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President's Page

I am honored to greet you as the 2014 – 2015 President of the BΦM International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. I was inducted into Beta Phi Mu's IOTA Chapter many years ago when I graduated from the University of Maryland. I have to admit that over the years I lost touch with all that BΦM was doing at the national level. First, as a professional librarian and information specialist who moved from place to place, I lost contact with my original chapter. Then as an academic, I focused on our local chapter. I am currently associated with the Beta Beta chapter at Simmons College where I am Dean and Professor. When I became a BΦM Board Member in 2011, after attending the G-ALA at the ALA Annual Meeting, I realized how many amazing things BΦM was doing.

I encourage you to reengage with BΦM – it is great for networking, mentoring, and the profession. Remember that you can be associated with any chapter, so that if you have

moved, you are welcome to become involved with a local chapter in your area. Many of the chapters are hosting events that you can attend virtually.

This past June, at the G-ALA at the ALA Annual Meeting, in addition to delicious food, eleven chapters gave reports on their activities over the last year and four new members were inducted into BΦM. I highly recommend that you attend the G-ALA next year in San Francisco and share news about your chapter. The initiation ceremony is inspirational and reminds us all why we are in this profession.

With the many changes in the world around us, BΦM is adapting to change as well. The Board Members and Executive Director have been busy reviewing our Bylaws with an eye toward making changes that will better embrace online students who do not necessarily live near the campus of the program they attend. Last year, we broadened our potential membership to include not only programs that are ALA Accredited but also those accredited by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

and several international accrediting bodies.

All of the above was accomplished under the presidency of Amanda Ros, along with a very competent and dedicated Board. We would not have accomplished all that we did without our Executive Director, Alison Lewis, who has done a great job of moving our many initiatives forward. We bid farewell to Erin Gabriele, our Program Director, and we welcomed Isabel Gray as our new Program Director at our most recent Board Meeting.

The founders of BΦM were very forward thinking in 1948 when they selected our name *Bibliothekarios philax mathesis*, which means "librarians are the guardians of knowledge." We need to continue to advocate for the profession and recognize the achievements of our members. We need to emphasize our commitment to service. I look forward to serving as President this year.



Eileen G. Abels, Beta Phi Mu President

Executive Director's Page

"Change is our constant companion"

The above quote is something oft-repeated by **the dean here at Drexel's** College of Computing and Informatics, where our Beta Phi Mu headquarters are based. The very name of the college represents change, as this new moniker is less than a year old. The former name was the College of Information Science and Technology, and I have yet to develop **the habit of saying "CCI"** as the current abbreviated name of the college. Looking back at various iterations of the college, I marvel at the journey that the library and information science program has taken at this institution. It started in the late nineteenth century as a stand-alone professional training program at what was then Drexel Institute, and now it is a degree program within the Department of Informatics in CCI. In many ways this journey reflects the evolution and changes experienced by the profession itself.

Change has come to Beta Phi Mu headquarters as well, as we enter into our third year of being based in Philadelphia. Program Director Erin Gabriele left to take a full-time staff position within CCI earlier this spring. Erin was instrumental in helping to set up the Beta Phi Mu office and establish our work flow procedures. Many of you have interacted with her over the phone, through e-mail, or in person, and know what an

enthusiastic and dedicated supporter of the honor society she has been. Although times of transition can be challenging, this one was eased by the fact that Erin is only a flight of stairs away!

In June, I was pleased to welcome Isabel Gray as the new Program Director for Beta Phi Mu. Isabel is a **graduate of Drexel's MS-LIS** program and a Beta Phi Mu member. She has previous work experience at the University of Pennsylvania Law School Library and the Department of Music at the University of New Hampshire. Isabel joined us at a very challenging time, just as we were in the run-up to ALA Annual. She jumped right into the fray, however, and helped insure that both the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board meeting and our Membership G-ALA event ran smoothly. She has quickly gotten up to speed on membership processing, finances, scholarship administration, and all the other tasks that are necessary to

keep the office and the organization running smoothly. In addition to all this, she has started to do some research into past recipients of Garfield Doctoral Dissertation awards and past Beta Phi Mu publishing initiatives. **I'm confident that** these efforts will result in information that will help us better appreciate the history and achievements of our honor society.

Any time of change brings both new challenges and new opportunities. Through it all, there also remains a sense of continuity within our organization going all the way back to its **founding in 1948. I'm grateful** to the current officers and board of directors, those **who've served in these capacities** in the past, and former executive directors and BPM staff for helping to create and maintain this continuity while also moving our honor society forward in new and exciting directions.



Alison M. Lewis



Beta Phi Mu members enjoying happy hour at ALA's Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia

Eugene Garfield Tribute

On January 23, 2014, Dr. Eugene Garfield was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Member award at the annual ALISE Awards Ceremony, held in conjunction with ALA Mid-winter Meeting in Philadelphia. Dr. Garfield presented the ALISE/Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Award at that event. Following his presentation, Beta Phi Mu Executive Director Alison Lewis recognized Dr. Garfield on behalf of the Beta Phi Mu executive board and membership. The text of the framed certificate presented read: **“Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society Hereby recognizes distinguished member Dr. Eugene Garfield for his many contributions to Library and Information**



The Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Member Award



Dr. Eugene Garfield pictured with his wife Meher Mistry

Science, and for his unflagging support of research & advanced study **within the field.”**

Dr. Garfield is best known for developing citation indexing to track the origin, propagation, and influence of scientific thinking. He created the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) in 1960; it is now a division of Thomson Reuters. ISI products such as Science Citation Index, the Journal Citation Reports, and the entire suite of tools now making up the Web of Science have revolutionized both the kinds of information available and how we search for it.

Dr. Garfield was the founding publisher and editor of the journal *The Scientist*, as well as the author of over 1,000 articles and books. Dr. Garfield’s work and contribu-

tions have been acknowledged numerous times. He was the 1986 recipient of the prestigious John Scott Award, for his pioneering work in the field of information retrieval, scientometrics, and scientific communication. In 2007, he was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in the United States.

Since 1999, Dr. Garfield has generously underwritten the Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. The 2014 fellowship winners are listed in the Scholarships area of the Beta Phi Mu website and are announced on page 16 of this newsletter.

Chapter News Xi Chapter

XI CHAPTER (University of Hawaii) had our annual initiation ceremony at the May Graduation Dinner. Carole Suzui is shown with the incoming members of Xi Chapter. The Chapter also gave a scholarship to Storm Stoker.

This summer BPM Xi Chapter members also had an annual service project assisting the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at the annual book sale, which raises funds for LIS student scholarships and public libraries in the 50th state.



Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter (Pratt Institute) initiated thirteen new members at its annual meeting.



President Alexandra Nader speaks on the Rhoda Garoogian Scholarship



Initiation Ceremony



Staff Advisor Vinette Thomas speaks on the history of the Theta Chapter



Dean Tula Giannini welcomes Initiates

Beta Beta Epsilon

Library honor society inducts new members

Beta Beta Epsilon inducted 10 members during the Beta Phi Mu chapter's 30th annual meeting May 15 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Beta Beta Epsilon membership is by invitation. School of Library & Information Studies faculty vote for graduating students based on scholarship, service, and leadership. To be eligible, members must have completed their library degrees with at least a 3.75 grade point average and have finished in the top 25 percent of the class.

Robin Amado was selected as the Outstanding Student Scholar of the Year based on her class participation, outside activities, and professional promise. Finalists for the award were Catherine Booth, Holly Storck-Post, Jennifer McBurney, Rachel Hitt, and Susan Seefelt Lesieutre. Amado and the finalists were recognized at the School of Library & Information Studies graduation ceremony May 17.

Storck-Post received the Jack A. Clarke Scholarship of \$1,700. The scholarship committee was impressed by Storck-Post's professional involvement, commitment to underserved populations, and desire to shape the future of her field. Committee members were Patricia Eschmann, Catherine Phan, and Walker Evans.

Also at the meeting, Beta Beta Epsilon elected the following board members: president-elect Brett Rohlwing, vice president for scholarship Lisa Abler, and secretary Heather Shimon. The new board members will join past-president Kristina Gomez, president Troy Espe, vice-president for membership Cristina Springfield, treasurer Jessica Newman, and faculty adviser Ethelene Whitmire.

Gomez, who led the meeting, thanked departing board members Evans, Phan, and Amy Disch for their service.

To end the meeting, guest speaker Joan Houston Hall, chief editor of the Dic-

tionary of American Regional English, presented "DARE: The Set that No Library Can Afford to Absquatulate!"

Formed in 1984, Beta Beta Epsilon is a chapter of Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. To learn more about Beta Beta Epsilon, visit www.slis.wisc.edu/PBPM.htm.

2014 Beta Beta Epsilon inductees:

Robin Amado
Catherine Booth
Rachel Hitt
Steven Lange
Ruth Rosalind Mandt
Jennifer McBurney
Angele Mott Nickerson
Susan Seefelt Lesieutre
Holly Storck-Post
Emily Wichman



2014 Inductees: Robin Amado, Catherine Booth, Rachel Hitt, Jennifer McBurney, Steven Lange, Susan Seefelt Lesieutre, and Holly Storck-Post.

Beta Beta Theta Chapter

The Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu held its 27th annual chapter program at The University of Iowa Main Library on May 14, 2014. Seventeen members and six guests attended the meeting. Chapter President Suzanne Araas Vesely presided.

Scholarships were awarded to these SLIS students: Jillian Phillips, Stephanie M. Blalock, and Amy M. Koopmann. Four new members were initiated into Beta Phi Mu: Christine M. Vivian, Kathrina Litchfield (2013 Beta Beta Theta Scholar-

ship winner), Roberto A. Arteaga, and Justin L. Baumgartner.

The business meeting concluded with the election of Dottie Persson as Vice-President/President Elect, Kristy Raine as incoming President, and Marilyn Swanson as Secretary/Treasurer. (Due to the unexpected death of Vice President Mary Iber, the Executive Council had elected Kristy Raine to serve as Vice President/President-Elect on January 30, 2014.)

Tim Barrett, the Director of the UI Center for the Book and Associate Professor at UI-SLIS, was the guest speaker. Tim's

inspiring presentation, "An Ode to Paper in the Digital Age," included a PowerPoint presentation on the technology of investigating the longevity in early paper, and a display of newly made paper replicating early paper techniques.

Afterwards, the members and guests enjoyed refreshments and toured the new Learning Commons at The University of Iowa which features many smart classroom spaces.



Beta Beta Theta Chapter Initiation Ritual 2014: Dottie Persson, Jim Kelly, Justin Baumgartner, Roberto Arteaga, Kathrina Litchfield, Christine Vivian, Suzanne Araas Vesely, Kristy Raine, Debra Dorzweiler.

Epsilon Chapter

The Epsilon Chapter held its annual dinner meeting and induction ceremony on May 8, 2014, inducting seventeen new members to the chapter. **Epsilon's Achievement Award** was awarded to Courtney Bailey. **The evening's keynote speaker** was Mohamed Hamed, Middle Eastern and African Studies Librarian at UNC-Chapel Hill, who shared tales of his trips to the Cairo Book Fair from 2011 (when the Egyptian revolution started) to 2014.

This fall, the Epsilon Chapter will award two scholarships to current students in the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill: Ann Cooper and Julie Stivers.



2014 Epsilon's Newest Members



Keynote Speaker Mohamed Hamed

Lambda Chapter

Oklahoma's Lambda Chapter gathered on the evening of April 26, 2014, at the University of Oklahoma National Weather Center for SLISebra-tion. This annual event is a joint celebration of Beta Phi Mu and the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies (OU SLIS) Alumni Association. In addition to our annual business meeting, Lambda Chapter was delighted to welcome eight initiates at the ceremony: Magen Bednar, Christine Edwards, Eric England, Melody Palmer, Juliet Spencer, Joel Tonyan, Lynn Weissinger, Beth York. We also welcomed one *in absentia* initiate, Zoe Chick.

Kicking off the larger SLISebra-tion event, everyone enjoyed a rousing talk by Lambda-chapter hosted author, Rilla Askew. Ms. Askew is an internationally acclaimed author, Oklahoma native and three-time winner of the Oklahoma Book

Award. Ms. Askew's presentation was titled "Libraries: the Heart of the Matter."

Finally, the evening concluded with a dinner and awards presentation. Lambda Chapter was honored to present **this year's Irma Tomberlin Scholarship** to OU SLIS student, Erin McLean. Congratulations again, Erin!

Lambda Chapter also wants to recognize one of our members who was named a 2014 **Library Journal Mover** and Shaker, Teresa Runnels. Teresa is the coordinator of Tulsa City-County Library System's American Indian Resource Center. **Library Journal** chose to honor Teresa for her extensive work with American Indian education and cultural preservation in libraries and beyond. Great work, Teresa!

We also wish a fond retirement to one of our most valued Lambda

Chapter members, Maggie

Ryan. In addition to being a chapter member, Maggie has been instrumental in Beta Phi Mu activities. Indeed, many of you in other chapters may well be acquainted with Maggie through her work in the OU SLIS department for several years. Maggie Ryan retires from her position at OU SLIS this year, and while she will be missed, we wish her all the best for a well-earned retirement. Thank you for everything, Maggie!

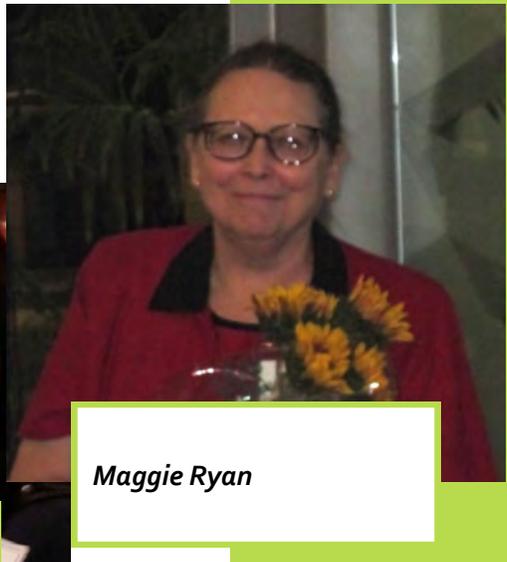
Last, but not least, we honor and say farewell to two outgoing officers. Immediate Past President, Linda Cowen and Treasurer Cathy Carlson have given generously of their efforts. We thank them and wish them well, at end of their terms in June. Are you ready to meet our new officers? Stay tuned for our fall update!



SLIS student Erin McLean with Nelson Dent



Teresa Runnels



Maggie Ryan

Beta Beta Chapter

The Beta Beta Chapter at Simmons College celebrated its annual meeting and initiation ceremony on April 10, **2014. This year's event** was co-sponsored with the Special Libraries Association of New England. The event included a cocktail reception and an initiation ceremony for new members of the honor society. 103 new initiates were inducted, thirty present and the rest inducted in absentia. Present at the ceremony was current member Tricia London, there to support her son and new initiate Alex London (pictured). Alex was a baby when

Solek's winning essay outlined her commitment to scholarship and service to providing access and service in libraries, archives, and museums. Although unable attend, Solek provided a video clip (with the assistance of the GSLIS Tech Lab) to express her appreciation.

The officers held a business meeting, with the support of Em Claire Knowles, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and liaison to the Simmons GSLIS alumni board, who serves as the advisor to the Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. The chapter officers for the 2013-2014

der May, Director; and Thomas Clarke, Past President. Under the leadership of President Vagts, the officers connected with current members through the Simmons Beta Beta Chapter Facebook page. At the April meeting, Kelly Turner was promoted to President. After more than ten years as Treasurer, Mary Puleo has stepped down; the Beta Beta Chapter thanks her for her years of dedicated service. Before retiring her position, Mary was committed to maintaining our newly-obtained 503-C-3 status and passing on the baton to new initiate, Amy Ferguson, who quickly volunteered to become Treasurer.

After the business meeting, guest speaker Jane Kinney Meyers shared her experiences working with libraries in Africa. Meyers is President and founder of the Lubuto Library Project (www.lubuto.org) which provides preservation, reading promotion, education, and social service activities to those most in need. Meyers was introduced to the audience by GSLIS Dean and 2014-2015 National President of Beta Phi Mu, Eileen Abels.



Tricia attended her own initiation ceremony.

The Beta Beta Chapter Book Award was presented to VivianLea Solek. **A Master's student at the** GSLIS West campus,

academic year were Karen Vagts, President; Kelly Turner, Vice President/President-elect; Mary Puleo, Treasurer; Alexan-

Beta Pi Chapter

Beta Pi Chapter (affiliated with the School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) University of Arizona) met for their annual business meeting on November 14, 2013 during the annual conference of the Arizona Library Association. Business included adopting a slate of officers for 2014 and an exciting schedule of events and projects for 2014. At the meeting the Chapter revised its schedule for inviting eligible candidates into Beta Phi Mu (from Fall to Spring) to correspond with the library school's annual Spring Awards Ceremony. In 2014 the Chapter invited 28 recent graduates to join Beta Pi Mu. The Chapter is also going to award their professional development scholarship(s) at the SIRLS' Awards Ceremony.

Beta Pi Chapter is pleased to announce that two professional development scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Carissa Pastuch and Qianjin Zhang at the Spring Awards Ceremony on April 5, 2014. Carissa used her scholarship funds to help finance a junior fellowship at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. She worked at the World Digital Library (WDL), a multilingual, international digital library operated by Library of Congress and UNESCO. The WDL is a repository for primary source content in over 100 languages from 183 partner institutions in 81 countries. Each item held in the library is accompanied by a scholarly description providing historical context and significance of the item. All of the metadata and scholarly descriptions are translated into

7 languages (Spanish, Portuguese, French, Chinese, Russian, Arabic, and English). Their website is at: www.wdl.org. During her fellowship in Washington, Carissa was privileged to **meet with Arizona's Congressional delegation.**

Qianjin used her professional development funds to attend the annual conference of the American Library Association (ALA), this year held in Las Vegas, NV in **July. This was Qianjin's first** ALA conference and she was impressed with its numerous sessions and extensive exhibits. During the conference Qianjin also took advantage of the gathering to network and job search. Qianjin is currently working in the University of Arizona Main Library as a digital librarian.

In other news, Kyla M. Johnson, a SIRLS graduate (1996) and Beta Phi Mu member (1997), was awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching. Kyla is one of approximately 43 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program in 2014-2015. Kyla plans to study best practices in the United Kingdom in the spring of 2015. She is currently a librarian at Farmington High School in Farmington, New Mexico.

In 2014 Beta Pi Chapter continued its sponsorship of the annual Lawrence Clark Powell Memorial Lecture. This year the lecture was given by Benjamin Alire Saenz and was held during the Tucson Festival of Books in March. This popular festival attracts over 100,000

attendees.

Bruce Fulton is the new Beta Pi Chapter faculty advisor at SIRLS. Dr. Fulton is an assistant professor and coordinates their Digital Information Management Certificate program.

The Chapter also has a new blog at: <http://bpmarizona.wordpress.com/>



WDL Junior Fellow Leah Rios, Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, and Carissa Pastuch.



Qianjin Zhang

Beta Epsilon Chapter

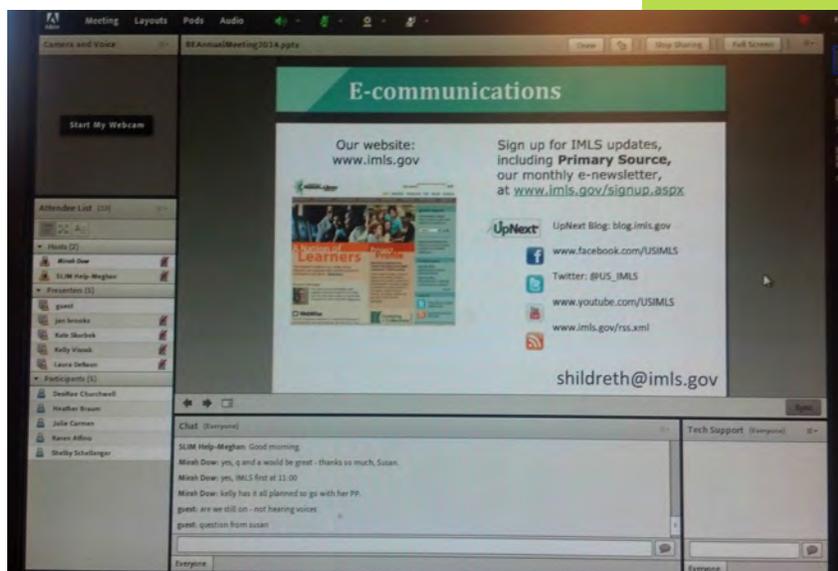
On Friday, May 2, 2014, Susan Hildreth, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services was the guest speaker for the annual ESU, Beta Epsilon Chapter program. Her presentation, titled **“Creating Innovative Libraries,”** afforded us a glimpse of initiatives currently undertaken by the IMLS as well as guidelines for strategic leadership in our libraries.

Ms. Hildreth’s talk was followed by the annual business meeting and induction of new members. Beta Epsilon chapter builds on the strength of its sponsoring university, Emporia State University, the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM). SLIM provides library and information science education in multiple sites: Emporia and Overland Park, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City and Orem, Utah; and Portland, Oregon. As a result, the Beta Epsilon Chapter boasts members not only in the Midwestern U. S., but from across the nation and around the world. Because of our multi-state presence, Beta

Epsilon chapter business meetings and programs are conducted exclusively online.

The 2014-15 chapter officers are: Jan Brooks, Johnson County Community College, president; Kelly Visnak, University of Wyoming Libraries, Past President; Karen Alfino, CEO and Founder of STEMgirls, Vice President; Kate Skarbek, Westminster Public Library, Secretary; Laura DeBaun, Northeast Kansas Library System,

Treasurer. Dr. Mirah Dow, Professor, will again serve as the faculty sponsor. Beta Epsilon chapter anticipates continuing sponsorship of state library conference programs in Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Oregon as well as a new emphasis on communicating with our chapter members through increased use of social media.



Director Susan Hildreth invites Beta Epsilon members to stay connected with the IMLS during her May online presentation

Iota Chapter

The IOTA Chapter, representing the College of Information Science at the University of Maryland (UMD) and the Catholic University of America's (CUA) School of Library and Information Science, held its Annual Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremony at the offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C. on Monday, March 24, 2014.

The meeting began with executive business. President Susan Yoo conducted the initiation ceremony and directed the reading of the ceremonial script. Each Beta Phi Mu inductee signed the sacred book after receiving their certificate. There were a number of new inductees, and those able to attend in person included Elizabeth Jo Mason and Allyson G. Evans.

During the 2013-2014 year, the Iota Chapter Executive Board voted to hand out two \$2000 scholarships, one to each university. The CUA recipient was Jennifer Fagan-Fry, and the UMD recipient was Fiona Jardine. Both students have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement and dedication to the Library and Information professions. The recipients were not able to attend the meeting, but a dinner was held later to get to know them and to present the checks.

President Yoo presid-

ed over the meeting and led the election of new officers. Members approved by acclamation Allyson Evans for Vice President/President Elect and Kt Zawodny will continue as Secretary. Allyson is a recent graduate of UMD who is excited to be involved with an organization that benefits librarians and libraries. The chapter is looking for a new Treasurer, as John Coogan has been doing a wonderful job for a number of years, and is ready to pass the spreadsheet on. Susan Yoo passed the gavel to incoming President David Gayer.

After the conclusion of the business meeting, members sat back to enjoy a keynote presentation given by Viral Amin, an Assistant Professor and Metadata/Electronic Resources Librarian at Marymount University. Viral gave a talk about **using "Perl to Improve Efficiency in Collection/Technical Services."** He showed three instances where he was able to avoid tedious manual data-entry activities by using Perl scripts that he de-



David Gayer, Susan Yoo, Elizabeth Jo Mason

veloped. The audience enjoyed the presentation and asked a number of questions. Afterwards, members stayed to enjoy beverages and food.

Each year Iota Chapter musters its members to volunteer at the National Book Festival, and this year was no exception. Several members were trained to drive golf carts on the National Mall, to ferry authors around from talks to signing events, while others were working tents for crowd-control or information assistance. A group of members got together to enjoy a nice dinner after their shift was over.



David Gayer, Viral Amin, Susan Yoo

Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter

Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University. We have had a very successful year. Noteworthy initiatives are detailed below:

Chapter business: Our "current" membership is fairly stable with 146 dues-paying members. The Chapter dues remain at \$10/year. Finances are also stable with funds taken in roughly equaling funds expended. We sent a dues mailing in the fall with a request for donations to our scholarship funds. The mailing included a **Beta Phi Mu "window cling"**, and this effort resulted in increased donations to our scholarship funds. (See last page of the newsletter for window cling article)

We welcomed new board member Robert Weiner from the Syracuse University College of Law Library.

We are gratified to see our members live up to and surpass the "professional potential" that we seek when choosing those to be tapped.

Member news: Angela Weiler, faculty member at Onondaga Community College has been awarded a SUNY Chancellor Award for Excellence in Librarianship. This state-wide award is a great honor. Two members, Rebecca Lubin from the Albany Public Library and Sue Kowalski of Pine Grove Middle School - East Syracuse, were elected to 3-year terms as NYLA Councilors-at-Large. Among other awards, in 2012 Sue Kowalski was also one of 17 educators from around the world to win a Teacher Librarian Leadership Award from the Editors

of "Teacher Librarian". The award "recognizes the significant contributions being made to the profession and those showing visionary leadership by creating and using new models of teaching and learning that promote collaboration, sharing and real learning."

Student outreach efforts: Board members Gary Maggi and Valerie Massulik effectively revamped our scholarship and awards process. Gary worked closely with the iSchool at Syracuse University to rewrite our funding criteria with the goal of providing more assistance to deserving students. We were able to award the following:

- **Joseph & Marta J. Dosa Award for 3 credits** tuition to Annamichelle Chovanec
- **Florence R. Van Hoesen Awards of \$6,000.00** to Dina Meky and Jessica L Regitano

Highlights of Initiation

2014: Our initiation was held on May 10, 2014 at the Sheraton University Inn, directly following the iSchool Convocation on Graduation Weekend. Our initiation speaker was Dr. Barbara K. Stripling, out-going ALA President and iSchool faculty member. Barbara spoke about her 2013 initiative "**Libraries Change Lives**" and why libraries and librarians are even more relevant today in an electronic information age.



Dr. Barbara K. Stripling

Also, Dr. Barbara Kwasnik, Chapter member and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, reported on a wonderful gift, valued at \$7,000,000, received in the Fall from the estate of Ms. Wilhelm, a former public/school librarian and graduate of the class of 1939. Ms. Wilhelm had previously donated \$1,000,000 to the iSchool. Her recent gift will be used to fund an endowment, part of which will be spent in the acquisition of new technology for classrooms and labs and part of which will be used to fund projects which are "**aspirational**" in spirit.

Barbara further reported that the new Chancellor of S.U., Kent Syverud, is a strong supporter of the iSchool. Incoming iSchool students number 75 and could rise to 100. The School Media program is placing 100% of its graduates in jobs.

Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter continued

Fourteen new members were initiated. The new members are:

In Person:

Marianne Aldrich, Beau Bradley, Lucy Menard, Jeanette Norris, Vanessa St. Oegger-Menn, Milly Stephenson.

In Absentia:

Shannon Forbes, Julia Gearhart, Kate Gukeisen, Stephanie Helsher, MaryKate Kroyer, Elise Lambson, Kusturie Moodley, Katherine White.

The Pi Lambda Sigma Board honored longtime member and Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker at our initiation. Susan has been a board member for 31 years and continues to greatly contribute to the operation

of our organization. We recognized Susan's dedication to our Chapter and to the principles of Beta Phi Mu with this special tribute and gifts.



Beta Delta Chapter

University at Buffalo

The Beta Delta chapter has been revived after a few years of inactivity. We are very pleased to announce that we inducted 41 graduates whose MLS degrees were conferred between 2010 and 2013. We are grateful to the national office for allowing us to induct these very deserving candidates retroactively.

At our induction celebration, held April 4, 2014 in Williamsville, NY as part of the annual membership meeting, we welcomed the following UB graduates to the membership of Beta Phi Mu's Beta Delta Chapter: 2010 graduates: Haley Burakowski, Emily J. Kelley, Vanessa M. Paniccia, Katherine L. Panning, Patricia E. Powers, Lina Terjesen and Jane J. Uminski; 2011 graduates: Christopher L. Conrad, Christina M. Crimi, Lisa Leigh Erickson, Ji Hei Kang, Nicole E. Lamoreaux, Aimee M. Levesque, Arie D. Ress, Sheryl Kron Rhodes, Nicole

M. Rosen and Kenneth R. Wierzbowski; 2012 graduates: Laura M. Crisci, Brian T. Detweiler, Myisha Fuller, Amanda M. Kiesel, Amanda E. Koziura, Amy N. Miller, Samantha J. Quell and Theresa E. Zaczewski; and 2013 graduates: Alexander C. Andrasik, Jason S. Barone, Melissa Blattner, Jill D. Bolticelli, Ruth L. Freier, Jessica Godfrey, Lynne W. R. Gollhofer, Olivia Helfer, Esther M. Jackson, William E. Jones III, Carolyn M. Klotzbach, Bredny Rodriguez, Bryan J. Sajecki, Kelly A. Sallander, Stephanie K. Schubmehl and Barbara Ta-futo.

Beta Delta is also pleased to announce the results of our recent election. Newly elected board members are James Tammaro (Pres.), Amy N. Miller (V.P.), Brenda L. Battleson (Sec./Treas.), Christopher L. Conrad (Dir.), Esther M. Jackson (Dir.), Carolyn M. Klotzbach (Dir.) and Kelly A. Sallander (Dir.) Tentative plans for the coming year include service

projects aimed at assisting local libraries and museums in the Buffalo/Western New York region (a suggestion on long-time member Cynthia Van Ness, Director of the Research Library at the Buffalo History Museum. In keeping with the Beta Phi Mu's dedication to scholarship, Beta Delta plans to sponsor or co-sponsor a number of research presentations in collaboration with UB's Department of Library and Information Studies and local LIS organizations. Of course, all work and no play makes Beta Delta a rather dull group. So, in keeping with the proud WNY tradition of enjoying life to its fullest, we are planning a number of LIS-related social activities in which we plan to connect with practitioners, LIS alumni, current students and the community as a whole. We will gladly share the details in upcoming issues of *The Pipeline*.

Beta Kappa Chapter

Beta Kappa Chapter at The University of Alabama has had a wonderful and eventful year in which we initiated 6 graduates: Rebekah Wood, Gail P. Barton, Danilo Baylen, Louise G. Dai-leigh, Sabrina D. Dyck, and Mary Elizabeth Watson. At our annual meeting, we welcomed new officers to the executive council: Vice-President: James Gilbreath, Secretary: Karlie Johnson, Treasurer: Steven Gillis, Member-at-Large: Rebekah Woods.

Also, we had the pleasure of announcing our 2014 Librarian of the Year recipient, Patricia Ryan. She has been a mover and a shaker in Alabama public libraries for the past 30 years. She has worked tirelessly with the cooperative organization, Public Libraries of Jefferson County, to see the continual development and improvement of public libraries.



Past-President Carrie Steinmehl, Librarian of the Year Pat Ryan, and Current President Nancy DuPree at SLIS Honors Day, 4 April 2014.

Beta Phi Mu Scholars' Series

First publication for the *Series* is forthcoming!

In February of 2014, Beta Phi Mu signed a contract with Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. which marked the beginning of a new co-publishing program, the Beta Phi Mu *Scholars' Series*. Former board member John Budd (University of Missouri) and current board member Marie Radford (Rutgers University) were instrumental in bringing this endeavor to fruition.

The *Scholars' Series* replaces Beta Phi Mu's former publishing initiative, the Beta Phi Mu *Monograph Series*.

At the Beta Phi Mu Board Meeting held at the ALA Conference in June of 2014, editor Lorraine Haricombe announced that there was a possible first title for the *Series*. In July, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the publisher and Beta Phi Mu concerning the publication of that **first book: Emily Knox's *Censorship in 21st Century America***. Beta Phi Mu

members will receive a 20% discount when purchasing this title from Rowman & Littlefield.

Lorraine Haricombe and associate editor Keith Russell, have been working tirelessly to ensure the success of this new series and are actively seeking new book proposals. More information about the Series can be found on the Beta Phi Mu website at: <http://beta-phi-mu.org/publications/scholars-series/>.

2014 Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Winners

- **Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship**

Gennie Gebhart University of Washington Information School

Pedro Gonzalez-Fernandez University of Maryland College of Information Studies

- **Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Service**

Hailey Watkins Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science

- **Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member**

Hayley Johnson Nicholls State University's Ellen-der Memorial Library For attending a workshop on "Program Development and Proposal Writing" offered by the American Grant Writers Association

- **Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study**

Katie McNirney UNC Chapel Hill For the study of digital libraries in Zambia and Malawi

- **Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships**

Rhiannon Gainor
McGill University, Canada
Dissertation Title: *Measuring Competitive Intelligence Outcomes*

Katherine Howard
Queensland University of Technology, Australia
Dissertation Title: *The GLAM* Convergence: Implications for the education of Cultural Heritage Information Professionals in Australia (*Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums)*

Aisha Johnson
Florida State University
Dissertation Title: *Developing Southern Libraries to Influence the Life of the African-American User: An Exploratory, Archival Analysis*

Lorraine Dong
The University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation Title: *The Social Ecologies of Mental Institution Records*

Amelia Acker
University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation Title: *Born- Networked Records: A History of the Short Message Service*

Kyle Jones
University of Wisconsin
Dissertation Title: *Any Data We Can Get Our Hands On: A Contextual Study of Learning Analytics and Related Issues of Student Privacy*

Kaitlin Costello
University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Dissertation Title: *Investigating Information Seeking and Disclosure in Online Support Groups for Chronic Kidney Disease*

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Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Our name comes from the initials of the Greek words *Bibliothekarios philax mathesis*, meaning “librarians are the guardians of knowledge.” The motto, *Aliis inserviando consumor*, meaning “Consumed in the service of others” was selected by the founders based on the concept of the dedication of librarians and other information professionals to the service of others. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from institutions where the American Library Association, or other recognized accrediting agency approved by the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board, has accredited or recognized a professional degree program.

Fund Raising Idea from Pi Lambda Sigma

Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University created their own vinyl “window cling” and gave one to all their members. The cling idea rather than a “sticker” came about because too many people object to stickers damaging their car finish. Clings are also transferable and can be put on an office window, storm door, etc. and easily removed.

The Chapter worked with and ordered online from Printingblue.com, which offers free

design and free shipping. Their cling is designed to be mounted inside a window away from weather and car washing.

The Syracuse Chapter chose BPM colors rather

than SU colors for their cling. Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter passes this idea along in the hope that other Chapters will enthusiastically adopt it!

