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Friday April 22nd: Annual Awards/Initiation Ceremony at Monroe County History Center

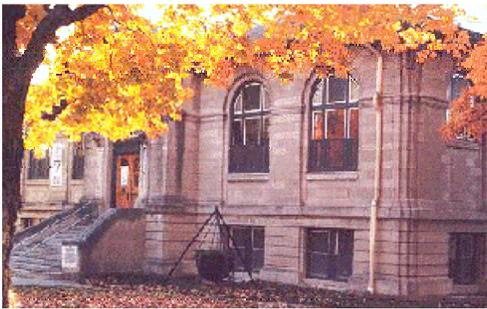


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Time to see old friends and make new! Last year, our meeting was held at the Monroe County Public Library, thanks to Steve Backs.

This year our meeting will be held in the 1918 former Carnegie library, now the **Monroe County History Center** (just west of the Monroe County Public Library at Washington & 6th St) Friday, April 22, 2005. Refreshments will be provided. The rooms will be open at 3:00; our business meeting starts at 3:30 and should last approximately an hour. Come and give our new initiates a warm welcome--all Chi Chapter members are cordially invited to attend! Free parking and metered parking is available adjacent. The Center includes Museum, genealogy library and gift shop.

Chi Chapter Board Positions

If you would like to serve on the Executive Board of Chi Chapter, or nominate a candidate for 2005-2006, please contact Steve Backs (sbacks@monroe.lib.in.us).

New Alum / Student Event: Interviewing Skills & Cover Letters! April 1 Friday

See your old SLIS friends and make new contacts! Volunteers are needed for a new BPM Bloomington event for students and alums, co-sponsored with IU SLIS. Joel Berger of C Berger & Co., a Chicago librarians' placement firm, will be our lunch speaker at the IU Union, followed by small break-out sessions with experienced librarians and students. The Indiana SLA chapter has held their successful Round Robin Resume Review for several years now. In this follow-on event, SLIS alums will help current students with practice interviews and sample cover letters, good and "needs improvement". Be there! There will be an admission charge. Contact Cindy Monnier at 317-264-7511 or cmonnier@indianachamber.com for further information and to reserve a seat.

From President David Ross: Taking our inspiration from Mead or Goodman

Are you looking for a way to make a difference, but find your organization too large to hear your voice? Do you have a vision for librarianship? Do you care deeply about your fellow professionals and your institutions? Do you want to help the best and the brightest find their way into careers in library and information science?

If you have answered yes to these questions, then you are really saying: "I'd like to work with the Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu!"

This year the Chi Chapter has been re-inventing itself: taking on a new career readiness program in conjunction with IU SLIS, planning for member recruitment, new services, and enhanced communications. It's a daunting task, but one within our reach. Our board has made a good beginning this year. If you value this work, please pitch in and help us move forward toward our goals.

Assuming that librarians are indeed "committed citizens," I offer the following quote from Margaret Mead:
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." The most exciting thing about Beta Phi Mu to me is the great potential latent in the sum of our talents! If we can harness that, we can prove Margaret is correct, and we can all be very proud of it!

However grand that may sound, some of our more down-to-earth members may gravitate toward the view of Ellen Goodman: "I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people convinced that they are about to change the world. I am more awed by...those who... struggle to make one small difference after another." We're flexible! Whichever style you choose, visionary or realist, there's much good work here at Chi Chapter left to be done!

Enough from this old comparatist! What inspires your librarianship? Why not contribute something to our next newsletter?

New Chi Chapter Website in the Works

Thanks to the excellent efforts of our BPM board member and Membership Coordinator Erika Dowell, of the Lilly Library in Bloomington, we will soon have a new website! Look for the new website around the time of our membership meeting April 22.

<http://ella.slis.indiana.edu/g/bpm/>

Career Forum October '04

The Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu and the SLIS student chapter of ALA once again co-sponsored a Career Forum, held October 15th, 2004 at IU Bloomington. Speakers addressed changes in the job market, including new career opportunities, and what skill sets will best serve the library and information professional of the future. This year's Career Forum was co-sponsored by these SLIS student organizations: ALA, ACM, SLA, and ASIST.

Many thanks to our speakers:

- **Keith Kuhn**, Head of Public Services, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- **Brian Kleber**, Director, Bloomington Small Business Development Center/inVenture
- **Cheryl Niemeier**, Director Library Services, Bose McKinney & Evans, Indianapolis
- **Dr. Kalpana Shankar**, Assistant Professor, IU School of Informatics

National BPM Scholarships Available

Multiple scholarship and fellowship opportunities exist for BPM members.

One is the Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study (\$1,500). This scholarship is awarded to librarians or library/information studies students to survey foreign libraries or programs, attend a foreign library school, and/or to do research in a foreign country. No application form is required. Requirements for this scholarship include:

- Current vita
- One or two page typed description of the planned foreign study with some indication of plans to use the information gained. Include any previous experience in foreign travel or study, as well as any languages you can read or write

The Scholarship will be awarded on:

- Plan of study or research
- Usefulness of the study or research to the applicant and to the profession

It is anticipated that recipients of this scholarship will submit a paper pertaining to their study to Beta Phi Mu within one year of completion of the study.

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

2005 Dues

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:

Steve Backs
Chi Chapter Treasurer
Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47408

Change of Address

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 current 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 Chi Chapter Executive Board 2005-2006

President: **Susan Catt**
Ivy Tech State College, Bloomington

Vice-President: **Keith Kuhn**
Cincinnati Public Library

Treasurer: **Steve Backs**
Monroe County Public Library

Secretary: **Cindy Monnier**
Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Membership Coordinator:
Erika Dowell
Lilly Library Indiana University

At Large: **Denise Shockley**
Sara Laughlin and Associates

At Large: **Ginny Richey**

Past President: **David Ross**
Morgan County Public Library

Faculty Sponsor: **Tom Nisonger**
IU School of Library & Information Science

Proposed by-laws change

Motion passed at June 2004 board meeting to strike out Article IV section #2, which now states: "The Membership Coordinator and Faculty Sponsor are appointed by the School of Library and Information Science and considered members of the Executive Board."

We will discuss and vote on this at the April membership meeting.

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