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KEN HAYCOCK RECEIVES 2010 BETA PHI MU AWARD



Dr. Ken Haycock, professor and director at the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, has been selected as the recipient of the American Library Association's 2010 Beta Phi Mu Award. This annual award, donated by the Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society, is presented to a library school faculty member or to an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship.

Dr. Haycock received a B.A. in Political Science and a Diploma in Education from the University of Western Ontario, a Master of Education from the University of Ottawa, an A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan, an MBA from Royal Roads University and an Ed.D. from Brigham Young University. He has held senior positions in both his native Canada and the United States, including director at the University of British Columbia's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. He is also senior partner at Ken Haycock & Associates, Inc., which works with organizations to build capacity for leadership, collaboration and advocacy.

Among his many professional activities with the American Library Association, Dr. Haycock served as chair of the National Steering Committee for the Congress on Professional Education and was a member of the Presidential Initiative Task Force on Education and Training, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Accreditation, the ALA Council and the ALA Executive Board. He has also been president of many national and international associations, including the Association for Library and Information Science Education and the Canadian Library Association. Dr. Haycock established and chaired the Awards Jury of the First International Forum on Research in School Librarianship, served as Director for North America of the International Association of School Librarianship and was the founding president of the Council for Canadian Learning Resources, initiating Canada's only national journal for the review of Canadian books and other media for young people. Dr. Haycock has published widely in the field of Library and Information Science education and is the recipient of several significant professional honors and awards, including the American Library Association Herbert and Virginia White Award for promoting the profession of librarianship, the Canadian Library Association Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award, the Canadian School Library Association Margaret B. Scott Award of Merit and, from the Association for Library and Information Science, its Service Award (2008) and the Award for Professional Contributions to Library and Information Science Education Award this year.

In selecting Dr. Haycock for this award, the Jury commended him for his long and distinguished career as an educator and mentor to students, faculty, board members and librarians; his outstanding and far-reaching service to librarianship in the United States and Canada;

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Dr. Ken Haycock: An Interview with Daria DeCooman

In 2006, as I was in my last year of MLIS coursework at San Jose State University, Dr. Ken Haycock became the director of the university's School of Library and Information Science. As impressed as I was then by Dr. Haycock's energy and leadership, ever since I've been even more impressed as he's taken the school to new levels of achievement and recognition.

And now, happily, as a Beta Phi Mu board newbie, elected in the summer of 2009, I have gotten the chance to learn a bit more about what motivates Dr. Haycock, as he continues to contribute so much to the library profession. Thanks go to John Paul Walters, for asking me to interview Dr. Haycock, and to Dr. Haycock himself, for taking time out of his busy schedule to give us all a little insight into his history with Beta Phi Mu and his thoughts on its purpose and future.

I hope you enjoy the following interview as much as I did the process of pulling it together!

Daria DeCooman, Senior Market Engagement Manager, Elsevier, San Diego, CA, USA
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Daria DeCooman: Are you a Beta Phi Mu member?

Dr. Ken Haycock: Yes.

DD: How has participation in BPM helped you shape your career?

KH: I was invited to join in 1974 at the University of Michigan. I was later, in 1976, given the UM Beta Phi Mu Award for "exceptional professional promise." It was these boosts to self-confidence in the profession that assisted me most.

DD: What Beta Phi Mu positions have you held?

KH: When I was at the University of British Columbia during 1992-2002, I established the opportunity for students to be nominated for Beta Phi Mu, and more recently I have re-established, or at least refocused, the chapter at San Jose State University, with the support of colleagues like Jane Fisher. I have not had opportunities to participate in other ways, as I have not been located near a university with an active BPM chapter.

DD: Why do you think Beta Phi Mu is important? With so many library associations around, why should we work to keep Beta Phi Mu alive and thriving?

KH: Beta Phi Mu provides recognition for exceptional academic achievement. I personally believe that BPM should be reconfigured to recognize exceptional professional promise, with invitations offered during one's professional career due to contributions to research, leadership and service. My model would be Phi Delta Kappa, the education honor society to which I have also belonged.

DD: Given librarians' changing roles and the increasing informality of communications - including professional and academic publications - is it still important to have an LIS honor society?

KH: Yes, but it should be configured around leadership (not necessarily meaning hierarchical position). I would like to see an honor society where peers can nominate someone and bring them to a dinner meeting with a speaker. I would like to see an honor society that produces an e-journal of substance for the library profession.

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Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award Goes To Our Very Own Marie L. Radford!

CHICAGO—Marie L. Radford, associate professor at the School of Communication and Information, Department of Library and Information Science at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, has been selected the 2010 winner of the Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA) Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award.

The award, which is administered by RUSA and generously supported by Gale Cengage Learning, recognizes distinguished contributions to reference librarianship. In selecting Radford for this honor, the committee cited her many accomplishments, including authorship of four books, among them "Conducting the Reference Interview (2nd ed.)," "The Reference Encounter: Interpersonal Communication in the Academic Library" and "Web Research: Selecting, Evaluating, and Citing"; editorship of three other books, including "Reference Renaissance: Current and Future Trends" and "Academic Library Research"; numerous articles published in top library journals; and dozens of conference papers and presentations.

In addition to her publications, Radford brings high energy, deep passion and an interdisciplinary approach to the study of face-to-face and virtual reference. She has provided inspirational leadership in professional organizations such as RUSA, ALA, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). Radford is currently co-chair of the conference program for the Reference Renaissance 2010 and co-chair of contributed papers for ACRL's 2011 National Conference. She will be the keynote speaker for the upcoming 2010 REFolution Conference.

"Marie has made a broad and deep contribution to the research on and the practice of reference librarianship in the new electronic information environment," said Robert Kieft, award committee chair. "Her work connects research with practice that is applicable in many

information environments; her ongoing studies of electronic reference and more recently on 'screenagers' have established a body of knowledge that puts her in the vanguard of influential members of the profession. More than her work, though, is Marie's radiating energy and enthusiasm for reference librarianship. To everyone who knows her, Marie is a capital-P "Presence." She is a warm and generous colleague, a challenging and supportive teacher and an optimist about the future of reference service—a capital-P "Presence" who, to quote her nominator, 'always brings out the best in people.' There can be no better recommendation than that for anyone who teaches or practices reference service in any mode or in any venue."

Radford earned her M.S.L.S from Syracuse University and her Ph.D. in Communication, Information and Library Studies from Rutgers. She has taught at Rutgers' School of Communication and Information since 2004. Prior to her stay at Rutgers, she was an associate professor at the Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science (1996-2004) and served as acting dean of the school (2002-2004). She was also a department head at The William Paterson University of New Jersey's Cheng Library and held positions throughout her early career as a reference librarian and school librarian.

Radford will receive her award—a citation and \$5,000 cash prize—at the RUSA Awards Ceremony and Reception, scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m., Monday, June 28, as a part of ALA's Annual Conference events. The exact location of this event will be announced on the RUSA website and at the RUSA Blog in late spring.

Radford is a member of Beta Phi Mu, is the faculty advisor for the Omicron Chapter at Rutgers University, and served on the BΦM Executive Board from 2007-2009. The board would like to acknowledge and recognize this outstanding achievement and offers its heartfelt congratulations to Marie – our dear friend and colleague.



Executive Director's Report

Christie Koontz, Ph.D.

Two more years...two more years!

The School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University has just renewed a two year contract through July 31, 2012 to serve as the host and sponsor of Beta Phi Mu. I have now served as director for the 'home office' for three years. We have stabilized the organization, cleaned up procedures and communications with chapters, the web site, and membership database. I hope to finish out the full five years with the following in place:

1. A long range plan to develop Beta Phi Mu as a current day, 21st century honor society (lodged firmly in a valued past) with established goals and objectives to sustain Beta Phi Mu's value for current lifelong and future members.
2. Identified outcomes that the broader discipline of library and information studies (LIS) can expect and count on from Beta Phi Mu. For example, more scholarships with increased levels, and members who make a difference around the LIS globe.
3. A stronger executive board to move Beta Phi Mu forward as our membership is increasingly connecting digitally and not geographically.
4. Facilitate Beta Phi Mu's embracing the 'I' (Information) segment of our burgeoning and bright graduates, to further the impact and value of Beta Phi Mu upon our members and the LIS society we serve.
5. Develop a model for running Beta Phi Mu's office and headquarters!

Please join us in Washington, D.C. for the annual Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA — Saturday, June 26th from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at The Mayflower Renaissance (MAY-New Jersey) — where the uninitiated may be initiated.

Please contact me with your ideas for improving Beta Phi Mu. We will either include these in the long range plan or implement them ASAP!

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Beta Phi Mu Chapter News



In Spring 2009, University of North Texas dedicated a Garden of Honor at our Discovery Park campus (located just north of the main campus). Each honor society on campus was recognized with a beautiful statue. The Beta Phi Mu dolphin and anchor are pictured here along with (from left to right) Dr. Elizabeth Figa (UNT BPM Advisor), Dr. Chris Strauss (current past BPM Beta Lambda Chapter president), Cindy Batman (past BPM Beta Lambda chapter president), Joe Jackson (past BPM Beta Lambda chapter president), and Dr. Herman Totten (Dean of the College of Information). *Submitted by Julie Leuzinger, President, Beta Lambda Chapter*

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Beta Lambda Chapter also had a **BΦM Member Reconnect** at the Texas Library Association Conference on the evening of Wednesday, April 14th. We enjoyed socializing and meeting past board members (and possibly some future board members). *Submitted by Julie Leuzinger, Beta Lambda Chapter President*

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OMICRON CHAPTER @ RUTGERS UNIVERSITY will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 6 PM at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick, NJ. A cash bar will be open for early arrivals, followed by a buffet dinner, initiation ceremony for new Omicron Chapter inductees, annual meeting and after-dinner speaker.

Our guest speaker this year is the well known and beloved Robert Lackie,* Professor-Librarian at Rider University. As an extra bonus, we will be raffling off his new book (see below).

The Omicron Chapter is especially proud of its mission to provide scholarships each year at the annual membership meeting for current Rutgers School of Communication and Information (SC&I) students who are pursuing the master's degree in library and information science. We are pleased to announce that last year we were able to increase our scholarship amounts. While annual membership supports scholarships, attendees at the annual meeting are encouraged to consider giving an additional gift to the scholarship fund. All donations are tax deductible.

*Robert J. Lackie is a Professor-Librarian at Rider University, where he co-leads the course-integrated Library Instruction program and serves as Reference Collection Development Librarian. A frequent presenter at local, state, and national library, education, and technology conferences, Professor Lackie has presented over 500 workshops and seminars around the United States, and he has been published within various professional and scholarly works. His co-edited book, Teaching Generation M: A Handbook for Librarians and Educators, was published in June 2009. He was NJLA's Librarian of the Year in 2004. Visit his web site at: <http://www.robertlackie.com>

2009-2011 Executive Board. In order to provide for more continuity, involvement and innovation in the Omicron Chapter, the Board has decided to reinstate two-year terms for our officers. The current board members, elected on May 6, 2009, are: Susan Quinn, President; Melissa A. Hofmann, Vice President; Kristen Fitzpatrick, Treasurer; Maureen Smyth, Secretary; Hope Preston, Past President; Dr. Marie Radford, Faculty Advisor.

The Omicron Chapter has a new web site/blog at: <http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com>. For those of you on FaceBook, we also have a "Beta Phi Mu, Omicron Chapter" group page. Hope to see you there!

Finally, we are especially proud to announce that our very own Omicron Chapter Secretary, Maureen Smyth, is one of three recipients of the 2010 Research Award for their book: Lessons for a Scientific Literature Review: Guiding the Inquiry published by Libraries Unlimited. The book is a product of ten years of research, observing, and teaching high school students to construct scientific literature reviews. The book contains a series of 18 workshops that lead from problem definition through information gathering, writing and organization to the final literature review product. This curriculum is based upon the guided-inquiry approach to introductory level research espoused by Rutgers University and the Center for International Study of School Libraries. The curriculum described in this book was highlighted at the 2009 Exploratorium of the National Conference of the AASL as one of 25 best practices in high-school research. *Submitted by Marie Radford, Faculty Advisor*



"I find that a great part of the information I have acquired by looking something up and finding something else on the way."

-- Franklin P. Adams

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The **BETA EPSILON CHAPTER @ EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY**, School of Library and Information management, Emporia, Kansas, hosted its Annual Program and held the Annual Meeting and Initiation on April 8, 2010 during the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference at Century II Convention Center, Wichita, Kansas.



Guest presenter, **Bobbi Newman**, presented “Libraries and Transliteracy.” Bobbi Newman is the Digital Branch Manager of the Chatahoochee Valley Regional Libraries, a multi-county system in Georgia, USA. She is dedicated to helping libraries find their place in the digital age by creating and teaching

workshops for libraries and their staff on a range of topics including: the social web; using the social web professionally; gaming in libraries; digital reference services; and time management. She has presented at local, national, and international library conferences on a variety of topics related to improving existing digital services through expanding traditional methods, while creating innovative new practices. Bobbi is a librarian, teacher, presenter, writer, community builder, book lover, techno geek, and video game junkie who writes at <http://librarianbyday.net/>.

The Annual Meeting and Initiation Ceremony was convened by chapter President, Laura DeBaun. New officers were elected: Cindi Hickey, President; Patty Butcher, Vice President. Returning officers are: Alice Trussell, Secretary; Toni Harrell, Treasurer.



Executive Committee (left to right): Sherry Backus, Past President; Laura DeBaun, Past President; Cindi Hickey, new President; Toni Harrell, Treasurer; Patty Butcher, Vice-President; Alice Trussell, Secretary; and Dr. Mirah Dow, Faculty Sponsor.



This spring, thirty-five graduates were invited to join. Four new members participated in the Initiation Ceremony: (L-R) Catherine Closet-Crane; Kelly Fann, Matthew Upson, and Janet Brooks.

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Jessica Gagnon was honored as recipient of the 2009-10 Sarah R. Reed Beta Epsilon Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Jessica said, "I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont. My first experience working in a library was at Lyndon State College – from then on, I was determined to learn more about and remain employed in the field. Currently I am in the SLIM, Master of Library Science program, and expecting to graduate this December. I now work in the children's department of the Wichita Public Library. I feel I have found my niche working with and for children, and I look forward to the day when I become a professional Librarian. My career goal is to be a Teen Librarian, and create a comfortable place for teens to come to read, learn and have fun. With my education and enthusiasm, I believe I will make an effective teen or youth services librarian. When I entered the SLIM, MLS program, I had already worked in libraries for many years. I did not expect there to be much more I could learn. However, I was very wrong! I have learned so much about library theories and practices that I had never thought of or been exposed to before. This MLS program is very important to me. It has opened my eyes to so many new ideas and possibilities, as well as given me the wonderful opportunity of self reflection and self improvement. I honestly believe this program is making me a better person."

In 2009-10, the Sarah R. Reed Beta Epsilon Chapter Outstanding Student Award in the amount of \$100 was presented to nine graduates of the ESU, SLIM Master of Library Science and PhD programs: Michael Bruan Hamilton, Oregon; Matthew Hamilton, Colorado; Tram Thi Nguyen, Sherry Crow, Kiersten F. Latham, Catherine Closet-Crane, David Vermooten, Christian Madrigal, and Krista Cook, Kansas. Two winners, Catherine Closet-Crane and David Vermooten, were present and honored for their academic and professional achievements. Catherine Closet-Crane was educated in France as a civil engineer and city planner and came to the United States on a full scholarship to get a Masters degree in architecture at the University of New Mexico. She graduated first of her class and went on to work as an

architect in Washington DC, and then in France where she designed multi-family housing for government subsidized projects. She came to Kansas as a visiting assistant professor to teach in the Department of Architecture at Kansas State University, and after meeting her husband went back to college to study art history, painting, and printmaking.

In 2004, Catherine's interest in the open position for art history librarian at KSU motivated her to visit SLIM and embark on studies in librarianship. She took an unconventional route beginning in the MLS program and entering the PhD program after a SLIM field research course in Romania in the summer of 2005. With her dissertation research she has brought together her knowledge of architectural design and practice and her interest in the library in the life of its users. Her dissertation, entitled: (Re)Creating the Academic Library as Place for the 21st Century? A Critical Analysis of Discourses in Discussions of Academic Library Planning and Design explores the discursive construction of the academic library as place in the professional literature. Parts of her research will appear as a book chapter in the upcoming Ellen Tise Presidential Theme Book published by K. G. Saur for IFLA.

As a developing scholar during studies at SLIM, Catherine attended numerous regional, national, and international conferences where she presented posters and papers. As a doctoral student, Catherine taught History of Libraries and the Profession for SLIM and is at present a member of SLIM's national (adjunct) faculty teaching Global Information Infrastructure. She is also volunteering at Donnelly College in Kansas City where she is contributing to collection development activities.

David Vermooten earned the BS in Computer Science from the University of Kansas; Juris Doctor, the University of Kansas School of Law; and the Master of Library Science, Emporia State University, SLIM. After graduating from The University of Kansas School of Law and passing the bar, David did a practicum at the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library. Under the supervision of Robert Mead, David undertook several projects

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including the creation of a scale representation of the stacks to help with collection accessibility for patrons, and a survey of the state statutory materials.

David's current position is Library Technician at the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth. The USDB is the only maximum security military prison in the Department of Defense. Among other accomplishments in this position, David has increased the volume of materials in circulation to the inmates in maximum security by 500%. He has contributed to the planning, design and acquisitions process for the implementation of the inmate library at the new Joint Regional Correctional Facility being constructed at Fort Leavenworth and published in the Journal of the Kansas Bar Association.

Faculty supervisor, Dr. Mirah Dow, invited members to participate in chapter activities, reminded members to keep addresses updated in the Chapter Membership List, and encouraged everyone to stay involved both in person and online.

Beta Epsilon Website: <http://slim.emporia.edu/index.php/beta-phi-mu-the-international-library-and-information-studies-honor-society/>

Beta Epsilon Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=34617151910&ref=ts>
Submitted by Dr. Mirah Dow, Faculty Advisor



On Tuesday, April 20th, the **BETA PHI CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA** School of Library and Information Science celebrated academic and professional achievement during the 17th Annual Jean Key Gates Distinguished Alumni Reception. The Beta Phi Chapter initiated twenty new members, representing the classes of 2007/08 and 2008/09 along with alumni from previous years classes. This year's recipient of the Jean Key Gates Distinguished Alumni Award is Lauren Christos, Associate Librarian at Florida International

University. Eight graduate students were also honored during the event as recipients of a variety of departmental scholarships.

Submitted by Stephanie Maatta, Faculty Advisor



Beta Phi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu 2010
Front Row (L-R) Barbara Cardinale, Melanie Hensey, Marilene Riemer, Claudia Dold, Suzanne Schweitzer, Carrie Hurst, Victoria Stuart, and Ann Marie Maloney

Back Row: LaKeisha Hall, Hillary Wade,



Signing the Great Role
Hillary Wade (signing), Victoria Stuart (standing), Marilene Riemer (seated), and Claudia Dold (seated)

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BETA BETA MU @ VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

is pleased to introduce its founding member, Margaret A. Swanson. Margaret accepted membership in the local chapter and in the national organization in February of 2010. She is the first eligible graduate of the Valdosta State University MLIS program to accept the invitation to join Beta Phi Mu. A native of Arizona, Margaret Swanson spent her first fifteen years in Tempe. Her family moved to Germantown, Tennessee, where she finished high school at Briarcrest Christian School. Swanson attended Millsaps College and was an active member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority and the Millsaps Volleyball Team. She successfully completed the honors program and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in history. Swanson was also invited to join Mississippi's Alpha Chapter of



Margaret A. Swanson

Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation, she took a year off before pursuing a Master of Arts in history at the University of Georgia. She graduated from UGA in December 2007 and began working for the University of Georgia Press in March 2008. Starting in August 2008, Swanson entered the MLIS program at Valdosta State University. She completed her degree with an emphasis on technology in December 2009. Swanson and her husband, Drew, welcomed their first child in November 2009. They live in Athens, Georgia.

The mission of the ALA-accredited Master of Library and Information Science Program at Valdosta State University is to provide quality publicly supported education for generalists and specialists in the library and information science fields. Its primary focus is to educate librarians for academic, public, and special libraries in Georgia.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER @ LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Submitted by Michelyn McKnight, Faculty Sponsor



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On Monday, March 1, 2010, the **IOTA CHAPTER** (which represents The Catholic University of America's School of Library and Information Science and The College of Information Studies, University of Maryland) held its Annual Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremony at the headquarters of National Public Radio in Washington, DC. The keynote speaker was Patricia A. Steele, Dean of University of Maryland Libraries. Dean Steele has been a national leader in working with the Google Project. She is also a co-founder of the HathiTrust digital repository and founding member of the CLOCKSS (Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) preservation archive for web based publications. Her presentation for the evening was titled, "Getting to the Digital Library". All were treated to an informative presentation on how librarians need to embrace technological innovations that lead to greater access to information.



(L-R) Joan Weeks (Past President); Patricia A. Steele (Dean, University of Maryland Libraries); Diana Vogelsong (President).



Patricia A. Steele is the Dean, University of Maryland Libraries. Her presentation was titled, "Getting to the Digital Library".

Following Dean Steele's presentation the Beta Phi Mu initiation ceremony began with each officer reading portions of the ceremonial script, followed by the inductees signing their names in the sacred book. The President, Diana Vogelsong, presented the inductees with their Beta Phi Mu certificate, followed by a photograph of each inductee to commemorate the event. Inductees were recent graduates of the School of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America and the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. The following graduates were inducted into membership: **From SLIS, CUA** – Andrew F. Glicklin, Biana M. Lipscomb, Ramona Sampsell, Greatchen C. Sauvey. **From CIS, MD** – Christopher Belter, Julie M. Brophy, Rajarshi K. Casper, Ashley Davies, Gail Gleeson, Alistair Morrison, Katherine Regeimbal, Neva Sypniewski. **Scholarship Awards** – Kristen Sosinski was awarded a \$1500 scholarship given to a student at the School of Library and Information Science, CUA. Kristen is currently employed at the Library of Congress in the film library. Gloria Cecila Feltis Vega was awarded a \$1500 scholarship given to a student at the College of

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Information Studies, UMD. Kristen works at the John Hopkins University and would like to work with out-reach to special populations.



Forefront: Kristen Sosinski (SLIS-CUA) and Diana Vogelsong (President).

The meeting was presided over by Diana Vogelsong who acknowledged the past President, Joan Weeks, and thanked her for her service. Jeff Prater and John Coogan were voted into office by acclamation of the members present as Vice President/President Elect and Treasurer, respectively. Karen Nimerick remained as Secretary. Diana's final act was the passing of the gavel to Mark Brzozowski, who welcomed his term and said that he would like to be a "lightening rod" to campaign to get the Iota Chapter of Beta Phi Mu more visibility in the local library schools at CUA and UMD.



2010-2011 Officers (L-R): Jeff Prater (Vice President/President-Elect); Karen Nimerick (Secretary); Mark Brzozowski (President); Diana Vogelsong (Past President), John Coogan (Treasurer)



Forefront: Gloria Cecila Feltis Vega (CIS-UMD) and Diana Vogelsong (President)



A nice reception after the Annual Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremony at the headquarters of National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. was enjoyed by all.

Dates & Deadlines



Policies & Procedures

CHAPTER REBATE POLICY REVERSED

At the Mid-Winter Meeting held this past January in Boston, the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board voted unanimously to do away with the 15% chapter rebate and lowered the Beta Phi Mu lifetime membership fee to \$85.00. The move was immediately embraced by chapter representatives. Said Dee Grimsrud, Treasurer of the Beta Beta Epsilon Chapter, University of Wisconsin @ Madison: "We're really pleased that you've discontinued the rebate and lowered the dues rate to \$85. We know you were trying to help the chapters financially with the extra \$15 per initiate, but we felt that the \$100 dues - though for the equivalent of a life membership - was high enough to discourage some candidates from accepting our invitation to join. Plus, I think you'll agree that the bookkeeping involved was confusing and time-consuming!"

Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE WAY UP IN 2010!

Beta Phi Mu offers four competitive scholarships every year: the Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship for a student beginning LIS studies; the Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for a student beginning LIS studies with the intention of pursuing a career in school library media service; the Harold Lancour Scholarship for foreign study; and the Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for continuing professional education. In addition, up to six Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are awarded annually. The criteria and application instructions for the various scholarships can be found on the BPM website: <http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/Scholarships/scholarships.php>. Applications are accepted electronically from November 15 to March 15. The winners are announced at the American Library Association's annual meeting in June.

This year, a total of 138 applications were processed by BPM headquarters staff. Scholarship Committee chair, Sue Searing, credits the increase in applications to improved publicity. A message inviting applications was posted on the JESSE email list (the leading email list for LIS educators) and was re-posted on many school and professional lists. In addition, a flyer was distributed at the ALISE and ALA Midwinter meetings in January. Now the Scholarship Committee is hard at work reviewing and ranking the applications. In addition to Sue, the committee includes: George Gaumond, BPM board member; Daria DeCooman, BPM board member; Sandra Roe; Amanda Ros; and Monica Moore. "It's hard work to choose the most deserving recipients," Sue said. "There are so many talented people entering and advancing in our field today." Questions about Beta Phi Mu Scholarships may be directed to **Sue Searing**, searing@illinois.edu, 217-333-4456.



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KEN HAYCOCK: AN INTERVIEW WITH DARIA DECOOMAN
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DD: Given your experience in leading the SJSU SLIS, which has for years attracted a significant percentage of online learners and which has since 2009 offered its MLIS courses online only, what advice can you offer to BPM chapters supporting members who are dispersed geographically? What tips can you offer to help keep a BPM chapter dynamic, when most of its members live far from each other?

KH: San Jose's SLIS has almost 3,000 graduate students in 46 states and 14 countries. It does not make sense to have a physical chapter for SJSU's Omega BPM chapter. Any such exclusively-SJSU physical chapter would be based on the faulty premise that most members lived in the San Jose area during their SLIS studies and the faulty premise that there is not a lot of movement of graduates. BPM members need to participate in nearby BPM chapters, even ones not affiliated with the members' alma maters, and to take advantage of BPM-sponsored opportunities to meet face-to-face as well as in Web-based sessions. An exceptional model is San Jose's American Library Association Student Chapter (ALASC), which has been recognized as national chapter of the year for the past two years due to its engagement with technology to involve all of our students, who automatically become members of ALA when they enroll with us.

DD: As you've alluded to, San Jose State University's Beta Phi Mu chapter, the Omega Chapter, is currently in the throes of reorganizing and revitalizing itself. What role do you see for BPM at SJSU?

KH: We need different models and approaches. For example, we are looking at a unique experiment, if we get the necessary support, to integrate the SJSU SLIS student and alumni associations as we support both and they both encourage networking, offer career development programs, organize tours of facilities and so on. We need to find ways to recognize uniqueness while still encouraging collaboration among the many associations a school supports.

DD: What role do you see Beta Phi Mu overall playing in the future?

KH: Beta Phi Mu recognizes academic achievement,

which of course is very important and should be acknowledged and celebrated. Academic achievement, however, does not necessarily translate into career success. How do we find ways to honor both academic and career success and bring these groups together to consider the serious issues facing our field and our institutions? We need to step back and consider purpose and key success factors, and what activities and approaches might get us there.

DD: Finally, what does the 2010 Beta Phi Mu Award mean to you?

KH: The cliché about being honored by one's peers is important, as your peers know best your contributions over time. It is humbling to be honored for a lifetime of achievement (especially while one is still vertical!) and a motivation to continue to work for the betterment of education for our profession. I look forward to seeing many colleagues at the awards event during the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, in June.

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Kudos to Whisenant



Dave Whisenant has most ably and enthusiastically served as Beta Phi Mu's Treasurer since July 2007. Says Whisenant, "I have really enjoyed serving in this capacity. It has been great working with Christie, John Paul, and the BPM Executive Board in helping move the Beta Phi Mu organization forward. It truly has

been a wonderful experience." Whisenant is currently a Library Services Consultant for the College Center for Library Automation in Tallahassee, FL, and has worked in the Florida library community for the past twenty years. Thanks, Dave, for a job well done!

KEN HAYCOCK RECEIVES 2010 BETA PHI MU AWARD

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his history of leadership in a variety of important library organizations, institutions, government agencies and boards; his laudable record of research, publication, professional activity and honors; and his lifelong commitment to scholarship, the University community and the improvement of teaching and learning.

Members of the 2010 Beta Phi Mu Award Jury are: Eric W. Johnson, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, La. (Chair); Carl A. Antonucci, Capital Community College, Ludlow, Mass.; Rachel C. Crowley, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind.; Kristin Whitechair, University of Kansas Medical Center, Lawrence, Kan; Charlotte C. Xanders, California State University – Sacramento Library, Davis, Calif.

The Beta Phi Mu Award will be presented at the ALA Award Ceremony and Reception, prior to the Inaugural Banquet, on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The deadline for submission of applications for the 2011 Beta Phi Mu Award is Dec. 1, 2010. Guidelines and application forms are available on the ALA Web site, <http://www.ala.org>, in the Awards & Grants section under Professional Recognition.

Mark Your Calendars!

ALA ANNUAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Meeting (44480)

Saturday, June 26, 2010 • 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Location: The Mayflower Renaissance (MAY-New Jersey)

Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA (44481)

Saturday, June 26, 2010 • 3:30 - 5:30 PM

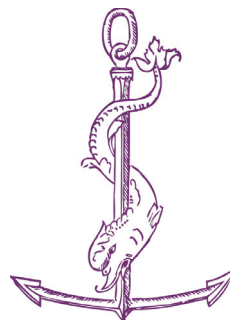
Location: The Mayflower Renaissance (MAY-East BR)

Don't Forget To Vote!

2010 BETA PHI MU ONLINE ELECTION

The Beta Phi Mu 2010 Online Election is now open and runs through June 15. To cast your vote, simply visit the Beta Phi Mu web site (www.beta-phi-mu.org) and follow the link to the ballot. We are electing a Vice President/President Elect, a Director, and voting on BPM Bylaws Revisions.

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