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## Beta Phi Mu Executive Board

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## From the President

Dear Beta Phi Mu Members,

Your Board has been working very hard this past winter and spring. Here are the initiatives we have taken on so far in 2022:

- We held and recorded a “Best Practices” webinar for chapter leaders.
- We heard from the ALA Candidates for President-elect re: Beta Phi Mu and our relationship with ALA.
- We held a digital archiving service project (and will hold a second one in October).
- We hope to launch a webinar series and are looking to identify BPM members willing to share their knowledge and expertise.
- We look to identify BPM members to serve as leaders in a mentoring program.
- We are compiling an informational list of upcoming library conferences as well as virtual library tours.
- We awarded our first round of the Frank B. Sessa Scholarships for Continuing Professional Education.
- We will announce the winners of this year’s Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships during our Annual Business and Membership meeting during the ALA Conference in late June.
- We recruited a full slate of candidates for this year’s election to the BPM Executive Board. The election will run from May 31st

through June 21st with the results also being announced at our meeting during the ALA Conference.

- We started publishing our meeting minutes on our website. Our meetings are “open” and any member is free to join us. Just let us know you’re interested ([rink@nsuok.edu](mailto:rink@nsuok.edu)). We generally meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:00 AM CT.
- We filed our form 990-EZ for 2021 with the Internal Revenue Service.
- And, we continue to work on establishing some form of “legacy” society as a means of endowing/funding our scholarships.



We are now nine months into our “working board” model and everything seems to be operating quite smoothly. We continue to manage expenses while bolstering our revenues whenever possible. In addition to the revenues received from new graduates who get nominated for membership each year, we now have a variety of other revenue streams: we have a Professional Membership

category, we have an Annual Membership fee (separate from any fees at the Chapter level), we have a Chapter Assessment fee, we have Beta Phi Mu merchandise for sale, we have sponsors and partners, and we even accept simple donations if you are so inclined and would like to help out above and beyond the normal dues. Our hope is to be able to bolster our revenue levels to the point where we can resume funding some of the scholarships that we have had to suspend recently (Reed, Woolfs, and Lancour).

We have weathered the disruption caused by COVID over the last couple of years and look forward to resuming our in-person conference this year. If your schedule permits, please join us (in-person or virtually) at our Annual Business and Membership Meeting during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on Friday, June 24, from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ET. The meeting will

take place in the Marriott Marquis Hotel, in the Archives room. To register to join this meeting via zoom, [check out this link on our webpage](#).

Take care,  
Tom Rink, MLIS, FSLA  
*President of Beta Phi Mu*



## 2022 Scholarship & Award Winners

### FRANK B. SESSA SCHOLARSHIPS for Continuing Professional Education of Beta Phi Mu Members

There's still time to register for the Sessa Scholarships Lottery! Beta Phi Mu members may register through **August 31, 2022**.

Congratulations to the March 2022 winners!

**Livia Garza**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Alpha Chapter

**Chrissy O'Grady**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Alpha Chapter

**Caterina Reed**

University at Buffalo, Beta Delta Chapter

**Melinda Berg**

University of South Florida, Beta Phi Chapter

**Hazlett Henderson**

Emporia State University, Beta Epsilon Chapter

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

[Click here for more info.](#)



# YOU are Beta Phi Mu

## Introducing: Carmaine Ternes, MLIS

Carmaine Ternes is the former President of the Beta Epsilon Chapter. She retired as a Library Media Specialist at Emporia High School. Carmaine is a researcher, an author, a presenter, a book reviewer, and a volunteer.

### **Tell us a bit about yourself.**

A great deal of my North Dakota childhood was spent outdoors, playing hopscotch, tennis, biking, reading on the front porch, or swinging at a playground. I delivered the local daily newspaper and walked to the neighborhood park, library, schools, and church.

Now, babysitting my two granddaughters, reading, zoom, participating in Read to Succeed, the power of storytelling, volunteering at school libraries, promoting library events, golf, and pickleball reward my days.

### **What has your career path been like?**

After completing my education degree from Dickinson State University, I taught high school English in Killdeer, ND, for nine years. Then my husband and I moved to Garden City, KC, where I was a high school English teacher for five years, and he was a middle school principal. When we were given the opportunity to join the Emporia, KS school district, we agreed. My husband was the middle school principal, while I taught high school English. The relationships we forged with students and faculty over the years were lasting.

### **What drew you to librarianship?**

After Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management (ESU SLIM) accepted me into their graduate program, I became acutely aware of the curricular connections between the classroom and the library. I truly enjoyed the challenges and rewards of attending graduate school while teaching teenagers and raising a family. When the EHS library position became available, I was given the opportunity to transition from the classroom to the library, an expansive new addition to the school.

### **How did you get involved with Beta Phi Mu?**

When Dr. Mirah Dow nominated me for a Beta Epsilon Chapter membership, I joined the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society and recently held the office as president. Beta Phi Mu is a professional organization encouraging scholastic achievement and conversation among librarians and educators. Beta Epsilon has provided various support circles and typically sponsored informative programs at the annual state library conference. The local and national publications and webinars continue to engage current and new members.

My service on Beta Epsilon and assorted school and district committees gave me the confidence to attend and present at various conferences and workshops.

### **What are your thoughts about the future of librarianship and the need for librarians in society?**

Now more than ever, accessing reliable resources and having professionals guide patrons in their information quests is imperative. Learning to read, evaluate sources, synthesize, and curate information remains integral for life-long learning. Numerous responsibilities of librarians comprise an understanding of databases and knowledge of past and present books and materials. These professionals venture into educational trends with a zest for learning and are creative visionaries embracing all forms of literacy.

“The Life Cycle of Information includes: creation, recording, reproduction, dissemination, organization, diffusion, utilization, preservation, and discarding.” Although one can learn without mastery of this Information Transfer model, a librarian can clearly mentor patrons in a world of immediate news, dynamic technology, social media trends, and a potentially chaotic flow of information. A librarian’s distinct value is the professional’s ability to identify fact from fallacy encouraging readers to make informed decisions.

### **Any closing thoughts?**

With support from Beta Epsilon, the Kansas Association of School Librarians, and the Kansas Library Association, a mini campaign was created: How Librarians Raise Awareness, Present Facts, and Assist the Kansas Leadership Center’s Promotion for Kansas Beats the Virus. Research from the CDC, ALA, NIH, and other institutes was woven into social media infographics and posts to credit Librarians as Leaders who advocate for the health and well-being of all Kansans. The focus was reaching those who fear, doubt, are unaware, or do not realize what libraries provide. I truly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to attend the [Kansas Leadership Center](#) trainings: Your Leadership Edge, Lead for Change, and Equip to Lead. This journey broadened my horizons and positively impacted my interactions with family, friends, community members, organizational leaders, and librarians.



## 2022 Beta Phi Mu Annual Meeting

Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, will be holding its annual business meeting and membership reception on **Friday, June 24, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM** at the Marriott Marquis Hotel (Headquarters Hotel), Archives room, in conjunction with the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC. This event is Beta Phi Mu's annual membership meeting and networking event, and also serves as an opportunity for new Beta Phi Mu members to participate in an initiation ceremony if they were unable to attend one at their home institution.

RSVP to [headquarters@betaphimu.org](mailto:headquarters@betaphimu.org) if you plan to attend. Please also let us know if you wish to be initiated or if you will be representing your chapter.

### You may also join us via Zoom:

When: Jun 24, 2022, 4:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Click here to register in advance for this meeting.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## VOTE! in the 2022 Beta Phi Mu Election

### The Polls are Open!

The polls are open! All Beta Phi Mu members are encouraged to participate in the 2022 Election! We'll be electing a new Vice President/President Elect and two new directors/directors-at-large.

Polls will remain open until **Wednesday, June 22nd.**

### VOTE HERE!

[Click here](#) for more info.





## Invite a Colleague to Become a Beta Phi Mu Member

Those of us honored by membership in Beta Phi Mu can now encourage a professional colleague to apply for membership. Have them look into the new **Professional Membership**.

For whatever reason, many graduating from library school didn't get invited or didn't join BPM after receiving an invitation. Many of these potential members have gone on to fascinating careers in the library field and could easily qualify for membership under the new Professional category. Contributions to the library field such as publishing, providing innovative service approaches, and attaining leadership positions at the state and national level are just a few examples of activities that would qualify a person for membership in addition to an excellent academic record.

The online application is on the BPM website in the Procedures Section and links to the Online Professional Membership Application. You just need a transcript indicating your GPA, current CV or resume, a brief statement noting contributions to the library field, and contact information for two individuals who would provide a recommendation. More details concerning requirements and necessary application information are available at [betaphimu.org/membership.html](http://betaphimu.org/membership.html).

As a BPM board member who has reviewed several recent applications for professional membership, I can say that those applicants certainly exemplified the scholarship, leadership, and service values of Beta Phi Mu. Help your honor society to expand its impact by talking to colleagues about BPM and joining a great organization.

### New Professional Members

In addition to the many new members who have joined our ranks through Chapter nominations, we would like to welcome and congratulate the following new professional members:

**Jeff Collins**  
**William Olmstadt**  
**A. Blake Denton**

**Kelvin Watson**  
**Jennifer Evans**  
**April Hernandez**





# Chapter News

## Lambda Chapter at University of Oklahoma

### Lambda Chapter Welcomes New Members

Following an inspiring, affirming, and gentle warning from a beloved, retiring professor the Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu welcomed 11 new members. Lambda Chapter President Elizabeth Szkirpan and fellow board members led the annual initiation and business meeting via Zoom out of caution for the latest variant of COVID-19. The meeting carried a bittersweet tone, as the welcoming of new members preceded a keynote address by Dr. Betsy Martens, former faculty liaison to Lambda Chapter and longtime professor at the University of Oklahoma's School of Library and Information Studies. Dr. Martens spoke of vocational awe in library science, the importance of the work done by information professionals, and of avoiding burnout while carrying on those activities. While Martens concluded 16 years with OU SLIS in 2021, she remains at OU as a professor emeritus. Dr. June Abbas became the faculty liaison at the beginning of the year.

transitions to Past President and Melodie Pennington transitions to President.

Lambda Chapter shared updates from the year, including the results of creating and initiating a needs-based scholarship for diverse populations. Two recipients were chosen and awarded scholarships to help them in their early information careers.

Additionally, Lambda proposed changes to the chapter bylaws. The proposed changes, which were put to a vote in March, included gender-inclusive language as well as a new position on the board to handle marketing and public relations.

## Psi Chapter at University at Missouri

### New Class Inducted

The Psi Chapter, led by Debbie Luchenbill and advised by Sarah Buchanan, inducted its 2021 class on May 16, 2022. Congratulations to our new members! We look forward to your contributions.

## Beta Epsilon Chapter at Emporia State University

### Activities in Librarianship

The members and officers of the Beta Epsilon Chapter at ESU have been pleased to be engaged and of service to many initiatives and activities in librarianship around Kansas and nationally during the spring semester.

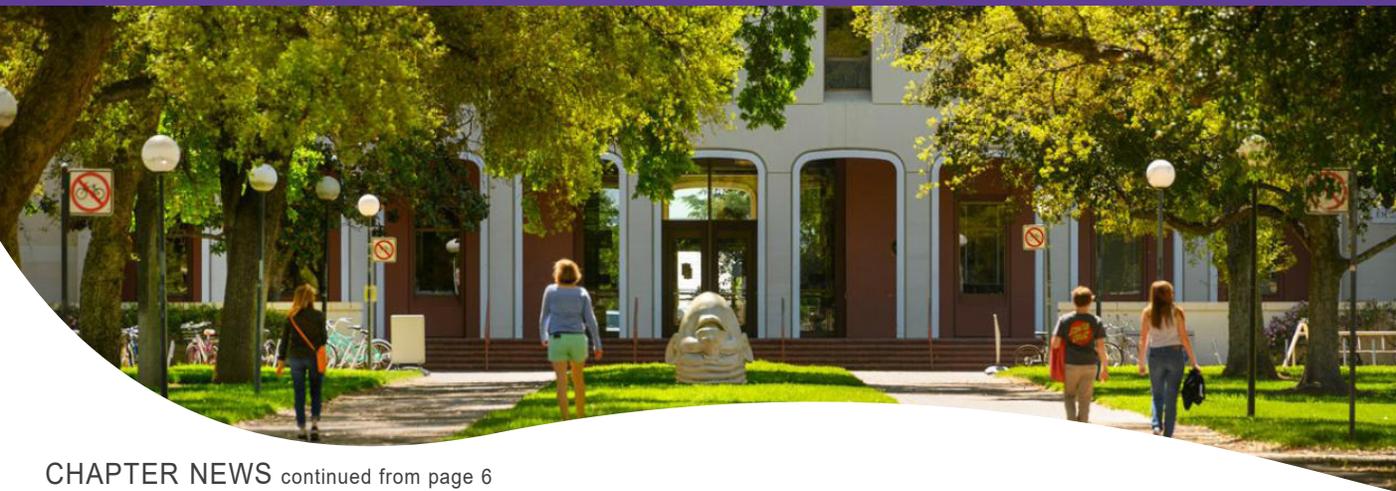
Autumn Friedli, Readers Services Supervisor at Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, ESU-SLIM 2016 graduate, and Beta Epsilon secretary, worked with Natalie Green of the National Book Foundation to host *NBF Presents: The Power of Choice* at the library on April 21st. This event brought two nationally



Beta Phi Mu  
Lambda Chapter  
2022 Initiation and  
Business Meeting

The Lambda chapter announced two new board members, Vice President/President-Elect Ia Bull and Treasurer James Dodd. Bull and Dodd will begin their terms in the summer. Current Treasurer Marianne Myers concludes her term this summer, while Szkirpan

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recognized authors to the library to discuss their books. Lucas Bessire spoke about his book *Running Out: In Search of Water of the High Plains*, while Megha Majumdar presented her novel *A Burning*. Kansas Poet Laureate Huascar Medina moderated the conversation. These books seem to have nothing in common at first glance, but they both dig deep into relationships and how the choices we make impact those relationships. National Book Presents mission is to bring award-winning authors into communities to discuss difficult topics by approaching them through literature.

Our vice-president, Tabitha Hogan, school librarian in Winfield, Ks, coordinated a virtual spring workshop on Saturday, April 2, 2022. This presentation was a collaboration between the Kansas Association of School Librarians, the Southeast Kansas Library system and South Central Kansas library system and focused on learning to create “dyslexia friendly” libraries.

Dr. Mirah Dow, BPM advisor and Director of the Ph.D. Program in the School of Library and Information Management, ESU, will serve from June 2022-May 2024 as an advisor for the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities project, which will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities.

Carmaine Ternes, past president of the Beta Epsilon chapter recently took part in the StoryCorp One Small Step initiative in Wichita, KS. In addition, she completed the three trainings offered by the Kansas Leadership Initiative: Your Leadership Edge, Lead for Change, and Equip to Lead. The Kansas Library Association has partnered with the Kansas Leadership

Center through a multiyear grant designed at increasing leadership capabilities in Kansas Libraries and current Beta Epsilon president, Amanda Harrison continues to serve on that Core Team which facilitates the grant for the KLA organization.

### **Xi Chapter at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

#### **Celebrating This Year's Nominees**

Meera Garud and Andrew Wertheimer with the Xi Chapter at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa are pleased to celebrate this year's nominees for BPM Candidacy: Sarah Arzate, Jason Ford, Hinaikawaihi'ilei Keala, Taryn Nakamura, Leticia Sisor, and Kristin Tarnas. We are undergoing some changes in leadership and following the current pandemic and are still looking for additional officers. This year's service activity will be to support the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i Annual Booksale this June.



### **Beta Beta Theta Chapter at The University of Iowa**

#### **First Hybrid Initiation**

The 34th Annual Chapter Program of the Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu was held on May 11, 2022 at the Iowa City Public Library. The meeting was

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chapter's first venture into offering access to remote attendees, via Zoom; one new inductee attended in this way, from Sioux City, Iowa; all others were present in person.

Thanks to generous Chapter members, we were able to award an extra scholarship this year. SLIS students Alice Baker, Hannah Beebe, Kellee Forkenbrock, and Andrew Goodman each received a \$400 scholarship.

Six 2022 graduates were inducted into membership in the society: Kelli Brommel, Trevor Krug, Rachel Miller-Haughton, Suzanne Myer-Laird, Samantha Reid, and Katherine Schiller. Myer-Laird and Reid were initiated *in absentia*. Hang Nguyen from the Class of 2021, who was inducted *in absentia* last year, was present to sign the Great Roll this year.



Chapter Officers for the 2022/2023 academic year are: President Melody Dworak (Librarian, Iowa City Public Library); Vice-President/President Elect Damien Ihrig (Curator, John Martin Rare Book Room, Hardin Library, University of Iowa); Past President Justin Baumgartner (Librarian); Secretary/Treasurer Heidi Lauritzen (Retired Librarian); and Faculty Advisor Micah Bateman (Assistant Professor, UI-SLIS).

The meeting's featured speaker was Sam Helmick, Community & Access Services Coordinator at the Iowa City Public Library. Sam spoke about their journey from an alienated library nonuser to an engaged student, worker, and committed library professional who is active in the Iowa Library Association, American Library Association, an author, and regular speaker on intellectual freedom and other access issues.

### **Alpha Chapter at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign First Undergraduate Initiates & 75th Anniversary Planning**

The Alpha Chapter at the School of Information Sciences (iSchool), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign celebrated its Annual Meeting and Initiation Ceremony on Saturday, May 14th as part of our Commencement Weekend. Embracing our new tradition born out of necessity of the pandemic, new initiates were invited to join the Alpha Chapter officers for a group photo in Zoom. This year, we were delighted that new members were able to join us from Turkey and distant State-side locations, genuinely reflecting the Alpha Chapter's global reach.

We welcomed 39 graduates from August and December 2021 and May 2022, as well as one from the Class of 2020. For the first time, we welcomed graduates of our [BS in Information Sciences](#) program. Our BSIS Program has seen remarkable growth, and we look forward to the excitement this new step brings to the Alpha Chapter.

In that spirit of dynamism, we enthusiastically announce planning for the Alpha Chapter's 75th Anniversary (1948-2023). As the first BPM Chapter in the nation,

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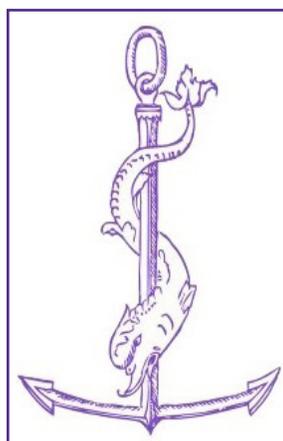
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we are calling all members past and present to join us during our 75th Anniversary year to celebrate. Drawing on our rich archives and diverse membership, we know there are many stories to tell that reflect our many facets. We look forward to spotlighting our collective roles as catalysts in our fields, and how we shape the future through our scholarship, service, and leadership.

At the 2022 Convocation ceremony, we had the pleasure of presenting the Anne M. Boyd Award to Cheyenne Puetz and the Kathryn Luther and William T Henderson Award to Katie Peterson. We heartily congratulate them both on the demonstrated contributions they've made to our community.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Alpha Chapter members. From the Class of 2022: Busola A. Akinwale, Joshua Amir Altshuler, Sarah Appedu, Emma Ann Lapsley Bezilla, Julia Sullivan Burns, Alexandra Virginia Byerly, Maria del Carmen Cifuentes, Jamie A. Coen, Tacia Jasmine Diaz, Susannah Frey, Amanda He, Dianah Twinoburyo Kacunguzi, Eugene P. Kannenberg, Jr., Luisa Alexandra Leija, Abigail Elizabeth Mastin, Craig Steven Metsch, Tuvia Aaron Miller, Megan R. Okesson, Katherine M. Peterson, Tammy L. Sheedy, Addyson L. Smith, Yu-Jui Sung, Yilin Tao, G Frances Trupp, Mia Anne Walter, and Emily G. Zerrenner. From the Class of 2021: Felipe E. Aquino, Nancy Proctor Bieschke, Jacob Albert Blumenfeld, Hanna Leigh Dahlstrom, Bibiana L. Fox, Sarah Huth, Ashley Nicole Mitchell, Josiah Theddy Peralta, Abigayle M. Pignatari, Shadi Rezapour, Nathan C. Sonnenschein, Victoria K. Turner, and Olivia Kathryn Warren. From the Class of 2020: Michael R. Cummings.

In attendance were Alpha Chapter Officers: President Sharon Comstock, Vice President/President-Elect Pia Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Smith, and Past President Paul Healey. Also in attendance and serving Alpha Chapter this year was Emily Knox, Faculty Advisor and Beta Phi Mu Past President, and newly selected Vice President/President Elect Anna Elizabeth Mitchell.



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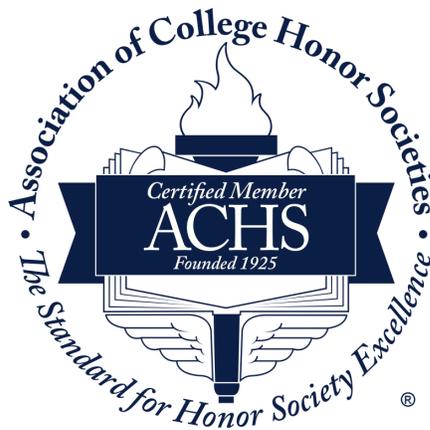
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