

## **Beta Phi Mu –**

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## **– Chi Chapter News**

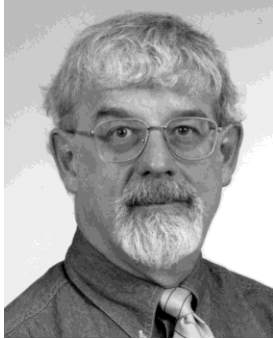
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### **Chi Chapter Selects Steve Harter for Service Award**

The Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu is delighted to announce that Stephen P. Harter, Professor Emeritus at SLIS, is the winner of this year's service award. The award is given annually to individuals who have made major contributions to library and information science.

Holding a Ph. D. from the University of Chicago, Prof. Harter joined the SLIS faculty in the early 1980s and retired in 1999. During his years at SLIS, Prof. Harter was recognized for



excellence in both teaching and research. He not only chaired numerous doctoral committees but also mentored Ph.D. students and junior faculty, frequently co-authoring with them. His major interests included bibliometrics, information retrieval, and research methodology. Among his numerous service activities, Prof. Harter edited the prestigious journal *Library Quarterly*, chaired the SLIS Promotion and Tenure Committee, and served as the faculty advisor to Beta Phi Mu.

Prof. Harter is an internationally known researcher and author. He wrote two influential books: *Research Methods in Librarianship: Techniques and Interpretation*, co-authored with Charles H. Busha and published by Academic Press in 1980, and *Online Information Retrieval: Concepts, Principles, and Techniques*, published by Academic Press in 1986. The book on research methodology was translated into Spanish and published in 1990 by the

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico under the title *Metodos de investigacion en bibliotecologia: tecnicas e interpretacion*. Moreover, in a number of studies Prof. Harter has been ranked among the most highly cited researchers in the entire field of library and information science.

The Service Award will be presented at the Chi Chapter Initiation ceremony in the Indiana Memorial Union on April 11th. Please join us in honoring him!

### **Coming Soon: Annual Awards/Initiation Ceremony**

Food! Fellowship! Ambience! In a break from recent tradition, this year Chi Chapter's annual meeting will be held in the Coronation Room in the Indiana Memorial Union on the IU Bloomington campus. The Coronation Room is a separate meeting room located inside the Tudor Room. Your registration fee of \$11.00 entitles you to the Tudor Room's Grand Buffet, which includes soup and salad bar, hot table, beverages, and the best sinful desserts in Bloomington. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and our business meeting starts at 12:30. Come and give our new initiates a warm welcome--all Chi chapter members are cordially invited to attend!

Register in advance for the Awards/Initiation event by completing the form included in this newsletter (cost is \$11.00/person) or pay at the door on April 11th.

### **Chi Chapter Board Positions**

If you would like to serve on the Executive Board of Chi Chapter, please contact Anna Martinson, Chi Chapter President (amartins@indiana.edu).

## Career Forum Draws Students

The Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu and the SLIS student chapter of ALA co-sponsored a Career Panel on October 11th, 2002 at IU Bloomington. The Panel was part of SLIS career week activities. The topic of the panel discussion was two-pronged: *"What to do when they offer you the job,"* and *"Building your LIS resume and other job-hunting tips."* Attendance was excellent! Featured speakers were Jan Gillespie from INCOLSA, Chris Knott from the Georgetown Law Library, David Lewis from IUPUI, and Cass Owens from Monroe County Public Library. The panel of speakers covered wide-ranging topics, including: how to size up a potential new job, which type of resume is best, what is the employment outlook for LIS positions, what questions should job seekers ask of potential employers, and how one determines a fair salary. These topics represent just a sampling of the issues addressed.

## National BPM Scholarships Available

Multiple scholarship and fellowship opportunities exist for BPM members.

One is the Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Professional Education (\$1,250). This scholarship is awarded to librarians to increase their professional skills through additional study or attendance at a formal program or workshop. No application form is required. Requirements for this scholarship include:

- Current vita
- 1-2 page typed description of your plans for study and the relevance to your present job and your plans for the future.

The scholarship is awarded on:

- Plan of study
- Usefulness of the planned study to the applicant's present job, and/or
- Usefulness of the planned study to the applicant's future professional endeavors

Continuing professional education should not be interpreted exclusively as attendance at formal programs or workshops but can be activities that will increase the professional skills of the recipient. The Scholarship gives very low priority to those applicants who are pursuing a formal degree program.

For more information on various BPM scholarships and fellowships, see: [www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html](http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html).



## Send Us Your News and Email Addresses!

Do you have information about recent events, publications, or conferences you've attended? We are always looking for current news items that involve Chi Chapter members! We're also looking for current email addresses so we can send the newsletter in digital format. If you received a print copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please let us know how to contact you via email. Send email addresses or update information to:

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8265 S. 1000 E. Lafayette, IN 47905.

There is also a "member update" section at the Chi Chapter website:  
<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/members.html>

## President's Letter

As I struggle with my own (and my friends') feelings of worry and fear about the imminent threat of involvement in war, it has become clear to me that I very much value local connections and the seemingly small contributions we each make on a daily basis.

A year ago I was nervous about assuming the responsibilities of the presidency of Chi Chapter. Prior presidents have devoted countless hours to their service and I wanted to live up to their examples. Today my thoughts are warm with how much board members have supported me over the past year. I've been out of town at key times and other board members have stepped in to take my place in welcoming the latest group of students to SLIS. When I've been at a loss for whom to suggest as a speaker the rest of the board has leapt in with suggestions. Similarly, when trying to think of a location to hold this spring's initiation, the board came up with a half-dozen viable suggestions in less than five minutes. When the call for a temporary Treasurer went out in the fall newsletter, our reading community responded.

Please join me in expressing appreciation for the service of the entire Chi community.

--Anna Martinson

## 2003 Dues and Change of Address

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and are interested in joining Chi Chapter or renewing your current membership, you may pay your dues (\$10.00/yr.) at the initiation/ awards event, or just send your dues to:

Anna Martinson,  
Chi Chapter President  
2978 E. Amy Lane,  
Bloomington, IN 47408

Please let us know if you have changed your address recently by sending current address information to the above address, or, you may update your records by sending a "Chi Membership Update" from the Chi website at: <http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/members.html>.

In addition, send your change of address notification to the National Society: Beta Phi Mu, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2100.

## Nominees for Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter Executive Board 2003-2004

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**Reservation Form for the Chi Chapter Annual Awards/Initiation Ceremony**

Friday April 11, 2003 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Coronation Room in the Indiana Memorial Union  
Cost: \$11.00 Form Due by: April 1<sup>st</sup>

Name:

Address:

Email:

Amount Enclosed:

Please mail your check made out to BPM by April 1<sup>st</sup> to: Moira Smith, Indiana University Library E760, 1320 East 10th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-3907.