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November 20, 2008: Our Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony Indiana State Library

Reserve now!

Please note that we will be at the **Indiana State Library**, second level, **History Reference Room** (rather than the Indiana Chamber of Commerce).

7:30 a.m. Doors open. Brunch served.

8:00 Program begins

8:50 Program concludes

Our **Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony** will be held during the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

New initiates will be inducted, and our Scholarship and Service Awards will be presented.

Our Service Award winner, Dr. Nisonger (profile below) will discuss his career and his secrets to success!

We thank State Librarian Roberta Brooker for making this beautiful space available to Beta Phi Mu.

Reservation Deadline is FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14th.

Please mail your reservation with a check for \$20 payable to Beta Phi Mu to:

Mary Popp, Beta Phi Mu

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Keith Kuhn: In Remembrance

Keith Kuhn, our Chi Chapter Immediate Past



President, died unexpectedly on May 6 after a short illness. Keith served on our Chi Chapter Board for over two years, and brought a thoughtful approach to our planning. We mourn his untimely passing, a great shock to everyone.

Keith was a very active supporter of SLIS in many ways. He served as president of the

Alumni Board for several years, and was a recent recipient of the ALA 2007 Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to the Children. Quoting from the Fall 2007 issue of SLIS Network, "According to jury chair Tim Grimes, Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library, Kuhn was "selected for his leadership role in making children's services an organizational priority for the library system." He established the Keith C. Kuhn Tri-State Scholarship for Cincinnati-area students to pursue their library degree at Indiana University.

Since 2000, Keith was Library Services Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, where he had worked since 1979. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and a master's in library science from IU in Bloomington. He was a co-founder of Cincinnati USA Books by the Banks Festival. Keith was 57. Friend Mark Rebstock noted that "He was a very special guy. He did a lot for a lot of organizations as well as the

library. He had a big impact on the lives of so many people, especially young people just starting their careers. He prompted them to reach for the stars. He was a great mentor and many people who attended his funeral made note of that aspect of his life."

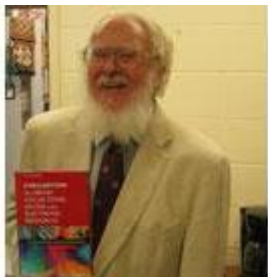
Career Forum: Fall 2008

This year, Chi Chapter's Fall Career Forum will be held in conjunction with IU's Homecoming celebration. The forum on the Bloomington campus will be held Wednesday October 22 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at SLIS, and will feature visits to campus from two of our SLIS graduates and Distinguished Alumni Award winners. We are fortunate to have as our guests Dr. Bill Crowe, Special Assistant to the Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas and former Dean of Libraries; and Dr. Jim Fish, Director, Baltimore County Public Library. Recent SLIS grad Brian Kleber, Chief Operations Officer, Predictive Physiology and Medicine, Inc., will also be a panelist. Sarah Burton, Director of Finance and Administration at SLIS, has arranged for their visits.

Bill and Jim will also travel to the Indianapolis campus on Friday the 24th to share their many years' experience with students there. This year is our first for expanding our popular Career Forum to the students at IUPUI, Friday October 24, 2008 12:15 to 1:15 pm, UL 1126.

The goal of our Career Forum is to help current SLIS students gain insights for their own career planning by listening to the experiences of those who have gone before.

Dr. Tom Nisonger: Chi Chapter Service Award Winner



Dr. Nisonger is the recipient of this year's Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter Service Award. Congratulations to Dr. Nisonger, and thank you for your years serving as our Chi Chapter as Faculty Liaison. We look forward

to your address at our Nov. 20th Initiation Ceremony in Indianapolis.

Tom recently retired as Professor of Library and Information Science and M.L.S. Program Director. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1976. Dr. Nisonger is completing his 20th year at SLIS. He is pictured here with his recent book, *Evaluation of Library Collections, Access, and Electronic Resources:*

A Literature Guide and Annotated Bibliography.
He can be reached at nisonge@indiana.edu.

Word from President-Elect Andrea Morrison

Looking forward: BPM priorities for the coming year

Our Chi Chapter membership year starts in November 2008 with a bang on the 20th with a special recognition and awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the Indiana Library Federation's annual conference in Indianapolis. As incoming President, I want to share our goals next year with you. Look for the board members at the ceremony or contact us and let us know what you think of the goals and what you would like us to do.

Our first priority is to improve our electronic communication. We are transitioning our newsletter to digital media and our communication with members to digital only. We have already made a good start this year. Many members have let us know this is what they want, and we do plan on making print newsletters and communication available upon request for members who require it. The benefits are enormous. We will spend time and effort on the content of our communication and less on the process.

Archiving our materials in print and digital format is a major project for the coming year. We will be contacting past Board members to contribute materials to make our archives current and complete. The Indiana University Archives now holds our archives and the finding aid is available online at <http://purl.dlib.indiana.edu/iudl/findingaids/archives/InU-Ar-VAA5470>. They will work in collaboration with us to improve this finding aid and the description of important items.

Our annual Fall Career forums at SLIS in Bloomington and in Indianapolis are an important part of our work. We hope to increase our membership so we can continue to recognize outstanding librarians with our service awards and assist students with our monetary scholarship awards.

One new initiative is a mentoring program. We have heard from members that they are eager to be useful to new graduating students and younger members. Networking can help our members in their careers. Mentoring has been successful in other Beta Phi Mu Programs and we look forward to setting one up for Chi Chapter!

Volunteers for Chi Chapter activities are welcome - please contact me at amorriso@indiana.edu with your comments and feedback. I'm looking forward to serving you.

BPM Scholarships Available

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

2007- 8 Dues and Address Changes

The board has established our fiscal year as November 1 through October 31. If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and need to pay your current membership dues (\$10), please send to:

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You may update your address records and share your recent accomplishments by sending information to Mary Popp. See above for contact information.

In addition, please send your change of address notification to the National Beta Phi Mu office:
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Chi Chapter Welcomes Ralf Shaw

Many thanks to Dr Debora (Ralf) Shaw, of the SLIS faculty, for being our new Faculty Sponsor. Ralf's roots are firmly planted in the Midwest. A native of Michigan, she earned her B.A. and M.A.L.S. from University of Michigan, where she belonged to the Mu Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. She worked at Youngstown State University in Ohio before coming to IU for her Ph.D. In 1988 SLIS lured her back from a faculty position at the University of Illinois.

Ralf has worn many hats at SLIS, most recently that of Associate Dean. This semester is her first to teach

Collection Development and Management. She takes occasional breaks from SLIS to walk her dog, Ready. Together, they enjoy exploring the woods around Griffy Lake in Bloomington.

When asked about her goals as faculty sponsor, Ralf responded, "Chi Chapter has been a good way to connect SLIS students with accomplished people in the field. I'd like to continue that tradition, maintaining and building on the career forum and student scholarship award programs. I want to help Chi Chapter continue to inspire and encourage excellent work by SLIS students."

Treasurer's Report as of 10-3-08
From Julie Hardesty, Chi Chapter Treasurer

Income 1-19-08 to 10-3-08		Expenses 1-19-08 to 10-3-08	
Dues received	\$180.00	Membership mailing	\$98.40
Total Income	\$180.00	Total Expenses	\$98.40
Assets 10-3-08:		Liabilities:	
Cash	\$3,474.28	Due to National-New initiations	\$1,530.00
		Net Worth	\$1,944.28

Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board 2008-2009

- President: Andrea Morrison, IU Libraries**
- President-Elect: 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**
- At Large: Penny Mathiesen, Freelance Editor and Writer**
- At Large: Krista Ledbetter, Morgan Co. Public Library**
- Past President: Cindy Monnier, Indiana Chamber of Commerce**
- Faculty Sponsor: Ralf Shaw, IU SLIS**

Correction: The list of "Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board 2008-09" published in the last issue of this newsletter was actually the list of current 2007-08 board members. Sorry for any confusion.

Chi Chapter Member Updates

Sara Laughlin is now **Director of the Monroe County Public Library** in **Bloomington, IN**

Krista Quigley Ledbetter is **Assistant Director of the Morgan County (Indiana) Public Library**

Christopher Mehrens is now **Head, Music Library, Arizona State University Libraries** in **Tempe Arizona**.

Christopher Walker recently had a chapter published in the new book ***Radical Cataloging: Essays at the Front***. He also wrote an article

about library pioneer Julia Pettee to be published in the May 2009 issue of ***Libraries and the Cultural Record***. Chris is **Serials Cataloging Librarian** at the **Pennsylvania State University Libraries**.

Please send us your news! We will print your updates in our next newsletter. You may e-mail your news to Mary Popp, popp@indiana.edu; snail mail still works as well.

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