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From the President

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago where our Beta Phi Mu Business Meeting & Member Reception will take place June 24 from 3:30-5:30 pm in Columbus GH of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. We will take this opportunity to celebrate the latest title in our Scholars Series, *School Librarianship: Past, Present, and Future*, edited by Susan W. Alman in honor of the career of Dr. E. Blanche Woolls, who will join us at the reception. The number of titles published in the series continues to grow (<https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/RL/BPMu>) and series editor Andrea Falcone (andrea.falcone@ucdenver.edu) welcomes proposals for potential new titles in the series.

A focus for the Executive Board this year has been identifying strategies to ensure the continued growth, visibility, and sustainability of Beta Phi Mu. Because our principal source of revenue each year is the one-time, life-time membership fee paid by new initiates, our resources expand when more of those invited choose to join the honor society. In return, under the leadership of Executive Director Ali-

son Lewis, we continue to expand the benefits of membership (<http://www.betaphimu.org/benefits.html>) beyond the most evident: “*Recognition* as a Library and Information Science graduate of outstanding academic achievement, acknowledged by your faculty as having leadership potential and the potential to contribute significantly to the profession.”

Chapters are an important means of expanding the visibility of the honor society while also benefiting current members through their activities. Last year we added Beta Beta Omicron at East Carolina University, bringing the total number of chapters to thirty-five (<http://www.betaphimu.org/chapters.html>). We hope to continue to expand the number of chapters and are working with Executive Board member Robin Canuel to explore establishment of one or more chapters in Canada.

Beta Phi Mu began in 1948 with the founding of Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois (<https://archives.library.illinois.edu/archon/index.php?p=digitallibrary/digitalcontent&id=4204>). To ensure a vibrant future for the honor society, the Board is working on plans

for a fundraising initiative to mark our 70th anniversary in 2018 (to be celebrated at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans) and looking ahead to our 75th anniversary in 2023 (when the ALA Annual Conference will once again be in Chicago). While strategies and goals for this effort are still being developed, we invite donations to help support Beta Phi Mu’s scholarships and other programs. Instructions for making a contribution by check, credit card, or Paypal account are provided on the Beta Phi Mu website (<http://www.betaphimu.org/donations.html>).

It has been a privilege for me to serve as President and I look forward to continuing involvement with Beta Phi Mu.

~ Linda C. Smith,
Beta Phi Mu President



In Memoriam — Danny Wallace



Dr. Danny P. Wallace, a long-time library and information science educator and prolific scholar, passed away on December 6, 2016. Dr. Wallace served on the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board from 1999-2005.

He received his MLIS from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977 and was inducted into the Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. He earned his Ph.D. in LIS from the University of Illinois in 1985. He began teaching LIS classes in 1979 and was a professor at a number of institutions, including Louisiana State University, Indiana University, Kent State University, University of Oklahoma, and University of Alabama. He was Director of the Kent State LIS program from 1996-2000 and director of the University of Oklahoma program from 2000-2005. Before his retirement in 2015, he was Professor and EBSCO Endowed Chair of Library Service at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Wallace was a prolific author and presenter. He was predeceased by his wife, Dr. Connie Van Fleet, also a library and information science educator. Together they served as editors of *RQ* and its successor, *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, the official journal of the Reference & User Services Association, from 1991 to 1997 and from 2000 to 2006.

A memorial service was held at Goodrich Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman, OK.

In Memoriam — Clayton Householder

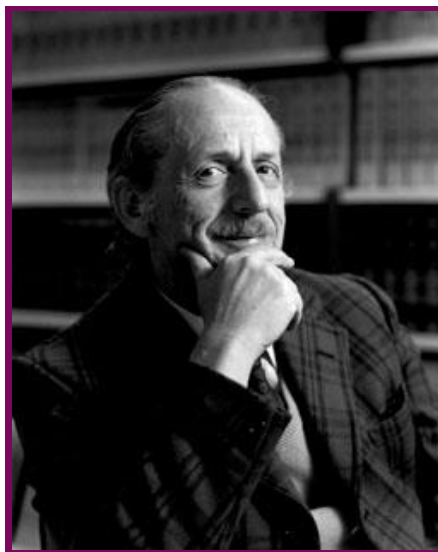
Clayton Louis Householder, 57, passed away quietly on February 21, 2017 in Fort Wayne, IN. He is survived by seven siblings and his partner, Becky Nice.

He began his career as a librarian in Allen County, Indiana, which led to his degrees in Library Science from Purdue-FW and Indiana University. He held positions in Bloomington, Indiana as well as in Oregon, Ohio, and China as a librarian and a teacher. He inspired many of his students to pursue library and information science as their career path, and assisted multiple authors with research for their books. At the time of his death, he was pursuing job opportunities in the Allen County Public Library system in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Householder considered librarianship his life's passion and calling. His membership in Beta Phi Mu meant a great deal to him, and he had the BPM anchor & dolphin insignia tattooed on his upper arm. He is sorely missed by those who were his closest family, friends, and colleagues.



In Memoriam: Eugene Garfield, 1925-2017



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Dr. Eugene Garfield on February 26, 2017. Dr. Garfield was a world-renowned pioneer in scientometrics, the quantitative study of science and technology, and a savvy businessman and entrepreneur who developed information products that have changed the face of research forever.

Dr. Garfield was born September 16, 1925 in New York and grew up in the Bronx. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1949 from Columbia University, and a master's degree in library science in 1954, also from Columbia. He completed a Ph.D. in structural linguistics in 1961 at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1955, Dr. Garfield founded the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) and developed a series of innovative bibliographic products, including *Current Contents*, *Index Chemicus*, the *Science Citation Index* (and other citation databases), and the *Journal Citation Reports*. *Current Contents* started as weekly publications that compiled tables of contents for journals in various scientific fields, allowing researchers to quickly browse the latest published research. In the era of computerization, he applied his knowledge of indexing and the structure of information to create the first electronic citation databases, which we now take for granted. He also developed the journal-impact factor, a statistics-based formula for measuring the influence, or impact, of a particular journal by tracking where and by

whom it was cited. Citation analysis of this type is also used for measuring the impact of particular articles and authors as well.

Dr. Garfield was author of over 1,000 articles and books, including his seminal "Citation Indexes for Science: A New Dimension in Documentation through Association of Ideas," published in *Science* in 1955. In 1986, he founded *The Scientist*, a monthly news magazine for life scientists, for which he served as editor and publisher.

Dr. Garfield received a number of prestigious awards over the course of his long career. These include the Herman Skolnik Award (1977), the John Price Wetherill Medal (1984), the John Scott Award (1986), and the Richard J. Bolte Sr. Award (2007), as well as a number of honorary degrees and fellowships from both U.S. and foreign institutions. In 2007, he was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in the United States.

In 2014, Dr. Garfield was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Member award at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. He was recognized by the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board and membership for "his many contributions to Library and Information Science, and for his unflinching support of research & advanced study within the field." Since 1999, his generous underwriting of Beta Phi Mu's Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships has supported and encouraged excellence in library and information science research.

Dr. Garfield was a visionary whose interests were not confined to science, technology, and business. He commissioned the famed architectural firm of Venturi, Rauch, Scott Brown to design the distinctive building which formerly served as headquarters of ISI on Market Street in Philadelphia. During Dr. Garfield's tenure there, it was filled with an impressive collection of world art. Opera Philadelphia fondly remembers Dr. Garfield's early and long-standing support of their opera education initiatives in conjunction with the Philadelphia School District. He was also a generous supporter of Project HOME, a Philadelphia-based non-profit organization with the mission of "empowering individuals to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through affordable housing, employment, health care, and educa-

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YOU are Beta Phi Mu! Lambda Chapter President Recognized with Distinguished Service Award



Donna McDonald (left) with Leisha Callan, former Charleston Public Library trustee, at the Arkansas Library Association Conference.

Donna McDonald, Beta Phi Mu – Lambda Chapter President in 2016-2017, was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award at the Arkansas Library Association's Annual Conference held November 13-15, in Little Rock. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes distinguished service in librarianship through continuing service to the Arkansas Library Association, outstanding achievement in some area of librarianship, active participation in library affairs, and notable professional writing and leadership.

Donna is the Director of the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System (ARVRLS), the oldest regional library system in Arkansas. The

library system incorporates seven local libraries serving Franklin, Johnson, Logan and Yell Counties.

Donna explains, "Libraries of all kinds need supporters and advocates who are committed, well trained and aware of the many challenges facing libraries today."

Donna volunteers at the national level with the American Library Association (ALA), and is involved with ALA division United for Libraries, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. Her leadership roles with United for Libraries include: Secretary, 2016-2017; President, 2011-2012; Executive Board member, 2012-2013; Trustee Division Chair, 2010; and Publications Committee Chair, 2009-2010.

Her additional work with ALA includes: the School Library Taskforce, the Committee on Library Advocacy, the Advocacy Coordinating Group, and the Certified Public Library Administration Review Committee. According to Steve Laird, President-Elect of United for Libraries, "Libraries in Arkansas, and beyond, benefit from Donna's tireless efforts. Her professional work and volunteerism clearly demonstrate a passion for helping libraries positively impact the communities they serve."

Congratulations, Donna!

***Aliis inserviendo
consumor:***

***"Consumed in the
service of others"***

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 want to recognize our members who contin-

ue 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

We'd like to feature them in our next newsletter.

Beta Delta Chapter — State University of New York at Buffalo

News and updates from Beta Delta Chapter:

1. *Chapter Held Long-Range Planning Meeting* – The chapter board held its annual long-range planning meeting in February to plan chapter events for the coming year. The board reviewed the results of the chapter member survey the board conducted in making decisions about what chapter events to conduct in the coming year.

2. *Chapter Involvement in a Professional Lecture Series* – The chapter actively supported a recent professional presentation held Monday, March 27th at the University at Buffalo featuring Dr. John Bertot from the University of Maryland discussing

“Under Duress: The MLS and Libraries Today.” The presentation was broadcast over the Department of Library and Information Studies Facebook Page and can still be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/ublisofficial/posts/10154877463170932>.

3. *Chapter Meeting Scheduled for May 15th* – The chapter will be holding its next meeting on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 PM featuring a presentation by Dr. Valerie Nessel, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Studies at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Nessel will be speaking on “Information Literacy Instruction”. The meeting will be broadcast on Facebook Live via the Department’s Facebook Page in an effort to make the presentation accessible to any interested individuals including those located outside of the Western New York Area.

Beta Beta Theta Chapter — University of Iowa

Beta Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Iowa held their 30th annual chapter program on May 11, 2017. The program was held at the Ely Public Library in Ely, Iowa (population: 2,075). It was the first time in the chapter’s history that they had the opportunity to meet in a small public library. The featured speaker was **Amy Campbell**, a partner with the Advocacy Cooperative and a lobbyist for the Iowa Library Association.

Three new members were inducted into the society: **Kelly Grogg**, M.A., May 2016, is Librarian and Technical Information Specialist at the U.S. Peace Corps in Washington, DC. Kelly also serves on the Committee of Advisors for Libraries Without Borders and volunteers as a story time reader for The Reading Connection in the DC area. **Emily Jones**, M.A., May 2016, graduated with a Digital Humanities Certificate — in the first cohort of students to complete this certification. She has also been involved with the “One Community, One Book” project at the UI Center for Human Rights. **Ella von Holtum**, M.A., May 2016, is Assistant Archivist at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. Ella was a Beta Beta Theta Scholarship winner in 2015.

The chapter’s Executive Council now consists of: **Sarah Sellon**, President. Sarah is the Director of the Ely Public Library in Ely, Iowa. **Dottie Persson**, Past President. Dottie is retired from the Psychology Library at the University of Iowa. **Shana Stuart**, Vice President/President Elect. Shana is the Director of the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project at the University of Iowa. **Marilyn Swanson**, Secretary-Treasurer. Marilyn is a homemaker in Iowa City. **Lindsay Mattock**, Faculty Advisor. Lindsay is an Assistant Professor at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa.

Bibliothekarios philax mathesis:
“Librarians are the guardians of knowledge”

Iota Chapter — University of Maryland and Catholic University of America

Iota Chapter held its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the Fund for American Studies in Washington, DC. Former Chapter President Jamie Roberts organized a fascinating speaker for the event - Mark Dimunation, the Rare Book & Special Collections Division Chief from the Library of Congress.

Officers for 2017-2018 are:

President: J. Jasmine Chmiel

Vice President/President-Elect: Nicholas Brown

Treasurer: Emily Wagner

Secretary: Christopher Needham

Past President: Jamie Roberts

Director: Rivka Yerushalmi



Chapter President Jamie Roberts introduces speaker Mark Dimunation from the Library of Congress



Don Collins and Nicholas Brown



Chapter President Jamie Roberts and in-coming President Jasmine Chmiel

Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter — Syracuse University

Our 2017-18 Executive Board members are: President Pro Tem: Carole Kupelian, retired NYLA Board member and retired school librarian; Past-President: Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; VP: Ellen Owens, Crouse Hospital Librarian; Recording Secretary: Nicole Westerdahl, 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 Slutzky, Upstate Medical University Health Sciences Library; 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, MLIS/School Media degree.

On May 13, 2017, we held our 114th Annual Meeting and 58th BPM Initiation and initiated fourteen new members: Isabella J. Baxter, Jennifer L. Bort, Margaret S. Craft, Felicia M. Davolio, Abigail T. Digel, Elizabeth J. Griffin, Richard C. Hansen, Alexa Lee Hirsch, Natalie C. LoRusso, Hannah Broderick Nast, Bryan M. Schuff, Samantha J. Settimio, Eryn E. Stark, and Kelly L. Voorhees. Congratulations all! Our



event was held at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center and featured Sean Kirst, well-known and loved local newspaperman and author, as guest speaker. Sean related how libraries were his safe space while growing up poor in Western New York and how much he loves books to this day. Sean kept us enthralled with his recent friendship with Syracuse-born and internationally acclaimed author-illustrator Eric Carle. In Carle's 2013 book *Friends*, Carle relates his boyhood in Syracuse and his friendship with a neighbor girl whose name he doesn't remember, and how hard it was to move away. His loneliness the rest of his childhood prompted Eric to include a photo at the book end with the hope that someone would recognize the little girl and reunite them. Sean decided three years ago to see if he could find the little girl. He was successful, and the little girl, now Florence Trovato of Miami, and Eric Carle were reunited in 2016. What a happy story!

Our Marion Mullen Travel Award for first-time attendance at June ALA and BPM's national meeting will be finalized this week. The winner will represent our Chapter and will report to us at our summer meeting. Our Dosa Scholarship and VanHoesen Loan awards applications are being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and will soon be awarded for the 2017-18 academic year.

Member News: A number of past and present Board members associated with SU Libraries have new positions or responsibilities. Nicole Westerdahl is Reference and Access Services Librarian in the Special Collections Research Center. Anne Rauh is Collection Development and Analysis Librarian in the Department of Research and Scholarship and presented at several conferences last summer and fall. Abby Kasowitz-Scheer presented at the state-wide NYLA fall conference. Michelle Coombs is Lead Archivist. Vanessa St.Oegger-Menn is Assistant University Archivist and Pan-Am 103 Archivist. Subject Librarian members are Barbara Opar, Librarian for Architecture, Janet Pease, Head of Collections and Research Services, and Lydia Wasylenko, Librarian for Citizenship and Humanities. At the College of Law, Past President Jan Fleckenstein is now Director of the Law Library and Associate Teaching Professor of Law.

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

Beta Phi Mu Award Winner — Dr. Em Claire Knowles



Dr. Em Claire Knowles, assistant dean for student and alumni affairs at Simmons College's School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the American Library Association's Beta Phi Mu Award. This award is given in recognition of the achievement of a library school faculty member or another individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship. This annual award, which consists of \$1,000 and a citation of achievement, is sponsored by the Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society.

Dr. Knowles holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of California (Davis), a M.L.S. from the University of California (Berkeley), a M.P.S. from California State University (Sacramento), and a Doctor of Arts in Library Administration from Simmons College. Prior to her current position as assistant dean for students and alumni affairs at Simmons SLIS, which she has held since 1988, Dr. Knowles worked in a wide range of professional positions at the University of California (Davis and Berkeley campuses) and the Wentworth Institute of Technology.

In addition to her significant positions of employment, her leadership and influence are evidenced by the prominent roles she has taken on at various levels in our field. She has served as a member of the American Library

Association's (ALA) governing Council and as a member of the ALA Executive Board. She has completed multiple terms on the Executive Board of the ALA Black Caucus. Additionally, Dr. Knowles has been involved as a trustee for both the Freedom to Read Foundation and the Massachusetts State Library. She also served on the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, including as its chair.

Arguably, Dr. Knowles' greatest influence on library education — and our profession — has been her unparalleled work surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Her publications, speaking engagements and professional activities have resulted in her becoming known worldwide as an authority on these matters. Thanks to Dr. Knowles, library education and librarianship have been challenged and positively influenced through her contributions. Furthermore, Dr. Knowles not only writes and speaks extensively, but she also spends countless hours in other service to help diversify our profession. This is exemplified through her unflinching efforts with the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program, the ALA Black Caucus, and the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. In addition to her time, knowledge, and seemingly boundless energy, Dr. Knowles has raised thousands of dollars for students through programs like the Spectrum Scholarship Program.

The Beta Phi Mu Award will be presented on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago.

For more information about the Beta Phi Mu Award, see <http://www.betaphimu.org/bpm-award.html>



**Beta Phi Mu
Honor Society**

Don't Forget!

Don't Forget to Vote! The Beta Phi Mu 2017 election will be wrapping up soon! Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPM2017Election> to elect a new Vice President/President Elect, a new Treasurer, and a new Director-at-large for our organization. Please get the word out to other members as well! Polls close at midnight, May 31st.

Don't Forget to Show Your Pride in Beta Phi Mu Membership! Add your status as a Beta Phi Mu member to your resume or CV. Include Beta Phi Mu as one of your "Honors and Awards" in the "Accomplishments" section on your LinkedIn Profile.

Don't Forget to Support the Beta Phi Mu Scholars Series! Several titles are now available in Beta Phi Mu's scholarly publishing series, in partnership with Rowman & Littlefield. Consider adding these to your workplace or personal library. See: <http://www.betaphimu.org/scholars-series-titles.html>

Featured Merchandise — Beta Phi Mu Honor Cords

New Beta Phi Mu members may wear these honor cords, in the official Beta Phi Mu colors, with their graduation gowns when they receive their diplomas. Members who work in an academic environment and attend convocation, commencement, or other formal academic functions, may also wear these cords with regalia at those events.

Some chapters also choose to present these cords to their new members at initiation.

Price per set: \$15.75 includes postage.
Purchase at our [online store](#), or see other options on our merchandise page: <http://www.betaphimu.org/merchandise.html>



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The former ISI headquarters building at 3501 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

tion." He created the Eugene Garfield Foundation in order to find "lasting solutions to complex social problems," with programs focused on collaborative networks, environmental sustainability, and community revitalization.

Dr. Garfield is survived by his wife Meher, three sons, a daughter, a step-daughter, two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren. Donations in Dr. Garfield's memory may be made to Project HOME through <https://projecthome.org/donate>.

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

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar!

Beta Phi Mu at ALA in Chicago!

What: Beta Phi Mu Business Meeting and Member Reception

When: Saturday, June 24th, from 3:30-5:30pm

Where: Hyatt Regency Chicago (co-headquarters hotel on Wacker Ave., #1 on ALA map) in Columbus GH (Ballroom Level, East Tower)

Agenda: Join us for:

- News and updates from Beta Phi Mu leadership
- Election of new Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Directors
- Chapter reports and updates
- Initiation of new Beta Phi Mu members
- Time for networking and mingling!

At this event, there will also be a celebration of Dr. Blanche Woolls and the Beta Phi Mu Scholars Series publication, *School Librarianship: Past, Present, and Future*, edited by Susan Alman.

Please rvsp to headquarters@betaphimu.org if you'll be representing your chapter and giving a report, or if you are a new member wishing to participate in initiation.

Also at ALA in Chicago:

There will be a book signing by John Budd for his new Beta Phi Mu Scholars Series title, *The Library Landscape: Six Critical Issues Facing Libraries*, at the Rowman & Littlefield booth (#2515) on Sunday, June 25, from 2:00-2:30. Please come out and meet John, and support the Scholars Series!