

The Pipeline



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CHANGE

by Dr. Sue Stroyan, Beta Phi Mu Vice President, President Elect



Change is a part of our daily lives. Many of you have just graduated from an institution of higher learning and are about to embark on a new career – an exciting, positive change. Others see change in their libraries or places of work. Sometimes you get to be a part of making change happen while other times it is imposed upon you. Sometimes change can be dynamic and you can see very positive results right away. Other times results, be they good or bad, may be a long time coming. Even in our personal lives, change is the one constant we can count on. We certainly have seen significant changes taking place in the world economy in recent months.

And so it is true with Beta Phi Mu. It is time for the changing of the President of this Society. Dr. Nancy Zimmerman served first as Vice President for two years and is now completing her second term as President. During her tenure, she has overseen significant transitions at Beta Phi Mu headquarters, including personnel changes and especially the conversion from paper membership records to a digital database. These constructive changes have helped to transform Beta Phi Mu into a more supportive and interactive Society for its membership. I want to thank Dr. Nancy Zimmerman as well as Past-President Dr. Anna Perrault, for their excellent leadership through these years of change as Beta Phi Mu has focused on these challenges. These were GOOD changes. Nancy and Anna, thank you so very much for your guidance and your years of service.

Our Executive Director, Dr. Christie Koontz, along with headquarters staff and interns, has played a vital role in shepherding the Society into the 21st century. Her efforts have resulted in a better and more responsive organization as it seeks to serve the needs of Beta Phi Mu chapters and individual members. Christie has set some ambitious goals for the organization which the Executive Board will review at our annual meeting this summer in Chicago during ALA. If approved, look for them to be posted on the web site in August. These goals will be our guiding structure for the next few years as we move forward with plans for enhanced interactive communication with our members and chapters.

As your new Beta Phi Mu President, I hope to work closely with the Executive Board, office personnel, chapter advisors, chapter officers and you, the members, to gain a better understanding of what you would like to see Beta Phi Mu become. We have national scholarships for supporting your continued study, publications, support organizations to provide guest speakers, and awards. As our bylaws state: "The purposes of Beta Phi Mu are to recognize distinguished achievement in and scholarly contributions to librarianship, information studies or library education, and to sponsor and support appropriate professional and scholarly projects related to these fields."

Please email Sue Stroyan (ssstroyan@iwu.edu) or Christie Koontz (ckoontz@ci.fsu.edu) with your ideas and suggestions on how we may best continue transforming Beta Phi Mu into a more responsive Society. We very much look forward to hearing from you. *Sue Stroyan*

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The Beta Phi Mu Scholarships

Each year Beta Phi Mu awards four scholarships: Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study, Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship, Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Education, and Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Service. In addition, Beta Phi Mu awards up to six Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. Beginning in 2010, the award amounts for the Lancour, Reed, and Sessa, scholarships will each increase by \$250 and the Woolls scholarship will increase by \$750.

HAROLD LANCOUR SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOREIGN STUDY

Awarded to librarians or library/information studies school students to survey foreign libraries or programs, attend a foreign library school, and/or to do research in a foreign country. ***\$1,500.00***

SARAH REBECCA REED SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student beginning library or information studies at an ALA accredited school. ***\$2,000.00***

FRANK B. SESSA SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Awarded to librarians to increase their professional skills through additional study or attendance at a formal program or workshop. ***\$1,250.00***

BLANCHE E. WOOLLS SCHOLARSHIP IN SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICE

Awarded to a student beginning library and information studies at an ALA accredited school with the intention of pursuing a career in school library media service. ***\$1,500.00***

EUGENE GARFIELD DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Beta Phi Mu is pleased to administer the annual scholarship program which was created through the generosity of Dr. Eugene Garfield. This fellowship is awarded to library and information science doctoral students who are working on their dissertations. For doctoral students who have completed their course work, this scholarship offers funding to complete the degree. Scholarships will be awarded based on the usefulness of the research topic to the profession. Six \$3,000 Fellowships totaling \$18,000 are awarded annually. Applications are available on the Beta Phi Mu web site: www.beta-phi-mu.org.

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Celebrating Ten Years of Support to Beta Phi Mu Scholarships in Information & Library Studies

Since 1999, the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships have been a mainstay of Beta Phi Mu's scholarship program. Each year, up to six Fellowships of \$3,000 each are awarded to qualified candidates by the **BΦM** Scholarship Review Committee. For doctoral students who have completed their course work, this scholarship offers funding to complete the degree. The Fellowships are awarded based on the usefulness of the research topic to the profession. Applications are accepted from November 15 – March 15 and recipients are announced in May. The original agreement was worked out between Dr. Garfield and F. William Summers who, at that time, served as Beta Phi Mu's Executive Director.



Dr. Eugene Garfield

Eugene Garfield, Ph.D. - Wikipedia

Eugene "Gene" Garfield (born September 16, 1925 in New York City) is an American scientist, one of the founders of bibliometrics and scientometrics. He received a PhD in Structural Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Dr. Garfield is the founder of the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. ISI now forms a major part of the science division of Thomson-Reuters. Garfield is responsible for many innovative bibliographic products, including *Current Contents*, the *Science Citation Index (SCI)*, and other citation indexes, the *Journal Citation Reports*, and *Index Chemicus* now all part of the online database, *Web of Knowledge*. He is also the founding editor and publisher of *The Scientist*, a news magazine for life scientists.

In 2007, he launched HistCite, a bibliometric analysis and visualization software package. Following ideas inspired by Vannevar Bush's famous 1945 article "As We May Think", Garfield undertook the development of a comprehensive citation index showing the propagation of scientific thinking; he started *Current Contents* in 1955 when he had his consulting company – Eugene Garfield Associates – which later became the Institute for Scientific Information in 1961. The creation of the *Science Citation Index* made it possible to calculate impact factors, which measure the importance of scientific journals. It led to the unexpected discovery that a few journals like *Nature* and *Science* were core for all of hard science. The same pattern does not happen with the humanities or the social sciences.

Eugene Garfield, Ph.D. – Career Overview

Dr. Garfield's career in scientific communication and information science began in 1951 when he joined the Welch Medical Indexing Project at Johns Hopkins University. The project was funded by the Army Medical Library, the predecessor of the National Library of Medicine. The goal of the project was to examine basic and applied problems of medical information retrieval, and the application of new methods to indexing the biomedical literature. A key objective was to improve the currency of the Current List of Medical Literature, through machine methods of compilation. This led to the present Index Medicus. **For more information, visit: <http://eugenegarfield.org>.**

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2008 Scholarship Recipients



Cristina D. Ramirez
2008 Harold Lancour
Scholarship Recipient

Receiving the Harold Lancour Scholarship has meant a great deal to me as I was able to fund my trip to Segovia, Spain in the summer of 2008. I was able to conduct interviews with various library and information center directors. Based on my data collection, conversations, and site visits, I have begun to work on a larger project of how a historic city promotes its many layers of culture to its own citizens and to the outside world. Also I am interested in seeing the organizations and agencies' uses of culture for promotion of tourism and education of the population. Segovia is a city that has Jewish, Moorish, and Christian history. This rich history and culture is evident in architecture, art, music, food, customs, and traditions. Many centers are not just collecting and housing archives and materials related to this culture, they are actively engaging the public to educate them about the culture. Some examples are symposiums, presentations, open houses of archives, guided tours of historic sites, musical presentations and cooperation with other tourism agencies and cultural partners. I plan on writing a book on this research as I collect more and continue researching the information center's activities. I have been collecting images and brochures of their work. In Richmond, Virginia I have been working on several things. I have just completed serving on the-

Leadership Metro Richmond Education Planning Team for Leadership Metro Richmond's Education Seminar Day held at the University of Richmond. I am preparing for Virginia Commonwealth University Summer Study Abroad Program in London for the Wilder School. The summer program is in Urban Planning and Regional Development in London. I am participating in this program to complete my last six credit hours towards completing a Master of Public Administration at VCU. I also am getting ready for ALA Chicago in which I serve on ALA Council, ACRL EBSS Research Committee, ACRL CHOICE Editorial Board and as an ACRL Legislative Advocate. I just received word that I was selected to receive a travel grant to attend National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C. as an ACRL Legislative Advocate.

It was a great honor to be selected to receive the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. I am sincerely grateful to Dr. Garfield and to Beta Phi Mu for providing this generous support. The fellowship has been mostly helpful to me in acquiring subjects and equipments for my on-going dissertation research, which investigates how users structure their conceptual space for news writing and business analysis tasks with the assistance of sensemaking tools. My research interest lies in the broad areas of interactive information retrieval, information behaviors and cognition, and user centered design and evaluation. I believe that information systems should not only help users find the information they are looking for, but also help them make sense of what they found for their tasks. I hope to further my research in sensemaking and to educate people about sensemaking skills and techniques after finishing my doctoral work at Maryland.



Pengyi Zhang
2008 Eugene Garfield
Doctoral Dissertation
Fellowship Recipient

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Mary Jo Venetis
2008 Eugene Garfield
Doctoral Dissertation
Fellowship Recipient

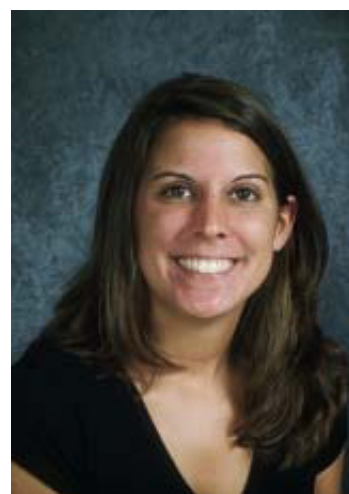
I am happy to report that I completed my dissertation and graduated in August 2008 from the University of North Texas with a doctorate degree in information science! My dissertation title is "Identification of Remote Leadership Patterns in Academic and Public Libraries."

When I applied for the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in February 2008, I had already written two chapters of my dissertation. In order to continue the work on my dissertation, it was going to be necessary for me to obtain postal addresses of library directors in academic and public libraries to complete my research.

The award of the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship made it possible to purchase these addresses from Market Data Retrieval (MDR), a D&B company, who has such lists. Therefore I was able to finish my research much sooner because the award gave me the ability to focus on my survey's methodology, analyze the results, and complete the last three chapters and discuss my research's implications by June 2008. I successfully defended my dissertation in June 2008, and graduated in August 2008. My dissertation was approved by the Graduate Reader at the University of North Texas in December 2008, and I am now waiting for it to be entered into the UMI/Proquest's dissertation database.

If not for the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, I would not have been able to complete my dissertation so quickly. Upon graduation I was also invited to join the Beta Phi Mu organization. I will be eternally grateful to Beta Phi Mu and the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the critical part they played in my receiving my doctorate degree.

When I received the Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship, I was just beginning my studies in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa. I was thrilled to receive this financial assistance. More than that, I appreciated the acknowledgment from such a prestigious organization as Beta Phi Mu. Now that I am wrapping up my studies and will be graduating in August, I am very much looking forward to finding employment as a school library media specialist in the state of Florida.



Jennifer Ventura
2008 Blanche E. Woolls
Scholarship Recipient

2008 Scholarship Recipients



Serhiy Polyakov
2008 Eugene Garfield
Doctoral Dissertation
Fellowship Recipient

I came to the University of North Texas with the goal of receiving a high quality education that would advance me both personally and professionally. This is not an easy endeavor in every aspect, especially for international students. That is why it is such an honor for me to have received the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship offered by Beta Phi Mu. This award encouraged me to work harder to achieve my academic goals. The Fellowship helped me with travel to a conference, and with purchasing computer equipment and books I needed for my research. I am thankful to Dr. Eugene Garfield and Beta Phi Mu for their generosity in supporting research activities in the field of information sciences.

I received my MS in Information Science degree from the University of North Texas in 2004. I am currently a doctoral candidate in the UNT's Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Information Science and work for the Texas Center for Digital Knowledge as a Senior Research Assistant. Previously, I worked as a Teaching Assistant of Information Organization. I received my undergraduate degree in Ukraine and worked there as an Assistant Instructor of Information Technology and as an Engineer.

My interests include information retrieval, metadata, and information systems. Upon the completion of my Ph.D., I plan to work for a company and participate in research activities that focus on the design and development of information retrieval systems. At some point later in my career, I would also like to consider teaching Information Science at the university level.

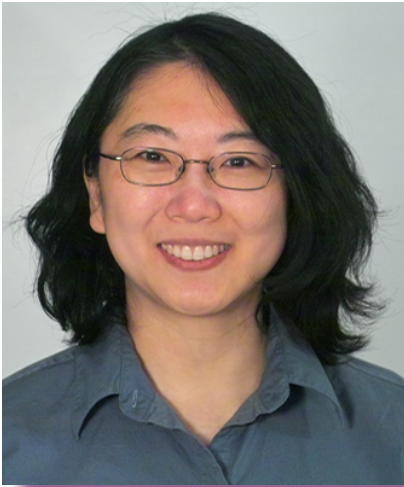
My dissertation research deals with the evaluation of performance of Interactive Information Retrieval system based on Latent Semantic Indexing. The model of evaluation I am using presents a hybrid of the two main approaches to IR systems evaluation—the system-driven and the cognitive user-oriented approaches. During the past year I presented at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting and also my poster was accepted for another conference I will be attending in the near future. Currently I am also working on an article for a major journal. I am confident that my dissertation research will be fruitful and will have practical and theoretical application. The Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship helped me a great deal in achieving my goals.

It was such an honor to be selected for the Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship in 2008 during my first semester as a graduate student at Pratt. With the scholarship covering a portion of my tuition, I was able to focus on my classes and what it will mean to be a librarian in the 21st century. I currently work and blog for the New York Public Library. I am a library clerk at the Muhlenberg Branch and have a blog on the NYPL website at <http://nypl.org/blogs/emma-carbone>. I am halfway through the MLS program at Pratt.



Emma Carbone
2008 Sarah Rebecca Reed
Scholarship Recipient

2008 Scholarship Recipients



Yong-Mi Kim
2008 Eugene Garfield
Doctoral Dissertation
Fellowship Recipient

By receiving the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, I was able to travel to London to participate in the Doctoral Forum at the Second Information Interaction in Context Symposium (IiX). This allowed me to receive valuable feedback on my dissertation research from leading interactive information retrieval researchers. In addition, the fellowship will help fund subject fees for my dissertation research experiments. My dissertation examines the effect of social tags on the interactive information retrieval process. The topic spans across a number of different research areas: information retrieval, document surrogates and metadata, and search interface design.

I am currently a doctoral candidate at the School of Information at the University of Michigan. My research interests are in the area of user-oriented information retrieval, and how people are making use of the diverse information resources available online to find the information they need. My background is in CS and I worked as a consultant in software engineering and process improvement before completing my MSI i specializing in Library and Information Services and starting the doctoral program at SI. In addition to my dissertation research, I am also participating in a MacArthur Foundation-funded project

examining credibility assessment in the Web 2.0 environment, which has my advisor, Dr. Soo Young Rieh, as the PI. I have also collaborated with Dr. Yan Chen, also at SI, on a project examining the relationship between price and answer quality in Google Answers.

I am beginning my final year as a doctoral student at the University of Michigan School of Information. The Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship has helped me to advance in my dissertation study, *Information Work in the Chronic Illness Experience*. My research looks at the information work done by people living with chronic illness to cope with and manage their conditions. Of particular interest to me is how information is sought and applied in the course of managing the disconnects between the work of illness, the work of everyday life and psychological work done to cope with illness.

The Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship provided support for direct research costs such as transcription, software and subject fees for my initial data collection and analysis. I presented my preliminary findings from this analysis in October at the ASIST 2008 Annual Meeting, where it received the "Best Information Behavior Poster" award. The quality of my work and the thoughtfulness of my methodological approach helped me to secure my current position as Program Specialist at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center's Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence. In this position, I conduct ethnographic and qualitative research in order to more deeply understand clinicians' use of information in treating diabetic patients in the primary care setting.



Maria Souden
2008 Eugene Garfield
Doctoral Dissertation
Fellowship Recipient

2008 Scholarship Recipients

My initial plan was divided into three sections: a reading program focused on management literature, attendance at a leadership seminar, and visits with technical services librarians at other academic institutions. One of my first actions was to attend a workflow analysis workshop sponsored by my local consortium (CARLI). Rick



Sarah Wessel
2008 Frank B. Sessa
Scholarship Recipient

Lugg and Matt Barnes of R2 Consulting discussed ways of creating capacity in libraries, specifically areas within Technical Services. The idea of creating organizational capacity provided a framework for future activities related to the Sessa scholarship-sponsored continuing education.

Throughout the year, I've been working through a reading program based upon the Personal MBA (<http://www.personalmba.com>), which promotes self-directed learning through reading selected business books. I supplemented the list with additional titles and blogs that allow for a current give and take on management ideas. Reading outside the library literature has naturally broadened my perspective but also enhanced my appreciation for the less competitive environment of my institution.

Participation in a leadership seminar has proven to be very difficult to select. Seminars aimed at corporate attendees tend to be far outside my budget; however, the process of considering programs and speakers has broadened my knowledge of leaders in the field and led to finding free resources, including online seminars and newsletters. In particular, I have enjoyed the webinars organized by Chief Learning Officer (www.clomedia.com) and Linkage (www.linkageinc.com). I have also found podcasts, such as Manager Tools and the Cranky Middle Manager, to be helpful support for practical advice for improving as a manager.

This summer I will attend a leadership pre-conference at ALA in Chicago and complete most of my visits to other libraries. These visits will provide an outlet for synthesis between the theory from the readings and the practical aspects of librarianship. I'm hoping that at the summer's end I'll have an enhanced vision for Technical Services and the leadership that its future requires. I am appreciative for the support the Frank B. Sessa Scholarship has provided for allowing a year's worth of exploration in learning without the pressure of immediate and quantitative outcomes.



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

- Franklin P. Adams



Executive Director's Report

Christie Koontz, Ph.D.

As Spring comes to a close, here is an update on some **BΦM** headquarters' goals for 2009, which we shared with you and the Executive Board at annual ALA last year in Anaheim.

Goal 1: Continued Development of **BΦM** web site (Technical and Content)

Rationale: The web site is our primary communications vehicle for all news, revised bylaws, scholarship, chapter and member information, brochure, newsletter and merchandise sales. We have a commitment from the Florida State University College of Information for two hours of web development per week. They are more than meeting this commitment.

Objective 1: Strengthen communications with chapters. Once the membership database is more stable, an out-growth of this will be better communications with existing chapters. We continue to strive to secure correct addresses of chapter officers and faculty advisors.

Objective 2: Feature chapters on a quarterly basis. We would like to feature chapter news on the web site as well as in *The Pipeline* online newsletter. This will enable you to pull news of past and current members together and send it in to us. This also offers chapters a tool to assist in developing membership.

Objective 3: Possible place for blogging or some other instant communication place for members. After more interest is generated in the web site by increased and better chapter communications, we would like to have a space to feature any news (pictures or stories) that fall outside the formal calendar of featured chapters. For example, photos or video from initiations, homecomings, etc. or perhaps a list of helpful tips from **BΦM** chapters, e.g. devices and events being used to generate member interest.

Goal 2: Increased **BΦM** headquarters communications with Chapters/Members.

Rationale: The main focus of **BΦM** headquarters is to support chapter activities and development; to maintain a national database of members; initiate and spearhead programs which provide long term sustainability of **BΦM** financially and 'spiritually;' and maintain a good level of communication.

Objective 1: Continue publishing *The Pipeline* online newsletter twice a year (Spring & Fall).

Objective 2: Update the downloadable **BΦM** tri-fold brochure in a way that speaks to the new generation of information professionals.

Objective 3: Have our program director ask each chapter for news, tips on membership development, etc. We want you to know that we are actively interested in your activities and any problems or concerns and continue introducing national headquarters to its chapters and members.

Objective 4: Seek new social networking tools to develop contact with individual members. Have you joined the new **BΦM** Facebook group? It's a great way to keep in touch with friends and colleagues! Why not join today?

Christie Koontz



Beta Phi Mu Chapter News

Greetings from **Pi LAMBDA SIGMA** Chapter @ Syracuse University!

On May 9, 2009, we will gather for our 106th Annual Meeting and Initiation, and to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu. All members, and especially past Executive Board members, are invited to attend the buffet luncheon and to share a piece of anniversary cake.

At this meeting we will announce our Dosa Scholarship winner, Mullen Travel Award winner, and Van Hoesen Loan awards. A full report with photos will be in the Fall Pipeline. Currently we are preparing for initiation and planning for the summer ALA/BPM national meeting.

At our March Board meeting, we voted a donation to the School of Information Studies (iSchool) in memory of Dean Emeritus Robert S. Taylor, founder of the modern "information school" model now used across the United States, and a Pi Lambda Sigma member. Dean Taylor's memorial service was held April 24, 2009 at SU's Hendricks Chapel. You can learn more of Dean Taylor's impact on information management education and his life and legacy at http://schools.syr.edu/taylor_temp/taylor/home.html. Submitted by Susan Slenker, Corresponding Secretary (jslenker@twcny.rr.com)



OMICRON CHAPTER (Rutgers University) held this year's annual meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 PM at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick, NJ. A cash bar was open for early arrivals, followed by a buffet dinner, initiation ceremony for new Omicron Chapter inductees, annual meeting and after dinner speaker.

Parking was available at the Club. A form for membership renewal and dinner reservation and scholarship donation was attached to the program. We were pleased to be able to hold the dinner cost to \$25. Our guest speaker this year was Connie Paul*, Executive Director, Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative (CJRLC) in Freehold, NJ.

The Omicron Chapter is especially proud of its mission to provide scholarships each year at the annual membership meeting for current Rutgers School of Communication, Information and Library Studies (SCILS) students who are pursuing the master degree or Ph.D. in library and information science. While annual membership supports scholarships, members are encouraged to consider giving an additional gift to support the studies of an MLIS student each year. All donations are tax deductible.

**Connie Paul is the 2008 co-recipient of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Leadership and Professional Achievement Award. She spoke on the topic of Wisdom from the Experts. Having learned valuable lessons from some very expensive gurus in the past few years, Connie shared the best-of-the-best advice from leading business and library leaders.*

The Omicron Chapter invited more than 30 recent graduates to join Beta Phi Mu. Additionally, the chapter had a dozen applicants for the scholarships which were awarded at the dinner. Last year Omicron Chapter was able to give two \$800 scholarships. Submitted by Hope Preston, President, Omicron Chapter of **BΦM**.



BPM Chapter News (continued)

CHI CHAPTER (Indiana University) held its Fall Career Forum on Wednesday, October 22nd in conjunction with IU's Homecoming celebration. The forum featured Bill Crowe, Special Assistant to the Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas and former Dean of Libraries; and Dr. Jim Fish, Director, Baltimore County Public Library. Both are SLIS graduates and Distinguished Alumni. Joining them was recent SLIS grad Brian Kleber, Chief Operations Officer of Predictive Physiology and Medicine, Inc.



Dr. Bill Crowe • Dr. Jim Fish • Cindy Monnier



Andrea Morrison, Chi Chapter President • Brian Kleber

Bill and Jim traveled to the Indianapolis campus on Friday the 24th to share their many years of experience with SLIS students there. This year was our first for expanding our Career Forum to the students at IUPUI. Chi Chapter thanks Sarah Burton, Director of Finance and Administration at SLIS, for arranging alumni visits.



Cindy Monnier, Chi Chapter Past President • Dr. Nisonger



Dr. Nisonger • Rebekah Wiesenhofer, SLIS Student

Dr. Thomas E. Nisonger received the 2008 Beta Phi Mu Chapter Service Award. Dr. Nisonger, recently retired Professor of Library and Information Science, former M.L.S. Program Director and Chi Chapter Faculty Advisor, received the award during the Fall Initiation and Awards Ceremony held Nov. 20th during the Indiana Library Federation Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. Dr. Nisonger's remarks were full of the warm, gentle humor that graced his popular SLIS classes. Over the years, he was a mainstay in the program, teaching core courses, chairing committees, and authoring three books furthering the practice of librarianship. Dr. Nisonger's acceptance remarks can be read at: <http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/Nisonger-BPMRemarks.pdf>. **Rebekah Wiesenhofer** received the 2008 Chi Chapter Scholarship Award from Dr. Thomas E. Nisonger for her work, *Slam Poetry and the Poetry Slam: A Research Guide*.

BPM Chapter News *(continued)*

The **BETA KAPPA CHAPTER** (University of Alabama @ Tuscaloosa) held their annual business meeting on April 8, 2009 during the Alabama Library Association Convention in Auburn. Thirteen new members were inducted into the society and new officers were elected. The Chapter's officers are: President Jeff Simpson (Rosa Parks Library, Troy University Montgomery Campus), Vice-President/President-Elect Carrie Steinmehl (Hoover Public Library), Treasurer Nancy Dupree (McClure Education Library, University of Alabama), and Secretary Judy Solomon (Auburn University at Montgomery Library). The Chapter also honored Sonja McAbee, retired librarian from Jacksonville State University, as their Librarian of the Year. *Submitted by Carrie Steinmehl, Vice President, Beta Kappa Chapter of BΦM.*



In December 2008, **BETA PI CHAPTER** (University of Arizona) awarded its first Margaret F. Maxwell scholarship to Pasqualina Marafioti, a recent graduate from the School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS). The announcement of the scholarship, in honor of Dr. Maxwell, was made during the 2008 annual conference of the Arizona Library Association in Glendale, Arizona. A chapter member's generous donation made the award possible this year and the chapter is currently raising funds to continue the scholarship into the future. Beta Pi also held an informational poster session at the library association's conference. The chapter is recruiting members back into the local organization and the session was designed to inform members of its recent activities. Over the past five years, the chapter has sponsored a Distinguished Lecture Series at the annual conference, inviting such notable librarians and leaders as, Michael Gorman, Robert Martin and Marcia Bates to speak to the conference attendees. Each year, Beta Pi sponsors the annual initiation of new members into Beta Phi Mu and holds a business meeting with election of officers. This year the recently elected officers are: Marly Helm, Assistant Librarian, Arizona State Museum Library as President and Robert Casler, Program Director, Publications & Web Programs, Education Communications & Technologies, University of Arizona, as Secretary/Treasurer. *Submitted by Marly Helm, President, Beta Pi Chapter of BΦM.*



Libby Jones (right), Beta Pi Chapter past treasurer, speaks to an interested attendee who stopped by our poster session at the Arizona Library Association's annual conference in December 2008.

BPM Chapter News *(continued)*



On April 17, 2009, the **BETA BETA CHAPTER** (Simmons College in Boston) capped the Simmons GSLIS Alumni and Professional Day with its initiation ceremony, reception, and annual business meeting.

Seventy-eight of the eligible scholars voted in by the faculty had accepted the invitation to join Beta Phi Mu this year. At the ceremony we individually initiated 25 of these persons. Melissa Fox (MIT Libraries, Cambridge, MA), Chapter President for 2008-09, led the initiation ceremony, with Dr. Lisa Hussey, Assistant Professor at Simmons GSLIS, and Dean Michele Cloonan participating.

In the business meeting we acknowledged the winner of our 2008 Chapter Book Award, current GSLIS student Elizabeth (Libby) Fox (Sandwich, MA). Other Chapter officers for 2008-09 are Brian Courtemanche (Endicott College, Beverly, MA), Vice President/President-elect; Mary Puleo (Parlin Memorial Library, Everett, MA), Treasurer and Secretary; and Jennifer Kessler (Goodwin Procter, Boston, MA), Past President. Martha Holden (Peabody Institute Library, Peabody, MA),

will serve as the incoming Vice President/President-elect. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Ching-chih Chen, Professor at Simmons GSLIS, who was the recipient of the American Library Association's Beta Phi Mu Award during the 2008 ALA annual conference. Dr. Chen toured us through the complex and collaborative infrastructure of World Heritage Memory Net, a huge project of digital resources, multimedia and multilingual, that she is developing with UNESCO (see <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/326>).

Other Beta Beta Chapter activities include participating in a book sorting project of the Morin Foundation (Newton, MA). The Foundation assists libraries among underserved populations, primarily minority, across the U.S. Building on this experience, we shall be asking our membership what types of service projects interest them and what would be a realistic level of support to which they would commit. We hope to dispatch the survey in late summer. The officers are developing a Facebook page, as National HQ has done. We also are working on a web page to be linked from the Simmons GSLIS site. *Submitted by Melissa Fox, 2008-09 President, Beta Beta Chapter of BΦM.*



Dates & Deadlines



Saturday, July 11, 2009

8:00 - 10:00 AM

**Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Meeting
Sheraton Chicago • Parlor A**

Saturday, July 11, 2009

3:30 - 5:30 PM

**Beta Phi Mu General Assembly
Sheraton Chicago • Ohio**



**November 15, 2009 - March 15, 2010
Scholarship applications are accepted.**

Policies & Procedures

NEW MEMBERSHIP & CHAPTER INITIATION REPORT FORMS

In an effort to keep our membership documentation consistent, headquarters emailed new Membership and Chapter Initiation Report forms in PDF format to all chapters in April. Completed forms should be mailed to:

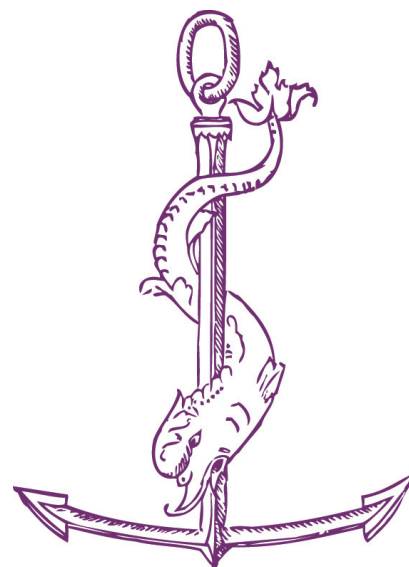
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BETA PHI MU DOLPHIN & ANCHOR LOGO

Headquarters recently emailed chapters high resolution versions (color and black & white) of Beta Phi Mu's official Dolphin & Anchor insignia. Chapters are encouraged to use the insignia and slogan (*Aliis inserveindo consumor* which translates "Consumed in the service of others") for newsletters, press releases, presentations, banners, displays, etc.



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Beta Phi Mu is holding a Spring election for the positions of Vice President/President Elect and two Directors at Large. The nominees for Vice President/President Elect are John Budd and Ron Miller. The nominees for Director at Large are Kaye Bray, Bob Holley, Diane Vogelsong, and Sue Searing.

To vote, simply go to the Beta Phi Mu web site (www.beta-phi-mu.org) anytime between now and July 4th and click on the Online Election link on the home page. There are brief bios for each candidate. Click the boxes next to the person you are voting for. There is also a space for write-in candidates.

The polls are now open so log on and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice! Results will be announced at the General Assembly in Chicago.



Robert Branciforte, Communications Coordinator of the Florida State University College of Information, is completing his MSLIS and will graduate in August, 2009. His knowledge of database maintenance, accounting, and communications are benefiting Beta Phi Mu during a six-month internship. We are lucky to have someone of Bob's caliber as part the Beta Phi Mu team.



After graduating from the University of Arizona's SIRLS program in the fall of 2007, Megan Plesea relocated to New York City and began a professional career in librarianship as the Digital Asset Manager for an historical image agency. Working for a small, for-profit library doesn't provide many networking opportunities, especially for people new to the field. So, after becoming a member of Beta Phi Mu, Megan thought starting a Facebook page would be an easy way to keep in touch with fellow alums and an opportunity to make new connections with other librarians across the country and all over the world. Social networking tools like Facebook allow us to share information and build relationships with people in our field outside of conferences and committee meetings. As of May 2009, the Beta Phi Mu Facebook group over 200 members! Whether you're an old hand at Facebook or it's something you've been meaning to check out, it's easy to join our group. Just visit the Beta Phi Mu web site (www.beta-phi-mu.org) and click on the link to join. It's fast, free and fun! Join the Beta Phi Mu Facebook group today!



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2009 Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Recipients

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Jennifer Crispin

University of Missouri

Discovering the social organizations of school library work

Linda R. Most

Florida State University College of Information

The Rural Public Library as Place in North Florida: A Case Study

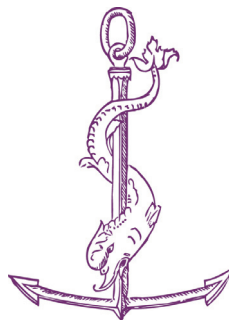
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Texas Woman's University

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Approaches of Academic Library Directors in the United States

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