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Change in School Leadership Ushers New Beginnings

Raber Says Goodbye

It is with some sadness that I write these last words for *Interface*. Not only will I be stepping down as interim director as of June 30, but I will be leaving the University of Tennessee to take a position at the University of Missouri. Since coming to Tennessee in 1997, I've had the honor and pleasure of working with a great variety of outstanding librarians, faculty, staff, and students.

I am especially grateful to the wonderful and challenging students that have had expectations to obtain the best education possible. You have pushed me to learn as much from you as I hope you have learned from me. Thank all of you for making my experience here so rewarding and one that I will never forget.



[See page 5 for more on Dr. Raber's move to Missouri.]

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Cortez Eager to Take Helm

The University of Wisconsin (UW) caught the attention of Tennessee Volunteers this spring. Tennessee signed UW–Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl as the new men's basketball coach. From another UW campus (Madison) comes the next director of the School of Information Sciences, Professor Ed Cortez from the School of Library and Information Studies.

Cortez is not only up to the challenge, he appears eager to define this opportunity. During his visit, he displayed a thorough understanding of SIS and an appreciation of school strengths. Incoming president of the SIS alumni board Margaret Casado (SIS '95) attended all three of the candidates' public presentations this spring.

"I am thrilled that he was the candidate who was offered the job," she said. "He understands how things work, he has experience in public libraries, and I think he's going to be able to accomplish a lot and grow the reputation of the school."

With only a verbal offer and before signing any contract with university officials, Cortez started getting things done. He negotiated and planned for the School to create and display an exhibit at the ALA annual conference in Chicago this summer. (He is eager to meet alumni at the all-school reception.) He also arranged for a 2-day faculty and staff retreat prior to fall semester to be facilitated by former ALA Executive Director Peggy Sullivan.

"During the retreat, I expect us to create a list of priorities that will guide us in crafting a five year strategic plan for the school," said Cortez, who has built a reputation at Wisconsin as a team-builder. He has also invited faculty to review the school's mission, goals and objectives, as well as the curriculum.



Ed Cortez will become the SIS Director July 1.

"The search committee was unanimous that Ed Cortez was the right person to become our next director," said Professor Carol Tenopir, who chaired the search committee that selected him.

"He understands the importance of creating a strong identity and personality for the school, and the importance of positioning the program nationally. He has taught organizational communications and corporate and management theory for years, and it is clear that he is ready to put his expertise to practice here. The timing is right."

Cortez chairs the committee that overseas Wisconsin-Madison's strong Ph.D. program, which has helped establish him as a solid researcher and someone who will bring tremendous energy and enthusiasm to the program. Cortez has also held positions at the Library of Congress and is a widely sought after consultant in government and business.

Before his tenure at Wisconsin, Cortez was the acting dean at the School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University of America.

"I am delighted to join the SIS community," says Cortez. "I am eager to lead the school and build on the work of others that have so aptly guided it. I will seek ways for the school to respond to the expanding information environment and improve the delivery of the program to all students."

Editor's Desk



Joel Southern

SIS Team Trains National Achievers

On a cold, December Saturday morning, a SIS graduate student, staff member, and alumna pooled their talents and taught three one-hour training sessions to African-American national achievement students.

Coordinator of Student Services, Tanya Arnold ('03); UT Libraries associate professor Thura Mack ('86); and graduate student Marques Stewart met at Pellissippi State Technical Community College on December 4 to introduce these academic high achievers to the School of Information Sciences and, more importantly, to the idea of setting their sites on graduate school.

Dr. Jane Redmond, vice chancellor of student affairs at UT and chair of the local Urban League advisory board who sponsors the National Achievers Society, welcomed students and challenged them to adopt the leadership skills they were to learn in the sessions. Stewart, a former Peace Corps volunteer, entreated the students to find *something* that will motivate them while they are in college, so that they focus on their goals and not get distracted.

Students from every public school in Knoxville, plus two private schools, attended the half-day workshop. Photos of all 135 students were published in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* last fall.

Gerri Littlejohn Recognized

Students remember her as their warm and friendly first contact at SIS and for knowing the lowdown on everything. Faculty and staff rely on her scrupulous understanding of how financial and human resources work at the University of Tennessee. Everyone, from the College dean down to the incoming student, looks to Gerri Littlejohn for her impressive institutional memory.

Last fall, at a surprise ceremony attended by Chancellor Crabtree, Gerri was honored with the University of Tennessee's "Send Roses" award.

When she learned that she would be getting a choice parking space in front of the Communications Building, Gerri quipped, "I'm the first one here in the morning anyway, and so I never have a problem with parking."

Additionally, recognizing Women's History Month in March, the UT Commission for Women, along with Chancellor Loren Crabtree, honored Gerri Littlejohn and 18 other women for "their outstanding commitment and service to the UT community."

As program resource specialist at the school, Gerri is the backbone of the staff and operations of the school. She has been acknowledged for 25 years of continuous service to the university beginning in 1979. She came to the former Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences in 1982.

In her nomination letter, assistant professor Suzie Allard said that "In all situations, Gerri demonstrates outstanding courtesy and customer service skills. Her job requires her to seamlessly shift from working with students, to faculty, and she does so with incredible grace under pressure. Ms. Littlejohn does her job with enthusiasm and commitment which brightens the department. It seems as if she is *always* here, and that she places her responsibilities to the department very high among her priorities. I love working with Gerry and I know that all the faculty feel that she is an integral part of our school."



Gerri Littlejohn accepts the "Roses Award" from Chancellor Loren Crabtree (right) as Doug Raber looks on.

Student to Intern at Smithsonian Museum

Second year student Lisa Metzer has landed a 3-month internship at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum this summer. Metzer will work with researchers to help develop an online collections database management system. The Postal Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study, and presentation of postal history and philately and houses some 13 million objects.

Scholarship Update

Please help the school endow the Glenn E. Estes Scholarship fund this year so that we can award a scholarship next year. We are only $2,000 short of the $15,000 balance required. Please contribute to SIS scholarships as you can. Visit www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/scholarships for more information.

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Student Corner

Student Gains National Exposure

A feature article by Information Sciences student Michal Strutin appeared in the February issue of *American Libraries*.

Entitled "Libraries Saving Lives in Iraq," Strutin examines a multi-pronged effort to bring life-saving medical information to Iraqi libraries by providing electronic resources and training. Strutin chronicles SIS alumnus Suresh Ponnappa's visits to Iraq and his work to provide access to current medical information.

Strutin is the author of 8 books; her most recent volume is *History Hikes of the Smokies*, published by Great Smoky Mountains Association in 2003. She has published articles in *Rolling Stone, New York Times, USA Today,* the *Christian Science Monitor,* and the *Chicago Tribune*, among others.

Last summer, Strutin was an intern at the *Los Angeles Times* where she worked as part of a team on the editorial library database. She examined paper, microfilm, microform, and digital documents related to 20th century bylines and story-subject names, then created a finding aid and analytic documents for this database. She will graduate from SIS this spring.

Student Wins Best Paper Award

SIS graduate student Marques Stewart won the Best Paper Award for masters degree students at the 2005 College of Communication and Information Research Symposium. His paper, "Japan and the United States—An Information Access Policy Comparison," compares the United States Freedom of Information Act and Japan's Information Disclosure Law to show how Japan broadens public access to national information while the United States becomes more restrictive, especially in the wake of 9/11.

Student Honored at Society Banquet

The Delta Kappa Gamma chapters of Knoxville honored the information sciences last November at an award ceremony in Knoxville. Fourteen women educators were honored and School of Information Sciences' graduate student Terri Lampkin was awarded $1,000 as their Grant-In-Aid scholarship recipient.



Terri Lampkin (left) and Dr. Dania Bilal are recognized at the Delta Kappa Gamma chapter annual award ceremony.

"Each year we present a scholarship to a deserving student who exemplifies the leadership qualities that Delta Kappa Gamma represents," said Pam Jackson, president of Knoxville's Beta Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

"We selected Terrri because of her teaching experience with Knox County Schools, her enthusiasm, and continued interest in public education."

Lampkin was a natural choice for the award because she embodies the organization's mission to help promote leadership in women educators and excellence in education. Lampkin taught English for 12 years at Central and Farragut High Schools and plans to return to teaching after obtaining her master's degree.

Associate Professor Dania Bilal, guest speaker for the evening, spoke about the range of skills and knowledge offered by the School. Because educators wouldn't have fun if they didn't learn something, Lampkin gave a short presentation on one of the Tennessee Electronic Library databases.

SIS Scholarships & Awards for 2004 – 2005

Scholarships

Gary R Purcell Scholarship
Susan Catlett

Information International Associates Scholarship
Rachel Kirkland

Carmen Moulton Scholarship
Alisa Mason
Anna Joujan

H.W. Wilson Scholarship
Martha Hendricks
Shari Clayman

Pioneer Award Scholarship
Courtney McGough

College Awards

Outstanding Master's Student
Michal Strutin

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
Stephen Bales

Outstanding Doctoral Student
Dick Kawooya

The School's "Top 3 Awards" will be announced at the annual Hooding Ceremony in May.

Best Paper Award

Best Papers (Multiple authors)
"FGDC Metadata Standards & Digital Maps" — *Wesley Hays, Genny Carter, Greg March, Jimmy Malone*

Best Papers (Individual author)
"Bestsellers and contemporary book publishing" — *Chris Benda*
"Electronic Publishing Models in the Humanities" — *Ashley Pillow*
"Japan and the United States: An Information Access Policy Comparison" — *Marques Stewart*

Best Project Awards

Best Projects (Group)
"Design of a Workgroup Server for a High School Administrative Office" — *Jill Carpenter, Jenny Cole, Judy Hoff, Cindra Kreps, Duk-Ran Park, Serene Seely*

"Nashville City Cemetery Database" — *Alison Bentley, Ann Davis, Judy Hoff, Max Steele*

Best Project (Individual)
"Classics Slide Collection" — *Iris Godwin*

Faculty News

Faculty Research is Most Cited

Three faculty members from the School of Information Sciences are among the most cited general social sciences scholars within the University of Tennessee System, according to ISI Essential Science Indicators, a universally-accepted citation index of scientific scholarship.

Two scholarly articles—one written by Associate Professor **Dania Bilal** and one written by Associate Professor **Peiling** Wang and co-authored by Professor **Carol Tenopir**—rank among the top seven most cited papers when compared with other general social sciences faculty at the University of Tennessee.

The fourth most cited article, "User's Interaction with World Wide Web Resources: An Exploratory Study Using a Holistic Approach," was published in March 2000 in *Information Processing & Management* by Wang, former SIS graduate student William Hawk, and Carol Tenopir.

The seventh most cited article is Bilal's "Children's use of the Yahooligans! Web Search Engine: I. Cognitive, Physical, and Affective Behaviors on Fact-Based Search Tasks," published in May 2000 in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*.

How We Rank?

Among library and information science programs accredited by the American Library Association, the School of Information Sciences is ranked 3rd in the nation in terms of faculty published periodical articles. SIS is ranked 15th in terms of the number of citations to articles published.

The most recent U.S. News and World Report survey of leading library science programs ranks UT's School of Information Sciences 20th in the nation.

Kendra Albright Developing Global Presence in HIV/AIDS Education

Albright presented a paper at Uganda's National AIDS Conference on the "Role of Information in Uganda's Reduction of hiv/aids Prevalence: Organizational Issues. She and Raber traveled to Uganda again this spring to conduct seminars on doctoral study and curricular topics.

Albright won her third consecutive SARIF grant from the university to fine-tune a proposal to the National Institutes of Health, which will allow her to conduct a pilot study in Uganda this summer that will ultimately help her strategize a reduction in the overall HIV/AIDS infection rates.

Finally, Albright has established the beginnings of an African consortium of library and information science programs in 9 sub-Saharan African countries.

This May, Albright will moderate a panel on Information and Globalization at the 4th annual Global Studies Association conference at UT.

Albright received the College of Communication and Information Innovative Technology Teaching Award at the College's convocation program on April 19.

Suzy Allard Explores the New Role of Digital Librarians

Suzie Allard was an invited speaker at the National Conference on Digital Libraries and E-theses hosted at Jadavpur University in Kolkata, India, early this year. She also spoke at Jadavpur University's Golden Jubilee inauguration of their new Multimodal Digital Distance Education program.

Working with two SIS alums, Thura Mack from Hodges Library and Melanie Feltner Reichert from the UT Arrowmont digital library project, Allard explored a topic that is increasingly important to the university—Institutional Repositories. "The role of librarians in implementing institutional repositories" was presented at ACRL's 12th National Conference in Minneapolis this April.

Allard presented a paper, "Information and women's power: empowering women to share, acquire, and preserve knowledge with institutional repositories," at the Women and Power Conference on March 4 at Middle Tennessee State University.

Allard received the College of Communication and Information Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award at the College's convocation program on April 19.

Dr. Peiling Wang Awarded Grant

Associate Professor Peiling Wang is among three researchers nationwide to win an OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant Program award. Each grant winner was awarded $15,000 to "foster high-quality research in schools of library and information science," according to a press release from the Online Computer Library Center.

Wang and others received their awards at a reception during the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference in Boston on January 13.

Wang's project, "A Dual Approach to Web Query Mining: Towards Conceptual Representations of Information Needs," combines quantitative and qualitative techniques to mine (collect) users online search queries in order to generate concept maps of user's information needs.

Wang expects her research to form a basis for redesigning user-systems so that the architecture behind Web search engines can better anticipate user searching needs.

Carol Tenopir Continues to Gather International Recognition

Carol Tenopir continues to gather international recognition for her work.

- Last December, she was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2nd annual International Information Industry Awards ceremony in London hosted by Online Information 2004 and *Information World Review*.

  Katherine Allen, director of the Information Division at VNU Exhibitions Europe, noted Dr. Tenopir's prodigious and prolific career. "Her research has enthusiastically embraced new technologies from the advent of CD-ROM to the age of Google,



Dr. Carol Tenopir was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Information Industry Conference in London last December.

subjecting each to a fearless analysis of the opportunities and threats posed to librarians, information professionals, and end-users.

- Tenopir was a principal speaker at the 30th annual American Association for the Advancement of Science Forum on Science and Technology Policy April 21–22 in Washington, D.C., arguably the most significant public meeting on science and technology policy in the United States. Tenopir addressed the "Future of Scientific Communication." Other speakers included President Bush's science adviser and the director of the National Science Foundation.
- Also this spring, she was named the 2005 Alice Rankin Distinguished Lecturer for "an individual who has made significant contributions to librarianship and information science," by the New Jersey Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.
- The Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering awarded Carol Tenopir and co-author Donald W. King the 2005 Best Publication Award for their book *Communication Patterns of Engineers*. Their book was published jointly by IEEE Press and Wiley Interscience.
- Tenopir received an interdisciplinary grant from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) to help obtain a better understanding of how technical professionals work and how they meet their information needs. As the principal investigator of the project, Tenopir tapped information sciences colleague Suzie Allard, and Ken Levine, who is an assistant professor in the School of Communication Studies.

Both Levine and Allard have experience in corporate communications. To collect data, Allard will lead a team of students in India from Mysore University, while Levin will lead students in the U.S. from the College of Communication and Information. The grant will be coordinated through the School's Center for Information Studies (CIS) over the next three years.

Doug Raber to Return to Missouri

Doug Raber will soon return to the University of Missouri as a tenured associate professor. He taught at UM from 1990–1996.

"This opportunity had my name written all over it," says Raber. "Missouri's School of Information Science & Learning Technologies recently received a half-million dollar grant to fund the next generation of public library faculty, and they asked me to help shepherd nine Ph.D. students through the program and on to national public library leadership positions.

"It was an offer too good to refuse. I feel sad about leaving the School of Information Sciences—this has been a great experience for me. But my new position seems tailor made to my background, research interests, and teaching goals. I wasn't looking for a position—this one came and found me."

An associate professor at the University of Tennessee since 1997, Raber has taught courses in information policy, public library management and services, and foundations of information sciences and technology. He is known for challenging students to articulate competing core values that lead to conflict in issues where information freedom is at stake within themselves and outside themselves.

Teaching public librarianship is what stirs Raber's passion and is why accepting the position at Missouri is a natural fit.

"I expect the transition of leadership at SIS to be seamless and that the program will continue uninterrupted," says Raber.



Dr. Raber accepts the TLA Freedom of Information Award from Pat Thompson (2001), who chairs the Honors and Awards Committee.

Over the course of his two-year tenure, Interim Director Doug Raber has more than kept the SIS ship afloat. He has negotiated a unique partnership with the leading library science program in East Africa and challenged the faculty to restructure and modernize the curriculum to reflect best practices.

The Tennessee Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc. awarded Raber the 2005 Freedom of Information Award in a ceremony at TLA's annual conference in April.

The award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee. Raber also received a Special Award for Extraordinary Service from the College of Communication and Information at its spring convocation program.

School Directors

1971	Gary Purcell
1978	Ann Prentice
1992	Jose Marie Griffiths
1996	David Penniman
1998	"Bud" Minkel, Interim
1999	Elizabeth Aversa
2003	Doug Raber, Interim
2005	Ed Cortez

Class Notes

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1973

Aubrey Mitchell, associate dean of UT Libraries, received the Tennessee Resource Sharing Award from TLA. He was honored for his contributions to the Tennessee Electronic Library and for Volunteer Voices. See http://www.volunteervoices.org.

1977

Robert Burkhardt works as a library director at Athens State University in Athens, Ala. He received a Ph.D. in Librarianship in 1995 from the University of Alabama.

Joyce White is the library director at Elizabethton/Carter County Public Library in east Tenn.

1980

Sandra Clariday is the director of the library at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Cleveland, Tenn., and is a member of ALA, TLA, SELA, and ACRL.

1982

Betty Jacobs is associate director at Shiloh Regional Library in Jackson, Tenn.

1985

Jim Damewood is director of Library Services at Walters State Community College in Morristown, TN and is a member of TLA.

Martha Earl is the reference coordinator at UT Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville and is a member of TLA, ETLA, KAHSLC, THeSLA, MLA, and SC/MLA. She worked at Meharry Medical College, 1987-90, as a reference librarian. Went to ETSU College of Medicine Library, 1990-97 as Head of Reference. Joined UT Preston Medical Library staff in 1997. Served as President of TLA, 1998-99. Married to Walter Gawryla and has one son, Frank.

1986

Susanne Lewis is an electronic services and reference librarian at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Ga., and is a member of ALA, SELA, and TLA.

Marilyn Paulk is a library media specialist at Bearden High School in Knoxville.

1987

Gregory (Kip) Cates is a librarian at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta and is a member of ALA and ACRL.

Scott Troy is the business director at Colorado Discover Ability in Grand Junction, CO.

1990

Terry Depp is a library media specialist at West Valley Middle School in Knoxville. She is a member of ALA, AASL, and TLA and is the membership chair for TASL.

Deborah Nichols is an assistant library director and electronic services librarian at Maryville College Library in Maryville, Tenn.

Chris Sheetz is an assistant professor in the Library/Learning Resources at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. She was recently honored with the LCCC Foundation's Faculty Excellence Award. She also received the NOCHE Award for Teaching Excellence from the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education.

1992

Jeff Barry is an independent researcher in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1994

Loretta Price, associate professor and acquisition librarian for the UT College of Law Library, has won the 2004 Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award from the American Association of Law Libraries for her book, *An Explosive Quarter-Century: A Guide to Monographic Works on Women's Legal and Political Rights*.

1995

Margaret (Marge) Seifert is a public services librarian at McKee Library, Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. She is a member of ALA, ACRL, RUSA, TLA, CALA—Chattanooga Area Library Assoc., and ASDAL, the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians.

Jennifer Jenkins Szedlak is a research consultant at Hewlett-Packard Company in Corvallis, Ore., and is a member of SLA and ALA. She works with Alice Kirby and Shawn Collins, both UT SIS alums. She is married ('96) and has a daughter, Carly ('2000) and a son, Colson ('03).

Quanta Wyatt is a librarian at East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City, Ark.

1996

Deborah Lammers is the branch manager at the Bon Air Library, the busiest library in the Chesterfield County Public Library system in Richmond, Va. She is a member of ALA, PLA, and the Virginia Library Association.

LEGEND

AALL	American Association of Law Librarians
ACM	Association for Computer Machinery
ALA	American Library Association
ACRL	American College & Research Libraries
MLA	Medical Library Association
NCLA	North Carolina Library Association
NEA	National Education Association
SELA	Southeastern Library Association
SLA	Special Library Association
TASL	TN Association of School Librarians
TLA	Tennessee Library Association

1996

Kimbra Gish (formerly Wilder) is an information and education services librarian and clinical informatics consultation coordinator at Eskind Biomedical Library-Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, and is a member of ALA, ALSC, YALSA, AASL, Intellectual Freedom roundtable, and past member of MLA. She is working full-time on her first novel.

Doris Martinson is the manager and archivist at Knox County Archives in Knoxville and is a member of Academy of Certified Archivists, Society of American Archivists, Society of Tennessee Archivists, East Tennessee Historical Society.

Lucy Park is a manager at the EPA Headquarters Library at ASRC Aerospace Corp. in Washington, D.C. and is a member of SLA. She was named a Dialog InfoStar in 2003 and was recently selected for membership on OCLC's Reference Services Advisory Committee.

1997

Anita Dotson is reference librarian at E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens, Tenn., and is a member of TLA.

Courtney Haley is a user services librarian and instructor at Tennessee State University, Avon Williams Campus in Nashville and is a member of ALA.

Patti Lee is a computer science liaison/reference librarian at Georgia State University in Decatur, Ga. She is the liasison to the Computer Science Departments.

David Ratledge is an associate professor and coordinator & systems librarian for microcomputers & networking at UT Libraries in Knoxville and is a

member of ALA, TLA, and ACM.

1998

Karen Tate is reference research librarian at the CNA Corporation in Alexandria, Va, and is a member of SLA.

William Hawk is an information resource specialist at Balitmore City Public School System in Baltimore, Md., and is a member of ALA.

1999

Valerie Frey is the education coordinator at Georgia Archives in Morrow, Ga., and is a member of Society of Georgia Archivists. She notes: After graduation, I was a Junior Fellow at the Library of Congress' Manuscripts Division before beginning as the Manuscripts Archivist at the Georgia Historical Society and Archivist of the Savannah Jewish Archives for over three years. In 2003, I became the education coordinator at the Georgia Archives. I have two books out now: *The Jewish Community of Savannah* (photographs) and *Voices of Savannah* (oral histories).

2000

Tisa Houck is a librarian and coordinator of access services at Chattanooga State Tech Community College and is a member of TLA and CALA. She also volunteers with Chattanooga Hamilton Co. Bicentennial Library's Friends of the Library.

Ursula Hull is the associate director of Content Management at Silverchair Science and Communications in Charlotteville, Va.

Anne Pemberton is an instructional services coordinator at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

Anthony Smith is the digital initiatives coordinator for UT Libraries. Smith was interviewed by the *Knoxville News Sentinel* in honor of Black History Month and the *Sentinel* included a story about his 17 years of genealogical research.

2001

Jill Grogg is a reference librarian at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Emma Kelly is a part-time reference librarian at St. Charles City-County Public Library District in Aurora, Ill.

Betsy Mercer-Womack is president at DIG Associates in Lynchburg, Va. She launched a consulting business providing a broad range of information services and specialty services in healthcare issues.

2002

Kathryn (Katie) Moisant is a school library media specialist at Blackman Elementary School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and is a member of ALA, TLA, TASL, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Brittany Witte is a library media specialist at Farragut Middle School in Knoxville. She was formerly Brittany Hedrich.

2003

Dawn Adkins is a government documents assistant at the UT College of Law Library in Knoxville and is a member of American Society of Indexers.

Melissa Byrd is a user services librarian at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., and is a member of ALA and TLA.

Kindel Collins is a technical services librarian at a the McClung Collection of Knox County Public Library in Knoxville. She is a member of ALA and ASIST.

Ameet Doshi is a resident librarian at the College of DuPage in Glen Elllyn, Ill., and is a member of ALA and ACRL.

Sheldon Giles is a librarian at Hodges Library in Knoxville and is a member of ALA and ACRL.

Lynn Hurt is a technical services librarian at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, Va.

Julie Loder is a systems librarian at Vanderbilt. She facilitates staff training on ILS and assorted digital projects.

Tina Metzger is a reference librarian at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, Va.

Ann Rox is a librarian at Ooltewah High School in Ooltewah, Tenn., and is a member of TLA, TASL, and the Chattanooga Area Library Association.

Livy Simpson is a cataloging/ILL librarian at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn.

Cynthia Stuart is a school media specialist at Ball Camp Elementary in Maryville, Tenn.

Jeff Weddle (Ph.D) is an assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Al.

2004

Deborah Babb is an electronic services librarian at Christian Brothers University Plough Library in Memphis and is a member of TLA and MALC.

Miriam Barrett is a government documents librarian at Nashville Public Library.

Jenny Ball is a McClung Reference Librarian at Knox County Public Library in Knoxville.

Sherry Bright is an outreach librarian at Buchanan County Public Library in Grundy, Va., and is a member of VLA.

Tiffani Conner is the reference librarian liaison to Sociology at University of Connecticut in Storrs-Mansfield, CT.

Gina Costello is a project librarian at Louisiana State University Special Collections Library in Baton Rouge, La., and is a member of ALA. She is the librarian for the Louisiana Coastal Research Gray Literature Project.

Susanne Dupes works in Corporate Communications at Information International Associates in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and is a member of Public Relations Society of America, International Association of Business Communicators, and the Society of Professional Journalists. She also serves as assistant director for the Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

Trent Hanner is a temporary clerical at Vanderbilt University Heard Library in Nashville, Tenn.

Michael Hooper is a electronic resources librarian at Austin Peay State Univ. in Clarksville, Tenn.

Thena Jones is a Horizon System Administrator at Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg, Va.

Daphne Parker is an information specialist at the Department of Energy's Office of Scientific and Technical Information in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Jesse Pool is an assistant librarian at Memphis Public Library and Information Center in Bartlett, Tenn.

James Staub is a government information librarian at Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville and is a member of SLA and TLA.

Karyn Storts-Brinks is a school media specialist at Fulton High School in Knoxville.

Robert Swanay is a librarian at Johnson City Public Library in Tenn., and is a member of TLA and ALA.

Alumna Helps Develop Science.gov

In *Library Journal's* yearly Movers and Shakers issue, Valerie Allen ('94) is recognized for her contributions to providing unprecedented access to governmental information.

A former Montessori teacher, Allen is an information specialist for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Her first assignment in 1997 was to develop a digital library of all energy-related science and technology research conducted by DOE agencies.

Allen's resulting product—EnergyFiles—then grew into an interagency collaboration, which became a model for the development of Science.gov, a surprisingly successful web portal that debuted in 2002 and that now lets users search 47 million-plus pages of government information with one simply query.

SIS Alumni & Friends Day

The School of Information Sciences (SIS) invites you to celebrate East Tennessee's early history while remembering our own library and information sciences roots. Join fellow alumni and friends while learning more about Knox County Archives and the Historical Collection for genealogical and historical research.



Responses to last year's Alumni & Friends Day were enthusiastic and positive.

What's on the Agenda?



Distinguished Alumni Award

Doug Raber will begin the afternoon by providing a brief State of the School address. Steve Cotham, Reference Manager of the McClung Historical Collection, will then lead us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the renovated East Tennessee History Center. Finally, the SIS Alumni Board will announce the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Everyone is invited to share in this free event.

When: Saturday, May 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Dinner optional.

Where: East Tennessee History Center

Cost: FREE, but please ***Register*** at **http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni**

Schedule

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Talk & Tours (ETHC)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will walk across the street where Bill Snyder, UT Chancellor Emeritus, will lead us on a tour of the renovated Tennessee Theatre.

Dinner Groups < *Dutch treat* >

At 5:00 p.m. you are invited to have dinner with a library "Mover & Shaker" of your choice. We will meet in the lobby of the Tennessee Theatre and then break into dinner groups and dine in a restaurant close by. You will have the choice to have a Dutch treat dinner with:

Larry Frank, Director of Knox County Public Libraries
Doug Raber, Interim Director, School of Information Sciences
Jinx Watson, Children's and young adult literature specialist at SIS
Meredith Goins, ETLA Representative (East Tenn. Library Association)

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