



# BETA PHI MU

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*Cindy Monnier, Editor*

### **Friday April 28th: Annual Awards/Initiation Ceremony Monroe County Public Library**

Time to see old friends and make new!

This year our **Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony** will be held in the **Monroe County Public Library**, 303 East Kirkwood Ave at N Lincoln St , northeast corner, **Friday, April 28, 2006 from 10:00 am to noon**. Refreshments will be provided. The rooms will be open at 10:00 for you to visit with friends and have a bite; our business meeting starts at 10:30 and should last approximately an hour. Our Scholarship Award is for excellence in student research as submitted by SLIS faculty; and our Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the profession. Come and give our new initiates a warm welcome--all Chi Chapter members are cordially invited to attend!

#### **Chi Chapter Board Positions-Available!**

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Chi Chapter, or would like to nominate a candidate for 2006-2007, please contact Susan Catt at [scatt@ivytech.edu](mailto:scatt@ivytech.edu)

### **Career Extravaganza! Interviewing Skills & Cover Letters April 7th Friday**

Second annual! Volunteers are needed for our BPM Career Extravaganza for students and alums, co-sponsored with IU SLIS. Participating SLIS alum will meet at 11:30 at the IU Union Tudor Room, for buffet lunch (optional, at your expense) (BPM table will be reserved). We will meet with students at 1:30 pm, then adjourn to small break-out sessions in the "Tree Suites" of the Union , ending around 4:00pm. We alums will help current students practice interviewing skills, and by sharing sample cover letters, including "good" and "needs improvement". Bring sample interview questions and sample cover letters to share. Contact Susan Catt [scatt@ivytech.edu](mailto:scatt@ivytech.edu) for further information and to reserve a seat.

#### **From Our President Susan Catt....**

Dear Chi Chapter Members,

In October, Chi Chapter hosted another lively Career Forum at SLIS. The forum consisted of a panel discussion with question and answer gave students an opportunity to talk with

librarians/information specialists in an informal setting. It was an enlightening event for all.

Although my year as president is coming to a close, we still have two more exciting events in the planning. In this newsletter you will find details about the Career Extravaganza to be held **on April 7<sup>th</sup>** and our awards/initiation/membership meeting to be held **on April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

The Career Extravaganza is another opportunity for us to be of service to those studying to be librarians and information specialists. We are hoping many of you will come and share your expertise on cover letters and interviewing with current SLIS students.

The April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is a chance to honor those who excelled academically at SLIS (both this year's initiates and the Student Scholarship Award winner) as well as an individual who has excelled in the field (Service Award winner). This is also the event where the Chi Chapter Board will be elected. Please plan to join us.

For those of you who are I.U. SLIS alumni don't forget the alumni receptions hosted by SLIS and the SLIS Alumni Board. They will be held in Bloomington (Woodburn House) on **March 20<sup>th</sup>** and in Indianapolis (Rathskeller Restaurant, 401 E Michigan St) on **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, both 6:00 to 7:30 pm. For more details check the SLIS website <http://www.slis.indiana.edu/>.

I want to offer my personal thanks to the Beta Phi Mu, Chi Chapter Board for their support and hard work this past year. Thanks also to you, the Chi Chapter members for your support. Without your membership we could not continue sponsoring our service and scholarship events on behalf of SLIS students and the profession.

--Susan Catt, Chi Chapter President

## Career Forum October '05

The Chi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu and co-sponsors SLIS student chapters of American Library Association (ALA), American Society of Information Science and Technology (ASIST), Association of Computer Machinery (ACM), Society of American Archivists (SAA) and Special Libraries Association (SLA), presented a Career Forum, held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Bloomington. President Susan Catt, of Ivy Tech, Bloomington, moderated. 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. Many thanks to our speakers:

- **Ned Heeger-Brehm**, Manager, Groesbeck Branch, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- **Dr. Susan Mannan**, Library Director and Library Technical Assistant Program Chair, Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis.
- **Suzanne Mudge**, Librarian/Cataloger, Archives of Traditional Music, Indiana University.
- **Catherine Trinkle**, Media Specialist, Hickory Elementary School, Avon Indiana



**Susan Catt introduces the Forum speakers:  
Suzanne Mudge, Ned Heeger-Brehm, Susan Mannan, Catherine Trinkle**



Dr Susan Mannan talks careers with a SLIS student.

**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 based 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](http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html)

**Special Thanks: to Rita Barsun for proofing and working with SLIS to get our newsletter in the mail these past two years! We'll miss you!!**

**2006 Dues; Address changes**

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 on April 28, or just send your dues to:

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

You may update your address records by sending a "Chi Membership Update" from the current Chi website : <http://ella.slis.indiana.edu/g/bpm/> 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.

**Treasurer's Report as of 1-23-06**  
**From Steve Backs, Chi Chapter Treasurer**

Income 4/22/05-1/23/2006		Expenses 4/22/05-1/23/06	
Initiation Fees	\$1050.00	2005 Scholarship	\$100.00
Renewals	\$550.00	2005 Annual Meeting Supplies	\$196.98
		2005 Newsletter supplies/postage	\$266.51
		BPM/SLIS Career event 4/1/05	\$125.00
		Initiation Fees	\$1050.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,738.49</b>
		<b>Balance 4/22/05</b>	<b>\$1,167.75</b>
		<b>Balance 1/23/06</b>	<b>\$1,029.26</b>

**Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board 2006-2007**

- President:** Keith Kuhn  
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- Vice-President:** OPEN
- Treasurer:** Denise Shockley, Sara Laughlin & Assoc.
- Secretary:** Cindy Monnier,  
Indiana Chamber Commerce
- Membership Coordinator:** OPEN
- At Large:** David Ross  
Morgan County Public Library
- At Large:** Ginny Richey, Retired
- Past President:** Susan Catt, Ivy Tech, Bloomington
- Faculty Sponsor:** Tom Nisonger  
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