

BETA PHI MU - THE PIPELINE HOLIDAY EDITION



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ALA Beta Phi Mu Award Recipient

Dr. Elizabeth Aversa, professor of library and information science at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., was selected to receive the American Library Association's 2013 Beta Phi Mu Award. This annual award, donated by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society, is presented to a library school faculty member or to an individual who demonstrates distinguished service to education in librarianship.

Aversa was selected for her outstanding contributions to library education and librarianship and her strong commitment to mentoring students and colleagues.

Aversa, who holds an M.Ln. from Emory University and a Ph.D. from Drexel, came to the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies as Director in 2003, after a distinguished career as a library school dean and director at the Catholic University of America and the University of Tennessee, among others. Under her leadership at Alabama, enrollment increased to more than 300 students, the MFA in the Book Arts program was awarded the 2011 Institutional Award for Distinguished Achievement by the American Printing History Association, and the school achieved continuing accreditation from ALA. In addition, Aversa instituted the School's online program and continues to be an enthusiastic supporter.

Under Aversa's leadership, SLIS faculty has achieved an excellent record of publication, community service and professional association participation. Her own impressive record of publication includes books, edited volumes, book chapters, scholarly articles and numerous conference presentations. She has been active in ALA and ALISE for many years and is currently a member of the ALA Committee on Accreditation. Aversa was named Alabama Librarian of the Year in 2011 and received the ALISE award for professional service in 2005.

The Beta Phi Mu Award was presented at the ALA President's Award Ceremony and Reception on June 30, 2013 at the ALA Conference in Chicago.



Dr. Elizabeth Aversa
2013 ALA BPM Award Recipient



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Executive Director's Report

By Alison M. Lewis, Ph.D.

Expanding our horizons...

Our society's official name is: "Beta Phi Mu: International Library & Information Studies Honor Society." We don't currently have any chapters outside of the United States and Puerto Rico, but historically we have welcomed Canadian and British members into our ranks. We are now venturing more deeply into international waters by opening up membership to graduates from LIS programs that are accredited by the Library Association - Ireland and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) in the United Kingdom. Both of these organizations are roughly the equivalent of the American Library Association in their respective countries and both have reciprocal recognition for their degrees with the ALA.

In addition to opening our doors to colleagues from abroad, our members voted in the last election to allow graduates of American Association of School Librarians (AASL) recognized programs to also become eligible for Beta Phi Mu membership. AASL is a division of the ALA and all of their officially recognized programs also have National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation.

Leadership in AASL recognized programs, as well as in the eligible programs from abroad, have been contacted and invited to begin electing Beta Phi members-at-large and to consider forming an active Beta Phi Mu chapter associated with their institution, in accordance with our by-laws. Hopefully, in the next few years we will start to see the number of Beta Phi Mu chapters increase! I believe that adding the new perspectives of members from these additional institutions will strengthen our honor society as a whole.



In the meantime, it is our continuing goal to meet the needs of existing chapters and to help chapters which are newly forming or trying to revive. Accordingly, in the next year we plan to add additional content to the Beta Phi Mu website (<http://beta-phi-mu.org/>) designed to help chapters with the membership election and initiation process, offer suggestions on chapter activities and service initiatives, and provide easy access to forms and other information relevant to chapters' functions.

Our chapters have been the backbone of our honor society since its inception in 1948 and the creation of Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I anticipate that chapters will continue to be an important part of our organization, and am pleased that we are expanding our horizons in several exciting new directions!

Erin and I wish you all the very best for the holiday season, and look forward to working with you in new and productive ways in 2014!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison M. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored background.

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BETA PHI MU CHAPTER NEWS

What's the Buzz?



Greetings from The Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at the original iSchool, The School of Information Studies at Syracuse University! Congratulations again to our newest Chapter members, initiated during our 110th Annual Meeting on May 11, 2013 during Graduation Weekend. Nine graduates accepted membership this year: Michelle (Mia) Brietkopf, Jocelyn M. Boyce, Pamela Espinosa de los Monteros, Christina Plattner Evola, Matthew C. Gunby, Aaron M. Neslin, Alyssa D. Newton, Mary E. Patroulis, and Robert A. Schrier. We congratulate you!

Our current Executive Board members are: President Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; Past President Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, SU Libraries; Recording Secretary Ellen Owens, Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital Medical Library; Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, retired school librarian; Treasurer Suzanne Preate, SU Libraries; Membership Chair Christine Demetros, SU/ Barclay Law Library; Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi, health sciences librarian, and Valarie Massulik, Onondaga County Public Library; at-large Board members Jennifer Huzenitza, Liverpool Public Library; Carole Kupelian, retired school librarian; Anne Rauh, Syracuse University Libraries. Together, we manage the Chapter's mission of extending financial support to the most academically gifted yet challenged iSchool students in the Library and Information Science graduate degree program. We are seeking a new Vice President and Faculty Advisor.

Our major efforts this past year were the upgrade to our Chapter website, and creating the means for members to now pay dues and to make contributions and reservations via PayPal on our website. Kudos to Suzanne Preate, Chapter Treasurer, for directing these efforts.

Continuing into the New Year will be increased efforts to make our Chapter more visible to current iSchool students so that they are aware of Beta Phi Mu as the national library and information science honorary and the importance of that honor in their future. We are also concentrating on making students aware of our Chapter financial support to the most promising students. We have created and distributed to all current members a Chapter / BPM window "cling" and increased our efforts for scholarship donations.

Our website is <<http://bpm.syr.edu/>>. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter at BPM_Syracuse.



Pi Chapter

University of Pittsburgh BPM Pi Chapter initiated 11 new members on October 11, 2013 at the University of Pittsburgh's University Club. New members include Ryan Keane Champagne, Robert John Guzman, Leonie Ruth Heyster, Jennifer Lynn Jumba, Margaret Ellen MacAvoy, Emily Cooper Moore, Judith A. Pissano, Eric David Tans, Carrie Lynn Wardzinski, Victoria Elizabeth Winfree, and Whitney Elizabeth Zernich.

Above is a picture of those in attendance. From left to right: Amanda Folk (former chapter president), Leonie Ruth Heyster, Ryan Keane Champagne, Carrie Lynn Wardzinski, Robert John Guzman, and Barbara Zaborowski (chapter treasurer).

Chapter News Continued



Sigma Chapter Board Members, from left: Trudi Bellardo Hahn (Faculty Representative), Jenn Phiambolis (President), Chuck Broadbent, Jim Gilbert (Treasurer), Samantha Kennedy, Catherine Odson (Secretary, Webmaster), and John Wiggins

Sigma Chapter at Drexel University

has had an eventful year after reorganizing last spring, including two initiation ceremonies. We welcomed six new members at our November ceremony and heard a wonderful talk from Temple University, Dean of Libraries, Joe Lucia, who graciously provided the following reading list:

- Lawrence Lessig, Code 2.0
- David Weinberger, Too Big to Know
- Nicholas Carr, The Shallows
- Siva Vaidhyanathan, The Googlization of Everything
- Jaron Lanier, Who Owns the Future?
- Eli Pariser, The Filter Bubble
- James Boyle, The Public Domain
- Yochai Benkler, The Wealth of Networks
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Planned Obsolescence
- Franco Moretti, Maps, Graphs, Trees

With the new executive council in place, Sigma Chapter is looking forward to an exciting 2014 with service projects and new chapter promotional materials, including pens!

Sigma Chapter also is putting special fundraising emphasis on the Guy Garrison Scholarship following his passing earlier this year. The Guy Garrison Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Drexel master's student who demonstrates academic excellence, an interest in library service, and potential for professional leadership. For information about how to donate in Dr. Garrison's honor, visit <http://cci.drexel.edu/alumni/donors.aspx>



Beta Omega celebrates Homecoming!

Beta Omega chapter at University of South Carolina

- Each year, the University of South Carolina homecoming weekend welcomes many graduates back to campus at a Friday evening celebration called "Gamecocks on the Green." USC's mascot Cocky is always a favorite, especially with his literacy outreach program, Cocky's Reading Express. The Beta Omega chapter of Beta Phi Mu supports the literacy efforts of the university and the community. BPM President Kristen Nebesky Lawson is pictured here with BPM member Valerie Byrd Fort at Gamecocks on the Green November 2013.

Chapter News Continued

The Beta Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Iowa

The Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu held its 26th annual meeting at Penn Elementary School in North Liberty, IA on May 16, 2013. Eleven members and six guests attended the meeting.

Scholarships were awarded to these students: Audrey Altman, Micah Bateman, and Kathrina Litchfield. Seven new members were initiated into Beta Phi Mu: Kayla Pollock, Sarah Sellon, Holly Petersen, Michelle Hukvari, Kristina Gavin, Sarah Alexander, and Jim Kelly.

The business meeting concluded with the election of Mary Iber as Vice-President/President Elect, Suzanne Araas Vesely as incoming President, and Marilyn Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer.

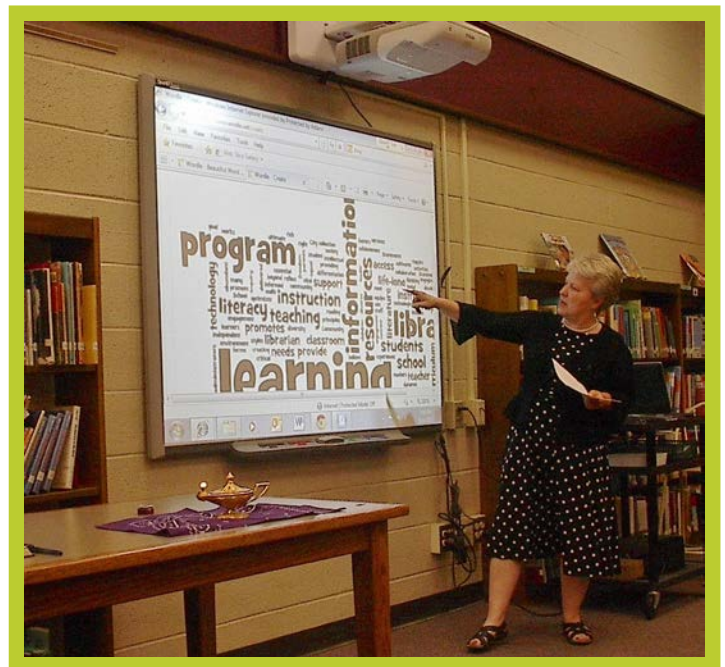
Guest speaker Denise Rehmke, Iowa City Community Schools Library Coordinator, gave an inspiring presentation on Library @dvocacy that included use of the interactive SMART Board and a charge to the audience to speak up about the importance of libraries before there is a crisis.

Afterwards, the members and guests enjoyed refreshments and toured the newly renovated library at Penn, which was funded with a \$25,000 grant from Lowe's Home Improvement.

***Please note that there was an error in the Spring 2013 issue of The Pipeline. On page 7, the top line reads: Beta Beta Theta at Dominican University; however this should have read Beta Beta Theta at the University of Iowa would like to share with Beta Phi Mu members the following..... Our sincerest apologies for the error.



Members Jean Donham, Suzanne Vesely, Ethel Bloesch and President Debra Dorzweiler reading the Initiation Ritual to new members Sarah Alexander, Kayla Pollock, and Sarah Sellon.



Denise Rehmke, Library Coordinator for the Iowa City Community School District, demonstrates the use of the SMART Board at Penn Elementary School Library

Chapter News Continued



Alpha Chapter Officers: Linda Smith, Sue Searing, William T Henderson, Kathryn Luther Henderson, David Harber



Linda Smith with guest speaker, John Wilkin



2013 initiates: Barbara Ramsay, Sharon Comstock, Jennifer Stasinopoulos, Paige Cunningham, and Mara Bandy

The Alpha Chapter at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign celebrated its 65th anniversary at its annual meeting and initiation ceremony on Saturday, November 9. Twenty-one graduates were inducted into Beta Phi Mu. Five were able to attend and sign the Great Roll in person: Mara E. Bandy (class of 2012), Sharon L. Comstock (2012), Paige D. Cunningham (2013), Barbara J. Ramsay (2012), and Jennifer S. Stasinopoulos (2012).

A highlight of the annual business meeting was the reading aloud by outgoing chapter president Dr. Linda C. Smith of a resolution by the Executive Board and Executive Director of Beta Phi Mu, recognizing Alpha Chapter's contributions as "the first established chapter of the Society...responsible for developing our name, motto, insignia, membership requirements, and other traditions." The resolution also honored Kathryn Luther Henderson "for her long history of leadership and service within our Society and the Alpha Chapter, and for her many contributions to the profession of library and information studies." Professor Emerita Henderson is the last surviving member of the original group of Beta Phi Mu initiates in 1948, and she continues to serve the society as the chapter's faculty advisor. Prof. Henderson's husband, William T Henderson, has likewise served Alpha Chapter for many years as its secretary-treasurer. Other officers include David Harber, incoming President, Meg Miner, Vice-President/President-Elect, and Susan E. Searing, representative to the national Assembly.

In other business, Dr. Smith shared the citation that accompanied the presentation of the Anne M. Boyd award to Adam Mann at the GSLIS graduation ceremony in May 2013. The Boyd award, sponsored by Alpha Chapter, is given annually by the GSLIS faculty to a graduating student. Criteria for the award include: commitment to the profession of librarianship; potential leadership qualities; notable interpersonal skills; a 4.0 grade point average; and a record of contributions to the School through participation in organizations and activities. After receiving the treasurer's report, the members in attendance voted to continue the chapter's recent tradition of a monetary gift to support Alternative Spring Break, a noncredit program which provides current master's students week-long field experiences in professional work environments.

Following the initiation ceremony and business meeting, some forty Alpha Chapter members and their guests enjoyed a catered lunch, followed by a talk by John Price Wilkin on "The Meanings of the Library: Constancy and Change for an Enduring Institution." Mr. Wilkin joined the University as **Dean of Libraries and University Librarian in August. His talk was recorded and will be made available through the chapter's website:** <http://www.lis.illinois.edu/people/alumni/betaphimu>

Chapter News Continued

Theta Chapter at Pratt Institute

held its Fall 2013 lecture on November 21, 2013. Pratt SILS presented Acquiring the Future: Speculative Curatorship for the New Millennium.

In this lecture, presented in the format of a fireside chat, Seb Chan and Aaron Cope of the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum talked candidly about the challenges facing history, technology and design museums. How does one collect the present, let alone the future without falling into the trap of connoisseurship? How might one reconsider the museum as not only a service provider, but a collector and maintainer of services long after they become unprofitable for the commercial sector? How does one preserve the motives that define an increasing amount of otherwise intangible cultural production? And finally, how do museums do so with the confidence to be invisible and without resorting to spectacle in order to justify its labors?



Theta Chapter - IN MEMORIAM

Nassar Sharify (September 23, 1925 - August 23, 2013)

Nasser Sharify was born in Tehran, Iran. Since 1987, he served as a Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus of Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science in New York City.

1962-1963 he served as Acting Chief, (Programme Specialist) Education Information and Materials Section, UNESCO Division of Education, Information, and Materials in Paris, France. He was the Founder of the International Library Information Center, University of Pittsburgh in 1964. He remained on as Director of the International Library Information Center from 1964-1966.

From Pittsburgh, Dr. Sharify moved on to the State University of New York (SUNY) where he headed the office of International Librarianship, Learning Resources, and Information Services (ILLRIS) in 1966. This office, created to provide information services for teaching, research and public service programs for International Studies and World Affairs for the entire SUNY system.

1968-1987 he was a Dean and Professor at Pratt Institute, Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Brooklyn, NY. As the Chairman of the Board of Consultants for the Pahlavi National Library, he was responsible for coordinating over 40 international librarians and professionals in order to prepare a 17 volume position paper to be presented to the Shah of Iran in March 1975. The Pahlavi National Library was part of the Shah's vision to educate the Iranian people.

Since 1987, he has been a Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus of Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science in New York City. In 1988, Pratt established the Nasser Sharify Lecture Series, created to honor Dean Sharify's 40 years of contribution to library and information science.

As a UNESCO consultant, he designed and helped create Morocco's first school of information science in 1973. The Hoover Institution at Stanford University is establishing the Nasser Sharify Archives of works on and about him, and works written by him, including his literary works, poetry and speeches. In 2004, the Nasser Sharify Foundation was formed "to promote scholarship, education, and research in the fields of Information & Library Sciences, literary achievement in the Persian and English languages, and public awareness in multicultural issues."

Dr. Sharify has been awarded The Kaula Gold Medal, 1985 - Given annually to only one international leader or scholar in the world, the Shah's Crown Medal, 1977 - He presented his master plan for a national network of information in Iran to the Shah of Iran and it earned him the distinguished Shah's Crown Medal, and the American Library Association (ALA) Citation, June 1999 - the ALA presented this award honoring Nasser Sharify for his lifelong contributions to Library Sciences.



Chapter News Continued

Epsilon Chapter at the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill At the Fall orientation session for incoming students at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, the Epsilon Chapter presented two scholarship awards of \$600 for academic excellence to graduate students Erin Holmes and Jessica Streck Ortolano.



Omicron Chapter at Rutgers University- The 2013 Beta Phi Mu (BPM) Omicron Chapter's Fall Presentation featured Wikipedian in Residence Dorothy Howard, who is working with the METRO Library Consortium members in NYC to build collaborative programs using Wikipedia and other open data initiatives. Dorothy's 45 minute talk highlighted the success of the GLAM-wiki movement (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums partnering with Wikipedia) and how other organizations can adopt their model to engage broader communities. In the lively half hour Q&A that followed, Ms. Howard was joined by Jefferson Bailey, the Strategic Initiatives Manager at METRO. Together they entertained queries from the audience in the Rutgers Alexander Library Scholarly Communications Center and many more on-line. Video of the event can be found here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRoTz7PTNkM> BPM's annual fall lecture is co-sponsored the Rutgers Library and Information Science Department, Rutgers University Libraries, Rutgers School of Communication & Information Alumni Association, and the NJ Center for the Book.



2013 BPM Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations Are in Order!

Beta Phi Mu would like to officially congratulate the following 2013 Scholarship Recipients:

EUGENE GARFIELD DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Elisabeth Jones – University of Washington
Dissertation Title: Constructing the Universal Library

Jinxuan Ma – Florida State University
Dissertation Title: Interacting with Health Information for Self-Care: An Exploratory Study of Undergraduates' Health Information Literacy

Claudia Serbanuta - University of Illinois
Dissertation Title: Voices from the Other Side of the Wall: The Case of Romanian Public Libraries of the 1970s and the 1980s

Miriam Sweeney – University of Illinois
Dissertation Title: Servants of Cyberspace: A Critical Analysis of Microsoft's Ms. Dewey

Adam Worrall – Florida State University
Dissertation Title: The Roles of Digital Libraries as Boundary Objects Within and Across Social and Information Worlds

Erjia Yan – Indiana University
Dissertation Title: Towards a Systematic Approach for Studying Scholarly Communication through Scholarly Networks

SARAH REBECCA REED SCHOLARSHIP

Melanie Carden – University of Alabama

Lora Worden – Emporia State University

BLANCHE E. WOOLLS SCHOLARSHIP

Meera Garud –
University of Hawaii, Manoa

FRANK B. SESSA SCHOLARSHIP

Amy Roberson – Digital Archives
Specialist Certification

HAROLD LANCOUR SCHOLARSHIP

John Hickok



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January 24 – January 28, 2014
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Mid-Winter Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2014 Scholarship Season is Underway!

Five scholarships and up to six Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are awarded annually. Applications for the 2013 season are accepted **November 15, 2013 – March 15, 2014**. Recipients are announced at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly in June.

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