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Marie L. Radford
Beta Phi Mu President

The President's Page

On Tuesday, April 24th, I was honored to be present at the Omicron Chapter's annual dinner and initiation of Beta Phi Mu members at

Rutgers University. Hearing the inspirational words of the BΦM initiation ceremony and witnessing the joyful pride of this occasion, as the best and brightest of our MLIS graduates stepped forward to sign their names in the Great Book, is always an uplifting and affirming experience. This year was no exception. Omicron inducted twenty-one exceptionally gifted initiates and was able to provide \$3,000 in scholarships of \$1,000 each to three outstanding continuing MLIS students through the generosity of the Omicron Chapter members. Our future as a profession and as an honor society depends on the quality of our initiates, chapter officers, and on our national leadership. I am confident in the future of BΦM and the library profession because of the vitality of all our new initiates and members throughout the country, who embody our society's values of leadership, scholarship, and service.

As my year as President of BΦM is coming to an end this June at ALA Annual, I'm delighted to provide an update of important developments and activities of the past year and to share an exciting announcement. As many of you know, BΦM has been headquartered at Florida State University since 1995, most recently under the leadership of Executive Director Christie Koontz, Program Director John Paul Walters, and Treasurer Bob Branciforte, all of FSU. Over the last five years, Dr. Koontz and her staff have accomplished a great deal. Their efforts have successfully revitalized BΦM by bringing all membership records up-to-date, and making sure communication and member relations were

strengthened. I have greatly enjoyed working with this group of caring, dedicated, and spirited cadre of professionals and wish to thank them for their outstanding and ongoing contributions to BΦM.

Because Beta Phi Mu's agreement with FSU ends July 31, 2012, it was necessary to seek a new host institution. I am excited to announce that BΦM has found a new home and will be moving to Drexel University's iSchool this summer. The new headquarters should be fully operational beginning August 1, 2012. Eileen G. Abels, Associate Dean and Professor and currently a member of the BΦM Executive Board of Directors, will be assuming a strong leadership position along with Alison Lewis who will serve as BΦM's Executive Director. At this writing, a new Program Director had not been named. It is impossible for me to express how grateful I am to Dean David E. Fenske, Eileen Abels, and everyone at The iSchool at Drexel for their willingness to host BΦM in the coming years. The current BΦM team has already begun the work of transition which will be ramping up so that BΦM should be comfortably settled in by August 1st. In my role as President and over the coming year as Past-President, I will enthusiastically continue to work with incoming President Beth Paskoff, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University, and to give my full support during transition and to the new team.

In other BΦM news, this excellent issue of *The Pipeline* has much to report and I thank everyone who contributed, especially John Paul Walters, who also serves as the newsletter editor. We, of course, continue to jury the 2012 BΦM scholarship and academic awards which will be announced on Saturday, June 23rd during the BΦM General Assembly G-ALA. We also welcome submissions for publications for the BΦM *Monograph Series* under the leadership of Editor Lorraine Haricombe, Dean of the University of Kansas Libraries and Associate Editor Keith Russell, Librarian for Life Sciences, Engineering, and General Science, also at Kansas.

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Executive Director's Report

Christie Koontz, Ph.D.

2007-2012

The old order changeth, yielding place to new.
—Tennyson, *Idylls of the King*

It is almost five years to the day – Spring, 2007 – since I took the reins of Beta Phi Mu, hosted by Florida State University's School of Library and Information Studies since 1995 (from Pittsburgh). Beta Phi Mu was (as all of LIS from around that time period and coincidentally) going through the major upheaval of transition from a paper-document based organization to one which is almost completely digital in 2012. This was (and is), at times, unsettling and problematic for our small part-time, one person office. Yet over the years (since its founding in 1948) through the good work of many hosts and their universities, boards and their leaders, chapters and their advisors, and members with their loyalty, BΦM has made it to this new juncture. We are shiny enough for Drexel to say "Okay, it is our turn and we are looking forward to it!" And I, for one, am so very proud that Drexel is taking BΦM on. With the depth of resources and commitment a school such as Drexel brings to all its does, I have no doubt that BΦM will continue to grow as a vibrant and now mostly virtual International Honor LIS Society. If you haven't already, please visit our website — www.beta-phi-mu.org — to see our progress.

During these five years through my partnership with Program Director John Paul Walters, more recently with Treasurer Bob Branciforte, along with the 2007-2012 board members, we have achieved stability and strength. Here are some of the highlights:

- A new and improved website with information about staff, board, chapters, documents, by-laws and scholarships
- The Pipeline online newsletter — bi-annual, newsy, forward thinking, and downloadable
- Chapter relations and news via an improved website, newsletter, and over 700 Facebook "likes"
- A standardized database (last three years) and historic data records digitized and hard copy returned to archives
- Memorable General Assembly GALAs held in conjunction with ALA Annual Meetings which offer networking opportunities and loyalty development
- A *How To Do Beta Phi Mu* policies and procedures manual
- A revived Monograph Series
- Increased scholarship amounts (we have 11 annual) and a paperless scholarship online application process

And, of course, there will continue to be challenges: Limited resources (all revenues are derived from membership dues); one part-time staff person, very busy volunteer boards and Executive Director; making benefits of BΦM tangible to lifelong members; roll-over of faculty advisors at universities, and chapter communications.

Years ago (1992), when I was inducted into FSU's Gamma BΦM chapter, I felt a great sense of pride. But not the same kind of pride I feel today. "Consumed in the service of others" has a whole new meaning for me now. I am honored for the part I was asked to play and vow to support Drexel in the same way so many have helped and supported the Beta Phi Mu headquarters at Florida State University.

Christie Koontz
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I invite you to attend the annual BΦM General Assembly G-ALA and new member initiation ceremony in conjunction with ALA Annual in Anaheim on Saturday, June 23rd from 3:30 - 5:30 PM at the Sheraton Park Hotel Tiffany Terrace and also to attend the first ACRL Research Forum, featuring three blind-reviewed papers on research on academic libraries, on Sunday June 24, from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM (see ALA program for location), which is also supported by BΦM.

Those who have the honor of attending spring inductions for new BΦM initiates at your local chapters will surely experience the uplifting and affirming spirit of this honor society as embodied in our initiates as I did. I join with you and all members in congratulating our incoming class of the newest BΦM members. I also personally invite each of you to step up and become active at the organization's local and national level. Your talents are considerable and needed, your effort and work are important, your rewards will be immensely satisfying.

BΦM's future is bright and I look forward to ongoing and even greater accomplishments in the years to come. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as Beta Phi Mu President.

Marie L. Redford

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Time Flies... When You're Having Fun!

It's hard for me to believe that it's been five years since I signed on as Program Director and newsletter editor for Beta Phi Mu. I want to thank and acknowledge our Executive Director, Christie Koontz, for the opportunity to work with such a fine organization and the people who make it so special.

As for the future – who knows? Right now all roads seem to be leading to Nashville, TN – the legendary mecca for aspiring songwriters. Stay tuned.

Many thanks once more for a marvelous experience. Fare thee well. JP



John Paul Walters
Outgoing BΦM Program Director

Beta Phi Mu Member News

Get to Know...Donna Hirst

A one-on-one with Martin Rare Book Room's curator
BY: CHRISTOPHER CLAIR | 2012.03.21



Photo by Tim Schoon.

Q: So what do you do here?

A: I am currently the Curator of Rare Books for the John Martin Rare Book Room at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa. I assist classes, researchers, and the public in using the 5,500-volume rare medical book collection. I am the coordinator of the History of Medicine Society, offering a monthly lecture series. I publish a monthly newsletter and do promotion of the collection. I purchase books from an endowment, manage the Robert D. Sparks Essay contest for medical students, and manage a digitization project and a project to provide annotations to the online Heirs of Hippocrates database. Prior to assuming the curator job I worked in the University Libraries information technology group and managed various automation projects from 1986–2010.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working in a higher education setting?

A: Discovery. Rare books. Discourse. Searching. Teaching. Art. Literature. The river. Health. Collaboration. Friendship. Libraries. Museums. Benefits. Plays. Challenge. Dance. Culture. International and multicultural. Technology. Creativity. History. Study groups. Ducks. Mentoring. Walking. Learning. Respect. Wellness. Rigor. Diversity. Concerts. Symposia.

Q: Take us through your most memorable day at the university.

A: Recently I had a day in the Rare Book Room where two researchers from South Dakota had come to work with several medical texts from the 1600s. Later in the morning, a father who was homeschooling arrived with his two grade school kids who had dozens of questions and were fascinated by the treasures I pulled for them to look at. Mid-afternoon, an older man who had an appointment at UI Hospitals and Clinics dropped by for a third time to continue to read the English translation of the Nuremburg Chronicle, the earliest printed encyclopedia, published in 1493.

Q: What's the biggest risk you've ever taken—and did it pay off?

A: In 1986, after working at the Law Library for 14 years in numerous jobs I enjoyed greatly, I quit my job in order to become the acting project manager for library automation. I liked the very demanding job of implementing an online library catalog, and my various bosses that year liked what I did so I continued to manage library automation on campus for two and a half decades.

Q: If you could spend a day with anyone, from any era, who would it be and why?

A: It would be with my son, living in Austin, Texas, and my daughter, who is finishing up law school in Iowa City. I am so energized when I'm around my kids; there's no one I'd rather be with. I have the great good fortune to go to France with them this summer.

Q: If you could have a song written about you, who would perform it, and what would it be called?

A: Paul Simon, "She Smiles on Me"

Q: If you could get rid of one invention in the world, what would you choose? Why?

A: Tools of torture. For the most part I think we need to hold on to our past and continue to embrace that which has not been invented yet, but it would be wonderful if we could just erase torture from our world.

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Get to Know...Donna Hirst

A one-on-one with Martin Rare Book Room's curator
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Q: NAME FIVE OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS.

A: Fine dining with some nice, complimentary wine.

DVDs. I have a rather large collection of DVDs and my hobby is to purchase them for \$5 or less.

Books. I like to read other people's books; I've read many books from my parents' libraries and my son's and daughter's. It's interesting to read a book that my grandmother gave my mom.

Volunteer work. I'm president of the Board of the Iowa City Learning Foundation; very active in the Congregational United Church of Christ; lead a Laugh Club in an assisted living residence...

Travel around the world and then back again.

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2012 Research Award and Forum Winners

It is our pleasure to announce that Sharon Q. Yang, Systems Librarian, Rider University and Melissa A. Hofmann, Bibliographic Control Librarian, Rider University, have been selected as this year's recipients of the NJ Research Award granted by the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Research Committee. The winning article is: "Next Generation or Current Generation? A Study of the OPACs of 260 Academic Libraries in the United States and Canada," published in *Library Hi Tech*, 29(2), 266-200.

Yang and Hofmann's article discusses the results of their study which identified the progress made in the efforts to model current online public access catalogs (OPACs) after the next generation catalog (NGC) in academic libraries in the USA and Canada. A formal presentation of the award will take place at the College and University Section's luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 during the NJLA Annual Conference at the Revel Resort in Atlantic City, NJ.

Hofmann currently serves as President for Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu at Rutgers University.



Retirement

Greetings! This is to let my Beta Phi Mu colleagues know that I retired from my position as dean of library and student learning support services at Fresno City College in December 2011. I received my MSLS degree from the University of Southern California in 1986 and was invited to join Beta Phi Mu at that time. It has been, and still is, an honor to be a member of this fine organization. --James M. Tucker

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The iSchool at Drexel Congratulates Dr. Eileen Abels, ALISE Vice-President/President-Elect and 2012 Award Recipient



The *iSchool* at Drexel congratulates **Eileen Abels**, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the *iSchool*, for her election to Vice-President/President-Elect of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and for receiving the 2012 ALISE Award for Professional Contribution to Library and Information Science (LIS) Education. The annual ALISE award is given to individuals nominated by colleagues for their exemplary service, contributions and leadership in promoting and enhancing the broad areas of and issues in library and information science education.

Dr. Abels has shown an enduring commitment to enhancing the status of library and information science through her research, teaching, and national and international service. Nominations cited her numerous contributions to the library and information science community, including her continuing leadership at the *iSchool*; her oversight of the internet Public Library's (now known as ipl2) move from the

University of Michigan to Drexel University; her successful co-chairing of the 2010 ALISE conference; and in co-authoring the Special Libraries Association's "Competencies for Information Professionals." A reception to honor Dr. Abels and other awardees was held during the 2012 ALISE Annual Conference on January 19, 2012 at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel in Dallas, TX.

ALISE is a non-profit organization that serves as the intellectual home of university faculty in graduate programs in library and information science in North America. Its mission is to promote excellence in research, teaching, and service and to provide an understanding of the values and those of library and information science. ALISE serves 500 individual members and more than 60 institutional members, primarily in the United States and Canada.



The Omega Chapter @ San Jose State University is delighted to announce that one of its members, **Milly Lugo**, has been named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker for 2012. Lugo earned her MLIS from San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science in 2009. For more about Lugo and the literacy classes she has developed, see the Library Journal article "Teacher of Dreams" at: <http://bit.ly/GVbYic>.



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Dr. Marie L. Radford Named New LIS Department Chair at Rutgers

As of January 1, 2012, Dr. Marie L. Radford has been named the Chair of the Department of Library and Information Science at the School of Communication and Information (SC&I) at Rutgers University. Over a three-year term, Radford will oversee and coordinate the Master of Library and Information Science program, the undergraduate program in Information Technology and Informatics, and the LIS area of the school's doctoral program.

As Chair, Dr. Radford will ensure that all three programs continue to meet the needs of students and prepare them for careers in a rapidly evolving profession. Dr. Radford will also mentor and assist faculty in helping them to achieve their teaching, research, and service goals.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead as Department Chair and especially to working closely with all of the talented students and exceptional faculty and administrative staff here at SC&I," Dr. Radford said.

Dr. Radford has had extensive administration experience. Prior to coming to Rutgers, she was Acting Dean and Associate Professor at Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science, in NYC. She has also held managerial positions in an academic library in New Jersey, and is considered to be a leader in the field of librarianship. She is highly respected by her peers for her research and as a collaborative colleague. In 2010, Dr. Radford was awarded the ALA, Reference and User Services Association's *Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award* for "distinguished contributions to reference librarianship."

Dr. Radford serves as President of Beta Phi Mu National, the library and information studies honor society, and is chair of the Research Coordinating Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). She is the SC&I liaison to the New Jersey Library Association and the SC&I Alumni Association, and is faculty adviser to the SC&I Beta Phi Mu Omicron Chapter and the newly formed SCARLA (Student College, Academic, and Research Libraries Association) at Rutgers.

Dr. Radford is an interdisciplinary scholar, with interests in the library and information field as well as in interpersonal communication and cultural studies. Her research focus is on interpersonal communication in reference encounters (face-to-face and in virtual environments), nonverbal communication, media stereotypes of librarians and libraries, qualitative assessment, and cultural studies. She is Co-Principal Investigator of the "Seeking Synchronicity" and "Cyber Synergy" grant projects funded by IMLS, Rutgers, and OCLC. She gives frequent keynote speeches and scholarly papers at national and international library and communication conferences and publishes widely in library journals. Her latest book: *Leading the Reference Renaissance* (2012) is recently published with Neal-Schuman.

A Rutgers University Alumna, Dr. Radford received her Ph.D. from SC&I in 1993 and holds an MSLIS from Syracuse University and B.A. from The College of New Jersey. She has taught at Rutgers since 2004, including courses in Reference Sources & Services, Management of Libraries and Information Centers, Interpersonal Communication for Information Professionals, Theories and Issues in Library Studies, Information & Communication Processes, and Retrieving and Evaluation Electronic Resources.

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BETA PI CHAPTER @ THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA met for their annual meeting on November 29, 2011 at a luncheon meeting held during the Arizona Library Association's Annual Conference in Tucson, Arizona. After business was conducted, the chapter held elections with the following officers elected for 2012: Karen De Shazer, President; Allison Ringness, Vice-President/Secretary; and Robert Casler, Treasurer. At the meeting, the chapter announced that Jeffrey Cruz is the recipient of the 2011 Margaret Maxwell Scholarship Award funded by the chapter. Mr. Cruz is a 2011 graduate of the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) and a Knowledge River and ARL Diversity Scholar. He is currently the User Education Librarian at the City of Sydney Library network in Sydney, Australia. It was also announced that fellow Beta Phi Mu and Beta Pi Chapter member Tom L. Wilding is the new Vice-President/President-elect for the Arizona Library Association. After the luncheon meeting, the chapter initiated new members into Beta Phi Mu with President Karen De Shazer presiding over the ceremony. This year the chapter invited 29 recent graduates from the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science to join Beta Phi Mu.



Arizona Beta Phi Mu and Beta Pi Chapter members and officers: seated [L-R], Allison Ringness, Chapter Vice-President/Secretary; Monica Farmer; Kristen Cure; Libby Jones; Robert Casler, Chapter Treasurer; Helene Woodhams, Karen De Shazer, Chapter President; and Marly Helm.

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BETA KAPPA CHAPTER @ UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN TUSCALOOSA, AL has named Jodi W. Poe its Librarian of the Year. Ms. Poe, Head of Technical Services at Jacksonville State University, is a former chapter executive council member and the current Past President of the Alabama Library Association. Ms. Poe was honored during the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies Honors Day festivities on April 6 as well as during the chapter's annual meeting during the Alabama Library Association's annual convention on April 26. We will be having our first annual business meeting, election of officers and 2011-2012 initiation ceremony in May. *Submitted by Carrie Steinmehl, President, Beta Kappa Chapter*



Jodi W. Poe [LEFT] receives Beta Kappa Chapter's Librarian of the Year Award from Carrie Steinmehl [RIGHT].

2012 Greetings from **PI LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER** at the original iSchool, **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY!** Spring has been returning to Central New York in brief bursts this year, and with it our 53rd Annual Meeting and Initiation as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu. As the oldest library honor society in the U.S., May 12 will also mark our 109th Chapter meeting. Our guest speaker for the event will be Amy Dickinson, nationally-syndicated columnist of *Ask Amy*, NPR panelist from *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me*, and best selling author of *The Mighty Queens of Freeville*. As always, our annual meeting takes place on Graduation Weekend at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center.

We happily announce that one **Joseph and Marta Dosa Scholarship** is being awarded this year, to Paul Retkwa, equal to tuition for one 3-credit course. We have also awarded two **Florence Van Hoesen Loans** – interest-free loans to cover college expenses as the recipient wishes. We have revised and expanded our collaboration on these awards with the iSchool and are pleased with the increased applications. Our **Marion Mullen Travel Award** will soon be awarded, helping a Chapter member attend Summer ALA in Anaheim in June and the annual Beta Phi Mu National meeting.

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

Our website is < <http://bpm.syr.edu/> >. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter. *Submitted by Susan Slenker, Corresponding Secretary, jslenker@twcny.rr.com*

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BETA BETA XI CHAPTER @ ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA held its first initiation ceremony in December, welcoming new members who graduated during our ALA-accreditation look back period. Eleven new members were initiated, four participated in the ceremony (Birch Carlson, Brian Huffman, Laura Morlock, and Leslie Hunter-Larson) and seven were initiated in absentia (Christina Buckles, Kristin Harley, Heather Lewis, Michael Mitchell, Lindsay Pfeifer, Julie Salmen, and Christine Simon). The event was held in the President's dining room at St. Catherine University and was followed by a reception with faculty, staff, and graduating students.



The Beta Beta Xi Lamp and Great Roll.



[L-R] Deborah Torres, Robin Ewing, Leslie Hunter-Larson, Laura Morlock, Nancy Walton, Birch Carlson, Brian Huffman, Mary Ann Van Cura, Deborah Greal, and Sheri Ross.

Chapter News

THE IOTA CHAPTER, REPRESENTING THE COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA'S SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, held its Annual Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremony at the headquarters of National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. on Monday March 26, 2012.

The meeting began with executive business. President Jeffrey Prater conducted the initiation ceremony with each officer reading a portion of the ceremonial script. Each Beta Phi Mu inductee signed the sacred book after receiving their certificate. New inductees included: From SLIS, CUA - Jennifer Kay Ross, Donna Jo Webster. From CIS, UMD - Amanda Catherine Abramowitz, Elizabeth A. Coelho, Nicholas M. Connizzo, Sarah K. Farinholt, Robert C. Garner, Stacy M. Kitsis, Matthew S. Logie, Lindsay C. Sarin, Amy N. Shilane, and Ivan A. Watkins II.

During the 2011-2012 year, the Iota Chapter Executive Board voted to award two \$2000 scholarships — one to each university. The CUA-SLIS recipient was Susan Yoo. Susan has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement even while working full-time. She would like to pursue a library career in the federal arena. The CIS, UMD recipient was Kelly G. Buchanan. Kelly is a very well-rounded student who has also shown high academic achievement in addition to maintaining a wide array of social activities, including singing in a choir. She would like to pursue a field study at Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, MD. Faculty advisers from both programs introduced each recipient.

President Jeffrey Prater presided over the meeting and led the election of the new officers. Members approved by acclamation were Nicholas Taylor for Vice President/President Elect and John Coogan for a second term as Treasurer. Nicholas currently works as an Information Technology Specialist in the Repository Development Group at the Library of Congress. John is a systems librarian at the University of Maryland University College.

President Prater passed the gavel to Sue Ann Orsini, who spoke to members about volunteering for the board and at the upcoming Library of Congress Book Festival. She also encouraged members to submit other ideas for volunteer projects. President Orsini described the new Iota Chapter website through Big Tent and the new Linked-in group. Through these initiatives, it is hoped that the Iota Chapter members will be more involved and more connected to one another. President Orsini encouraged members to sign up on the website and Linked-in.

After the conclusion of the business meeting, members sat back to enjoy the keynote presentation. The speech was given by Leslie Johnston, manager of technical architecture initiatives in the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program at the Library of Congress. Her presentation was entitled, "The Challenges of Preserving Every Digital Format on the Planet." It described several different digital initiatives currently underway at the Library of Congress and the various issues Leslie and her team have faced in trying to preserve digital formats. Of the various projects, the Twitter Archive has received the most requests by researchers and presented the most problems. In particular, Leslie discussed the difficulty in educating the public about what types of tweets are archived and how. The presentation was very well-received and inspired a lengthy question and answer session afterwards. *Submitted by Sue Ann Orsini, President, Iota Chapter.*

IOTA CHAPTER PHOTOS ⇨

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Iota Chapter Executive Board [L-R]: VP/President Elect Sue Ann Orsini, Secretary Karen Nimerick, Treasurer Jeff Coogan, President Jeffrey Prater



Iota Chapter Initiates [L-R]: Donna Jo Webster, Lindsay C. Sarin, Amanda C. Abramowitz, Jennifer Kay Ross, and President Jeff Prater



Iota Chapter Executive Board & Speaker [L-R]: Mark Brzowski, Jeffrey Prater, Keynote Speaker Leslie Johnston, Nicholas Taylor (back), Sue Ann Orsini, Jeff Coogan (back), Karen Nimerick.



Iota Chapter Scholarship Recipients [L-R]: Kelly Gesch Buchanan, Susan Yoo, President Jeffrey Prater

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SIGMA CHAPTER @ DREXEL UNIVERSITY iSCHOOL held their annual meeting and initiation of new members on December 6th, 2011 at the University's Academic Bistro. The event began with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and was followed by a presentation by our guest speaker, Brett Bonfield, Director of the Collingswood Public Library in Collingswood New Jersey. Brett is a Drexel alum and one of Library Journal's 2012 Movers and Shakers. A version of his presentation on "Perspective and Doing Good Work" can be found at <http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2012/perspective-and-doing-good-work/>. Chapter President Helen Snowden then presided over the initiation ceremony, welcoming new inductees in the presence of Drexel iSchool faculty, alumni, and guests.



Brett Bonfield, Keynote Speaker



Sigma Chapter President Helen Snowden (second from left) with new BPM initiates.

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Beta Epsilon Chapter Goes “Virtual”

by Dr. Mirah Dow, Beta Epsilon Faculty Sponsor

Honoring and recognizing high scholarship in the study of librarianship is not new. Sponsoring appropriate professional and scholarly projects is not new. What is new is the priority that Beta Epsilon Chapter members recently identified: encourage active participation of chapter members wherever they are located. We want to give every Beta Epsilon Chapter member an opportunity to contribute and be involved in chapter activities. The increasing availability of new computer technologies makes this new priority possible.

Our “virtual” priority is particularly important given that chapter members reside in approximately thirty-five U.S. states and some in Canada. This is likely the result of nearly two decades of regional, Master of Library Science degree programming by the School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, that has been offered beyond the boundaries of Kansas in other states including Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, and Utah.

The 2011 annual meeting (including initiation ceremony) and program were held using Elluminate Live!.

Dr. Kate Marek, Professor, at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dominican University, was the keynote program presenter. On May 1, 2012, we hosted our second annual meeting and program using Adobe Connect Pro™. The keynote presenter was Cindy Romaine of Portland, Oregon, principal of Romainiacs, 2011 Special Libraries Association President, and recipient of the SLA's Division, Center of Excellence award.

Today, while we continue to have a presence at regional library conferences and more, we are not tied to physical meeting locations. Individuals in various states serve as chapter officers and project leaders. In addition, our current chapter president, Erica Findley of Forest Grove, Oregon, began a new chapter blog. This replaces our paper newsletter (which was also distributed electronically using email), and along with the chapter website and listserv, gives members unlimited access to up-to-the-minute chapter news. <http://slimbetaepsilon.wordpress.com/>



The 2011 Annual Meeting and Initiation of **ALPHA CHAPTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN** was convened by Margaret M. Glatthaar, President, at 11:00 AM Saturday November 5, 2011 at Kennedy's at Stone Creek in Urbana, Illinois. Twenty-nine individuals were initiated of whom seven were present. The meeting proceeded with the reading of the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting and the 2011 Treasurer's Report by William T. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer. Geoffrey Ross was duly nominated and unanimously elected Vice President/President Elect for 2012. It was moved, seconded and passed without dissent that the suggestion of the Treasurer, that the Chapter make a gift to the University of Illinois Foundation for use by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) to support student participation in the 2012 Alternative Spring Break program, the exact amount of the gift to be determined by the Executive Board of the Chapter once the current year's expenses are more fully known. The meeting adjourned for lunch after which William D. Gropp spoke on advances in super computing in which he described the evolution and prospects for the super computer program known popularly as Blue Waters, which is under development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Submitted by William T. Henderson, Alpha Chapter Secretary

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Chapter News

Executive board members of the The **BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER @ TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY IN DENTON, TEXAS** presented a program at the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference held in Houston, April 17-20. The presentation was sponsored by the chapter and titled, "Creating Alliances with the Overlapping Fields of IT and Librarianship." The Beta Lambda Chapter also awarded its 1st annual Conference Stipend for Students to TWU MLS student Kori Parkinson. The TLA Annual Conference is a fantastic experience and the stipend was created in order to assist students with the cost of attending conference. *Submitted by Kelly Brouillard, Treasurer, Beta Lambda Chapter*



Presenters pictured (L to R) are: Dr. Valerie Hill, Chapter President, Dr. Joel Battle, Faculty Advisor, Kelly Brouillard, Treasurer, Sian Brannon, President Elect, Kris Helge, Past President, and Greg Hardin, Membership Chair.



The **OMEGA CHAPTER @ SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY** is developing plans to become a more active Beta Phi Mu chapter. Former SLIS Web Technologist and current faculty member Heather Ebey, MLIS 2006, has accepted the position of Omega Chapter Faculty Liaison. Heather has emailed all BPM Omega Chapter members to solicit ideas and to form a board to oversee events. If you are an Omega Chapter member or were invited to join the BPM Omega Chapter and want to get involved with planning, please contact Heather at: heather.ebey@gmail.com

Dates & Deadlines

Scholarship Update



BETA PHI MU

2012 General Assembly G-ALA ANAHEIM, CA

Sheraton Park Hotel @ Tiffany Terrace
Saturday, June 23rd • 3:30-5:30 PM

*Business Meeting, Chapter Reports,
New Member Initiation Ceremony,
2012 Scholarship Recipients Announced,
Face2Face Networking, Catered Reception*



Don't Forget To Vote! On Line Election

Beta Phi Mu is currently holding an online election for Vice President/President Elect and one Director At Large. Beta Phi Mu members are invited to cast their votes any time up until midnight, June 20, 2012. The link to the ballot is:

<http://election.beta-phi-mu.org>

Election results will be announced at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly G-ALA on Saturday, June 23rd at the Sheraton Park Hotel (Tiffany Terrace) in Anaheim, CA (3:30 - 5:30 p.m.).

This year Beta Phi Mu received over 125 applications for our scholarships. There are three scholarships which are awarded to current students and two that are awarded for continuing education. The three scholarships for students are: The **Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship** awards \$2,250 to a student beginning library or information studies at an ALA accredited school. The **Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Service** awards \$2,250 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. The **Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship** awards up to six fellowships each year of \$3,000 each to Library and Information Science doctoral students who are working on their dissertations. The two scholarships for continuing education are: The **Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Professional Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member** awards \$1,500 to a Beta Phi Mu member to increase his/her professional skills through additional study or attendance at a formal program or workshop. The **Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study** awards \$1,750 to Librarians for research or a special course of study to survey foreign libraries or programs outside North America, and/or to conduct research in a foreign country outside North America.

Scholarship applications are accepted November 15-March 15. Applicants may apply for any scholarships for which they are eligible. If you are interested in applying for future scholarships, please watch our webpage at <http://beta-phi-mu.org/>, or join either our LinkedIn group at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=36230>, or our official Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Beta-Phi-Mu-International-Library-Information-Studies-Honor-Society/162406473822270>. This year's recipients will be announced at our annual Beta Phi Mu G-ALA in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA on Saturday, June 23rd at the Sheraton Park Hotel Tiffany Terrace from 3:30-5:30 PM.

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Beta Phi Mu's Global Reach.



Beta Phi Mu member Meen Chul Kim in front of Geunjeongjeon Hall of Gyeongbok Palace in the late Joseon Dynasty in Korea. Since getting his master's degree from Simmons College, Meen Chul has been living and working as an archives management specialist at Korea Disabled People's Development Institute where he manages institutional records and archives since 2010.

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