important contributions of BΦM, both on the national and on the local level, is in the awarding of thousands of dollars in scholarships to academically talented and worthy MLIS and PhD students across the US. Especially in these times of economic difficulty and scarce resources, these scholarship funds are needed more than ever.

In addition to scholarship funds, BΦM chapters are active in providing high-quality, library-related lectures and programs to MLIS and PhD students, BΦM members, and MLIS alums throughout the country. For example, the Omicron Chapter at Rutgers University (RU), of which I serve as faculty advisor, presented its annual fall lecture on October 5th, 2011 entitled: "The Exploding Book and the Smiling Librarian." This stellar program was co-sponsored by the RU Libraries, The NJ Center for the Book, The RU School of Communication and Information Alumni Association, and the RU LIS Department. It featured Marc Aronson, PhD, author, critic, and RU LIS faculty member, and Evan St. Lifer, Vice President, Digital Initiatives, Scholastic Library Publishing (RU alumni and previously editor of *School Library Journal*). Their provocative talk focused on the impact of the emergence of e-books, especially for children and young adults. Questions under discussion included: What happens to author's ideas when they are offered as e-content rather than the traditional flipping pages of picture books and novels? When the book transcends print to be shattered and exploded as an experience? What is the librarian's role in this new era? The futuristic talk was well-attended and concluded with a lively Q&A session that involved MLIS and Phd students, area librarians, BΦM members, and other MLIS alumni. I know that all BΦM chapters have similar high-quality programs. You can read about many of these in this issue of *The Pipeline*.

In the role of recognizing and advancing LIS research, under the leadership of immediate BΦM Past-President John M. Budd, of the University of Missouri-Columbia, a new opportunity has been created for honoring a top LIS research paper (see *Call for Papers* page). In collaboration with the ALA Library Research Round Table, which John currently chairs, this award will serve not only to highlight superlative research, but will also raise the profile of BPM at ALA Annual.

As BΦM President, I am privileged to have the opportunity to work with the distinguished officers and members of the Executive Board, as well as Christie Koontz, BΦM Executive Director, and John Paul "JP" Walters, Program Director, and Bob Branciforte, Treasurer, all from Florida State University. Their dedication and effort on behalf of BΦM over the past several years, are crucial for the ongoing success of this organization. Without their commitment and enthusiasm, BΦM would be far from the vital and active organization it is. I thank them for their exemplary service that far exceeds expectations, and especially for their ever good-humored collegiality (and sense of fun), which is deeply appreciated.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with Christie and JP as BΦM undergoes major change, including a transition to a new institutional home. Once we finalize these negotiations, I see ahead a term as President in which I will assist in this transition, and work to ensure that BΦM continues to contribute to the profession in multiple ways. These include tracking our BΦM chapters and members, assisting in the initiation of new members, offering quality programs and publications, and growing our scholarship support. I hope all of you will join me in our mission, which is consumed in the service of librarianship.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie L. Radford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meet Our New Board Members



Eileen Abels, Director

EILEEN G. ABELS is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor at the iSchool at Drexel, College of Information Science and Technology. Among her other administrative responsibilities, she helps to oversee the operations of the ipl2, a teaching/learning/research digital library environment for LIS educators. Prior to joining the faculty at Drexel, she served on the faculty of the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland where she taught in the areas of reference, electronic access, business information and special libraries. Dr. Abels received her MLS from the University of Maryland and her Ph.D. from UCLA. She was the recipient of the SLA Rose L. Vormelker Award, 2007 and the ASIST ISI Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award, 2008. A complete CV is available on her website at: <http://www.ischool.drexel.edu/faculty/eabels/>



Initiated into Beta Phi Mu in 1978, **DR. SUSAN (SUE) WEBRECK ALMAN** has served as President of Pi Chapter and has served several terms on Beta Phi Mu's National Board of Directors and the Scholarship and Grants Committee.

Since 1987, Alman has held various positions at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Information Sciences (SIS). In 2003 she was appointed the Director of Distance Education and Outreach where she oversees the FastTrack MLIS program—the delivery of the ALA-accredited MLIS program to online students. During her tenure in SIS she served as Assistant to the Dean and Coordinator of Professional Development in addition to teaching core and elective courses in the MLIS program. Among her areas of specialization for teaching and research are asynchronous education, interpersonal communications, and management.

Alman was nominated to the Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning in 2010, she is active in the Sloan-C Asynchronous Learning Network, and she is the co-recipient of three (3) IMLS grants totaling nearly \$3 million for online educational programs.

Prior to joining the University of Pittsburgh, Alman held posts at the University of Michigan, Mary Washington College, and Salem College. She resides in the Pittsburgh area with her husband, two children, and family dog.



Sue Alman, Director

Meet Our New Board Members



Elizabeth Figa, Director

DR. ELIZABETH FIGA is an Associate Professor in the College of Information Department of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas. She has an M.S. in Library and Information Sciences and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is the Recipient of the 2005 University of North Texas Outstanding Teacher & Course Award and the 2009 Recipient of the University of North Texas Provost's Award for Extraordinary Professional Service to the University of North Texas for Service on the UNT Evaluation of Teaching Committee. Dr. Figa conducts research to understand and describe human information seeking behavior and the information use of various kinds of groups such as online learners, library professionals, doctoral students, and research scientists in their vocational, educational and social spheres, as well as information use in their personal lives. She is one of the founding Editors of *Storytelling, Self, Society*, an interdisciplinary journal that invites scholarship addressing topics related to *Storytelling*.

Dr. Figa was inducted into the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu at the University of Illinois. She has served as the Faculty Advisor for Beta Phi Mu at the University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Sciences for the past 10 years. In 2010, the University of North Texas requested and was granted its own Chapter of Beta Phi Mu – the Beta Beta Nu Chapter. We conduct three inductions each year.

Dr. Figa was the first recipient of the Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Fellowship when she was a single mother trying to complete her doctoral fieldwork studies with Jean Antes, the first rural circuit rider medical librarian. When she accepted that award, she pledged a lifetime of support to the mission of Beta Phi Mu which she has continued to this day. Last year, she sent a letter to Dr. Garfield to update him on "his investment" in her and that letter was shared with the National BPM Office. Dr. Garfield responded in kind with great delight.

In her spare time Dr. Figa is a marathon and half-marathon runner, a ballroom dancer, a graphic novels and comics lover, and a grandmother. When colleagues, students, friends and family ask her if she ever sleeps, she tells them, "Yes! In my dreams."

For more information: The University of North Texas Beta Beta Nu Chapter Website: <http://www.courses.unt.edu/efiga/FACULTYPAGE/BetaPhiMu.htm>. Dr. Figa's Website is: <http://www.courses.unt.edu/efiga/Figa/>

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CARRIE HURST began her career as a Library Para-Professional and served in that capacity for eighteen years at Hillsborough Community College (HCC), before deciding that she wanted to become a librarian. With an Associate Degree from HCC under her belt, Hurst put her dreams into action, earning several academic scholarships and fellowships along the way. Hurst graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Leo College with a Baccalaureate Degree in Sociology. In 2000, she received her Masters' Degree with honors in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida.

Hurst started out at the Seventy-Eighth Street Library in Palm River, FL, worked her way up to Branch Manager at the Robert W. Saunders Library in Ybor City, FL and, in 2008, became the Manager of the Seminole Heights Branch Public Library. If you ask Carrie about her career and how long she has worked in the realm of libraries, she'll tell you, "Working in libraries is my passion. I've never done anything else."

Hurst has received many employment, civic and academic honors. She is a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Hurst has received commendations for her service to Hillsborough County, Hillsborough Community College, The American Library Association, the Florida Library Association, St. Petersburg College, United Way of Hillsborough County, and the Centre for Women.

Hurst was inducted into the University of South Florida Beta Phi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu in 2010. This year, Hurst received the "Outstanding Staff of the Year" award and is currently a member of the 2011 Class of the Florida Sunshine State Library Leadership Program.



Carrie Hurst, Director



Charles McElroy, Director

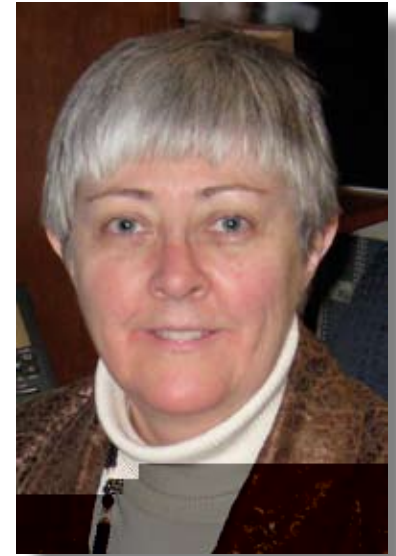
CHARLES MCELROY is the Serials Department Head for Florida State University Libraries. Before coming to FSU, Charles was a systems librarian at the Florida Center for Library Automation in Gainesville where he worked in the acquisitions area with eleven state university libraries in the Florida consortium. He has a BA in history from the University of Florida and an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. In addition to membership in the Florida Library Association, North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), American Library Association (ALA), and Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), he has been reappointed for a second term on the ALCTS Membership Committee.

Meet Our New Board Members

ELAINE YONTZ is Professor and Chair of the Department of Library Science at East Carolina University. She previously served on the faculties of the Master of Library and Information Science Program at Valdosta State University and of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida. Prior to entering the professorate, she was Associate Chair for Contributed Cataloging at George Smathers Libraries, University of Florida.

Her experience as an educator includes preparing students for professional positions in all types of libraries and information centers. She holds a PhD in College Teaching from the University of Florida, an ALA-accredited Masters degree from Florida State University, and an MFA in Music History, Literature, and Criticism from the University of Florida.

She has been active in research and scholarly activity since 1990, authoring numerous refereed articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Her professional presentations include invited panel appearances at the Library of Congress and on College of DuPage's Soaring to Excellence series. Current projects include an ongoing study that tracks the indexing and abstracting of open-access journals.



**Elaine Yontz,
Director At Large**

Yontz has held several elected offices and committee appointments in professional organizations at national and state levels. Highlights include an appointment to Lorie Roy's ALA Presidential Task Force on Supporting LIS Education Through Practice, and service as chair of the ALISE Research Committee. She is a past Chair of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Council of Regional Groups and a past President of the ALA New Members Round Table. She was initiated into Beth Phi Mu by the Beta Phi chapter at the University of South Florida in 2000. For more information: yontzm@ecu.edu

Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make, not only our own happiness, but that of the world at large. — Mahatma Gandhi



Executive Director's Report 2007-2012

Christie Koontz, Ph.D.

More scholarship money!

Over the last five years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of Beta Phi Mu scholarship applications. In 2007 we received just 22 applications. In 2008 there were 57 applicants; 2009 – 68 applicants; 2010 – 125 applicants; and this year, that number almost doubled to 206 when the Executive Board voted to up the scholarship amounts and utilize ScholarSelect, an online, paperless application platform. More than \$25,000 is available each year for BΦM scholarships and fellowships. Please, help us spread the word!

Here are the names of our scholarship recipients since 2007:

(2011) Kalsang, Eric Ambler, Jennifer Colby, Santi Thompson, Natalia Ermolaev, Sofia Athenikos, Amber Cushing, Keisuke Inoue, Amy Van Scoy, Hollie White, Yong Yi; (2010) Kim Anderson, Jeanette de Richemond, Carolyn Hank, Kyungwon Koh, Ellen Pozzi, Ellen Rubenstein, Aaron G. Prosser, Katharine St. Laurent, Dorian Lange, Samantha Schmehl Hines; (2009) Bradley Wade Bishop, Jennifer Crispin, Linda R. Most, Zhixian (George) Yi, Naomi Schemm, Christine J. Hartigan, Jessie A. howell, Joshua Finnell; (2008) Serhiy Polyakov, Xiaoli Huang, Yong-Mi Kim, Maria Souden, Mary Jo Venetis, Pengyi Zhang, Emma Carbone, Jennifer Lynn Ventura, Cristina Dominguez Ramirez, Sarah E. Wessel; (2007) Lisa Ree Anfield, Donghua Tao, Erin Macauley, Theodore Patrick Mila.s

How many of us are there...?

An honor society's greatest mission is to promote and support scholarly work and scholars. Since 1948, Beta Phi Mu has done so and continues to put its scholarship and leadership stamp on students through their earned GPA and subsequent faculty vote of recognition to those within the top 25% for their leadership and lifelong potential. The BΦM database holds over 35,000 BPM members.

What's next?

At a minimum, we all need to continue to do our part to keep Beta Phi Mu going at both the chapter and national level. But more importantly, we must move BΦM forward with LIS schools into the future. On July 31, 2012, our contract with Florida State University will end and the process leading up to this will culminate in a new host institution for BΦM. All the concerns of an honor society will move with it—some improvements have been made but a new vision will create new facets and values. It is an exciting time of transition. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, let us hear from you—and hopefully we will see you in Dallas and/or Anaheim!

Christie Koontz

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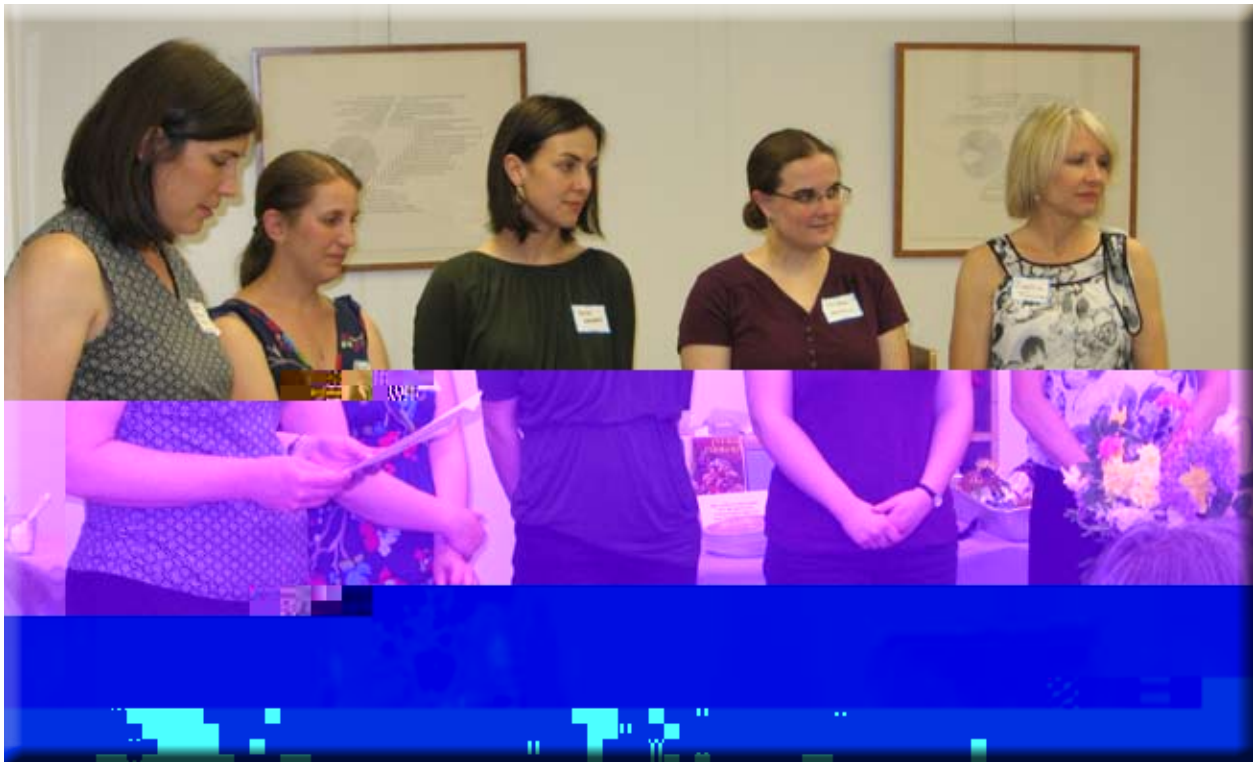


Beta Phi Mu Chapter News

BETA BETA THETA CHAPTER @ THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA held its 24th annual chapter meeting on May 10, 2011. **David Schoonover**, Curator of Rare Books at the University's Special Collections Department, gave a presentation entitled "The Treasures of the Special Collections Department at the University of Iowa," followed by a lively discussion. The initiation of new members was the next order of business. These were Katie DeVries Hassman, M.A., May 2011 (2010 Beta Beta Theta Scholarship winner); Daphne Foreman, M.A., May 2011 (2010 Beta Beta Theta Scholarship winner); Christine Mastalio, M.A., May 2011 (2010 Beta Beta Theta Scholarship winner); Donna K. Salton, M.A., May 2011; and March L. Sutton, M.A., May 2011. We also welcomed two transfers: Rachel Fleming, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2006; and Kay Weiss, University of Illinois, 1978.



Scholarships were awarded to Nicole Dudley, Melody Dworak, and Sarah Sellon. The business meeting and election of officers for next year were held, with Ethel Bloesch being elected President and Marilyn Swanson as Secretary/Treasurer. After the meeting was adjourned, the members were treated to cookies from recipes found in the Szathmary Culinary Collection in the Special Collections Department. *Submitted by Jacque Roethler, Chapter President*



Beta Beta Theta Initiation Ceremony. [L-R]: Faculty liaison Joan Bessman Taylor, March Sutton, Katie Hassman, Christine Mastalio, and Daphne Foreman.

Chapter News

IOTA CHAPTER, representing The College of Information Science at the University of Maryland and The Catholic University of America's School of Library and Information Science, members volunteered at the 11th Annual Library of Congress Book Festival, which drew over 200,000 visitors. Volunteer responsibilities included attending a training session and working one four hour shift. Other volunteer activities included working at the Children's Pavilion and driving authors around in a golf cart to speaking and book signing opportunities. New this year, the LC Book Festival took place over two days on September 24 and 25, 2011 and had three new pavilions: The Cutting Edge, Graphic Novels, and State Poets Laureate. After the first day, IOTA Chapter members met at Austin Grill.



IOTA Chapter Members (L-R) Peggy Flynn, Mark Brzozowski, Jeffrey Prater, Diane Vogelsong, and Liane Rosenblatt enjoy dinner at the Austin Grill after the first day of the LC Book Festival.

One of our members recently published a book! Erin Haggerty wrote *Recommendation Intoxication: How We Became Beguiled by an Unreliable Workplace Habit and What We Can Do About It*. For more information: <http://www.recommendationintoxication.com>

Our Annual Meeting will be March 26, 2012 at National Public Radio. The guest speaker will be Leslie Johnston from the Library of Congress. *Submitted by Jeffrey Prater, Iota Chapter President*

Chapter News

Building on the success of last year's events, **GAMMA CHAPTER @ FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** will hold its 54th Annual Meeting and Evening of Events on Friday, November 18th. Open to all Beta Phi Mu members and the alumni, students, and faculty of Florida State University's School of Library and Information Studies (FSU SLIS), it is taking place in the Goldstein Library of the Louis Shores Building, home of FSU SLIS.

Our Annual Meeting and Initiation is open to all — although only current chapter members may vote — and will take place in the Goldstein's Gregory Conference Room. For those who cannot attend in person, we provide a simulcast online at <http://webcast.cci.fsu.edu> and encourage participation by posting to our chapter's Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/bpmgamma>). We will relay questions and comments to those present at the meeting.

After our meeting, guest speaker Emily Gore, the new FSU University Libraries Dean for Digital Scholarship and Technology Services, will present her talk on "The Future of Digital Scholarship" in the Gregory Conference Room and via live webcast.

Finally, after the talk we will have our Wine and Finger Food Reception with jazz pianist Jim Amend, giving our members and guests a chance to catch up with SLIS faculty, chapter members, and FSU alumni in a casual, informal setting. Attendees will be able to enjoy hot and cold snacks, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages as they make plans for how they will spend the remainder of FSU's Homecoming Weekend.

Gamma Chapter Service and Leadership Awards.

Gamma Chapter is considering two new awards to honor service and leadership. We have requested feedback from our members on these via our Annual Meeting invitations and our Facebook page, and will also be discussing the possibilities at our Annual Meeting.

The "Gamma Chapter Service and Leadership Award" would go to a Gamma member who has continued to embody Beta Phi Mu's motto "Consumed in the service of others" since their initiation by displaying professional excellence, providing valuable service to the community and profession, and by being a leader in our field.

The "Gamma Chapter Honorary Membership" would go to a non-Gamma member who has displayed especially high levels of professional excellence, provided valuable and exceptional service, and been a strong and effective leader in our field. We wish to acknowledge those that, while perhaps not nominated for Beta Phi Mu membership at the time of earning their degree, have exemplified the criteria we look for in Beta Phi Mu members. The awardee would gain honorary membership in Gamma Chapter and may be considered for honorary membership in the international Beta Phi Mu organization.

Gamma Chapter on Facebook. Gamma Chapter has recently moved from a Facebook group to a Facebook page: "Beta Phi Mu - Gamma Chapter." We encourage all our members and others who may be interested in our chapter activities to please visit and "like" facebook.com/bpmgamma to stay informed about news, information, and events of interest. Members can use our page to engage others in discussions that may further their careers or education. We want our Facebook page to serve as a place for members to interact, network, and find useful information. For those who are not members of Facebook, we maintain an active e-mail address (bpmgamma@fsu.edu) which reaches all of the current officers; members can also send comments via postal mail to our mailbox in Tallahassee.

Submitted by Gamma Chapter officers: Phyllis Hytten, Bob Branciforte, Adam Worrall, and Patrick Milas.

For more information: bpm-gamma@fsu.edu

GAMMA CHAPTER @ G-ALA PHOTOS ⇨

Chapter News



Gamma President Phyllis Hytten reports on chapter activities.



FSU Serials Department Head and Gamma Chapter member Charles McElroy follows a presentation.



Amanda Ros, BPhiM Director At Large and Christie Koontz, BPhiM Executive Director are both proud Gamma Chapter members! Here they greet arriving Beta Phi Mu members.



A smiling Nicole Stroud, one of two Gamma Chapter scholarship recipients from 2010, with her husband, Ben.

Chapter News

*We Welcome
Two New Chapters!*

OMICRON CHAPTER @ RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Members, initiates, scholarship recipients, faculty members, and special guests attended the 2011 Omicron annual meeting at the Rutgers Club on May 9, 2011. Susan Conlon, librarian at the Princeton Public Library, offered the after dinner talk, "Change Is Good! Connection & Innovation in an On-demand World." During the meeting, we recognized and welcomed our 23 initiates. This year, we provided \$1,000 scholarships each to four worthy recipients, Natalia Ermolaev, Shanna Hollich, Miraida Morales, and Anna Raya Rivera, selected from another impressive pool of applicants. We are pleased to report that the chapter was able to increase the number of scholarship recipients once again.

On October 5, 2011, Marc Aronson, Ph.D. (YA author and lecturer for Rutgers University, School of Communication and Information) paired with Evan St. Lifer (Vice President, Digital Initiatives, Scholastic Library Publishing) to present the Beta Phi Mu Omicron Chapter 2011 Fall Lecture: "The Exploding Book and the Smiling Librarian." This event was co-sponsored by: Rutgers University Libraries; Department of Library and Information Science, School of Communication and Information; and Rutgers University School of Communication and Information Alumni Association and drew over 100 attendees.

Plans are set to reconvene the membership at the next annual meeting, scheduled for April 24, 2012. *Submitted by Maureen Smyth, Omicron Chapter Vice President*



Elizabeth Figa, Chapter Advisor
Beta Beta Nu @ North Texas University
Denton, TX



Sheri Ross, Chapter Advisor
Beta Beta Xi @ St. Catherine University
St. Paul, MN

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Greetings from **PI LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER @ THE ORIGINAL iSCHOOL, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY!**

On May 14, 2011, during Graduation Weekend, we held our 108th Annual Chapter Meeting and Initiation and celebrated our 52nd anniversary as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu. At our luncheon, we initiated 13 new members representing the 2010-11 graduate classes, as well as from previous years, into our Chapter. We returned to campus and held our event, following Convocation, at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. Initiated in person were: Nicole C. Dittrich, Elizabeth A. Gall, and Jessica R. O'Toole. Initiated in absentia were: Jessica M. Ammons, Anne McKeegan Debraggio, Gabrielle Goselin, Ashley Jean Groff, Catherine V. Medeot, Kathleen A. O'Connell, Andrea Lynne Phelps, Lorraine Porcello, Margaret A. Queija, and Peter Dombrowsky Schult.

Our Executive Board manages our chapter's affairs, financial aid programs, listserv and website. We are seeking to fill Board vacancies, as new jobs and commitments take former members elsewhere. Leading us this fall, in addition to our President, are Past President Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, Recording Secretary Brian Dobreski, Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, Treasurer Suzanne Preate, Membership Chair Christine Demetros, Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi and Valarie Massulik, Board members Ellen Owens, Carole Kupelian, and Margaret Backus, and Faculty Advisor Dr. Megan Oakleaf.

At the iSchool, we use our website < <http://bpm.syr.edu/> > and iSchool listserv to promote our no-interest loans fund and our scholarship to deserving and academically-gifted students. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter.

Submitted by Susan Slenker, Corresponding Secretary, jslenker@twcny.rr.com



108th Annual Meeting and Initiation ceremony conducted by President Linda Galloway, assisted in signing the Great Roll by Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, Past President. Other participants were Christine Demetros, Membership; Ellen Owens, Board member; and Susan Slenker, Corresponding Secretary.

Under the leadership of President Linda Galloway of the Syracuse University Libraries, we currently have more than 200 "active" members, those who have paid their Chapter dues in the last three years. Members paying current dues are eligible for our continuing education grants and our Mullen Award to attend summer ALA.



Nicole Dittrich, Elizabeth Gall, and Jessica O'Toole were among thirteen new initiates into Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter this past spring.

Chapter News

The **BETA PHI CHAPTER @ THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**, School of Information held an initiation on October 4, 2011. Thirteen people were initiated, either in attendance or abstentia. The chapter also had three initiates at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA in New Orleans on June 25th during the ALA annual conference.



New Beta Phi Mu member Katie Corrigan
Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA



L-R: Rhonda Gamboa, Anna Perrault, Lia Kerwin • Beta Phi Chapter @ University of South Florida • Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA • New Orleans, LA

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Friday, January 20th • 12:00-3:00 PM



BETA PHI MU
2012 General Assembly G-ALA
ANAHEIM, CA
Location TBA

Saturday, June 23rd • 3:30-5:30 PM

*Business Meeting, Chapter Reports,
New Member Initiation Ceremony,
2012 Scholarship Recipients Announced,
Face2Face Networking, Catered Reception*

Social Networking at Beta Phi Mu

Did you know that Beta Phi Mu is on Facebook and LinkedIn? Due to changes at Facebook, we have recently changed from being a “group” to a “page”. The link to our new page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Beta-Phi-Mu-International-Library-Information-Studies-Honor-Society/162406473822270>. Make sure you “like” us in order to keep up with the latest news, events, and information from national headquarters. Additionally, we are compiling information on BPM chapters on Facebook. To this end, if your chapter has a page and you are an admin of that page, like us so that we can like you back. If your chapter is remaining a group, please post to our page or drop us a line at beta-phi-muinfo@admin.fsu.edu so that we can add your chapter’s Facebook presence to our page.

Our LinkedIn group address is: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=36230&trk=anet_ug_grppro. Here you can find discussions, members, and other information concerning Beta Phi Mu.



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Scholarship Recipients



*Sue Searing, Chair
Scholarship Review Committee*

At the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA in New Orleans this past June, the Scholarship Review Committee, chaired by Sue Searing, announced the 2011 recipients for its scholarships and fellowships.

The **Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship** will support two students who are beginning their graduate studies in LIS. Kalsang, who grew up in a Tibetan refugee camp in India (and who, like many Tibetans, has only one name), is a recent graduate of Smith College who will enroll at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Eric Ambler, who holds a bachelors in History from the University of Southern California and has worked as an intern at the Moravian Church Archives, will be a student at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The **Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Service** was awarded to Jennifer Colby. Jennifer has worked as a volunteer and substitute librarian in the Dexter, Michigan schools. She will pursue her master's degree at the University of Michigan.

The **Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member** was awarded to Santi Thompson (Beta Omega chapter). Santi, who is the Project Manager for the South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program, will attend the DigCCurr Professional Institute at the University of North Carolina.

The **Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study** was awarded to Natalia Ermolaev. Natalia recently earned a Ph.D. degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Columbia and is now working toward her MLIS at Rutgers. Natalia aspires to be an academic librarian, and the Lancour Scholarship will support a research trip to Russia.

Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships were awarded to six students who are pursuing Ph.D.s:

Sofia Athenikos (Drexel), for "Enabling Entity Retrieval by Exploiting Wikipedia as a Semantic Knowledge Source."

Amber Cushing (North Carolina), for "Possession and Self Extension in Digital Environments: Implications for Maintaining Personal Information."

Keisuke Inoue (Syracuse), for an investigation of the linguistic properties of information-seeking computer-mediated communication, through discourse analysis of digital reference interview logs and machine learning experiments.

Amy VanScoy (North Carolina), for "Exploring the Meaning of Reference Work for Librarians in Academic Research Libraries."

Hollie White (North Carolina), for an experimentally influenced study of the organizing issues associated with scientific data sets.

Yong Yi (Florida State), for "Consumer health information behavior in public libraries: A mixed methods study."

Applications for the 2012 scholarships will be accepted November 15, 2011 - March 15, 2012.

For more information please visit the Beta Phi Mu website: www.beta-phi-mu.org

Beta Phi Mu's Global Reach.



Beta Phi Mu member Katherine Rewinkel El-Darwish (left) and friend Aytugce Birdinc in front of Sacre Coeur in Paris. Katherine has been living and working as a librarian in Switzerland since 2007. Currently, she works for International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the world's oldest global environmental network, where she manages the library and all associated services.

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