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From the President

I am honored to greet you as the 2016-2017 President of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. As a member and now Secretary/Treasurer of the Alpha Chapter at Illinois, I am reminded of Beta Phi Mu's emphasis on scholarship, service, and leadership at each fall's initiation of new members when these purposes are explained in the initiation ritual. Beta Phi Mu offers each member an opportunity to further these purposes in multiple ways.

Scholarship. Members can encourage qualified students to apply for the Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship, the Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship, or the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. In addition, members themselves can apply for the Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for continuing education or the Harold Lancour Scholarship for conducting foreign research (<http://www.betaphimu.org/scholarships.html>). Beta Phi Mu also furthers scholarship through its Scholars Series, a joint publishing initiative with Rowman & Littlefield that has a growing list of titles (<https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/RL/BPMu>). A recently added member benefit to advance scholarship through continuing education is a 20% discount on all Library Juice Academy courses (<http://libraryjuiceacademy.com/index.php>).

Service. Members can contribute service at both the local chapter and national level. As part of your local chapter, there may be opportunities to mentor students, plan programs, engage in volunteer projects, or raise funds for scholarships or student awards. Each year at the national level members of the Scholarships Committee review applications and select winners in each of the scholarship competitions. The Beta Phi Mu Award is given annually in recognition of the achievement of a library school faculty member or other individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship.

Leadership. Each of the 35 local chapters (<http://www.betaphimu.org/chapters.html>) needs members to serve as officers to guide chapter activities. There may be an opportunity to start a new chapter (this year Beta Beta Omicron was established at East Carolina University) or to revive an inactive chapter. At the national level, new Board members are elected each year (<http://www.betaphimu.org/executive.html>).

As Executive Director, Alison Lewis plays a critical role in furthering the purposes of Beta Phi Mu. She has worked hard over the summer to move headquarters operations from Drexel University to Parlew Associates, including develop-

ment of a new website at www.betaphimu.org. Be sure to review the Benefits section of the website to see all the benefits available to you as a member of Beta Phi Mu (<http://www.betaphimu.org/benefits.html>) and let her know if you would like to volunteer for service at the national level (executivedirector@betaphimu.org).

The Board is grateful to Dr. Lewis for all she has accomplished since becoming Executive Director in 2012, and we look forward to working with her to further strengthen our honor society, which will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2018.

~ Linda C. Smith,
Beta Phi Mu President



YOU are Beta Phi Mu! Beta Iota Member Recognized with Statewide Service Award



Julie Deardorff, University of Rhode Island MLIS 1994 and a member of the Beta Iota Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award by the Academic Library Association of Ohio. She was recognized for her service to the organization and for her development of a unique library careers program for undergraduate students. Julie has served as Director of Collection Services/Associate Professor of Library Science at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio since 1996.



Congratulations, Julie, for the recognition of your service to our profession!

Are YOU Beta Phi Mu?

Every member invited to join the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society is recognized for their academic achievement, and for their potential for leadership and service to the profession. We'd like to start recognizing our members who

continue to express the Beta Phi Mu ideals of **scholarship, leadership, and service** in their careers as information professionals.

If you have an achievement to share in one or more of

these areas, we'd love to hear from you! Send news of your accomplishments to headquarters@betaphimu so that we may feature them in our next newsletter.

Beta Phi Mu Welcomes New Leadership!

At the Beta Phi Mu Business Meeting and Member Reception, held in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL in June, we welcomed new directors and officers for our organization.

Linda C. Smith has taken the reins as President, as Charles McElroy moves to the role of Past President. Vicki Gregory is now our new Vice President/President Elect.

We also welcomed new directors Robin Canuel, Em Claire Knowles, and Laura Saunders, as well as returning director Bill Davis. They join continuing director Krystyna Matusiak and director/interim treasurer Emily Knox on our Board.

Thanks to all for your leadership and service!



BPM Directors, left to right: Em Claire Knowles, Laura Saunders, and Bill Davis

In Memoriam: F. William Summers, 1933-2016



It is with great sadness that we note the passing of our society's long-time member and supporter, Bill Summers. In 1970, Bill was a co-founder of the Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu at Rutgers University while he was a Ph.D. candidate there. He subsequently served as both a President of Beta Phi Mu, and its Executive Director when the society headquarters moved to Florida State University.

He passed away peacefully in Tallahassee, Florida on August 12, 2016, at the age of 83. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 8, 1933 to Frank Wesley and Kathleen Gilreath Summers. He is survived by his wife Lorraine of Tallahassee; son William Wesley Summers of Avondale, Arizona; sister Annette Graddy

(James) of West Palm Beach, Florida; three nieces and three nephews, and many friends.

Bill grew up in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated in 1955 with a B.A. from Florida State University. He served in the United States Navy in its Taiwan Command from 1955 to 1957. He then attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, earning a M.S. Degree in Library Science. In 1969, he returned to Rutgers and earned a Ph.D. in Library Studies.

He had a long and distinguished LIS professional career: he served as Library Director at the Cocoa Public Schools in Cocoa, Florida; Assistant Director at the Providence Public Library in Rhode Island; State Librarian at the State Library of Florida; Dean of the College of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University; and on two occasions as interim Library Director for Strozier Library at Florida State University. In addition to his leadership roles with Beta Phi Mu, he also served as President of the American Library Association and President of the Association for Library and Information Science Educators.

He was recognized for his achievements with the prestigious Joseph W. Lippincott Award by the American Library Association for a lifetime of extraordinary dedication to the field of librarianship. Rutgers University, College of Library and Information Studies recognized him as an Outstanding Alumnus. He was also a member of the ODK Leadership fraternity.

If you would like to remember Bill, donations may be made to the F. William Summers Professor Emeritus of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University fund at The Florida State University Foundation, 2010 Levy Avenue, P.O. Box 3062739, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

***Aliis inserviando consumor —
“Consumed in the service
of others”***

Chapter News

Alpha Chapter — University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Alpha Chapter, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, celebrated its annual meeting and initiation ceremony on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the School of Information Sciences. Fifteen graduates were inducted into Beta Phi Mu. Four were able to attend and sign the Great Roll in person: Meg K. Dickinson (2016), Jeffrey A. Ginger (2015), Chung-Yi Hou (2016), and Rena K. Stoerber (2015).

Other business included: a report of chapter finances; a report on Beta Phi Mu activities at the national level; celebration of the first streamed annual meeting and a review of the process; announcement of the recipients of two awards supported by Alpha Chapter: Sierra Lynn Gregg (MS '16) as the Anne M. Boyd Award recipient and Hailley Fargo (MS '16) as the Kathryn Luther & William T. Henderson Award recipient; and election of Lian Ruan as incoming Vice President/President-Elect.

Following the ceremony and business meeting the members, new initiates, and guests enjoyed a luncheon. The event concluded with a talk by Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Professor/Coordinator for Information Literacy Services and Instruction, University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, whose presentation was entitled, "What We Can Be: An Ethos of Hospitality."

--Kim Anderson



From left to right: New Alpha Chapter initiates Chung-Yi Hou, Jeffrey A. Ginger, Meg K. Dickinson, and Rena K. Stoerber



From left to right: Alpha Chapter Officers 2016-2017 Emily Knox, Faculty Advisor; Linda Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; Kim Anderson, President; Melody Allison, Past President

Iota Chapter — Catholic University and University of Maryland

The Beta Phi Mu Iota Chapter met at The Catholic University of America Pryzbyla Center in Washington DC for our annual meeting on March 9, 2016. The Iota Chapter brings together information professionals from The Catholic University of America (CUA) Department of Library and Information Science and the University of Maryland (UMD) College of Information Studies. Outgoing President Don Collins (UMD) passed the gavel to incoming President Jamie Roberts (CUA). Jasmine Chmiel (CUA) was elected Vice-President/President Elect and Madeline Espeseth (UMD) was elected Secretary. Jennifer Fagan-Fry (CUA) continues as Treasurer until 2017.

The Iota Chapter inducted ten new members. New members from UMD are Lissa Snyders, Johnna Percell, Tracy Cramer, Kathryn Miller, Madeline Espeseth, Michael Honch and Chris Belter, with Emily Dowd and Ariana Pike inducted in absentia. The new member from CUA is Jasmine Chmiel.

In keeping with the generosity of Beta Phi Mu and Iota Chapter members, we were proud to present scholarships to Ms. Sarah Hedlund (UMD) and to Ms. Emily Wagner (CUA). Our featured speaker was Mr. Chris Belter of the National Institutes of Health Library. Mr. Belter gave a lively presentation, "Librarians as Publication Analysts."



New Iota Chapter members for 2016, from left to right: Jasmine Chmiel, Michael Honch, Lissa Snyders, Tracy Cramer, Madeline Espeseth.

Beta Epsilon Chapter — Emporia State University

Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, in conjunction with Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), sponsored a panel discussion during the 2016 Kansas Library Association Conference. "Kansas Libraries Serve Communities with Equity, Dignity, and Respect" featured four panelists from three different libraries across the state. Panelists discussed their contributions to the transformation of communities by creating programming in defiance of fear and ignorance and celebrated the library profession's commitment to communities and social justice.

Participating panelists were: Christine Peterson, Johnson County Library; Kim Patton, Kansas City, KS Public Library; Sara Dixon, Wichita Public Library; and Stephanie Huff, Wichita Public Library. Dr. Mirah Dow, professor, Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management introduced the panelists and topic for the afternoon. Refreshments were provided by the Emporia State University's SLIM.



Beta Beta Theta — University of Iowa

The 29th Annual Chapter Program of the Beta Beta Theta Chapter was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the University of Iowa Main Library. Thirty-seven members and guests attended the meeting at which Chapter President Dottie Persson presided.

Emily Jones, Kelly Grogg, and Ella von Holtum (2015 chapter scholarship winner), recent graduates of the UI School of Library and Information Science, were inducted into membership. The chapter awarded three scholarships to ongoing SLIS students Katheryn Lawson, Anna Tunnicliff, and Rebekah Walker.

The president then introduced Dr. Kären M. Mason, Curator of the Iowa Women's Archives at the University of Iowa Libraries, as the keynote speaker. In her presentation, "Filling in the Gaps: Adding Latina and Jewish Women's History to the Iowa Women's Archives," Dr. Mason talked about the history of the Iowa Women's Archives, how the Latina and Jewish women's collections came to be, and the 25th anniversary celebration of the Iowa Women's Archives in 2017. At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Mason gave a tour of the archives.

Officers for the new membership year are Sarah Sellon (Director, Ely Public Library), President; Shana Stuart (Director, Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project), Vice-President/President-Elect; Dottie Persson (UI Libraries, retired), past president; and Marilyn Swanson (Homemaker), Secretary/Treasurer. Theresa Jehlik (Strategy and Business Intelligence Manager, Omaha Public Library) represented the chapter at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly during the ALA Conference in Orlando.



Chapter Scholarship winners Rebekah Walker, Katheryn Lawson, and Anna Tunnicliff tell about each other.



Chapter President Dottie Persson and Keynote Speaker Kären Mason.



Curator Kären Mason takes Debra Dorzweiler and Heidi Lauritzen on a tour of the Iowa Women's Archives.

Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter — Syracuse University

Fall 2016 Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University:

2016-17 Executive Board members are: President Pro Tem: Carole Kupelian, retired NYLA Board member and retired school librarian; Past-President: Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; VP and President-Elect: Ellen Owens, Crouse Hospital Librarian; Recording Secretary: Nicole Dittrich, SU Libraries; Corresponding Secretary: Susan Slenker, retired school librarian; Treasurer: Suzanne Preate, SU Libraries; Membership Chair: Christine Demetros, SU College of Law Library; Scholarship Chairs: Gary Maggi, retired health sciences librarian, and Valarie Massulik, Onondaga County Public Library; at-large Board members: Jennifer Huzenitza, Northern Onondaga Public Library; Vanessa St.Oegger-Menn, SU Libraries; Amy Slutsky, Upstate Medical Center Librarian; and Robert Weiner, SU College of Law 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. iSchool Advisor is Blythe Bennett, Program Manager, LIS/ School Media degree.

On May 14, 2016, we held our 113th Annual Meeting and 57th BPM Initiation and initiated 11 new members: Annamichelle Chovanec, Staci Lorraine Costello, Carl Christopher Haynes, Alexandra Elizabeth Heidler, Katrina M. Maust, Anjali Parasnis-Samar, Juan W. Rivera, Kenneth D. Roman, Roger Craig Schonfeld, Joshua A. Schulman, and Kathleen Jayne Swingly. Congratulations all!

Our Mullen Travel Award for first-time attendance at June ALA and BPM's national meeting was awarded to Carol Kupelian, Chapter president. Carol represented our Chapter and will report to us at our winter meeting.

Member News: Chapter members presenting workshops at

the NYLA Fall 2016 Conference included Doreen Bergman, Director of the OCM BOCES School Library System, Abby Kasowitz-Scheer of SU Libraries, and Pauline Lynch Shostack of Onondaga Community College Library, as well as iSchool professors Jill Hurst-Wahl and Barbara Stripling. This conference is the major state-wide conference for all the state's librarians.

Lastly, we note the passing of Dr. F. William Summers, retired dean at FSU who was instrumental in the move of BPM National headquarters from the University of Pittsburgh to being hosted by a revolving group of information studies colleges. BPM National office has since developed the professional staff, a full website, online information sharing, and member data management needed for a nation-wide honorary in the 21st century.

Submitted by Susan Slenker, Corresponding Secretary, jslenker@twcny.rr.com



New Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter initiates, from left to right: Carl Christopher Haynes, Katrina M. Maust, Anjali Parasnis-Samar, Kenneth D. Roman, and Joshua A. Schulman.

Omicron Chapter — Rutgers University

In April, the Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, Rutgers University, held its annual chapter meeting at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick, with Leslie Burger speaking on leadership in the library and information science industry.

Kicking off the event, Omicron scholarship awards were presented to Helen Business and Carla Harwood, two current Master of Information students. A ceremony for new initiates and a business meeting to discuss chapter updates followed the awards. New officers for the chapter are Jen Hunter, President; Melody Townley, Vice President/President-elect; Cassidy Charles, Treasurer; and Meaghan Darling, Secretary. New initiates for 2016 are William Bejarano, Jennifer Bigioni, Melissa Ciotti, John Daquino, Kathleen DiGiulio, Genevieve Hewson, Manuel Jusino, Amanpreet Kaur, Elizabeth Lien, Kristin Lepping, Anne Lonergan, Lisa Nazzaro, and Khusboo Rana.

The highlight of the event was a presentation entitled “Wonder. Risk. Imagine: (Almost) Everything You Need to Know to be a Successful Library Leader” given by Leslie Burger, founding partner of Library Development Solutions, a New York based consulting firm founded in 1991. Focusing on developing the qualities of a leader in the LIS industry, Burger explained her decision for the title of her speech. “The inspiration for this talk came from Robert Barry, a conceptual artist who has the cornerstone installation at the Princeton Public Library. The words inscribed on the cornerstone are: Wonder. Risk. Imagine. Explore. Doubt. Possible. Change. Question. Hope,” Burger said. “These simple words can apply to many aspects of life. I want to use them in the context of leadership and how they can guide you throughout your library career.”

Burger gave several practical tips on effective leadership including the importance of thinking competitively and cre-

atively, listening to what others have to say, never ceasing to learn, leading by example, and being passionate about libraries. “As an employer I am primarily looking for two things - attitude and a broad understanding of the role libraries play in our society. I’ll teach you everything else you need to know on the job—that’s the easy stuff. But I want librarians who are leaders, thinkers,” Burger said.

Burger has had 42 years of experience in the LIS field, which included her position as the executive director of the Princeton Public Library where she helped plan, design, and secure the funding required for a new 55,000 square foot library that opened in 2004. Over the past year and a half, she has spearheaded the effort for Princeton’s 2-Reimagine project, which included designing, funding, and rallying support from the community. Leslie is also an adjunct faculty member at Rutgers School of Communication and Information (SC&I).

Welcome to Our Newest Chapter!

Welcome to the newest chapter of Beta Phi Mu — the Beta Beta Omicron chapter at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC!

Dr. Elaine Yontz, faculty member in the Library Science Program at East Carolina, spearheaded the effort to create the new chapter. As one of his final presidential duties, Past President Charles McElroy presented Dr. Yontz with the charter for the new chapter at the Beta Phi Mu Business Meeting and Member Reception, held in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL last June.

Thank you for your leadership in this effort, Elaine! We look forward to welcoming new members from Beta Beta Omicron!



Beta Phi Mu Has A New Website!

Beta Phi Mu has a new website – with a new URL! You can find the re-designed website at <http://www.betaphimu.org>. When we realized that the simpler (no hypens!) URL was available, we bought it and applied it to the new site. We believe that the new URL will be more intuitive, and easier to type, for those trying to locate us. The old website is no longer being maintained and will go away after the new year. We should have a re-direct in place by then, which will send anyone searching for us under the old URL to the new one.

The new site has a different look and is organized a bit differently. We hope that it will be easier to use, with materials grouped logically into categories about the organization structure (About); all of our scholarships, fellowships, and awards (Scholarships & Awards); the newsletter, Scholars Series, and past publication series (Publications); information of particular interest to members and chapters, including benefits, volunteer and events information, forms, and merchandise (Members' Area); and contact information for headquarters (updated!), a simplified contact form for multiple purposes, and a donations page (Contact). There is also a News page where rolling announcements and other information will be posted. Unlike the old website, this is in a blog format, so older postings will remain accessible. Another new feature is that any member wishing to join our electronic

mailing list can input their email in the Subscribe area on the website Home page.

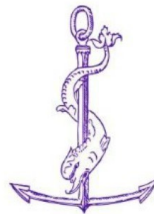
There are two pages we'd particularly like to draw to members' attention. One is the redesigned Merchandise page (<http://www.betaphimu.org/merchandise.html>), which provides information about all official Beta Phi Mu merchandise. You may still order lapel pins, honor cords, and bookmarks directly from headquarters, but there is now an online store available for purchasing these items as well. The other page we'd like you to be aware of is a new one – the Donations page (<http://www.betaphimu.org/donations.html>). A donation button on the footer of each website page directs to the Donations page, which provides information about donating to Beta Phi Mu by check, credit card, or PayPal account. This is not something we have had before, but several members have asked for it in the past and it is a typical feature of websites for non-profit organizations such as ours. We hope that this will make it easier for our members, chapters, and friends to help support the costs associated with our scholarship program and general organization expenses.

We hope that everyone will visit, bookmark, and enjoy the new, redesigned website with its easier URL!

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About Beta Phi Mu

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Recent News

Beta Phi Mu 2017 Scholarship Season is Now Open!
Applications for all BPM scholarships and fellowships are now available. For more information, see the Scholarships page.

See all our news on the News blog!

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Screenshot of the redesigned Home page of the new Beta Phi Mu website

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Congratulations to the 2016 Scholarship and Fellowship Award Winners!

We're pleased to announce those selected for scholarships and fellowship awards for the 2016 Beta Phi Mu scholarship season:

Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship (\$2,250 each)

Jennifer Dixon, Pratt Institute
Ayoola White, Simmons College

Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Service (\$2,250)

Emily Fischer, University of Iowa

Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member (\$1,500)

Alyson Gamble, Beta Zeta Chapter, to obtain a Council of Science Editors (CSE) Publication Certificate

Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study (\$1,750)

Natalie Baur, to help underwrite her work with a digital cultural heritage archive in Ecuador

Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships (\$3,000 each)

Sarah Buchanan,
University of Texas

Rachel Clarke,
University of Washington

Wei Jeng,
University of Pittsburgh

Jinseok Kim,
University of Illinois

Robert Montoya,
University of California, Los Angeles

Min Sook Park,
Florida State University

The 2017 Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Season is Now Open!

You can find all of the details on our website at:
<http://www.betaphimu.org/scholarships.html>