

# *BETA PHI MU - THE PIPELINE HOLIDAY EDITION*



**Beta Phi Mu**

**The iSchool at Drexel University**

**Philadelphia, PA**

# *BPM Officially Moves to Drexel*

As of **August 1, 2012** Beta Phi Mu Headquarters officially moved to Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. A big thank you to John Paul Walters for packaging the BPM materials and making sure they safely arrived at their new home.

The iSchool at Drexel University is very excited to host the national office and looks forward to contributing to Beta Phi Mu's long standing history!

We look forward to working with all of you!



Beta Phi Mu boxes wrapped and ready to be shipped from Florida State!



The new BPM office officially set up at Drexel University!

# *Executive Director's Report*

By Alison M. Lewis, Ph.D.

## *Greetings from Philadelphia!*

As most of you are aware by now, the headquarters of Beta Phi Mu relocated to Philadelphia as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are now hosted by Drexel University's iSchool, a move that was made possible through the help and hard work of many people. I'd like to thank Dr. Eileen Abels, current board member of Beta Phi Mu and Associate Dean at Drexel's iSchool, for her vision and persistence in doing the behind the scenes work that enabled the official transfer of the headquarters to Philadelphia. I'd also like to thank Dean David Fenske for his generosity in committing iSchool resources to support the headquarters in its new location. Drexel iSchool staff members have provided all the necessary ground support to get the headquarters up and running. Although they are too numerous to mention by name, I must acknowledge the support of the iSchool systems staff, who ensured the smooth transition of the organization website, databases, and mailing lists; the iSchool administrative support staff, who found appropriate space, furniture, and filing cabinets, and provided all of the help needed to get our physical office functioning; and the iSchool finance staff, who set up the necessary accounts and are facilitating the financial relationship between the organization and the university. Suffice it to say that the successful move to Philadelphia would not have been possible without the help of many, many people!

I would also like to thank former Executive Director Christie Koontz, former Program Director John Paul Walters, and former Treasurer Bob Branciforte. All have been more than generous with their time and expertise in providing information, advice, and support during this time of transition. After having spent only four months in the role of Executive Director, I can truly appreciate what they were able to accomplish during their tenure with Beta Phi Mu at Florida State. Former Beta Phi Mu President Dr. Marie Radford should also be acknowledged for her work in facilitating the official transfer of the headquarters from Florida State to Drexel. Thank you all for your past and on-going support of our organization!

I'm fortunate to have had the company of Erin Gabriele, our new Program Director, on the journey thus far. Erin has enthusiastically assumed the demanding role of administering the office functions of our large and complex organization on a part-time basis. She has logically organized our office space and files; been a quick study in setting up financial accounts and procedures; and has successfully negotiated the tasks of administering the scholarship application system, arranging conference meetings and events, and producing the newsletter.



I'm also grateful for the support of Kate Inman, our new Beta Phi Mu Treasurer, who will be helping to monitor our organization's financial proceedings and reporting. I'm confident that headquarters will run smoothly with their help!

As with any transition, the move to Philadelphia has not been without a few bumps in the road. Taking over the reins of the organization at a time when so many of our chapters are dealing with the demands of re-gaining non-profit tax status has brought with it many challenges. But it has brought opportunities as well! We're now more familiar with IRS regulations and in a better position to help our chapters follow their requirements. Erin and I have also had the opportunity to personally interact with many of our chapters' leadership -- and have thus been reminded that the true strength of our organization lies with the hard work and dedication of its involved members. Looking forward to the year ahead, I would like to build upon the outreach we've started and continue to improve communication between headquarters and chapters. Related to this, I'd like to reinstitute the practice of producing a "Beta Phi Mu Chapter Handbook" that will serve as a touchstone for general procedures, responsibilities, and best practices for all chapters.

As we move into the "Philadelphia era" of Beta Phi Mu's sixty-plus year history, I welcome your input and suggestions on how headquarters can best support your chapter and its activities. I look forward to working with all of you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison M. Lewis".

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# BETA PHI MU CHAPTER NEWS

## What's the Buzz?



**The Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** held their annual meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2012 in Champaign, Illinois. Over thirty-five members, initiates and guests were in attendance for the initiation ceremony, business meeting and luncheon that followed. Alpha Chapter passed revised Chapter By-Laws and elected new officers for the 2012-2013 term. Alpha Chapter President is Linda C. Smith and Vice-President/President Elect is David Harber, with Mary (Peggy) Glatthaar assuming the Secretary/Treasurer duties. Julie Derden will serve as Past-President. We were delighted to have three of Alpha Chapter's initiates in attendance at the ceremony (pictured). After the meal, Maureen Brunsdale, Head of Special Collections and Rare Books from Illinois State University (ISU) presented "Come One! Come All! Circus History in Central Illinois". We learned about Eleanor Weir Welch, the university librarian who had the foresight and vision to establish a circus and allied arts focus for Milner Library's Special Collections area that celebrated the presence of circus performers – namely aerialists – who made Bloomington-Normal their "winter home" because of the availability of large barns in which to practice routines during the off-season. Additionally, Illinois State University is the home of the oldest collegiate circus in the United States, Gamma Phi Circus, which was established in 1926 on the Illinois State Normal University campus and continues to perform annually at ISU in the spring. We look forward to celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Beta Phi Mu at the University of Illinois in 2013!



## Xi Chapter

University of Hawaii BPM Xi Chapter inducted the following new members in May 2012:

Megan Fukumoto  
Sarah Gray  
Heather Haack  
Tamara Martinez  
Stacy Naipo  
Sandy Shitanishi  
Phillip Whitford

Ruth Horie – Hawaiian Language Specialist, University of Hawaii at Manoa (in center of picture below) was the keynote speaker at the May 2012 induction ceremony. Surrounding her are the new initiates.





# Chapter News Continued



Bill Musser, bass fiddler, playing at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Meeting

## **BETA BETA THETA CHAPTER @ THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

held its 25<sup>th</sup> annual chapter meeting on May 10, 2012. The event returned to the home of Carl F. Orgren, former director of the School of Library & Information Science, who had hosted the founding meeting of the chapter in 1988. All charter members and former presidents of the chapter who attended the anniversary meeting were recognized.

Bill Musser, librarian at the Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, Iowa, and bass fiddler with Foot-Notes, a Norwegian-American old-time dance band, gave an engaging and informative multimedia presentation entitled "Waltzing in the Garden: Playing Heirloom Tunes, Planting Heirloom Seeds." An initiation ceremony followed. These new members were welcomed: Melody Dworak, Erin Green, Elizabeth Holdsworth, and Johanna Meetz. Scholarships were awarded to these continuing students: Kayla Pollock, Kalmia Strong, and Kelly Thompson. The business meeting concluded with election of officers for next year. Debra Dorzweiler is the incoming President, Suzanne Araas Vesely is Vice-President/President Elect, and Marilyn Swanson continues as Secretary/Treasurer.

## **Beta Omega chapter at University of South Carolina**

The photograph to the left was taken at a homecoming event for University of South Carolina where Beta Phi Mu, Beta Omega chapter members gathered and were recognized by the Dean for the 30th year of our chapter's beginning at the School of Library and Information Science.



Beta Omega celebrates Homecoming!

# Chapter News Continued

## *The Beta Pi Chapter at the University of Arizona*

The chapter met for their annual business meeting on Nov 9, 2012. The luncheon meeting took place during the Arizona Library Association's 2012 Annual Conference. At the meeting, members voted to move their annual Beta Phi Mu Initiation ceremony from the fall of each year to the spring, in order to hold it during the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science's (SIRLS) spring graduation services. Members also voted to continue to fund the Margaret Maxwell Scholarship Award, to be awarded in the spring, to a Beta Phi Mu invitee, and to newly fund the Lawrence Clark Powell Memorial Lecture Series, <http://www.library.pima.gov/books/lcp/> an annual lecture series that SIRLS supports. Lawrence Clark Powell was instrumental in starting the library school at the University of Arizona and the lecture series honors him as a supporter of Southwest literature. In other business, nomination and election of officers for the coming year will be held in December.



# Chapter News Continued



The Omega Chapter Executive Board, clockwise from top left: Young Lee, Cynthia Mari Orozco, John M. Jackson, Heather Ebey (faculty liaison), Erin Mischak, and Julie K. Williams

**The Omega Chapter at San Jose State University** is turning over a new leaf! After over 20 years of inactivity, Omega has a new Executive Board that is committed to revitalizing the previously dormant chapter. Heather Ebey, faculty liaison, brought together John M. Jackson, Young Lee, Julie K. Williams, Erin Mischak, and Cynthia Mari Orozco to re-establish the Executive Board. We have a virtual initiation ceremony planned for new members in the spring, as well as a series of speaker events featuring inspiring students, faculty and alums from San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science! We are also excited to welcome Kristen Rebmann to the Omega team as our new faculty liaison beginning this spring. We are looking forward to increasing participation and building a sense of community among our chapter's members!



The picture above is from the initiation ceremony. Pictured from left to right are: Amanda Folk (chapter president), Ryan Splenda, Dr. Sheila Corral (LIS Program Chair), Vance Sharp, Charlotte Myers, Debbie Day, Karen Meharra

**The Pi Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh** has a lot of news to report! Our chapter initiated 8 new members on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, including Charlotte Myers, Vance Sharp, Jessica Smith, Ryan Splenda, Angela Couse, Stacey Kinsel, Andrew Marshall, and Sarah Young. On the same night, the School of Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh recognized our chapter's treasurer, Dr. Barbara Zaborowski, with its Distinguished Alumni Award. The chapter also awarded its first book scholarship to an MLIS student at the University of Pittsburgh. The fall semester's recipient is Eric Tans.



# Chapter News Continued

**Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at the original iSchool, Syracuse University** had its 109th Annual Chapter Meeting and Initiation and our 53th anniversary as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu were celebrated on Saturday, May 12. At our luncheon, we initiated 22 new members into our Society, representing the 2011-12 graduate classes. Our event followed the iSchool's Convocation and was held at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. Our guest speaker for the day was Amy Dickinson, "Ask Amy" nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and author of the best-selling "The Mighty Queens of Freeville". Books and weekly visits to her local public library while growing up were very special to Amy's family. Amy shared many inspiring stories from her life and book and of her beloved small town of Freeville, near Syracuse. Autographing followed. Initiated *in person* were: Rachael L. Altman, Asia Bonacci, Rose Ann Burdick, Alice M. Leach, Mary P. McGregor, Charlene L. Martin, Lisa R. Matthews, Emily C. Weyant, and Julianne M. Wise. Initiated *in absentia* were: Trisha L. Adamus, Jessie E. Baldwin, Marie L. Banach, Lauren M. Britton, Denice M. Buchanan, Julia A. Corrice, Adrienne E. Fedyna, Erin M. McCaughtry, Chelsea Neary, Margaret C. Portier, Katharine A. St. Laurent, Katherine E. Taddeo, and Jennifer M Whittaker.

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 3 years. Members paying current dues are eligible for our continuing education grants and our Mullen Award to assist attending summer ALA. Our Executive Board manages our Chapter's affairs, financial aid programs, and listserv and website. We are seeking to fill two 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 and Carole Kupelian, 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 fund to deserving and academically-gifted students. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter.





# Chapter News Continued

## **Beta Beta Gamma at Dominican University -**

Congratulations to all those inducted June 2011-2012, into the Beta Beta Gamma chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information science honor society: Richard Bessette, Jarrett Brazel, Patricia Carroll, Robert Compton, Orly Fried, Catherine Gottlieb, Thomas Javorcic, Phyllis Kastle, Concetta Kellough, Breanne Kirsch, Dorothy Koll, Jennifer Kooy, Jeannine Kropski, Elaine Mernick, Jennifer Mondala, Angeline Nalepa, Leslie Peet, Tiernen Peacy-Dye, Susan McMillin, Allison Parker, Megan Rosol, Anthony Santaniello, Eleanor Schook, Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra, Jessica Szadziwicz, Katherine Tigges and Cassandra Wilson. The induction ceremony and dinner took place at Dominican University on Friday, June 5, 2012. The initiation was led by Dr. Alice Calabrese, member of the Beta Beta Gamma chapter; and Assistant Dean Diane Foote, member of the Alpha chapter.

## **Beta Psi Chapter at University of Missouri -**

held its annual meeting at the Mississippi Library Association conference in Natchez, MS, on October 25th, 2012. Melissa Wright was inducted as President for the coming year, while Patty Furr was elected Vice-President/President Elect. Marsha Case was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Mara Villa is the immediate past president. In addition, Alanna Patrick and Betty Uzman of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History presented a selection of readings from author Eudora Welty's correspondence that illustrated Welty's love for her house and for her home town of Jackson, Mississippi. The talk highlighted not only Welty's sense of humor, but also some of the unexpected treats that await the researcher in the Eudora Welty Collection.

## **Beta Xi Chapter of North Carolina Central University Hill -**

originally formed in 1985, has been reinstated this year after a period of inactivity. We now have a website for the chapter, which includes some great photos from our 2012 Annual Meeting and Initiation, particularly of our new inductees:

<https://sites.google.com/site/betaphimubetaxi/>

## **Lambda Chapter at University of Oklahoma -**

On April 21, 2012 Lambda chapter initiated the following members into our society: Ethan Daniel Atwood, Rumela Base, Yao Chen, George Edward Gottschalk, MacKenzie Leigh Grubbs, Amanda L. Kuhns, Jennifer L. Lehner, Sabrina Little Axe, Sarah M. Olzawski, April J. Schweikhard and Sara E. Vaughan. We welcome them and their abilities into our chapter and profession. Officers for 2012-2013 are President, Linda Cowen; President-Elect, Nelson Dent; Secretary, Laurie Scrivener; Treasurer, Cathy Carlson and Past-president, Jenny Stennis.

Our chapter wishes to acknowledge the retirement of Dr. Kathy Latrobe, former director of the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Science. We wish her well in her retirement and for her recent marriage to Dan Wren. The talents and support of the Lambda Chapter advisor, Dr. Rhonda Taylor, will be greatly missed upon her retirement following the Spring 2013 semester. She will be recognized at our annual initiation ceremony and SLIS celebration entitled, "Celebrating Our Roots," along with Dr. Lotsee Patterson. The event will be held April 27, 2013 at the OU Law Center. The event will be coordinated through OU School of Library and Information Studies. Further information will be available in the future.

## **Epsilon Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -**

held its annual dinner meeting and induction ceremony on Tuesday, May 1st, at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in Durham, N.C. This year's program included a welcome from Epsilon Beta Phi Mu president and SILS alumna, Donna Nixon (MSLS '01), an update on the School by Dean Gary Marchionini, and a special remembrance of Dr. Deborah Barreau by Dr. Brian Sturm, SILS associate professor, who said Dr. Barreau was representative of the motto of Beta Phi Mu: "consumed in the service of others." The meeting included remarks from event speaker, Gina Powell, outreach and volunteer services librarian at the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, who discussed her work that provides services for the blind and physically handicapped. In gratitude, the Epsilon Chapter has made a donation to the Friends of the NCLBPH. Along with the 16 new inductees, Carolyn Hank (Ph.D. '11) was recognized as the annual Achievement Award winter. In August, Epsilon Chapter presented two scholarship awards of \$500 for academic excellence to SILS graduate students Mary Courtney Bailey and Joshua Hager at Fall Orientation.

# 2012 BPM Scholarship Recipients

## Congratulations Are in Order!

Beta Phi Mu would like to officially congratulate the following 2012 Scholarship Recipients:

### EUGENE GARFIELD DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

#### C. Sean Burns – University of Missouri

Dissertation Title: Using Social Computing to Measure the Effects of Open Access on Academic Libraries: A Bibliometric and Regression Analysis

#### Laura Christopherson – University of North Carolina

Dissertation Title: Understanding Online Communication: Developing a Lexicon to Support Search, Capture, and Use

#### Marianne Martens – Rutgers University

Dissertation Title: A Historical and Comparative Analysis of Multiplatform Books: Technologies of Production, User-Generated Content, and Economics of Immaterial and Affective Labor

#### Xi Niu – University of North Carolina

Dissertation Title: Beyond Text Queries and Ranked Lists: Faceted Search in Library Catalogs

#### Sarah Roberts – University of Illinois

Dissertation Title: Behind the Screen: The Hidden Digital Labor of Video Content Moderators

#### Ji Teon Yang – University of Michigan

Dissertation Title: Information Mediation at Work: An Approach to the Social Process of Credibility Judgment

### SARAH REBECCA REED SCHOLARSHIP

Ariel Deardorff – University of Washington

Daniela Rovida – University of Arizona

### BLANCHE E. WOOLLS SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Browning – Florida State University

### FRANK B. SESSA SCHOLARSHIP

Margaret Swanson – ACRL Training

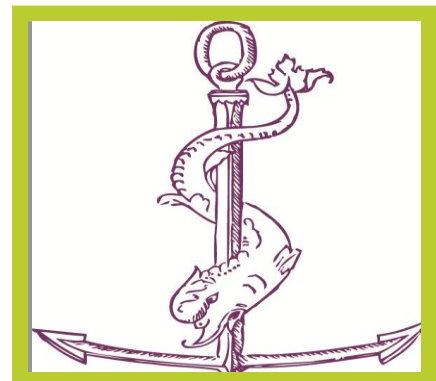
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# *DATES AND DEADLINES*



January 25 – January 29, 2012  
American Library Association  
Mid-Winter Meeting  
Seattle, Washington

## *2013 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, 2012 – March 15, 2013**. Recipients are announced at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly in June.

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