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From the President

As we approach the end of another academic year, I thank each of you for your support of Beta Phi Mu. It's been an honor to serve as your President and to have a small hand in continuing our commitment to scholarship, leadership, and service.

We are especially excited about our new membership category. Professional Membership allows us to recognize and honor people who meet the qualifications of membership but did not join at the point of graduation. We now have 19 professional members, and we want many more! Please encourage your accomplished colleagues who have been out of library school for at least 5 years to visit www.betaphimu.org/membership.html to apply.

Your Executive Board is very concerned about the long-term financial viability of your honor society. In order to maintain our future ability to recognize and reward excellent students and members of our profession, meaningful changes will be required in the near-term future. We want your input into discussions and decisions, and we want your help in making the changes effective. We will begin this discussion at our Business Meeting & Member Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in



Washington, D.C. this summer. If you want to make sure you are a part of this conversation, please contact me at yontzm@ecu.edu.

And speaking of ALA Annual, please join us on Saturday, June 22nd, 2:00-4:00, in the Marriott Marquis, Salon 12. There will be an initiation for BPM members in any category, refreshments, chapter updates, and a chance to network with the coolest people at the conference! I wish you well and I hope to see you there.

Elaine Yontz, Ph.D.
President





Meet Your New Editor

Introducing:
Kirsten Lorenzen, MLIS

Kirsten Lorenzen is the newest Editor for Beta Phi Mu's newsletter, *The Pipeline*. Kirsten currently works as the Outreach and Community Engagement Librarian for Briscoe Library at UT Health San Antonio.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I grew up in Santa Barbara, CA and spent my childhood going to the beach. In 2010, I received a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Communication from UC Davis. During my junior year of college, I studied abroad in England, where I fell in love with all things British and learned how to make shepherd's pie. After college, I moved down to Los Angeles and spent the next three years working in marketing before deciding to go back to school to get a master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Because the program was all online, I had a lot of flexibility and ended up moving to Fort Worth, TX. I lived in Fort Worth for about 6 months before moving down to San Antonio, where I've been for just over 5 years now. One of my favorite things about San Antonio is all the amazing food, including the best tacos I've ever had in my entire life. In my free time I love reading (of course), hiking, traveling, playing piano, and I'm an avid movie buff.

What has your career path been like?

When I graduated from college, I got a job working for a printing and graphics company in Los Angeles. I then moved over to a marketing firm, also located in LA, where I worked for a couple of years before deciding that I wanted to make a change. I had really enjoyed the creative aspect of marketing, but I knew I couldn't work in that industry forever. I began to explore other options and kept coming across librarians who all loved their jobs. Having been an English major, librarianship definitely piqued my interest and after doing some more research, I decided to go for it.

While I was in library school through San Jose State

University, I worked as a library assistant for a small public library in Watauga, TX (in the Dallas/Fort Worth area), and then moved down to San Antonio to work as an access services assistant at the circulation desk for John Peace Library at UT San Antonio. During my time at UTSA, I discovered my love for academic libraries. When I finished the MLIS program, I got a job as a children's librarian for the San Antonio Public Library. I learned a lot in this position, but knew that I ultimately wanted to end up back in an academic library. After a year at the public library, I serendipitously came across a job posting for the Outreach and Community Engagement Librarian position for Briscoe Library at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. This position was a combination of marketing and librarianship, and was the perfect fit for my background. I've been in my current position for almost 2 and ½ years now, where I manage every aspect of marketing for the library. This includes designing all marketing materials, creating marketing plans and campaigns, managing social media accounts, and developing outreach and engagement strategies. And I love it!

What made you interested in becoming a Beta Phi Mu member?

After I graduated from San Jose State University, I received an invitation to join the Omega Chapter of Beta Phi Mu based on my GPA. I knew this would be a great opportunity to stay connected to other Library and Information Science professionals across the country, and in looking at the Beta Phi Mu website, I saw so many great things were being done that I really wanted to be a part of. I've been a member for 3 years now, and I'm so glad I joined.



2019 Sessa Scholarship Winners

Beta Phi Mu is pleased to announce the winners of the March, 2019 drawing for the Frank B. Sessa Scholarships for Continuing Professional Education of Beta Phi Mu Members!

The winners are:

- Joy Banks (Clarion University, At-Large)
- Anne Mlod (Syracuse University, Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter)
- Megan De Armond (Pratt Institute, Theta Chapter)
- Cristina Ramirez (Catholic University, Iota Chapter)
- Laura Litwer (University of South Carolina, Beta Omega Chapter)

Congratulations to all! Each of these winners will receive \$150 toward the continuing education opportunity of their choice. Cristina Ramirez plans to use her award to take a Library Juice Academy course on "Creating an Oral History Project." Megan De Armond plans to do some online webinars or a Medical Library Association workshop to help further her career as a health sciences librarian. All recipients have one year to take advantage of their award.

Did you sign up for the Sessa lottery but didn't win this time? Not to worry -- you are still eligible for the September 2019 lottery! If you haven't entered the lottery yet, you have until August 31, 2019 to do so. For more information or to register for the lottery, go to the Sessa Scholarships page at www.betaphimu.org/sessa.html.

VOTE! in the 2019 Beta Phi Mu Election

The Polls are Open!

The Beta Phi Mu 2019 election is now underway! We'll be electing a new Vice President/President Elect and a new Director-at-Large for our organization. Polls close at *midnight on Tuesday, June 4th*.

To cast your vote, please visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPMElect19



FRANK B. SESSA SCHOLARSHIPS

for Continuing Professional Education of Beta Phi Mu Members

Lottery registration for 2019 Sessa Scholarships is now open Beta Phi Mu members may register once between January 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019.

Sessa Scholarships are intended to support Beta Phi Mu members in pursuing continuing professional education in LIS, archival studies, or other approved information-related studies.

Approved uses include attendance at professional preconference workshops or short courses; continuing education courses offered by accredited LIS programs; and online or face-to-face continuing education workshops and classes sponsored by professional associations and approved continuing education providers. These awards are not intended to support conference attendance or the pursuit of a formal degree, such as a Ph.D. or second Master's degree.

[Click here for more info.](#)



Chapter News

Beta Epsilon Chapter at Emporia State University

KASL Awards Beta Epsilon Chapter Vice-President the AASL National Conference Scholarship



Vice-President Amanda Harrison of the Emporia State University Beta Epsilon Chapter recently received the Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) AASL National Scholarship to attend the November 2019 Conference in Louisville, KY. Amanda will receive this award at the KASL Conference “Libraries Build Communities: Healthy, Wealthy and Wise” in Overland Park, KS in October 2019.

Amanda Harrison is known for her endorsements in Library Science, Early-Late Childhood Generalist, Reading, English Language Arts, History, Government, Social Studies, and Journalism. In addition to her classroom experiences, she has taught courses for the University of Central Missouri and is currently a librarian at four elementary schools. Amanda was previously a librarian at Carondelet Leadership Academy in St. Louis, MO. Admired for efforts

beyond her job description, Amanda has written and been awarded several grants for books, technology, programs, and professional development. Her commitment to various professional organizations and willingness to present at district workshops and state library conferences demonstrates her dedication to the profession. Serving on the William Allen White Selection Committee is one of the numerous examples of Amanda’s commitment to her students, faculty, and community. In addition to Amanda’s duties and responsibilities, she is enrolled in the SLIM PhD program and has published her research.

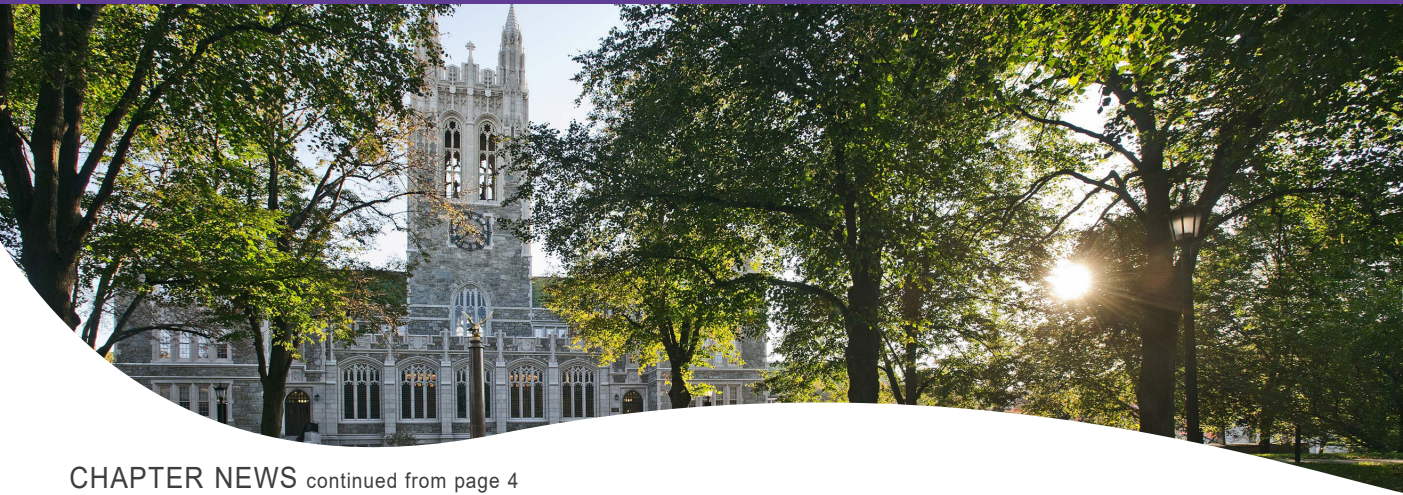
Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Congratulations to Dr. Mirah Dow who received the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award. She will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and was honored at the 2019 Emporia State University Research and Creativity Day April 24.

Mirah Dow, Ph.D., Professor, is the Beta Phi Mu Epsilon Chapter Faculty Sponsor at Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management.



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2019 Beta Phi Mu Award

Congratulations to Dr. Mirah Dow on receiving the 2019 Beta Phi Mu Award which will be presented during the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, June 23. The Award Ceremony precedes the Keynote Speaker and the Award/President's Reception.

"The jury was impressed by Dr. Dow's work at Emporia, in the library community, and as a mentor. They thought her work related to outreach and school librarianship was also very important. Dr. Dow has clearly had an extensive impact on library education, including work with professors from other disciplines to broaden the impact of librarians in education. Moreover, we noted an extensive list of publications and research projects, presentations, grant proposals, professional service, as well as honors and awards."

Psi Chapter at University of Missouri Beta Phi Mu Psi Chapter Inducts Five Members

Beta Phi Mu is the International Honor Society for Library and Information Studies. Founded 70 years ago, the society promotes the values of scholarship, leadership, and service in the LIS field, with approximately 35,000 members in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Nominees for the state's Psi Chapter are selected by invitation of the faculty from the ALA-accredited University of Missouri. During this year's Missouri Library Association meeting, an initiation ceremony was held for the five newest members.

The Chapter is seeking to locate Beta Phi Mu members who are currently in Missouri. Please send your contact information to Chapter Advisor [Heather Moulaison-Sandy](#) or President [Debbie Luchenbill](#).



Those present initiated into the Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu are (front row) Brandi Ivester, Rachel Wallenbeck, Tammie Busch, and Ken Satterfield. Officers are (back row) F. Dykas, secretary/treasurer; Debbie Luchenbill, president; Heather Moulaison-Sandy, chapter advisor; and Rachel Brekhus, member at large.

Beta Beta Epsilon Chapter at University of Wisconsin-Madison

2019 Jack A. Clarke Scholarship Recipient

The Beta Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Phi Mu at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has selected UW Madison iSchool student Hannah Klapperich-Mueller as the recipient for the 2019 Jack A. Clarke Scholarship.

The board was particularly impressed with Ms. Klapperich-Mueller's "dedication to using [her] platform in libraries to lift the voices of others who do not experience the same privileges." Furthermore, the board felt that her academic, professional, and scholarly activities demonstrated her commitment to the field.



Northern Kentucky University Announces Andrea Falcone as Dean of Steely Library

**Congratulations to Andrea Falcone,
Editor of Beta Phi Mu's Scholars Series!**

Northern Kentucky University announces Andrea Falcone as the new dean of the W. Frank Steely Library. Falcone assumes the position on July 15, 2019.

Falcone currently serves as the associate director for Education and Public Services at the Auraria Library, a tri-institutional library serving the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Community College of Denver. Prior to Auraria Library, Falcone led the library instruction program at the University of Northern Colorado and taught a number of credit courses on information literacy and information control in contemporary society.

"We are so pleased to welcome Andrea to NKU as Dean of Steely Library," said NKU Provost Sue Ott Rowlands. "Andrea has had a long academic career focused on envisioning and managing information services that enhance research within and across disciplines. This includes academic success in and beyond the classroom and the strategic development of library learning spaces, integrated service points and circulation services."

Since 2013, Falcone has been a national presenter for the Association of College and Research Libraries' roadshow "Planning, Assessing and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action." She is also the editor of

the Beta Phi Mu "Scholars Series" published by Rowman & Littlefield and as such has edited five monographs about various topics in library and information science. As the column editor for "Perspectives on Public Services," which appears in "International Information & Library Review," Falcone publishes about theoretical and practical issues regarding user-focused services in academic libraries.

"I am honored to lead Steely Library and look forward to building on its history of providing the skills and perspective to prepare NKU students for success in a global information society," said Andrea Falcone.

Falcone's record of excellence includes more than 10 peer-reviewed publications and over 50 presentations. Past awards include the Leadership in Service Award for Excellence from the Auraria Library (2019), the University of Northern Colorado 2015 Distinguished Scholar Award, and the 2014 ACRL Information Literacy Best Practices: Exemplary Programs (category of Pedagogy) award for the Instructional Services Department at the University of Northern Colorado.

Falcone earned her Master's in Library Science from Indiana University, her Master's in English from the University of Toledo and her undergraduate degree from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania.

*from NKU's [website](#)



BPM at ALA Annual 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Join us at our Beta Phi Mu events taking place in conjunction with the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Be sure to pick up a badge ribbon near registration to identify yourself as a Beta Phi Mu member.

Beta Phi Mu's Annual Business Meeting and Member Reception will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Marriott Marquis, Salon 12.

The **Beta Phi Mu Award**, which recognizes distinguished service to education for librarianship, will be presented on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at the **President's Awards Ceremony**, from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Washington Convention Center, Ballroom B/C. The 2019 winner is Dr. Mirah Doh of the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University.

We hope to see you in Washington, D.C.!

WE'LL BE THERE. WILL YOU?

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Featured Speakers

Sonia Sotomayor
Saturday, June 22, 2019
8:30 am - 9:30 am

Hoda Kotb
Saturday, June 22, 2019
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Carla Hayden & Eric Klinenberg
Saturday, June 22, 2019
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Frank Miller & Tom Wheeler
Sunday, June 23, 2019
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Mariana Atencio
Monday, June 24, 2019
8:30 am - 9:30 am

George Takei
Monday, June 24, 2019
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Tomi Adeyemi
Monday, June 24, 2019
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mo Rocca
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
10:00 am - 11:30 am



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