



Beta Phi Mu –
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– Chi Chapter News
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Cindy Monnier, Editor

From President Susan Catt:

Dear BPM Members,

In April, Chi Chapter held its annual awards and induction ceremony. I am embarrassed to say it is the first time I have attended. When I graduated from SLIS in 1994 and was invited into membership I was unable to attend (was the ceremony held during ILF then?) and since I have just not made the time.

The loss is mine. I found both the ritual and the camaraderie moving and enjoyable. During the induction ceremony twelve new members were welcomed into Chi Chapter. The annual scholarship award was presented by Dr. Tom Nisonger, our SLIS faculty representative, to Sarah B. Cornell for her thought-provoking paper "Abstention from the Electronic Commons: Autonomy versus Universal Service." The service award was presented to Martha Roblee for her 32 years of service to libraries in Indiana. At the reception we all enjoyed chatting and learning a bit about one another.

The induction of new members, the scholarship award, and the service award all help Chi Chapter fulfill the purposes of Beta Phi Mu --

The purposes of Beta Phi Mu are to recognize distinguished achievement in and scholarly contributions to librarianship, information studies or library education, and to sponsor and support appropriate professional and scholarly projects related to these fields.

The Beta Phi Mu motto, *Aliis inserviando consumer* (Consumed in the service of others) speaks to the dedication of librarians and information specialists in their role of providing service to their clientele. But I think the meaning can be broadened to include service to those studying to be librarians and information specialists.

With this in mind I would like to invite you to attend our career forum on Friday, October 28 from 2-4pm at SLIS. The first hour will be a panel of librarians and information specialist from a variety of backgrounds talking about their areas of expertise followed by questions from SLIS students. The second hour will be a reception and an opportunity for SLIS students to chat with professionals in their area of interest. Come and spread the word about what you do!

--Susan Catt, Chi Chapter President

**Career Forum
Friday October 28, 2005**

The 2005 Chi Chapter Career Forum will be held on Friday, October 28, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the SLIS Auditorium. Panelists will address changes in the job market, including new career opportunities, and what skill sets will best serve the library and information professional of the future. Where will the best jobs for SLIS graduates be found in the years ahead? Find out at the Career Forum! Refreshments and networking will follow the panel discussion.

Speakers include:

Ned Heeger-Brehm, Branch Manager
The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton
County

Susan Mannan, Director
Ivy Tech Community College-Indianapolis

Catherine Trinkle, Media Specialist
Hickory Elementary, Avon, Indiana

Suzanne Mudge, Assistant Librarian/Cataloger
Archives of Traditional Music, IU-Bloomington

**2005 Chi Chapter Annual
Awards/Initiation News**



Ann Shaffer

Jane E. Gastineau

Initiation

The annual Awards/Initiation Meeting was held at the Monroe County History Center on May 25. This was the original Carnegie Library for Monroe County, built in 1918. Twelve new members were initiated into Beta Phi Mu. The Board and current Chi Chapter members would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members:

Christa A. Cummings
Jane E. Gastineau
Marybeth Gaudette
Janice E. Gustafarro
Jennifer Hanson
Kira Homo

Linda Judd
Krista Knapp
Jason Price
Heather Rayl
Ann Shaffer
Shawn E. Wilson

Service Award

The Chi Chapter Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the profession.



President David Ross presents the 2005 BPM Service Award to Martha Roblee

This year's Service Award recipient was Martha Roblee, who recently retired after 32 years of service at the Indiana State Library as Associate Director for Library Development. Martha gave a very interesting talk, and we learned much about the outreach program of this unique library. Library development used to be known as "extension services," and it still functions as an outreach and support system for local library directors and staff throughout the state. This job was about being an "advocate for libraries- maintaining a positive outlook in the face of obstacles..." During her tenure, Martha helped bring technology (computers) and eventually Internet access to libraries statewide. Her role was one of being at the center of change, bringing in new projects and grant money, giving advice on library law, and helping managers deal with library trustees. In 1974 the interlibrary loan program was started and the 1980's saw a new mainframe computer, new training programs for library trustees, and library operations standards. In the 1990's Indiana was one of the first states to have a cooperative Internet network, and was the first state to have video over Internet for training. Martha has a BS in Biology from Indiana University and an IU MLS, '72. Former co-worker Jinny Andis worked with Martha from the late 1980's and gave her remembrances of those years.

2005 \$100 Scholarship Awarded to Sarah Cornell



Sarah Cornell accepts our Scholarship Award from faculty sponsor Dr. Tom Nisonger

Dr. Tom Nisonger presented the 2004-2005 Student Scholarship Award of \$100 to Sarah B. Cornell for her paper "Abstention from the Electronic Commons: Autonomy versus Universal Service." The nomination was made by Professor Alice Robbin. This paper was written for her L563 class "Information Policies, Economics, and the Law." Dr. Nisonger noted that Sarah's paper received the award because it was "well-grounded in political theory and synthesized research findings to address a cutting edge topic of considerable importance: people choosing not to use the Internet. She argues people should have the autonomy to choose not to use the Internet. However, society has the responsibility to make sure 'non-users are not non-users because they cannot become users' and that non-users are included in public discourse. The paper was well-written and well-organized." This award was started in the late 1990s by Dr. Steven Harter of the SLIS faculty.

Sarah's paper and other past Chi Chapter scholarship papers are available at:
<http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/index.html>

A word from VP Keith Kuhn

As president of the SLIS Alumni Board, I'm always impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of SLIS alumni for both SLIS and for Indiana



(L to R) Members Ginny Richey, Martha Roblee and Penny Mathieson catch up with friends and acquaintances at the Spring Initiation on May 25th

University. The Beta Phi Mu Board is planning to work closely with the SLIS Alumni Board to explore joint program opportunities for SLIS graduates. The SLIS Alumni Board and BPM together have an even larger audience and source of creative ideas for strengthening our network.

One of the ways that we demonstrate our support is by keeping in touch with our classmates and making new friends with fellow alumni, and one of the best ways of doing this is through the SLIS Alumni Association, a society of the Indiana University Alumni Association. Both organizations help alumni stay in touch with each other, provide information about developments within individual schools and the university, and facilitate the continued excellence of SLIS and the university. If you're an alumni member of Chi Chapter, please consider a membership in IUAA as well—it's a great way to stay engaged with the university and ensure its ongoing success.

You can learn more about IUAA at
<http://www.alumni.indiana.edu>

2005 Chi Chapter Scholarship Deadline – February 16 2006

The deadline for submissions for the 2005-2006 Chi Chapter Student Scholarship Award (\$100) is February 16, 2006. For more information on our Student Scholarship Award, check our website at:

<http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/index.html>

Chi Chapter Board Positions

If you would be interested in serving on next year's Executive Board of Chi Chapter (May 2006- April 2007) , please contact Keith Kuhn, Chi Chapter Vice President KeithKuhn@cincinnati.library.org

2004-2005 Dues

Steve Backs, Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,029.92 as of 4/30/04.

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) at any Chi Chapter event or send a check at any time to:

Steve Backs c/o Chi Chapter
Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47408

Change of Address

Address changes may be sent to Chi chapter, Steve Backs, or by using the Chi website at:
<http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/index.html>

In addition, change of address notification should be sent to the National Society at Beta Phi Mu, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306

BPM National Scholarships

Five separate scholarship opportunities are available from the national society for 2006. Application may be made from Nov 15, 2005 through March 15, 2006.

Complete information is available at
<http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html>

Mail all applications to Beta Phi Mu, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2100.

Frank B. Sessa - Continuing Education \$ 1,250

This scholarship is awarded to Beta Phi Mu members to increase their professional skills through

additional study or attendance at a formal program or workshop.

Harold Lancour -Foreign Study \$ 1,500

This scholarship is awarded to librarians or library/information studies school students to survey foreign libraries or programs, attend a foreign library school, and/or to do research in a foreign country..

Doctoral Dissertation \$ 2,000

For doctoral students who have completed their course work, this scholarship offers funding to complete the degree.

Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship \$ 3,000

Six of these fellowships will be awarded each year. This fellowship is awarded to library and information science doctoral students who are working on their dissertations.

Spring Beta Phi Mu Career Extravaganza

The inaugural **Career Extravaganza**, co-sponsored by SLIS and Beta Phi Mu, was held this past Spring, on Friday, April 1, at the IU Memorial Union, and we are tentatively planning on a repeat performance this coming Spring, also in Bloomington. This afternoon event was a chance for current SLIS grads to lend a hand to current SLIS students in the areas of interviewing skills and cover letters. There were about eight alumni from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois and about 25 students in attendance. We had a nice lunch at the Union, using the Tudor room buffet, followed by a talk on the outlook for library jobs and information careers by Joel Berger, of C Berger Group of Chicago. Joel's company places temporary and permanent librarians with companies in the Midwest. Joel was optimistic about "alternative" information careers, less so about public librarianship.

After lunch we broke up into three groups-- Academic, Public and Special libraries--and then practiced interview questions in a round-robin fashion, with alumni posing questions and students practicing their answers. Then we worked on cover letters. Alumni brought examples (both good and less-good) to share with students. The BPM board and SLIS Executive Associate Dean Dr. Deborah (Ralf)

Shaw are planning our second annual Extravaganza, tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2006. We would like to increase student (and alumni) participation, and plan on a more simplified schedule without lunch to encourage students to participate. The Career event is a complement to the BPM Career Forum, held in the Fall, as well as the Indiana Special Libraries Association "Round Robin Resume Review," usually held around February. This event has been very popular with students and allows them to show their resumes to friendly folks who can give them suggestions and talk about career goals as well. Think about being a part of BPM's Career Extravaganza, tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006. It is a great excuse to visit campus as well as see old friends from library school and catch up with them!

Most participants felt this experience was very worthwhile. As one of the organizers, I really appreciated the SLIS alumni who stepped up to help the newcomers learn the ropes. A special "Thank You" goes out to:

Bev Martin, Johnson County Public Library;
Ken Cutshall, Proctor & Gamble, chemistry library;
Sarah Geis, Indiana Grantmakers Alliance;
Rick Provine, DePauw University, Associate CIO for Library Information Services;
Matt Gullett, IT Services Librarian, Bloomington Library, Bloomington, IL;
Matt Paris, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville;
Cindy Monnier, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis.

Also special thanks to **Fawn Blackwell**, SLIS student assistant, for her great skill and follow-through with arrangements.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Steve Backs** reported at our annual meeting that our balance as of May 25, 2005, was \$1,167.75.

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