Information management in a corporate setting can take many forms. For Shannon Roberts (MS ’12), it involves working as a price and market analyst for John Deere. For GSLIS master’s student Kelsey Heffren, it means conducting oral history interviews of longtime staff at W. W. Grainger, Inc., and working to organize, preserve, and expand the company’s intellectual property collection. And for GSLIS master’s student Steve Sprieser, an intern and terminology analyst at Intelligent Medical Objects, Inc. (IMO), it consists of working with Python and SQL to map medical terminology for the healthcare industry.

GSLIS students with an interest in corporate information management graduate with a strong foundation for work in this diverse field, but knowing how to set oneself apart, and even deciding which direction to go, can be a challenge. “People with our skill set are good in marketing, business development, strategy, and pricing,” said Roberts. “There are so many options that people just aren’t really aware of.”

Preparation for work in the realm of corporate information management often

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involves more than classroom learning. In fact, practical experience in a corporate setting is an essential part of the education of any student who hopes to start his or her career at a company like Deere, Grainger, or IMO.

Roberts, who interned at Deere’s Research Park office in Champaign before being hired to work at the company’s headquarters, knows the value of real-world experience combined with a conceptual background formed at GSLIS. “As good as the classes are, they can’t really give you the day-to-day understanding of what a corporate office is like,” she said.

Even students who are early in their graduate studies can apply the ideas presented in introductory courses to practical experience. Both Heffren and Sprieser, first-year graduate students who completed their internships this summer, found that the higher-level concepts learned at GSLIS prepared them for work in a corporate setting, and they were able to build on that foundation with skills gained from working in the real world.

“The higher-level concepts, to look at information from a different point of view, those are things that I’m using almost on a daily basis,” Sprieser said. “In terms of the conceptual level of understanding, the skills coming out of GSLIS are directly pertinent to what I’m doing here at IMO.”

Heffren’s understanding of the best practices of digital preservation, and her ability to translate that into practical applications at Grainger, has been one of her major contributions as an intern, according to Erwin Cruz, director of intellectual property strategy and management. Heffren believes that her experience at GSLIS was the primary reason she was selected for the Grainger internship. “My manager obviously knew the value of GSLIS when he hired me,” she said.

Lessons gleaned from internship experiences can also be brought back to campus by those students who are still working on their degrees. For Sprieser, the opportunity to see what production-ready code really looks like was eye opening and has changed the way he’ll approach coding projects in his classes. After being notified that she had been selected for her internship, Heffren chose classes that she thought would be most useful in her upcoming position, and she’s now working toward a degree that focuses on both data curation and corporate librarianship.

Tailoring one’s courses in preparation for a particular career plan is nothing new, and it’s not the only way to start on a path to getting that dream job. Roberts recommends looking at job descriptions to get an idea of what

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of Readers which is co-taught with Assistant Professor Bonnie Mak. “I value engagement through discussions and hands-on exercises that move our students from theory toward practice,” said McDowell. “The practicalities of, say, being a youth services librarian entail an enormous amount of converting concepts of learning, development, and narrative engagement into practical strategies and events, from cultural programming to traditional story times.”

Recently, McDowell’s research has led her to explore history and emerging directions in the cultural spaces of youth services. In November 2012, McDowell presented on “Places, Spaces, and Ideas: Public Library Architecture and Technologies for Children” at the Peoria group Central Illinois Regional Children’s Librarians (CIRCL). She is now researching and organizing a book on storytelling today, addressing such issues as the spectrum of presence and distance afforded by digital storytelling and the resonances and tensions between social justice uses of counter-narrative and business uses of branding stories.

Kate has served as co-chair of the youth services SIG for ALISE as well as on the Justin Winsor Award Committee of the Library History Round Table of the ALA. She also actively reviews articles for a number of journals, including the International Journal of Library and Information Science and the Journal of Education for Library and Information Science. At GSLIS, she co-chaired the Reading Around Race Group and served as a member of the Doctoral Studies Committee and Center for Children’s Books Advisory Committee.

Since 2008, McDowell has served as director of the popular GSLIS Storytelling Festival, an annual event that brings together local storytellers from GSLIS and the community for an evening. “Story is the central way that humans organize and convey meaningful information. This powerful tool can be used to many ends, of course, but in my work I focus on storytelling as a means of bringing literacies of many kinds to young people and conveying the power of information sources and services for the young,” she said.
employers are looking for and then finding ways to improve one’s skills accordingly through real-world and classroom experience.

Networking is another way for students and graduates to discover opportunities, and an internship can be a great place to start building connections. The experience for new interns at Grainger includes exposure to a number of people in different areas of the company, which motivated Heffren to perfect her elevator speech. “In my first week I think I was introduced to well over 200 people,” she said.

Joining professional associations, such as the Special Libraries Association, and attending networking events, conferences, and presentations can also provide avenues for finding an internship or employment position. GSLIS’s Corporate Roundtable meetings provide opportunities to connect with corporate representatives who may be recruiting.

“If you really want to make yourself stand out, don’t just go to the ones in Champaign,” Heffren recommends. “Take the trip and go to the ones in Chicago.” In her experience, the attendees from corporations often far outnumber students at the Chicago roundtables, while she’s found the opposite situation at the Champaign meetings.

Events at Champaign’s Research Park and outside-the-box venues like Engineering Career Fair can be good ways to learn about potential employers and make connections. Sprieser attended the Engineering Career Fair last fall as an undergraduate in the College of Business and then again as a GSLIS student this past spring.

“To be able in the spring to put down that I was a GSLIS student, I received a much different response,” he recalled. “It was a very, very welcoming response, because companies are looking for students who can reach out and say, ‘We can look at information and data from a different perspective than the computer science students or the business students.’”

Information science professionals are highly valued throughout the corporate realm, as are GSLIS graduates. Sprieser is optimistic about his post-graduation prospects; his experience at IMO and his overall knowledge of the healthcare information industry has reaffirmed this. “I have coworkers in everything from linguistics to community health, and that’s an interesting combination, but I think the focus on recruiting from library science has become a lot stronger for the firm in the last year or two,” he reported.

Recruiting from library and information science is a growing trend. “Our digital environment is rapidly changing and requires the skills the GSLIS program is geared to provide,” Cruz said of Grainger’s growing need for long-term, systematic intellectual property management. “The corporate sector may not fully understand LIS at the moment; however, if GSLIS students invest their time to better understand the challenges corporate/business organizations face with ‘information,’ there will be opportunities to enter this field providing viable solutions they have learned through the library and information science program.”

Photos courtesy of Erwin Cruz/Grainger and Blake Giles/IMO.

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Mentor a GSLIS student!

Many GSLIS students use their week-long break from classes in the spring to gain practical experience working with and observing information professionals in the field, whether in libraries, museums, corporations, or other information settings.

Alumni and other friends of GSLIS can share their expertise by mentoring GSLIS students. This flexible week-long program allows hosts and students to create one-of-a-kind experiences. During ASB, students might observe professionals at work, help with routine tasks, or take on small projects.

Visit www.go.illinois.edu/ASBhost to learn more. To become a mentor, contact GSLIScareers@illinois.edu.

Lancaster graduated from the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, England, in 1955. After gaining experience as a senior assistant at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries, he emigrated to the United States in 1959. He became known for his revolutionary work in the evaluation and management of MEDLARS, the National Library of Medicine’s computerized bibliographic retrieval system for articles in academic journals in medicine and allied health professions. Though one of the earliest evaluations of a computer-based retrieval system, it continues to have a lasting impact on information systems today.

Lancaster joined GSLIS in 1970 as an associate professor and director of the biomedical librarianship program (1970-73); in 1972, he became a full professor; and in 1992, following his retirement, he was honored with the title of professor emeritus. During his distinguished career, he taught courses in information retrieval, bibliometrics, bibliographic organization, and the evaluation of library and information services. He served as the editor of the journal *Library Trends* from 1986 to 2006. For the period from 1989 to 1992, he was named University Scholar, a prestigious program recognizing the University’s most talented teachers, scholars, and researchers.

Nationally and internationally, Lancaster was recognized as a leader in the field of library and information science through his work as a teacher, writer, and scholar. He was honored three times with Fulbright fellowships for research and teaching abroad, named a fellow of the Library Association of Great Britain, and recognized by the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) with both the Award of Merit and the Outstanding Information Science Teacher award. He was the author of 15 books, several of which have received national awards and been translated into languages such as Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Lancaster also engaged in a wide range of consulting activities for organizations around the world, including UNESCO and the United Nations.

In 2008, *Library Trends* published the Festschrift, “Essays Honoring the Legacy of F. W. Lancaster” (Volume 56, Issue 4), edited by Lorraine J. Haricombe (MS ’88, PhD ’92) and Keith Russell (MS ’72), both of whom studied under Lancaster. It includes contributions from his friends, family, students, colleagues, and scholars, celebrating his achievements and paying homage to his life’s work.

“I met Professor Lancaster when I was a new library school student, and he was a new library school faculty member. He was such a natural that I thought he had been researching, writing, and teaching for many years. But most noteworthy was the interest he took in his students, their ideas, their development, and their careers. He became a lifelong friend for so many of us,” said Russell, life sciences librarian at the University of Kansas.

The *Library Trends* issue includes articles that highlight Lancaster’s legacy in the area of underlying structure for online retrieval systems; his significant work in subject analysis, thesaurus construction, and system evaluation; his impact on measurement and evaluation in libraries; his accurate prediction of a “paperless society”; and his specialization in bibliometrics. It concludes with an interview by Leigh Estabrook, GSLIS dean emerita, who worked with Lancaster during a significant part of his career.

“Wilf was a wonderful scholar, teacher, and colleague. His influence on our field is both deep and wide and continues to be regenerated by his many former students. I will miss his intelligence, his provocative questions and his wit. He was a model of a whole human being in his love for his work and his love for his family,” said Estabrook.
Assistant Professor Nicole A. Cooke and Merinda Kaye Hensley (MS ’06) were awarded a best paper award at the Eighth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS 8) held in Copenhagen, Denmark in August 2013. Their paper was titled, “The Critical and Continuing Role of the LIS Curriculum in the Teacher Training of Future Librarians.” The award, given by the International Information Literacies Research Network, was elected by the audience.

“It’s a huge honor to be recognized and vetted by such distinguished (and international) colleagues, especially for work that is theoretical yet firmly rooted in the practical. I’m proud that this paper attempts to bridge the gap between theory and practice in the information literacy literature,” said Cooke.

Librarians are often called upon to teach and provide instruction, and to better equip students for this work, Cooke and Hensley argue that LIS programs need to include advanced coursework that gives students practical teaching experience. Cooke, a former instruction librarian, and Hensley, instructional services librarian at the University of Illinois Library, contend that students benefit greatly by bringing an LIS faculty member and a practicing librarian together in the classroom.

“This area of my research is directly related to my teaching. I am currently teaching LIS 458, Instruction and Assistance Systems, and I am actively working towards expanding this part of the curriculum. It’s really important that our students learn how to be teachers and effective speakers and presenters,” said Cooke.

“In my role as an instructional services librarian, GSLIS students frequently approach me for advice on how to gain and practice teaching skills,” said Hensley. “They know from the current job ads that teaching is an essential part of being an academic librarian. For the past two years I have been teaching an 8-week class that builds upon the pedagogy that students learn in the introductory course (LIS 458) and serves as a platform for students to practice the basics of teaching well including implementing learning outcomes, classroom management, and assessment strategies. The most rewarding part of this course is the peer review where the students not only learn from each other, they engage in critical reflection, a skill that they can carry with them throughout their careers. I think this paper speaks to everyone who has been thrust into the classroom with little teaching experience.”

Cooke presented a second paper at the conference with colleagues from Rutgers University titled, “Conceptualizing Collaboration and Community in Virtual Reference and Social Question and Answer Services.”

In an effort to increase community participation in HTRC and engagement with the HathiTrust corpus, the HTRC will release an open, competitive Request for Proposals in November 2013 with the intent to fund four prototyping projects that will build tools for enriching and augmenting metadata for the HathiTrust corpus. Throughout the project, the HTRC will also work closely with the Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship (CIRSS) at GSLIS to develop a set of formal data models that will be used to capture and integrate the outputs of the funded prototyping projects with the larger HathiTrust corpus.
Katrina Stierholz (MS ’93) has been awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Over the past ten years, Stierholz has worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, where she currently serves as the institution’s assistant vice president. During her tenure, she has engineered strategic change to the delivery of economic education information, has expanded the collections of the Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) and the Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research (FRASER), and has led the economic education function of the entire bank.

Maurice York (MS ’03) has been awarded the Leadership Award. York specializes in technology trends, IT strategy and infrastructure, and the integration of technology into learning-space design. He is currently the head of IT at North Carolina State University Libraries, where he developed the Technology Sandbox, a large space in the D.H. Hill Library that encourages technological collaboration and creativity. By bringing innovative computing to campus—from interactive SMART Boards to Perceptive Pixel technology, Microsoft Surfaces, and gesture-based gaming—the Technology Sandbox allows students to test the limits in the creation and use of digital media and large-scale display. York was named a 2013 Library Journal Mover & Shaker.

Jill Gengler (MS ’99) has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award. Gengler joined GSLIS sixteen years ago as a graduate student. Since then she has held progressively more responsible positions in support of users of instructional technology and has been instrumental in the growth and development of the LEEP program. Gengler is currently the manager of the Help Desk, where she supports all GSLIS online and on-campus students, faculty, and staff. She is deeply committed to developing a strong sense of community both within the School and with our alumni, using this connection as a foundation for the development of user-friendly technologies and customer service.

Brigitta Denning (MS ’13) is the recipient of the LSAA Student Award. Working as a library aide in three elementary school libraries, Denning decided to pursue her MS and school library certification. Georgeann Burch, program coordinator for the K-12 program, said Denning “will empower students to become skillful researchers, critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, and ethical users of information. Just as important, though, is her ability to advocate for school libraries, which she does with creativity, energy, and passion.”

LSAA AWARDS

The GSLIS Library School Alumni Association (LSAA) has announced the recipients of its annual awards. The recipients were recognized on June 30, 2013, at the GSLIS reception held at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago.

Brigitta Denning, Interim Dean Allen Renear, Chancellor Phyllis Wise, Katrina Stierholz, Maurice York, Jill Gengler, and Jim Obst
NEW FACULTY, STAFF JOIN GSLIS

Masooda Bashir, assistant professor, holds degrees in mathematics, computer science, and psychology and a PhD in psychology from Purdue University. Bashir will teach Privacy in the Internet Age (LIS490) this fall. Her experience includes several years of work as a systems analyst, technical trainer, and manager for a number of corporations in Silicon Valley. Most recently, she served as assistant director for social trust initiatives in the Information Trust Institute (ITI) at the University of Illinois. Her areas of expertise include the interface of psychological and social sciences with engineering systems and information technology, and she conducts ITI research from a social science and social trust perspective.

Maria Bonn, senior lecturer, will teach courses on the role of libraries in scholarly communication and publishing. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Rochester, master’s and doctoral degrees in American Literature from SUNY Buffalo, and a master’s in information and library science from the University of Michigan. She recently served as the associate university librarian for publishing at the University of Michigan Library, with responsibility for publishing and scholarly communications initiatives, including the University of Michigan Press, the Scholarly Publishing Office, the institutional repository (Deep Blue), the Copyright Office, and the Text Creation Partnership. Bonn also has been an assistant professor of English at Albion College and taught at Sichuan International Studies University (Chongqing, China) and Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey).

Tonyia Tidline (PhD ’03), director of professional development, will coordinate the School’s robust continuing professional development program, which provides a variety of advanced learning opportunities in many areas of library and information science, services, and operations. She also will implement new initiatives, provide support for the Midwest Book and Manuscript Studies program, and coordinate activities for the periods when all MS students visit campus. In addition to her PhD from GSLIS, Tidline received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Ohio State University as well as a master of library and information science degree from Kent State University. Tidline comes to GSLIS from Dominican University’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science, where she served as an associate professor and founding director of the PhD program.

CAROL TILLEY FEATURED ON BIG TEN NETWORK

GSLIS Assistant Professor Carol Tilley recently was the focus of a documentary that aired on the Big Ten Network. “Carol Tilley, Comic Book Crusader,” examined the comic book industry and its truths and myths. It aired on July 19 and is available for viewing online via the University of Illinois’s YouTube channel.

Tilley has received national attention for her research on Fredric Wertham, a psychiatrist and anti-comics critic whose 1954 book Seduction of the Innocent inspired federal hearings that decimated the comic book industry. Tilley’s research is based on a review of Wertham’s personal archives, which were made available to researchers in 2010. During her review, she found numerous inconsistencies between the case notes of children treated by Wertham and the content in his book. Wertham’s personal archives showed that the doctor revised children’s ages, distorted their quotes, omitted other causal factors and in general “played fast and loose with the data he gathered on comics.”
Gifts to the Annual Fund support a wide range of activities that supplement academic studies and promote the professional development of our students. Examples include participation in national and international conferences, opportunities for alumni to connect, and valuable experiences for students such as Alternative Spring Break, a popular program that offers work placements in libraries and other information centers throughout the country. Without the generous contributions of our alumni and friends, these opportunities would not be possible.

While there are funds designated for specific scholarships, awards, or other purposes, the Annual Fund is also the only available source of discretionary dollars. When unexpected situations arise, GSLIS turns to this fund. These situations range from student emergencies to once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for faculty, students, and alumni.

Each spring, GSLIS students have the opportunity to spend one week working with and learning from library and information science professionals at an institution of their choice with our Alternative Spring Break program. Many students receive support from the Annual Fund, which provides up to $300 per student to subsidize travel or lodging costs. For many students, an Alternative Spring Break experience would not be possible without assistance from the Annual Fund.

GSLIS master’s student Emily Bayci’s Alternative Spring Break experience at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, influenced how she looks at the library and information science profession. With a background in journalism and a keen interest in sports, Emily wasn’t sure that she was suited for a career in library and information science. Her feelings changed after spending one week working with librarians at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. “It really rocked my world,” Emily said of the experience. She responded to reference questions that captured her interest and even helped create a trivia app for smart phones. “I did a lot of hands-on work,” she said. “I was really combining my library and my research skills along with everything I love about sports. Being

TWO ALUMNI NAMED MOVERS AND SHAKERS

GSLIS alumni Annette Bailey (MS ’01) and Maurice York (MS ’03) have been included in Library Journal’s 2013 class of Movers and Shakers, both in the category of tech leaders.

Bailey is the assistant director for electronic resources and emerging technology services at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Libraries. She is a co-creator of LibX, an open-source browser toolbar that allows patrons to search library resources from the web.

York is the head of information technology at North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries. He was recognized for his role as the head of a team that spent two years designing, prototyping, and testing cutting-edge technology before the opening of the high-tech James B. Hunt Jr. Library at NCSU in January 2013.

Congratulations to both!

CHIN WINS GRYPHON AWARD

The Center for Children’s Books has selected Island: A Story of the Galápagos as the 2013 Gryphon Award winner. Island was written and illustrated by Jason Chin and published by Roaring Brook Press in 2012.

Two Gryphon Honors also were named: Little Dog Lost (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012), written and illustrated by Mônica Carnesi, and Bink and Gollie: Two for One (Candlewick Press, 2012), written by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee and illustrated by Tony Fucile.
around people who were so passionate about information and sports was a really big eye opener for me. It helped me realize that there was something that could combine my interests."

Support from the Annual Fund made this pivotal experience possible. Like Emily, many students share the expense of their Alternative Spring Break with the Annual Fund, and this allows them to visit the libraries, museums, and other institutions where they would like to work one day.

GSLIS faculty are leaders in library and information science research and contribute to the development of the future of the profession. In many cases, GSLIS faculty members collaborate with colleagues around the world to make their work possible, and the Annual Fund can provide resources to support this research and collaboration.

When Assistant Professor Carol Tilley’s comics research was highlighted in the *New York Times* this spring, she gained national recognition and received many invitations to speak across the nation. Tilley is one of many librarians, authors, illustrators, and readers who are working to promote readership and study of the genre, and to change the way we think about comics and literacy.

The Annual Fund supported Tilley’s travel to New York City where she participated in a panel and discussed her research into the history of comics. During her trip, she also was interviewed for a documentary on the topic. “While I was there I was able to meet with other experts in the field, and that opened up even more opportunities for me,” Tilley said. “The Annual Fund helped me ride the wave of publicity a bit longer, share more about my research, and make some important contacts for future work.”

Please consider making a contribution to the Annual Fund—each gift makes a difference. If you would like to designate a gift of $300 to support a student’s Alternative Spring Break experience, please indicate your intent on our giving form. To make your gift online, visit www.lis.illinois.edu/giving/funds.

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**SIX STUDENTS NAMED SPECTRUM SCHOLARS**

Five GSLIS master’s degree students and one doctoral student have been named 2013 Spectrum Scholars by the American Library Association (ALA).

**Jessica Bastian** (ACRL Scholar) is pursuing a master’s degree. She is focusing on academic librarianship and has an interest in community informatics.

**RaShauna Brannon** (Spectrum Doctoral Fellow) is studying digital literacy and digital inclusion and is also interested in exploring diversity in librarianship.

**William Langston** is pursuing a master’s degree with a community informatics specialization. He has a particular interest in geographic information systems.

**Cecily Randle El** is pursuing a master’s degree. She is interested in how libraries can effectively address the unique concerns of the communities they serve and the overlap between community needs and technological resources and literacy.

**Katherine Rojas** plans to focus her master’s coursework in the areas of youth services and community informatics.

**Sophie Young** (ALA/ProQuest Bash Scholar) is a LEEP student focusing her master’s coursework on library administration and information sciences.
In the early 1970s, over two dozen Carnegie Scholars attended GSLIS as part of efforts to increase diversity in higher education. This group of students, like so many other graduates of the School, went on to have long and successful careers in library and information science. Two Scholars became presidents of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and many have directed libraries, become successful teachers, founded companies, and served the library and information science profession in national leadership positions. Each made a significant difference in serving their communities over the years, whether in school, public, academic, or special libraries, as well as the federal government.

Mirroring campus efforts to increase the number of students from traditionally underrepresented groups, GSLIS, led by then-school director Herbert Goldhor, provided student scholarships funded primarily through the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The first group of students, who hailed from across the country, began their coursework in the summer of 1970. The second group matriculated in the summer of 1971. They selected the University of Illinois because it offered the best library science program available. Many had prior experience working in a library setting, and some were encouraged by colleagues to apply. Program coordinator Terence Crowley worked with the Scholars during their time at GSLIS, answering questions, providing encouragement and direction about course selection, organizing social events, and writing letters of recommendation when the Scholars graduated.

These students were trailblazers when they arrived at GSLIS, and they continued their successes after graduation. GSLIS recently caught up with some of the Scholars to learn more about their lives and careers after graduation.

“That was a very powerful year of interaction with people from various backgrounds. It gave a good cross-section that provided networking opportunities with people who were going to be librarians in different kinds of facilities.”
— Juanita Warren Buddy (MS ’72)

Education and librarianship have gone hand-in-hand throughout Juanita Warren Buddy’s (MS ’72) career. She specialized in school library media at

**THE CARNEGIE SCHOLARS**

La Jean Boynton (MS ’72)  
Betty J. Bonner (MS ’72)  
Juanita Warren Buddy (MS ’72)

John Butler (MS ’72)  
Karen McAdoo Butler (MS ’72)  
Marion L. Carter (MS ’72)  
Pamela J. Cash (MS ’72)  
Edith M. Fisher (MS ’72)

Albert Garcia  
Janet Hawkins (MS ’72)  
Alva G. Hayes (MS ’71)  
Carolyn L. Hebert (MS ’72)  
Darlene K. Lewis (MS ’71)
Illinois and went on to work as a school library media specialist, a district-level curriculum specialist for library services, and an instructional coordinator for education media. Meanwhile, she worked part time as a reference librarian, and earned an educational specialist degree and a doctorate in instructional technology and library media from Georgia State University (GSU). She has also taught at GSU and the University of West Georgia.

Soon after graduating from Illinois, Karen McAdoo Butler (MS ’72) was offered a position at the Arlington County (Virginia) Public Library, where she created a program to improve service for patrons with disabilities, as well as a program that made library materials accessible to homebound patrons. She also worked to gain grant funding to create a library inside a local jail. Butler then served the District of Columbia Public Library for 31 years as a branch manager, regional manager, and reader’s advisor.

While working toward her master’s, Pamela J. Cash (MS ’72) assisted the Afro-American bibliographer at the University Library. She went on to study at the Fisk University Institute of Black Studies Librarianship in Nashville, Tennessee. Her education and experience impressed the president of Johnson Publishing Company, the publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, and Cash was hired as the company’s library director and was later promoted to vice president of multimedia resources. Cash now acts as a consultant at P J Cash Resources, LLC.

Grace Martinez (MS ’72) had five job offers when she finished her master’s degree and chose to take a position at Rice University. After briefly leaving Texas, her home state, she returned to the Houston area in 1979 and began working as a librarian for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Johnson Space Center. She gradually moved into the Program Control Office, where she worked as an analyst in the International Space Station Office and the Constellation Program Office. She is currently on the center director’s staff.

After serving briefly as a children’s librarian in Toledo, Ohio, Frances Lyons Moore (MS ’72) returned to her home state of Louisiana where she worked as a librarian at the Charity Hospital School of Nursing and then at Southern University at New Orleans, where she remained until her retirement in 2005.

Samuel Morrison (MS ’72) loved the environment and cultural experiences provided by a university setting, but chose a career in public libraries so that he could give something back to the communities that he would serve throughout his career. His first job out of graduate school was to build and direct the Frostproof Living Learning Library, which served migrant workers in Florida. Morrison then took a position as assistant to the director at the Broward County (Florida) Library (BCL) in its first year of operation. After serving several years as chief librarian of the City of Chicago, Morrison returned to BCL. During his tenure as director, BCL was named Library Journal’s Library of the Year. Morrison retired after finishing the development of BCL’s African American Research Library and Cultural Center.

Diploma in hand, Hallie Adams Perry (MS ’72) returned to the South determined to make a difference with her newly-acquired skills. After working as both an elementary school and academic librarian, Perry accepted a position with the Alabama State Department of Education. In this role, she traveled across the state teaching librarians how to establish and maintain school libraries. After retiring, she returned to work as a librarian for several years at a community college and then retired a second time.

Norman V. Plair (MS ’71) already had 10 years of library experience under his belt when he arrived at Illinois. After graduating, he returned to the Cincinnati (Ohio) Public Library where he worked as a branch manager. He moved to the Dayton-Montgomery County Public Library where he was responsible for personnel recruiting and public relations, and later managed twenty-one branches and a bookmobile as the assistant director, branch operations. Plair also operated a consulting business and worked with librarians and architects to build new, and/or modify libraries throughout western Ohio.

“No matter what else we were going through, we had each other, and to me, that was the biggest plus of the program... We had other people that were experiencing the same thing. Collectively we demonstrated we were all academically and intellectually equal to all of the other students in the program.”

— Jewel Armstrong Player (MS ’72)

Jewel Armstrong Player (MS ’72) started her career at the Prince George’s County (Maryland) Library System, and then moved to the University of Miami and later Atlanta University before embarking on an 18-year career with the Department of the Army library program. She worked overseas in South Korea and Germany, and at the Pentagon Library, working her way up to the position of command librarian for the US Army Materiel Command. She then joined the Library of Congress as chief of the Copyright Acquisitions Division. In retirement, Player volunteers at the Pace

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GSLIS made a strong showing at the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 22-26. This year’s theme was “Digital Libraries at the Crossroads,” with panels, posters, and tutorials focusing on changes in the information field in light of digitization, big data, and the ever-changing nature of scholarly communications.

J. Stephen Downie, GSLIS professor and associate dean for research, was the general conference co-chair along with Robert H. McDonald, associate dean for library technologies and deputy director of the Data to Insight Center at Indiana University. Content selection committees included GSLIS faculty members Jerome McDonough and Miles Efron, GSLIS faculty affiliate Tim Cole (MS ’89), and GSLIS research project coordinator Megan Senseney (MS ’08).

Representing GSLIS during the conference were:

**Papers**

Doctoral student Peter Organisciak presented “Addressing Diverse Corpora with Cluster-based Term Weighting.”

Doctoral student Katrina Fenlon (MS ’09) and research analyst Virgil Varvel presented, “Local Histories in Global Digital Libraries: Identifying Demand and Evaluating Coverage.”

Doctoral student Brittany N. Smith and Assistant Professor Vetle Torvik were among those presenting, “A Search Engine Approach to Estimating Temporal Changes in Gender Orientation of First Names.”

**Posters**

Doctoral student Jacob Jett (MS ’07, CAS ’10), Megan Senseney, and Carole Palmer (PhD ’96), professor and director of the Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship (CIRSS), presented the poster, “Flickr Feedback Framework: A Service Model for Leveraging User Interactions.”

J. Stephen Downie presented the poster, “HathiTrust Research Center: Computational Access for Digital Humanities and Beyond,” along with several others, including conference co-chair Robert H. McDonald; Professor Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, associate dean and associate university librarian for information technology policy and planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and John Unsworth, former GSLIS dean and current vice provost and chief information officer at Brandeis University.

**Tutorials**

Postdoctoral fellow Karen Wickett (MS ’07, PhD ’12) and Katrina Fenlon were among those leading the tutorial, “The Europeana Data Model (EDM) and Collections.”

Tim Cole and Jacob Jett were among those leading the tutorial, “Using Open Annotation (OA).”
Florida’s beach lifestyle and warm weather have persuaded many Northern transplants to dig their feet deep in the sand and put down roots. GSLIS alum Adam Davis (MS ’04) did just that when he moved to Florida to be with his family in 2005. Davis manages the West Boynton Branch Library, part of the Palm Beach County Library System. Though he is more than 1,200 miles from Champaign-Urbana, the GSLIS community is never far away. In fact, he has worked closely with fellow alumni at the Palm Beach County Library System, including Aurora Arthay (MS ’94), an area coordinator who oversees six branches; Gail Peterson (MS ’76), who recently retired after 36 years of service; and Carol Roggenstein (MS ’84), a branch manager. These alums have worked closely over the years, serving on committees together and even supervising each other at times.

Please join GSLIS at the following upcoming conferences!

**OCTOBER 15-17, 2013**  
Illinois Library Association Annual Conference  
Navy Pier, Chicago, IL  
Booth number 418  
Alumni and student reception: October 16, 8-10 a.m.  
Please RSVP to gslis-advancement@illinois.edu.

**OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2, 2013**  
Illinois School Library Media Association Annual Conference  
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL  
Alumni and student reception: November 1, 5-6 p.m. Booth location to be announced.

**NOVEMBER 1-6, 2013**  
Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting  
Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
Alumni and student reception to be announced.

**NOVEMBER 3-5, 2013**  
California Library Association Annual Conference  
Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, Long Beach, CA  
Alumni and student reception: November 4, 6-8 p.m. at Sevilla Restaurant.

Please visit the GSLIS website for more details.
As a part of that community himself and as someone who had studied the history of South Asia, this danger resonated with Mallick on a personal level. His parents had emigrated from India to the US in the 1960s, and while Mallick was raised in Detroit, he visited India regularly growing up. After completing a bachelor’s degree in computer science at the University of Michigan, Mallick spent a year learning to read and write Bengali in Calcutta, India, and later studied history at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi.

With an initial investment of their own time, resources, and expertise, Mallick and colleagues Michelle Caswell and Jennifer Dolfus Ford registered a website and began building a digital collection. At the time, Mallick’s archives expertise came from practical experience gained while working at Chicago’s South Asia Resource Center as an outreach coordinator and assistant bibliographer. It was in this role that he first began to recognize that library and information science might be in his future. “I learned more about libraries and archives and saw how well LIS connected with my own interests and things that I found really meaningful in terms of work, so I decided to pursue a degree at the University of Illinois,” Mallick said.

In 2009, Mallick began work on his master’s degree at GSLIS. It was the School’s reputation and the flexibility of the LEEP option that drew him to GSLIS, where he found a community of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Through LEEP, he was able to complete his degree while living in Chicago and working at the University of Chicago and SAADA. Mallick knew that “having that practical experience, being able to take what you’re learning in the classroom and applying that to your work—in some sense that’s the best way to understand or learn more about libraries and archives.” He finished his master’s with a broad view of the field as well as a sense of connection to the current world of information and the history of library and information science.

In 2010, Mallick put his developing skills to the test when he became the director of the newly-formed Ranganathan Center for Digital Information at the University of Chicago. After two years in that position, Mallick completed his master’s degree and felt that the time was right to make SAADA his full-time priority. “I find it really exciting because everything that I do, everything that our board does, everything that our volunteers do currently, has a direct impact on the sustainability and longevity of this organization,” he said. “If you want to make an impact in your work, this is the kind of work to be doing.”

Since then, Mallick has relocated to Philadelphia, where SAADA has grown to include a small staff and a network of volunteers around the world who identify, digitize, and create metadata for relevant items. The collection includes materials dating from the late 1800s to born-digital materials, which are created and added daily. Mallick is working to engage the South Asian community in a more active way, creating avenues for active learning and discussion of history and culture. “This community hasn’t really had access to their own history before, and now for the first time they do,” he said. “There’s been a lot of interest and a lot of excitement about the archive, the availability of these histories, and a desire to be part of that history.”

Looking forward, Mallick sees two priorities for SAADA. First and foremost is the continued growth of the collection, “the foundation and the backbone of everything we do.” At the same time, he is looking for ways to make SAADA a sustainable institution that will serve South Asian Americans and others for decades to come. “We’re obviously a very forward-thinking organization. We’re using the digital medium, [and] we’re thinking about how to continue this 20, 50, even 100 years from now, but at the same time being connected to that history really is appealing, and I love it.”

To learn more about SAADA, visit www.saadigitalarchive.org/.

ALUMNI PROFILE
SAMIP MALLICK

Samip Mallick (MS ’11) co-founded the South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA) in 2008 and hasn’t had an average day since becoming the project’s first full-time employee in July 2012. Mallick serves as SAADA’s executive director and president of its board of directors. His day-to-day work: figuring out what needs to be done and making it happen.

When SAADA began, Mallick was working at the University of Chicago’s South Asia Resource Center and recognized the need for a record of the history of South Asian Americans. “South Asian American history wasn’t being documented by any traditional archival repository,” Mallick said. “There wasn’t very much of an awareness about the community’s own history, and we felt very strongly that unless some kind of intervention were to be made, the history of the South Asian American community was in danger of being lost.”
For someone with a background in medieval literature and bibliography, as well as a love of books and paper, pursuing a degree in library and information science seems like a natural choice. In the case of Sidney Berger (MS ’87), GSLIS adjunct professor, a degree from GSLIS followed nearly 20 years of working as a professor, author, and rare book expert.

Before becoming any of those things, Berger thought he might have a career in creative writing. When he was a student in the University of Iowa Writers Workshop, he discovered that he had another calling. His love of Medieval literature and bibliography was engendered in some excellent classes he was taking in graduate school at Iowa. “I wasn’t a great creative writer,” he said, “but I loved the literature.” He also connected with bibliographers at the Center for Bibliographic Studies and Research at the University of Iowa and continued to study bibliography throughout graduate school. “It was a real light coming on in my life,” he said. He wound up teaching in these two areas for much of his professorial career.

After receiving his PhD from the University of Iowa in 1971 with concentrations in Medieval and Renaissance English literature, bibliographic and textual criticism, and book history, Berger began his teaching career at the University of California, Davis, as an assistant professor of English. After several years at UC Davis and a brief stint teaching English as a Second Language for Japan Air Lines, Berger relocated to Illinois, where he taught at Millikin University and Richland Community College. Berger was living in the Urbana-Champaign area when he decided that it was time to pursue a degree in LIS. “My whole life was centered on libraries: everything I did, all the research I did, all the teaching I did, brought me into libraries all the time. [GSLIS] was the most famous library school in the world, and the best, and I figured that while I was living in this community I might as well get a degree in a field that I really respected and wanted to become part of,” Berger said.

His love of books and manuscripts blended well with his foray into librarianship. After completing his master’s degree, Berger was a curator of printed books and, later, curator of manuscripts at the American Antiquarian Society, and then was head of special collections and university archivist at the University of California, Riverside. He also was director of the California Center for the Book, a statewide program affiliated with the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

While being a rare book librarian, Berger continued to teach. In 2003, he began teaching courses at GSLIS, including Rare Book and Special Collections Librarianship, History of the Book, The Book as Physical Object, Medieval Codicology, Bibliography, and Paper in the Scholarly World. “I feel a deep gratitude to GSLIS at Illinois for the education that I received, which made it possible for me to teach the subjects that I love for these last eleven years,” Berger said.

Since 2007, Berger has been the Ann C. Pingree director of the Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts. As director of the library, Berger oversees a collection built from private libraries dating back to the seventeenth century. In November 2011, the library temporarily closed for renovations. The collection of about five-hundred-thousand volumes, more than one million photographs, and countless manuscript pages has been moved to a temporary facility while the original library buildings’ renovation gets under way. The library opened to the public in its temporary space on August 1. Berger is working closely with the architects and engineers who are updating and expanding the library’s two buildings, which date back to the 1850s, while working with his own staff to continue to manage the collection.

In addition to the physical preparation, Berger and his colleagues have conducted a full inventory and are working to recatalog the entire collection. When this project began, only eight percent of the collection was accessible online; when the project is complete, about ninety-five percent of the collection will be searchable on WorldCat.

On top of all of this, Berger continues to oversee acquisitions, work with potential donors, and serve as a member of the museum’s executive leadership team. He has run two successful symposia on art museum librarianship (in 2010 and 2012), and he was the curator of a major exhibition of highlights from the library’s collection, the first such show in the museum’s 214-year history.

Berger loves teaching and plans to continue teaching his courses at GSLIS as well as those he teaches at Simmons College. He also plans to continue researching, writing, and adding to the extensive collection of decorative paper that he and his wife, Michèle Cloonan (MS ’84, PhD ’88), have amassed over the years. Their famous collection has been the subject of newspaper and magazine stories and has inspired dozens of articles written by Berger. He also has written five books on paper, as well as books, articles, and bibliographies on fine-press printing, literature, and book history. His current project, Rare Books and Special Collections, will be published by the American Library Association in 2014.
DECADE: 2010s

Elizabeth Andrews (MS '11) became the user services librarian at SUNY Potsdam in February 2012. She writes, “This is my first professional position, and I really couldn’t ask for a better introduction to librarianship. I’m learning so much from my colleagues, and I get to do a little of everything, from instruction to outreach to collection development.”

Natalie Bazan (MS '10) was recently announced as recipient of the American Library Association’s Demco New Leaders Travel Grant. In addition, she was chosen by the Library of Michigan to receive the inaugural Up and Comer Award in 2012 at the Michigan Library Association’s Annual Conference.

Jason Paul Bourgeois (MS '12) has accepted a tenure-track position as librarian/theologian of the Marian Library of the University of Dayton.

James Conley (MS '13) has been hired as the media services librarian for Loyola University’s Cudahy Library at the Chicago Lake Shore Campus. His academic interests range from film and video preservation to media copyright law, to digitization and streaming content. He previously served at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Richard J. Daley Library for six years as a library specialist and media manager.

Jason Driver (MS '11) writes, “I enjoyed my experience at GSLIS immensely. Working collaboratively with my peers in the LEEP program prepared me for the job that I now hold. My experience was not watered down at all being that this was a predominately online program. The LEEP program enabled me to grow as a professional and catapulted my career in the trajectory of leadership. Kudos to the LEEP format and forum!”

Cecelia Eilering (MS '11) began a ten-month faculty appointment effective July 16, 2012, as an instructor at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Lovejoy Library. Eilering will provide assistance at the reference desk while teaching general instruction and undergraduate political science classes and assisting in collection development.

Acton Gorton (MS '12) writes, “I love the time spent in the graduate program—one of the best experiences of my life. It turned me on to a whole new way of looking at science, learning, and information.” Gorton is currently a doctoral student at the Illinois Informatics Institute. “It’s because of the encouragement that I found at GSLIS that motivated me to continue my academic pursuits,” he said.

Courzy Gruszauskas (MS ‘10) is a content specialist for Morningstar, Inc., where she develops and maintains content strategy for Morningstar’s global websites. Previous to this role, she trained Groupon’s editorial staff of more than 100 writers and editors and helped design its editorial curriculum.

Darrell Hankins (MS ‘11) writes, “Hello to all fellow GSLIS alumni. I’m settling in at the United States Military Academy Cadet Library.”

Skyla Hearn (MS ‘12) has been working as the 2012-2013 IMLS Fellow for the Increasing African American Diversity in Archives: The HistoryMakers Fellowship, Mentoring, Training, and Placement Institute. Her institute placement is at the Chicago Public Library’s Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, which is housed at the Woodson Regional Library.

Sujin Huggins (PhD ‘13) has been promoted to assistant professor at Dominican University. Her academic interests include library service and literature (specifically of the Caribbean and African Diasporas) for youth; critical pedagogy and the LIS curriculum; literacy (ideological and practical); youth community informatics; storytelling; and the taxonomy of folktales. She teaches reference and online materials, library materials for children, and community informatics, and is a frequent practicum supervisor.

Annie Jenner (MS ‘11) writes, “I am pleased to share that I have joined Special Collections at University of Washington Libraries in Seattle as Pacific Northwest curator. It has been a goal of our family to return to the PNW, and what a delight to do so by being invited to work with this fantastic special collections team!”

Karen Klein (MS ‘12) accepted a position as learning resource center manager at Strayer University.

Laura Rancani (MS ‘10) joined the Cape May County Library (CMCL) team as teen librarian in August 2012. CMCL is a busy eight-branch public library system located in the southernmost coastal county in New Jersey.

Elaine Ricketts Hicks (MS ‘10) presented the community health data project she developed with IMLS funding via the Community Informatics Center and Illinois Informatics Institute (I3) at the 2012 annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. Subsequently, she was invited to present it again (with co-developers Lisa Blevnue of I3 and Awaia Viad of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District) at the RML Rendezvous, a monthly webinar series hosted by the regional office for the Pacific Northwest Region’s National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Joseph Roberts (MS ‘11) and his wife, Laura, welcomed their second daughter, Colleen Grace, on April 16, 2013. Colleen joins older sister Margaret Rose, age 3. Roberts is an information services librarian at Ball State University.

Ashley Rosener (MS ‘12) accepted a position as a liaison librarian for social work at the School of Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She began on August 1, 2012, and is looking forward to applying the knowledge and skills she gained from GSLIS.

Ryan A. Ross (MS ‘10) curated the campus-wide exhibits that were displayed in conjunction with the October 2012 symposium, “The Morrill Act at 150: The Future of Public Higher Education,” at the University of Illinois.

Nicholas Stark (MS ‘11) joined the Jacob Burns Law Library at the George Washington University Law School as a reference librarian in July 2012.

Megan Toups (MS ‘11) started as an instruction/liaison librarian at Trinity University in San Antonio where she works with faculty and students in biology, chemistry, geosciences, and environmental sciences. In addition, she is working with a team to set up data support services at Trinity.

Clare Willis (MS ’10) was elected secretary of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. She currently works as a research librarian at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

DECADE: 2000s

Allison Angell (MS ‘00) spent five weeks with the Baldwin Collection of the George A. Smathers Libraries in Gainesville, Florida, after winning the Bechtel Fellowship, awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC).

Megan Butera (MS ’09) was promoted to assistant manager of the Popular Materials Department at Palatine Public Library. She also received the Crosman Memorial Award at the 2012 Illinois Library Association conference.

Zhimin Chen (MS ’09) has worked at Saint Joseph’s University as the library systems manager since January 2012. Before moving to Philadelphia, Chen worked at George Mason University for two years.

Robert Craig (MS ’04) is the youth services supervisor at the Freeport Public Library in Illinois.

Janice Del Negro (PhD ‘07) has been promoted to associate professor at Dominican University, effective fall 2013. She teaches courses for all levels, from introductory courses to storytelling, library materials for children, library materials for young adults, and library services for children and young adults. She also teaches in the PhD program and serves as a dissertation chair.

Julie Derden (MS ’06) received the Illinois State University College of Education’s Award for Outstanding Service by a member of the university community in March 2012.

Christina M. Desai (MS ’00) presented a paper titled, “Columbus in Picturebooks: Images of Power” at the Illustration, Comics, and Animation Conference at Dartmouth University in Hanover, New Hampshire, April 19-21, 2013.

Isabelle Flemming (MS ’03) is a reference librarian, computer specialist, and instructor at
the Ela Area Public Library in Lake Zurich, Illi-
nois, where she works with patrons at the public
desk, computer lab, and media lab. In addition
to her work at the library, she also writes for
nonfiction publications.

Christine Flood (MS ‘04) started down an
unconventional path as a grant writer and grant
administrator after completing her first MS class
in grant writing at GSLIS. Since that class, she
has raised over five million dollars for Chicago-
area nonprofits. She also provides grant writing
training and workshops to universities and
nonprofit groups.

Jill Hutchison (MS ‘01) was elected to partner
at Jenner & Block LLP. She concentrates in
complex civil litigation with a focus on class
and mass tort actions, and she has significant
experience defending toxic tort, product liability,
and consumer fraud claims.

Susan Kendall (MS ‘01) was named the 2012
Distinguished Member of the Biomedical & Life
Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Asso-
ciation (SLA-DDBIO). She began her professional
library career in 2002 at the Michigan State
University (MSU) Libraries as a health sciences
librarian and became actively involved in the
Medical Library Association, SLA-DDBIO, and
local library associations. She has served on
the editorial boards of the Journal of the Medici-
cal Library Association and Biomedical Digital
Libraries and published over a dozen articles
and book chapters. Promoted to coordinator
of health sciences librarians at MSU in 2005, she
now supervises five health sciences librarians
and acts as the liaison and collection develop-
ment officer for the biology subject area.

Christine Kujawa (MS ‘03) was named the 2012
Librarian of the Year by the North Dakota
Library Association for her many years of leader-
ship.

Josh Lupkin (MS ‘08) writes, “I have taken a
new job at Tulane University in New Orleans,
which will allow more of an opportunity to con-
centrate on evolving collections in humanities
fields, including rare books. It is also an exciting
way to participate in the process of tailoring col-
lections decisions to changes in the institution
post-Katrina.”

Marianne Martens (MS ‘06) has joined the
School of Library and Information Science at
Kent State University as an assistant profes-
sor to teach and conduct research in youth
services librarianship. Since 2007, Martens has
taught at Rutgers, The State University of New
Jersey, while working on a PhD in library and
information science. At Rutgers she assisted in
launching an interdisciplinary minor in Digital
Communication, Information, and Media Stud-
ies. Previously, Martens had served as Carole
Barham Scholar at The Center for International
Scholarship in School Libraries (CISSL) at
Rutgers.

Debra Mits-Smith (MS ‘98, PhD ‘07) is the
editor of World Libraries, an international, free,
peer-reviewed library and information science
journal. She is also a professor at Dominican
University’s Graduate School of Library and
Information Science (GSLIS).

John A. Moorman (PhD ‘03) was elected by the
Council of the American Library Association to
a three-year term on the Executive Board of the
Association.

Cyril Oberlander (MS ‘00) is the principal inves-
tigator (PI) for a grant received in summer 2012
to create open textbooks at The State University
of New York.

Jake Odland (MS ‘08) has returned home to the
Alexandria Lakes Area in Minnesota and is the
new director of the Douglas County Library.

Juliana Perry (MS ‘09) still serves as web
services project manager at Bryn Mawr Col-
lege. This year she continues the fine GSLIS
instructional technology tradition of “swearing
is caring” as she presents, “What the $#&$% Was
This Plugin for Anyway?! Maintaining a Sustainable
WordPress Multisite Install,” at edUi in
Richmond, Virginia, and WordCamp Philly,
based on hard-earned experience cleaning up
Bryn Mawr’s blog setup.

Elizabeth Pope (MS ‘09) is the senior research-
er at Idealware, a nonprofit in Portland, Maine
that conducts research into the software and
technology sector for the nonprofit community.

Hallie Pritchett (MS ’06), head of the Map and
Government Information Library at the Univer-
sity of Georgia, was recently appointed to the
Depository Library Council. The Council, com-
posed of fifteen members who serve three-year
terms, advises the Public Printer of the United
States on policy matters relating to the Federal
Depository Library Program (FDLP). Her three-
year term began in June 2013.

Ben Riegler (MS ’05) is employed as the shelv-
ing supervisor in the main stacks at the Universi-
ty of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kinsley L. Riggs (MS ’07) is currently the
branch manager of the Corinth Neighborhood Li-
brary in Prairie Village, Kansas, a branch library
in the Johnson County system. She also serves as
membership chair in the Kansas Library Asso-
ciation (since January 2013) and is a recent
graduate of the Northeast Johnson County
Chamber Leadership Program.

Catherine Ritchie (CAS ’00) has rejoined the
acquisitions/selection/services division of the
Dallas (Texas) Public Library as an adult materi-
als selector.

Deborah Robertson (MS ’00), director of the
ALA Public Programs Office, established Gibson
House Publishers in May 2012 and published the
novel Permafrost by Peter Robertson in
June 2012.

Emily Frieda Shaw (MS ’08) is the new digital
preservation librarian at the University of Iowa
Libraries. She began her work in this newly cre-
ated position in January 2012.

Richard Stokes (MS ’08) is currently employed
by the University of Illinois Library, Urbana-
Champaign and occupies the position of patron
services manager for central access services.

Jennifer Woodruff Tait (MS ’00) won the
Saddlebag Society award from the United Meth-
odist Church (UMC) for her book, The Poisoned
Chalice, which was selected as the best book on
UMC history, theology, or polity in 2011.

Erica Voell (MS ’09) is the collection develop-
ment librarian, youth specialist, at the Kansas
City Public Library in Kansas City, Missouri, as
of February 2013.

Janet Vogel (MS ’08) has been honored with
a 2013 Penguin Young Readers Group Award
from the Association for Library Service to
Children (ALSC). The award provides a $600
stipend for children’s librarians with one to ten
years of experience to attend their first ALA An-
nual Conference. Vogel currently works as the
children’s services supervisor at the Frederick
County Public Libraries in Maryland.

David Willis (MS ’09) writes, “If a few
months into my new job and very excited about
this opportunity to support and advise graduate
level library science students in the School of
Library and Information Management at Emporia
State University. GSLIS prepared me well for a
varied career in libraries, and for that I am so
thankful. Go Illini!”

DECADE: 1990s

Laura L. Barnes (MS ’93) won the Special
Libraries Association Illinois Chapter’s 2012
Author Award for her journal article “Green
Buildings as Sustainability Education Tools.”
The article appeared in Library Hi Tech, 30(3)
in 2012. The full text is available in IDEALS, the
digital repository for scholarly works produced at
the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
(www.ideals.illinois.edu/).

Elizabeth Cowell (MS ’94) was appointed by
the Acting Public Printer of the United States
to the Depository Library Council for a three-
year term beginning June 1, 2013. She was
also appointed interim university librarian at the
University of California Santa Cruz beginning
July 1, 2013.

Avishag Gordon (CAS ’91) writes, “In the last
twenty-two years I was an information profes-
sional in the mechanical engineering and the
computer science libraries at the Technion Isreal
Institute of Technology in Haifa, and at the same
time I taught courses in information and library
studies and in the department of information
and knowledge management at the University
of Haifa.”

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Janice Jaguszewski (MS ’90) was recently appointed director of the Health Sciences Libraries and associate university librarian for health sciences at the University of Minnesota.

Patt Leonard (MS ’93) moved back to her home state of Arizona and is enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Web Development program at Scottsdale Community College.

DeAnne Luck (MS ’92) is starting a new career as the librarian/media specialist at Burt Elementary School in Clarksville, Tennessee, after working in electronic resource purchasing at both an academic library and a consortium for almost twenty years.

Jonathan Nabe (MS ’95), 2012 Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference program planning chair and longtime SLA member, received the Chair’s Recognition Award for 2012. He was recognized for his many contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) over the years and for his coordination of innovative and informative programming during the Chicago Annual Conference. In addition to his current role as leader of the Programming Committee, Nabe has been chair of the DBIO Publications Committee (1998-2000), co-editor of Biofeedback (2001-2004), chair of the DBIO Contributed Papers Committee (2006-2007), and the DBIO treasurer (2009-2010). He is currently the collections development librarian for science and technology at Southern Illinois University.

Herman A. Peterson (MS ’94) was recently appointed the college librarian at Diné College in Tsaile, Arizona, which serves residents of the Navajo Nation. He also recently published a book, *The Trail of Tears: An Annotated Bibliography of Southeastern Indian Removal* (Scarecrow Press, 2011).

Loring Prest (MS ’97) was promoted to full professor at California University of Pennsylvania in August 2011. He has been the electronic resources librarian and library webmaster since 1998 and campus parliamentarian since 2003. He is in his second term as faculty chair of the library services department.

Becky (Kemerling) Robinson (MS ’98) is the chair of the Illinois School Library Media Association’s Library Book Selection Service Endowment Fund. She was also elected to the Illinois Library Association Executive Board.

Jennifer Erica Sweda (MS ’94) is a social sciences cataloging librarian at the University of Pennsylvania. She authored a chapter in and is the editor of *Exploring Travel and Tourism: Essays on Journeys and Destinations* (Cambridge, 2012).

**DECADE: 1980s**

Szariah Abdullah (PhD ’89) would be happy to meet other alumni, current students, and faculty who “travel to this part of the world and would like to visit Malaysia.”

Beverly B. Allen (MS ’87) recently published the article “Yo Soy Colorado: Three Collaborative Hispanic Cultural Heritage Initiatives” in *Collaborative Librarianship, 4*(2), 2012.

Tania Helen Gottschalk (MS ’86) is the education services librarian at Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, University of Manitoba, where she coordinates education and training initiatives related to information literacy, informatics, and evidence-based medicine in the health sciences, particularly for the faculty of medicine. She writes, “My classroom instruction in GSLIS and my practical training as a graduate assistant from some amazing Illinois librarians has been instrumental in my continued professional success.”

Dena Hutto (MS ’88) became college librarian in August 2012 at the Reed College Library in Portland, Oregon, after 16 years of service there, first as documents/social sciences librarian (1996) and then director of reference and instruction (2003). William Johnston (MS ’83) was named interim library director of the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2011.

Michelynn McKnight (MS ’81) was a keynote speaker at the 100th annual meeting of the Dutch Library Association in Utrecht, The Netherlands, in November 2012. Her keynote focused on “The Impact of the Agile Information Professional.” After the conference finished, she led a four-hour workshop based on her book, *The Agile Librarian’s Guide to Thriving in Any Institution, De ‘behendige’ informatie professional.*

Ruth Riley (MS ’85), director of library services at the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine, has been appointed assistant dean for executive affairs at the School of Medicine. She will continue in her role as director of library services, a position she has held since joining the School of Medicine in 2000. Prior to arriving at USC, Riley held positions in academic health sciences libraries at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the University of Michigan, and the University of Missouri.

Sarah Tompson (MS ’87) is pleased to be back working in a science and engineering environment. On March 25, 2013, she became the manager of the Library, Archives and Records Section of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. JPL is run by Caltech for NASA and is a very exciting place to work, supporting unique explorations of the solar system and our own planet. Tompson, her husband, Kevin, and cat, Nelly, recently moved to Glendale, California. She is in her third and final year of her director term on the board of the international Special Libraries Association (SLA). She continues to fly Cessna 182s and recently joined the Flying Samaritans, providing medical support to clinics in Baja, Mexico.

**DECADE: 1970s**


Jeanne Owen Brown (MS ’73) was recognized by the Association of Architecture School Librarians (AASL) as the recipient of its newly established Distinguished Service Award. The AASL announcement describes award criteria as “outstanding and sustained contributions to the profession through leadership and publications.” Brown served as head of the Architecture Studies Library at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), from 1991-2010. She is currently head of assessment at UNLV.

The Reverend Christine Gilson (MS ’70) writes, “As a priest in the Episcopal Church, I continue to cherish what I learned at Illinois—it remains the best graduate education I received. I have not changed in my desire to get people the information they need, by all the means possible.”

Carolyln Hilles-Pilant (MS ’78) finished her career at School Year Abroad in Italy as a college counselor, where she found the skills she used there strangely similar to being a librarian, in terms of research skills especially. Her husband, Keith (MS Math ’78), whom she met at Illinois, is in his final year of teaching in Italy. “It’s a great life,” she writes.

Gail Peterson (MS ’76) retired April 1, 2013, after a 36-year career as the head of branches for the Palm Beach County Library System.

Bonnie Postlethwait (MS ’79) was appointed dean of libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) effective July 1, 2012, where she previously had served as associate dean since March 2006. During that time she oversaw the installation of a robotic storage and retrieval system and major renovations of the Miller Nichols Library Information Commons. Postlethwait brings extensive experience in library management and the development of information technology solutions to her new position. Adopting the UMKC Libraries phrase “Where great minds meet!” as her new leadership mantra, she looks forward to guiding the libraries’ evolution toward becoming the academic heart of the university. A nine-hundred-seat classroom addition connected to the library will open in Fall 2013, and plans for renovating the special collections and music/media departments are currently underway.
Les Vuylsteke (MS ’72) retired from the University of Cincinnati Library in 2007 and relocated that same year to Portland, Oregon, where he is happy in his volunteer work among the indigent poor. He writes, “Come visit this beautiful city.”

Maureen Martin Watson (MS ’77), a certified medical librarian, has retired from her position as optometry librarian at Ferris State University, which she held for 23 years. She is now the head of reference services at Qatar University in Doha, Qatar. Her husband, Phil Watson, is a professor of biology and program head at the same institution. Her son, Alex Watson, is also an academic librarian and works at Ole Miss. His son, Scott Watson, is a Shakespearean actor in New York City. She is grateful she returned to her Alma Mater to be an alumna.

Betty (Nothnagel) Waznis (MS ’73) was recently named director of the newly combined Library and Recreation Departments for the City of Chula Vista, California. After living for 15 years on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana and working in Northern Cheyenne and Crow schools, Virginia L. Weeks (MS ’75) is now the director of library services at Medicine Spring Library, Blackfeet Community College, in Browning, Montana (next door to Glacier National Park). She writes, “It is beautiful up here. We welcome visitors—so if you know of anyone headed this way, you could suggest stopping by Blackfeet Community College’s library.”

Michael Widener (MS ’74) practices law in the fields of real property development and financing, land use and zoning, and corporate law. He represents property developers who are landlords as well as tenants of office, retail, and industrial projects. He also does some employment law and nonprofit organizations counseling, and works as a part-time instructor at the Phoenix School of Law and the University of Phoenix.

**DECADE: 1960s**

Johanna Bowen Gunakis (MS ’66) left Illinois for a career that included two years as a serials cataloger at Princeton University; four years at Syracuse University; eighteen years at SUNY Cortland; and fifteen years as the director at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. She writes, “Loved being a librarian. Loved the continuously changing workspace. In retirement I am still on the executive board of the Council of Chief Librarians for California Community Colleges and function as webmaster, newsletter editor, and directory editor.”

Mohamed El Hadi (PhD ’64) recalls studying at GSLIS under the guidance of his advisor, Dr. Harold Lancour, from 1958-1960, and Dr. Robert B. Downs, his PhD advisor, from 1961-1964. Mohamed worked as an assistant to Dr. Harold Goldstein and as an assistant in the University Library’s cataloging department.

Barbara C. Massello (MS ’67) writes, “I retired from the reference department at Olin Library at Washington University in St. Louis, but I discovered retirement is not right for me. I would love to be working in a library again.”

Robert B. Sperling (MS ’66) writes, “Since I happily retired in August 2004, we have spent a lot of our ‘spare’ time traveling on land and on cruises while we’re still physically able!”

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Catherine Birch Rypinski (BS ’40)
Mary Katherine Folkner (BS ’42)
Helen Astrid Patterson (BS ’42)
Bernice I. Bruner (BS ’44)
Kathryn E. Parke (MS ’46)
Elaine C. Smogard (BS ’46)
Margaret E. Goggin (MS ’48, PhD ’57)
Ruby Vesta Martz (BS ’49, MS ’52)
James Parvin Dyke (MS ’50, PhD ’57)
Charles R. Machovec (MS ’50)
Victor Schormann (MS ’50)
Leonard Coburn (MS ’51)
Raymond G. Erbes (MS ’51)
Dorothy Ruth Cutler (MS ’52)
Mary Margaret Frank (MS ’52)
Anamarie Johnson (MS ’52)
Muriel Lindsay (BS ’52)
James C. Myers (MS ’52)
Sophia E. Sullivan (MS ’52)
Ruth G. Bernstein (MS ’53)
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Edna Mary Byerly (MS ’56)
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Betty June Cooper (MS ’57)
Madonna R. Cupit (MS ’57)
Patricia M. Gildersleeve (MS ’58)
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John J. Boll (PhD ’61)
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Nettie Bell Davenport (MS ’65)
Theda Wollmann (MS ’65)
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Nancy J. Smith (MS ’67)
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Margaret S. Gibbs (MS ’75)
Olivia L. Osei-Sarfo (MS ’75)
Corinne J. Potter (MS ’76)
Virginia Wisniewski-Klett (MS ’84)
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