



## International Library and Information Science Honor Society

# Chi Chapter News

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## Career Forum: Fall 2008

Chi Chapter's Fall Career Forum was held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with IU's Homecoming celebration. The forum featured Dr. Bill Crowe, Special Assistant to the



Bill Crowe, Jim Fish and Cindy Monnier

Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas and former Dean of Libraries; and Dr. Jim Fish, Director, Baltimore County Public Library. Both are SLIS graduates and Distinguished Alumni. Joining them was recent SLIS grad Brian Kleber, Chief Operations Officer of Predictive Physiology and Medicine, Inc.

Bill and Jim traveled to the Indianapolis campus on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> to share their many years of experience with SLIS students there.

This year was our first for expanding our Career Forum to the students at IUPUI.

Chi Chapter thanks Sarah Burton, Director of Finance and Administration at SLIS, for arranging alumni visits.



Andrea Morrison and Brian Kleber

## From Our President Andrea Morrison

Dear Chi Chapter Members,

Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter has focused on organizational renewal and improvements in 2008-2009. In my year of presidency, we seek to improve digital communication with members via our electronic lists and website and to update our paper and digital archives. We wish to offer more information and services to members. Mary Popp, Membership Coordinator, has established Executive Board and member electronic lists. I encourage all of you to regularly renew your membership to help support our mission of scholarship, leadership, and service, our outreach to members, and our new initiatives. You may contact Mary via e-mail with your updated information: [popp@indiana.edu](mailto:popp@indiana.edu). Another way we serve our prospective members is by increasing our Chapter Scholarship award from \$100 to \$200 in the spring of 2009.

Early in 2009, we submitted a request to the Indiana University Digital Library Program to digitize the Chi Chapter archives held at the Indiana University Archives, Wells Library, IUB. In preparing this request, David Ross and I reviewed and updated our paper archives, increasing them significantly. Although the request was not approved, the process of working with IU Archives librarians helped us improve our paper and digital archives. Phil Bantin helped us organize our record management plan and Dina Kellams improved our finding aid online.

[http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/archives/view?doc.view=entire\\_text&brand=ead&docId=InU-Ar-VAA5470](http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/archives/view?doc.view=entire_text&brand=ead&docId=InU-Ar-VAA5470)

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We mourned recently deceased past chapter president, Keith C. Kuhn, by honoring him at the 2008 Fall Initiation and Awards ceremony. Please check out the memorial brochure on our website:

<http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/news/2008-Kuhn-memorial-brochure.pdf>.

Keith was a mentor to students and librarians, and the board is continuing his work by investigating the possibility of a BPM Chi Chapter mentoring program. Other chapters have successfully implemented mentor pro-

grams, and I welcome your feedback and input on this important issue:

e-mail me at [amorriso@indiana.edu](mailto:amorriso@indiana.edu).

You may also contact any board member with ideas for awarding the annual Chapter Service Award.

Please join other Beta Phi Mu chapter members at the Beta Phi Mu General Assembly meeting at ALA Annual Conference this summer in Chicago. It is scheduled for 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009. All members are welcome. I'll give a report for our chapter, and you'll see what the national office and other

chapters are doing – see you there!

A special welcome to new board members: Vice-President, President-Elect, Tony Stamatoplos; and At-Large Member, Krista J. Ledbetter.

There are many opportunities to serve Chi Chapter—if you are interested, let me know.

Finally, a special thanks to Cindy Monnier, Past President, who served a long term as President when we moved our Awards Ceremony to the fall. She has been an enthusiastic leader and an inspiration to us all!

## 2008 Service Award to Dr. Thomas E. Nisonger

Dr. Thomas E. Nisonger is the recipient of the 2008 Beta Phi Mu Chapter Service Award. Dr. Nisonger, recently retired Professor of Library and Information Science, former M.L.S. Program Director and Chi Chapter Faculty Advisor, received the award during the Fall Initiation and Awards Ceremony held Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> during the Indiana Library Federation Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

Dr. Nisonger's acceptance remarks, which can be read at

<http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/Nisonger-BPMRemarks.pdf>,

were full of the warm, gentle humor that graced his popular SLIS classes.

Over the years, Dr. Nisonger was a mainstay in the program, teaching core courses, chairing committees, and authoring three books furthering the practice of librarianship.



Cindy Monnier and Dr. Thomas E. Nisonger

## 2008 Scholarship Award



Rebekah Wiesenhofer receives the 2008 Chi Chapter Scholarship Award from Dr. Nisonger for her work, "Slam Poetry and the Poetry Slam: A Research Guide," nominated by Lokman Meho.

## BPM Scholarships Available

For information on various BPM scholarships and fellowships, see

<http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html>.

# Chi Chapter History: Career Forum and Scholarship

By Penny Mathiesen

In the mid-1990s, the Chi Chapter Executive Board discussed ways to make Beta Phi Mu a more visible presence for SLIS students at Indiana University. Similar programs across the nation were facing changes: some closed, some merged with related programs, and others, including SLIS, expanded their offerings in the realm of information science. The Chi Chapter board sought ways to maintain student awareness of Beta Phi Mu and demonstrate that the honor society could play an active role in supporting both MLS and MIS candidates as they prepared to enter the profession. At that time, Chi Chapter's only event was an annual initiation and service award ceremony. Over a two-year period, board members considered ideas for new programs that would support the three goals of Beta Phi Mu: providing service, demon-

strating leadership, and recognizing scholarship.

The 1995-96 Chi Chapter board organized the first Career Exploration Forum. Board members included Virginia Richey (president), Margaret Harter (vice president/president elect), Brian Sturm (secretary), Penelope Mathiesen (treasurer), Jan Preusz (past president), Stephen Harter (faculty advisor), and Mary Krutulius (membership coordinator).

The first forum, held at SLIS on 6 October 1995, featured participants from academic, public, and special libraries; school media centers; and independent information services. Chi Chapter planned the event, invited the speakers, and provided refreshments. The co-sponsors were ALA-SC, ASIS, InSLA, and SLIS, which provided the rooms. Over fifty students and sixteen resource people attended.

The following year, the 1996-97 Chi Chapter board established the Beta Phi Mu Student Award for Scholarship. Board members included Margaret Harter (president), Connie Patsiner (vice president/president elect), Mary Ann Tuytschaevers (secretary), Penelope Mathiesen (treasurer), Virginia Richey (past president), Stephen Harter (faculty advisor), and Mary Krutulius (membership coordinator).

The first awards for outstanding student papers or projects were announced on 1 May 1997 during Chi Chapter's initiation and award ceremony at the Indiana Library Federation's annual conference in Indianapolis. The joint winners were John Hibbard and Joyce B. Adams.

The career forum and scholarship award continued as annual activities in the years that followed, thanks to the ongoing efforts of successive Chi Chapter boards.

## Treasurer's Report

By Julie Hardesty, Chapter Treasurer

Income		Expenses	
Membership renewals	\$ 210.00	Initiation catering	\$ 199.40
Rebate from National	15.00	Scholarship award	100.00
Initiation breakfast	140.00		
New initiates	1,000.00		
Total income	1,365.00	Total expenses	299.40
Assets		Liabilities	
Cash assets	4,575.49	Natl. dues	(2,430.00)
		2009 Scholarship	(200.00)
Total assets	4,575.49	Total liabilities	(2,630.00)
<b>NET WORTH</b>		<b>\$1,945.49</b>	

## Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter Officers

**President** Andrea Morrison, IU Libraries

**Vice President** Tony Stamatoplos, IUPUI

**Treasurer** Julie Hardesty, IU Digital Library Program

**Secretary** Penny Gillie, Monroe County Public Library

**Membership Coordinator** Mary Popp, IU Libraries

**At Large** David Ross, Morgan County Public Library (Retired)

**At Large** Penny Mathiesen, Freelance Editor and Writer

**At Large** Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Public Library

**Past President** Cindy Monnier, Indiana Chamber of Commerce

**Faculty Sponsor** Ralf Shaw, IU SLIS

## Member Update

Krista Ledbetter (nee Quigley) is Director of the Morgan County (Indiana) Public Library.

Arianne Hartsell is now Arianne Hartsell-Gundy. She serves as Humanities Librarian at Miami University of Ohio.

# New Inductees

## Congratulations and welcome to our new members!

Beverly Burmeister, Jill Dixon, Anastasia Guimaraes, Sarah Horowitz, Caitlin Hunter, Linda A. Lewis, Penelope S. Marsh, Matthew Stevons, Christine M. Sterle and Kimberly S. Thompson

## Dues, Address Changes and News about You

Our membership year is November 1 through October 31. If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and need to pay your 2008-2009 membership dues, please send a check for \$10 made out to Beta Phi Mu to:

### **Mary Popp, Beta Phi Mu, Chi Chapter Membership**

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Please update your address records and share your recent accomplishments! Send information to Mary Popp at the address above. We want to hear from you!

If you are changing your address, please also send your change of address notification to the National Beta Phi Mu office:

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