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## Quotable ...

*"This meets my long-term desire to help people, and it's a real need. For me, it's something very tangible that I want to do."*

— **Peter Keller-Transburg (MSI '04)**

Commenting about his new job as a coordinator of the United Nations World Food Program. For more, see page 6.

## Notable ...

### An Easy Way to Track Brochure Titles

Alumna **Ruti Volk (MILS '99)** faced a problem that most librarians scratch their heads over — and then set out to find a solution.



**Ruti Volk**

Volk, librarian of the U-M Cancer Center's Patient Education Resource Center, maintains a collection of pamphlets and books from a number of vendors that deal with topics in high demand from patients.

The problem is that because pamphlets typically come directly from associations and small publishers, major distributors do not act as one-stop suppliers. That means the only

way to reorder each pamphlet is to look up the name of each vendor. With 25 specialty units at the Cancer Center ordering brochures, that means more than 370 titles must be monitored.

The solution is *Brochure Boss*, a database Volk created to keep track of titles and make reordering easy. The U-M now licenses the software and it is available to libraries everywhere.

"I just knew that this would solve the issue," Volk says of *Brochure Boss*. Volk has held poster sessions about the software at American Medical Library Association conferences and gotten a good response. The potential market for *Brochure Boss* is vast, since aside from hospitals, there are thousands of private clinics and medical offices with their racks full of handouts. Volk figures that any office managing more than 50 titles could save time and effort with the software.

Challenges for medical librarians are to ensure the most recent version of brochures are stocked and to avoid overstocking. "The trick is to get the right quantities adjusted, so that you don't have a huge inventory on one hand and a shortage on the other," Volk notes.

Volk credits a course taught by **Terry Weymouth**, associate research scientist, for giving her the technical know-how behind the database. "I made *Brochure Boss* over a long period and kept revising it. After the first poster session, I completely revised it again." •

## Symposium to Explore IPL's Global Impact

Librarianship and the very nature of people's relationship to information have changed dramatically over the past 10 years, in no small part due to the explosion of information available online and in digital format.

Throughout that time, the School of Information has been the driving force behind the Internet Public Library (IPL), widely credited as the first "public library of the Internet." In March, the IPL observed its 10th anniversary, and now SI is holding a "beyond the IPL 10th" event to consider how the IPL, the world of information, and the role of information professionals have changed.

The "Internet Public Library Symposium: A Global Standard for Digital Librarianship" will mark the IPL's achievements, recognize the contributions it has made to the digital world, and think strategically about what the IPL should do next. Open for discussion is whether the IPL should even exist 10 years from now.

The symposium, free and open to all, will be held September 23-24 on campus. Current IPL staff hope that a number of IPL alumni will attend both days to help chart the future course of the IPL as well as to gather with fellow IPL alumni for "mini-reunions."

Guest speakers will include Joe Janes, now a faculty member at the University of Washington Information School. Janes was the IPL founding director. A variety of faculty members and IPL alumni will discuss their current IPL research projects. Alumni will discuss where they are now and how the IPL helped shape their careers.

The IPL is now used by more than seven million patrons a year. The type skills required to maintain and grow the IPL have evolved to include SI students representing a wide range of academic abilities, from information architecture to information economics, from librarianship to archives. In addition to its role as a training ground for School of Information students, the IPL enterprise has provided a variety of academic research projects.

Further information about the schedule, registering, and participating in the pre-symposium information exchange is at [ipl.org/symposium](http://ipl.org/symposium). Contact **Kelly Roan** at [kkryzan@umich.edu](mailto:kkryzan@umich.edu) or (734) 763-2281 for hotel room information, and **Karen Jordan (AMLS '75)** at [kjordan@umich.edu](mailto:kjordan@umich.edu) or (734) 647-7652 for information about the symposium. •

## National Archives Honors Warner

Dean Emeritus **Robert M. Warner** was honored May 19 by the federal agency he once headed, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The agency named its new research center, located in its main building along the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the Robert M. Warner Research Center.

The official announcement at the National Archives Building coincided with the agency's 20th anniversary of its independence from the General Services Administration (GSA). Warner, as archivist of the United States from 1980-85, led the fight in Congress and elsewhere to make NARA an independent agency, effective April 1, 1985.

Allen Weinstein, current archivist of the United States, praised Warner for working "tirelessly with literally hundreds of supporters within the Archives and among our constituent groups, the Congress, and the White House to make independence a reality. While there were many roadblocks in the way, Dr. Warner persevered and finally won."



Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Robert M. Warner (right) with the plaque that is now installed in the Robert M. Warner Research Center in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. With them is Tom Warner, 5, Warner's grandson. (National Archives photo by Earl McDonald)

Warner's four-year fight for independence was won on October 19, 1984, when President

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# Doctors in the House

## SI Produces Next-Generation Faculty and Researchers

One of the promises of the School of Information when it was chartered a decade ago, and when its doctoral program was updated, was that it would produce the future faculty and researchers who would help revolutionize the information professions.

That promise is being fulfilled, and this year alone the School is expected to graduate seven students. It will be the largest group of graduating doctoral students since eight wrapped up their work in 1982. This year alone, three students have already defended their dissertations and are now beginning their careers:

**Jeremy Birnholtz (MSI '01):** Now a post-doctoral student at the University of Toronto, Birnholtz submitted his dissertation on "When Do Researchers Collaborate? Toward a Model of Collaboration Propensity in Science and Engineering Research." His committee chairperson was Research Associate Professor **Thomas Finholt**.

**Kelly Garrett:** Garrett is now a post-doctoral student at the Center for Research on Information Technology and Organizations at the University of California at Irvine. He completed his dissertation on "Exposure to Controversy in an Information Society" under the guidance of Professor **Paul Resnick**.

**Zhu Zhang:** He has accepted a faculty position at the University of Arizona. Under the guidance of Associate Professor **Dragomir Radev**, Zhang produced his dissertation on "Natural Language Relations: Classification and Application."

It's anticipated that the following students will defend their dissertations during the fall semester and graduate either in December or in the spring.

**Denise Anthony (MILS '93):** Anthony has accepted a faculty position at the University of Denver. She is completing her dissertation with Associate Professor **Elizabeth Yakel** serving as her chairperson.

**Clifford Lampe:** Lampe has accepted a faculty position at Michigan State University. He is wrapping up his dissertation with Professor **Paul Resnick** guiding him as his chairperson.

**Christopher (Cal) Lee (MSI '99):** Lee will join the faculty at the University of North Carolina. The chairperson of his dissertation committee is Associate Professor **Margaret Hedstrom**.

**Kathleen (Kate) Williams:** Williams will join the faculty at Dominican University. Her dissertation committee chairperson is Professor **Joan C. Durrance**.



From left, Cliff Lampe, Cal Lee, Denise Anthony, Kate Williams, Kelly Garrett, and Zhu Zhang.

Below, by year, are doctoral graduates of the revised Ph.D. program, with their dissertation titles:

**1996: Carol Ann Hughes**, "Scholarly Productivity: A Structural Equation Modeling Analysis with Special Attention to the Role of the Campus Information Environment"; **Elizabeth Yakel (AMLS '82)**, "Record Keeping in Radiology: The Relationships Between Activities and Records in Radiological Processes."

**1997: Rena K. Fowler**, "The University Library as Learning Organization for Innovation."

**1998: Anita L. Morse**, "Citation Sources in Michigan Supreme Court Opinions"

**1999: Hernan Hammerly (AMLS '81)**, "The Success and Education of Professional Librarians: A Study of Correlations Between Occupational Success and Some Educational Factors as Perceived by a Group of Argentine Librarians."

**2001: Ruth Morris**, "Online Tables of Contents for Books: The User's Perspective"; **Bradley Taylor (MILS '95)**, "The Effect of Surrogation on Viewer Response to Expressional Qualities in Works of Art."

**2002: Qiping Zhang (MSI '98)**, "Negotiating Through Video: Comparing Contextual and Task-Focused Cultures"

**2003: Ann Zimmerman**, "Data Sharing and Secondary Use of Scientific Data: Experiences of Ecologists"; **Xiaolong Zhang**, "Multiscale Collaborative Virtual Environments"; **Huahai Yang**, "Support Spatial Awareness: Collaborative Navigation in a Virtual Environment."

**2004: Mark Handel (MSI '97)**, "Closeness at a Distance: Using Communication Technology to Support Social Relationships"; **Wei Huang**, "Social Dynamics Can Be Distorted in Video-Mediated Communication." •

## Achievers

**Judith Field (AMLS '63)** received the 2005 Alberta L. Brown Award for outstanding contributions to special librarianship from the Western Michigan and Upper Peninsula Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. She is a senior lecturer at Wayne State University.

**Paul T. Jackson (AMLS '65)** has enjoyed a varied career. He started out as a music librarian at Lincoln Center in New York in 1965 and retired as a prison librarian in 1996. In between, he points out, he owned an office supply store, a computer company, and a printing company. "I'm now back to being involved in music," he says from his residence in Enumclaw, Washington. "I'm president of our regional band, [www.gatewayconcertband.org](http://www.gatewayconcertband.org), playing timpani in two bands, an orchestra, and singing with a choir." He is also a member and editor of a writers association quarterly ([www.plateau-areaawriters.org](http://www.plateau-areaawriters.org)) and a member of the Seattle Free Lances ([www.seattlefree-lances.org](http://www.seattlefree-lances.org)). His own writing has been published in the *One Person Library* and *Against the Grain*. After retiring, he also taught research to doctoral students for five years, helped organize and develop two special libraries, and built a database for an information technology personnel services company. "I continue to be a respondent to questions on the Solo LISTSERV and Music Library list, as well as other IT and business publications, such as Harvard Business School working knowledge. I maintain membership in SLA," he adds.

**Robert Beasecker (AMLS '70)** is the author of the newly released book, *"I Hope to Do My Country Service": The Civil War Letters of John Bennitt, M.D., Surgeon, 19th Michigan Infantry*, published by Wayne State University Press. Beasecker is special collections librarian at Grand Valley State University, where he had recently served as interim dean of university libraries.

**Susan Mixter Blanchard (AMLS '72)** is assistant director of the York Public Library Association in York, Maine.

**Laura Isenstein (AMLS '72)** retired as director of the San Antonio (Texas) Public Library in summer 2003 after a 31-year career in public libraries, including 24 years in administration. She is now a library planning consultant working nationally and internationally with public libraries in the areas of master planning, facilities planning, strategic planning, and organizational transformation. "In addition, I serve as adjunct faculty for the University of North Texas's online MLS program, teaching courses on introduction to library management and advanced management."

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# relationships

Katherine Solon, recipient of the Faculty and Alumni Scholarship.



Krissa Rumsey, left, and Matthew Albee, with Karen Horny (AMLS '66), who funded a scholarship. Rumsey is a past recipient of the scholarship and Albee received it during the 2004-05 academic year. Horny is dean of library services at Southwest Missouri State University and returns to Ann Arbor as often as possible to participate in School of Information events.

## Raymond Kilgour Passes at 101

Professor Emeritus **Raymond L. Kilgour** died June 20, 2005 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was 101.

Professor Kilgour held bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in romance languages from Harvard University, where he taught French from 1931-41. Following that, he pursued a library science career and earned an ABLS from Michigan in 1942. Professor Kilgour was an assistant librarian and assistant professor of romance languages at Carleton College for a year after earning his Michigan degree.

"He was recruited by the U.S. government for his combined library and Spanish skills to head a team which started a library school at the National University of Peru," recalls his daughter, Katharine.

In 1945, he accepted a teaching position at Michigan and stayed until he retired in 1968. He and his wife, Sarah, who predeceased him, retired to Lincoln.

"My father was always grateful for his happy years at Michigan, and for the many fine colleagues with whom he was privileged to work," she recounted. •

## Donors Mingle with Scholarship Winners at Annual Luncheon

Alumni who contribute to School of Information scholarship funds were recognized at the annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in April.

Many of the student recipients for 2004-05 met the donors who have made it possible for them to study at Michigan. The students spoke about what their scholarship meant to them; for some, it was the difference between attending the School of Information or having to give up on the dream of earning a graduate degree.

Many donors develop a lasting connection with the School through the students they meet or receive correspondence from concerning their scholarship. Such was the case with Jane E. Rollman, who with her niece Sarah T. Bilecky and Sarah's mother Dorothy Rollman Tallon, established the Mary Rollman Scholarship. Jane Rollman died this past March. She generously bequeathed \$10,000 to the scholarship fund.

"Over the years, Jane saved all correspondence regarding this scholarship fund and particularly enjoyed the letters from scholarship recipients," Bilecky said.

**Phelix Hanible Award**  
Kafi Laramore-Josey

**Faculty and Alumni Scholarship**  
Katherine Solon  
Maurice Solomon

**Wallace and Joyce Bonk Scholarship**  
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**Thomas Slavens Scholarship**  
Tracey Hughes

**H.W. Wilson Foundation**  
Nabeeha Mohammed

**Thomas Alford Scholarship**  
Sarah Stone



At spring commencement, family of Stephen I Markel were on hand for the presentation of the first award in Mr. Markel's memory. Mr. Markel earned his MALS in 1994 and later entered the doctoral program. The first recipients of the award were William Aylesworth, a current doctoral student, and Tanuka Roy, a current master's student. Gathering after the ceremony were Catherine Aylesworth; Ellen Rambo, widow of Stephen; Geri and Sheldon Markel, Stephen's parents; William Aylesworth; Laura O'Connor, Stephen's sister; Carol Rycus; and Joe O'Connor. Tanuka Roy was unavailable for the photo.



## Achievers

**John Kniesner (AMLS '72)** is librarian/director of the Bellaire Public Library in Bellaire, Ohio.

**Linda Schweizer (AMLS '73)** is an academic librarian, with a focus on reference in the areas of law and business, with the Ralph J. Bunche Library at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. "I worked at the Department of Justice in the Tax Library and the Antitrust Library for 10 years," she adds. "I have also worked as a librarian in the state of Chiapas, Mexico at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey-Campus Chiapas, from 1982-89."

**Donald Beagle (AMLS '77)** is director of library services at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina. In March, he gave a talk at Deutscher Bibliothekartag 2005 in Düsseldorf, on Germany, as guest of the German Library Association. He spoke on "The Information Commons and the Future of Academic Libraries." Further proving his general astuteness, he adds, "I think *SI@Umich* (publication and Web site) is really well done. Great job." Friends can reach him at donaldb@bac.edu.

**Peggy Schmidt (AMLS '79)** retired in June as director of instructional technology and media services for the Farmington (Michigan) Public Schools, where she has worked the past 19 years. Upon graduating from U-M, she was an information consultant for the School and the School of Education for seven years. Friends can reach her at npschmid@concentric.net.

**Abdul Rahman Mohd (MILS '87)** is manager of the SIRIM Library of SIRIM Berhad in Shah Alam, Malaysia. SIRIM Berhad is a government-owned company that serves as the national organization of standardization and quality in Malaysia. "I hope to get in touch with some of my former classmates of 1986-87," he writes. You can do so at rahman@sirim.my.

**Lisa Hoenig (MILS '89)** is director of the Wixom (Michigan) Public Library.

**David Gansz (MILS '93)** is dean for learning support and information systems at Edison State Community College in Piqua, Ohio. Drop him a line at gansz@edisonohio.edu.

**Holly M. (Mohler) Riccio (MILS '94)** is library manager for O'Melveny & Myers LLP in San Francisco. She manages both the San Francisco and Silicon Valley office libraries. You can reach her at hrriccio@omm.com.

**Jessica Silver Sharp (MILS '95)** is archivist for the San Diego (California) Historical Society. "I've just completed work on the *San Diego Union-Tribune* photograph collection and am expecting my first child in August," she says. Drop a line at jevesilver@yahoo.com.

**Schelle Simcox (MSI '96)** is a law librarian with Paul Hastings, LLP, in San Francisco. "If you are interested in a career in law librarianship, feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to share my experiences and advice," she says. Reach her at schellesimcox@mac.com.

## Big Dreams Begin for SI Graduates

The days when the entire spring graduating class and family members could squeeze into the Ehrlicher Room at West Hall for commencement are gone.

This past April, approximately 500 degree candidates and guests attended the ceremony, held for the first time in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in the Michigan League. The nearby Alumni Center was called upon to host the after-commencement reception.

The School also had a large contingent graduate in December, and those degree candidates were honored by faculty and family at a reception in the Michigan Union.

At the spring ceremony, the Edmon Low Award for dedicated service to the information professions, empathy for people, and "ability to inspire confidence and trust through industry, political shrewdness, responsibility, and a good sense of humor" went to **April Witteveen** and **Joanna Axelrod**.

The Margaret Mann Award for demonstrated ability and promise of professional development was presented in the spring to **Emily Tennant**, **Zahra Langford**, and **Axelrod**. In December, the award went to **Eric Cook** and **Cristina Negrut**.

The first Stephen I. Markel Award for an extraordinary combination of talent, skill, dedication, leadership, compassion, humor, and entrepreneurial spirit in educational, professional, and personal pursuits went to doctoral student **William Aylesworth** and Master of Science in Information student **Tanuka Roy**.

At both the December and April events, **A. Candace Goss (MSI '99)**, president of the Alumni Society, welcomed the graduates to the fold. In addition, at the spring event, **Elaine Didier (AMLS '71, Ph.D. '82)**, director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum, delivered the commencement address.

April degree candidates were:

**Ph.D.:** Jeremy P. Birnholtz

**MSI (Archives and Records Management):** Dharma Akmon, Shahana Alam, Jennifer Allan, Gwendolynn Amsbury, Nicholas Baker, Amanda Carvell, Christy Eyre, Adriane Hanson, Tamara Jones, Leslie Knoblauch, Doris Malkmus, Eva Reffell, Laura Schmidt, and Nadia Seiler

**MSI (Human-Computer Interaction):** Thomas Allison, Dino Anastasia, Asif Baki, Andrew Beasley, Min Young Chang, Byungsuk Choi, G. Jamie Cope, Stephen Cotterill, Olivier Destrebecq, Matthew Dull, Margrethe Hackett, Ali Hakim, Shibani Kapoor, Il-Hwan Kim, Yong Suk Kim, Jonas Kong, Lana Krolkowski, Zahra Langford, Adrien Lazzaro, Barbara Lee, Kathleen Lee, David Louie, Can Lu, Thomas McCarthy, Sarah McNitt, Christopher Petersen, Sharadindu Ramarao, Marta Rey-Babarro, Joshua Ribolla, Cari Rottenberg, Dennis Row-lader, Katherine Seyama, Carrie Sawyer, Aaron Stark, Stephen Suryo, Jeffrey Tang, Rebecca Tremaglio, Sunny Yang, Jude Yew, Eunkyung Yoo, Yee Eun Yoon, and Linda Yu

**MSI (Information Economics, Management and Policy):** Jonathon Baugh, Jonathan Brodhag, Jessica Goger, Soo-yeon Hwang, Adrienne Janney, Yen-Chiun Kuo, Josh Leopold, Nina Palmo, and Sharon Smith

**MSI (Library and Information Services):** Melanie Anderson, Jennifer Angel, Julie Arendt, Mary Carleton, Laura Colilla, Melissa Collino, Diane Crang, Eboni Curry, Cara D'Amato, Evelyn Erickson, Sally Evaldson, Michael Galloway, Elizabeth Goldman, Sarah Koeze, Jonathan Koffel, Mellanye Lackey, Julie Lawrence, Frank Lester, Stephanie Lichtenauer, Scott Martin, Kristen Motz, Rachel Oram, Dolsy Smith, Sarah Smith, Joan Swerdloff, Emily Tennant, Stephen Tisch, Monique Uzelac, Jessica Walker, Everett Wiggins, Joshua Wilson, April Witteveen, and Kate Zoellner

**MSI (Tailored):** Joanna Axelrod, Maria Cervone, Matthew Davis, Jennifer Fischer, Laura Haxer, Jacqueline Jacobson, Gaurav Jain, Beryl Johnson, Cory Knobel, Madhu Lakshmanan, Iris Liu, Walter Mosley, Abigail Potter, Polly Reynolds, Abdul Suleiman, Allison Walker, and John Wood

December degree candidates were:

**MSI (Human-Computer Interaction):** Anthony Abernathy, Eric Cook, Stan Drozdetski, Paula Figura, Linshi Li, and Jing Wang

**MSI (Information Economics, Management and Policy):** Clark Leininger, Jacob Moskol, and Jason Rodriguez

**MSI (Library and Information Services):** Emily Barton, Jennifer Campbell, Eboni Curry, Julia Gardner, Sarah Kolk, Glen Modell, Kouassi Nguessan, Teri Oaks, Kathryn Rosen, Lei Wang, and Sarah Wooden

**MSI (Tailored):** Marcia Meyerowitz, Cristina Negrut, and Whitney Ross

**Master of Information and Library Services:** Theodore Smith •

**Linshi Li (right)** was among the December graduates. Below, graduate **Marta Rey-Babarro** celebrates with her sister, **Anita**, during the April reception.



Spring degree candidates included, from left, **Carrie Sawyer**, **Adrien Lazzaro**, **Shibani Kapoor**, **Yongsuk Kim**, and **Katherine Seyama**.

## Grads Accept a Variety of Job Offers

April graduates continue to land an assortment of interesting positions. Among those who have reported to SI Career Services so far:

**Dharma Akmon**, production assistant, JSTOR; **Jennifer Allan**, project archivist assistant, California State University-Dominguez Hills; **Jonathan Brodhag**, associate, Moore & Van Allen, PLLC; **Amanda Carvell**, librarian, San Antonio (Texas) Public Library; **Maria Cervone**, public health informatics fellow, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; **Steven Cotterill**, information technology business analyst, Apple Computer; **Cara D'Amato**, conflicts analyst, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP; **Jennifer Fischer**, analyst, Accenture; **Corey Knobel**, doctoral student at SI; **Leslie Knoblach**, assistant records manager, Catholic University of America; **Mellanye Lackey**, associate fellow, National Library of Medicine; **Zahra Langford**, user-interface designer, Xerox Corporation.

Also, **Julie Lawrence**, library media specialist, Cranbrook Girls Middle School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; **Clark Leininger**, systems validation analyst, Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism of Pfizer Global Research & Development; **Stephanie Lichtenauer**, social sciences reference/instruction librarian, University of Colorado; **Abigail Potter**, rights and reuse associate, National Public Radio; **Laura Schmidt**, archivist, Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton College; **Emily Tennant**, libraries fellow, North Carolina State University Libraries; **Monique Uzelac**, assistive technology consultant, Ann Arbor Public Schools; **Josh Wilson**, reference librarian for the physical and mathematical sciences, North Carolina State University Libraries. •

# Faculty Bring New Perspectives

The addition of three assistant professors to the School of Information faculty provides additional strength for all of the specializations within the Master of Science in Information program.

Associate Dean for Professional Programs **C. Olivia Frost** welcomed **Lada A. Adamic**, **Steven J. Jackson**, and **Rahul Sami** to the SI community. They join **Ixchel Faniel** and **Michael McQuaid**, who came to the faculty in the 2004-05 academic year, as the most recent hires.

Adamic's research interests are information dynamics in networks, how information influences the evolution of networks, how network structure influences the flow of information, and how social networks can be navigated. "Lada Adamic is an exceptional young scholar who is fast becoming one of the leaders in what Notre Dame physicist Albert-László Barabási has called the 'new science of networks,'" Frost says.

Most recently, Adamic was a research staff member in the Information Dynamics Lab at Hewlett Packard Labs in Palo Alto, California, where she worked on research projects relating to networks constructed from large data sets. These projects included mining the medical literature for gene-disease connections, tracking and modeling information flow in E-mail and blog networks, modeling search processes on real-world social networks, and building expertise-finding systems for HP's internal use.

"Her research exhibits stellar quality and remarkable versatility," Frost adds, "spanning electronic markets, reputation systems, knowledge communities, and blogs." Her publications venues range from *Nature* and *Physics Review* to *First Monday* and the *Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce*. Reports on her work have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Le Monde*, *Wired* and *SlashDot*, and Web searches reveal that her papers are assigned reading in well over 100 university courses.

Of Jackson, Frost commented, "Steven Jackson is a promising young scholar whose research focuses on how information systems function in contested arenas of policy." His dissertation research reflects a sophisti-

cated understanding of the social challenges posed by sharing data deeply embedded in particular contexts, and addresses issues surrounding knowledge representation and archiving when data are collected by multiple communities over long periods. Frost pointed out that students in both the Archives and Records Management specialization and the Information Economics, Management and Policy specialization will benefit greatly from Jackson's research.

He has had previous teaching experience at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and the University of California-San Diego. He has taught courses on global communication; communication, surveillance, and control; and communication and the environment. During the 2004-05 academic year, he was a doctoral fellow at the National Center for Digital Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

"Rahul Sami is a rising young star working at the intersection of theoretical computer science and economics," Frost notes. He has been a post-doctoral associate in the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In the summer of 2002, Sami served as an intern at the NEC Research Institute in Princeton, and since 2003, he has been a post-doctoral fellow at the Laboratory for Computer Science and the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at MIT.

Sami's research is focused on topics in the intersection of computer science and economics that arise in the study of Internet protocols and systems. Sami is interested in designing and analyzing incentive mechanisms, markets, and reputation systems to enable self-interested economic entities to cooperatively solve common goals, and in studying the distributed-computation problems that arise when mechanisms have to be computed in a network. He is also interested in other problems in theoretical computer science and in computer architecture. "His published research has drawn considerable attention for a scholar at such an early stage of his career," Frost says, "and he is already serving as a program committee member for key conferences in his field." •

# ACL Conference a World Affair

Approximately 700 educators, researchers, and students from around the world gathered in Ann Arbor for the 43rd annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics in June.

The conference focused on advances in the ability of computers to understand and react to natural language. Popular applications include making Web search engines respond more accurately to users' questions, automatic text translation, knowledge extraction from the Web, and human-computer dialogue.

The conference provided a platform for the U-M to display its own expertise in the field, and the School of Information was well-represented. **Dragomir Radev**, an associate professor at SI and in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and the Department of Linguistics, served as local conference chair. The School of Information, along with the College of Engineering and the Department of Linguistics, were official conference co-hosts.

The conference also had a session especially designed for students. The National Science Foundation sponsored a student research workshop, at which 26 students from around the world shared their findings.



Associate Professor Dragomir Radev was local chair of the conference.

The annual ACL conference is held throughout the world on a rotating schedule based on major geographic regions. Last year the event was in Barcelona, Spain, and next year it will travel to Sydney, Australia.

In addition to the U-M host academic units, the conference was sponsored by several technology-related companies: Google, IBM Research, Microsoft Research, Yahoo! Search, LanguageWeaver, Xerox Research Centre Europe, and Lexis-Nexis. •

## Achievers

**Rachel Erlich Kamin (MSI '97)** is director of Temple Israel Libraries & Media Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan. She has also been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries, beginning in January 2006. The award recognizes the best in Judaic children's literature each year. A committee of experienced Judaica children's librarians reviews and evaluates more than 100 titles during the course of each year and selects as winners the books that most authentically portray the Jewish experience. Kamin has been an active member of this committee since 2003 and will now take on the additional tasks of oversight and administration. She is also the editor of *JEWISH STARS: Recommended Books with Jewish Themes for Schools and Libraries*, available free from the Association of Jewish Libraries in PDF format at [www.jewishlibraries.org](http://www.jewishlibraries.org). "This new, annotated bibliography enables teachers, librarians, and parents to identify recommended books that will help children learn about the Jewish religion, Jewish culture, Jewish history, Israel, and contemporary Jewish life," she says. The 29-page bibliography includes more than 200 titles that are appropriate and relevant for public school, public library, and other general collections, and are accessible to readers with limited knowledge of Judaism.

**Chin Tiong (Douglas) Lau (MSI '97)** is employed by the National Library Board Academy in Singapore.

**Michael Seadle (MSI '97)** is editor of the peer-reviewed *Library Hi Tech* journal. He passes along a note that he always welcomes submissions from fellow SI alumni. Write to him at [seadle@msu.edu](mailto:seadle@msu.edu).

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**Charis Kaskiris (MSI '99)** is a visiting researcher with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science. The institute carries out basic research and technology development in computer science in support of NASA's missions in space exploration and aeronautics. The institute is located at the NASA Ames Research Center between San Francisco and San Jose, California, in the heart of Silicon Valley.

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**Walter Mosley (MSI '02)** is clerk for the Honorable Judge Damon J. Keith in Detroit of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Erik Dahl (MSI '03)** is employed at MAYA Design of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Human Sciences Group as an interaction designer and information architect, where he notes, he is "putting all of my great HCI skills from SI to work." In other news, he says, "I also have been producing a podcast for the last several months. It's lots of fun; have a listen at [thedahlpod.com](http://thedahlpod.com)."

**Leigh Ann Jasmer-Romano (MSI '03)** is a librarian at the Roseville (Michigan) Public Library. Friends can reach her at [leighmano@yahoo.com](mailto:leighmano@yahoo.com).

**Karen (Walton) Morse (MSI '03)** is a processing archivist (senior assistant librarian) in Special Collections at the State University of New York-Buffalo.

**Eric Neagle (MSI '03)** is circulation manager of the Chicago-Kent College of Law. The college is unique in that it is one of the few affiliated with a technological university, in this case the Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Sarah (Wacksmuth) Tyrchniewicz (MSI '03)** is a part of the user-centered design team at Elsevier in Miamisburg, Ohio.

For the past year, **Lynell DeWind (MSI '04)** is now special project librarian at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. During the past year, she was user-interface development librarian at Grand Valley, and in that position, she led implementation projects of new software releases, including trouble shooting, developing work instructions, and training users in new applications. She also led efforts to integrate the EnCompass search tool within the Endeavor Voyager System, and worked with the Web advisory committee to reformat the library Web site content.

**Elizabeth Keith (MSI '04)** is a national LawHelp.org circuit rider and is living in Fairfax, California. LawHelp.org provides both legal and lawyer referral information to people with low-incomes and support and information to attorneys and advocates who serve them. The site has been built by Pro Bono Net, a nonprofit organization in New York City, with partnering organizations in various states.

## IEMP Grad's Caring for Others Benefits United Nations' World Food Program

One of **Peter Keller-Transburg's** goals has always been to help others, regardless of where that task might take him.

As of July, he's living what he calls a dream opportunity in Mozambique, Africa, serving as a coordinator with the United Nations World Food Program. It's a position that his Master of Science in Information degree, earned in 2004, prepared him well for, since he specialized in Information Economics, Management and Policy.

From his base in Beira, along the Indian Ocean, Keller-Transburg will help bring food to drought-stricken residents. He considers his two-year stint with the UN to be a dream come true. "To get this now is unreal," he said. "This meets my long-term desire to help people, and it's a real need. For me, it's something very tangible that I want to do."

Serving others is not new to Keller-Transburg. Before coming to SI, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana. Although much of his time growing up was spent in the United States, a significant portion was also devoted to Africa. When he was 10 years old, his parents moved to Zaire (now the Republic of the Congo) to teach, and that's

where he devoted most of his time for the next five years. Keller-Transburg says his parents inspired him and instilled a view toward the importance of service to others.

After receiving his master's degree from the School of Information, Keller-Transburg served as coordinator of the Community Information Corps at SI, helping SI students and alumni in their quest for careers helping others throughout the world.

While in Mozambique, Keller-Transburg will help ensure that the food program is running "effectively and efficiently," he says. "It's a great opportunity. I feel very lucky."

Keller-Transburg's wife Leah, an artist, will travel with him and pursue her career as well. •



**Peter Keller-Transburg**

## Hunt's Work Earns Plaudits

**Karen J. Hunt (MILS '93)**, director of the John Hope Franklin Collection of African and African American Documentation, African American resource librarian at Duke University, and a 1989 Wright State University graduate, is the Outstanding Alumni Award winner from the Wright State College of Liberal Arts.

The John Hope Franklin Collection is a repository for African and African American studies and an educational outreach division of the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library at Duke University.

Named after distinguished historian John Hope Franklin, the collection collects, preserves, and promotes materials on the history of Africa and people of African descent. While a Wright State student in 1986, Hunt decided to join the Peace Corps. She served in Kenya, East Africa, until 1988.

Since leaving Wright State, Hunt has worked for the National Archives and Record Administration in Washington, D.C., and as corporate records manager for Northern State Power in Minneapolis.

She later was a manuscripts assistant at the Bentley Historical Library at the U-M, assistant university archivist at the College of William & Mary, and an associate professor, systems archivist, and director of the Department of Archives and Special Collections at California State University in Dominguez Hills.

Hunt has published numerous articles and presented on the John Hope Franklin collection, the future of archiving, and on 19th century physician and abolitionist Sarah Parker Remond. •

## ACRL Training a Testament to Alumna

A School of Information alumna is being remembered for her contributions to the library profession with a symposium designed for professionals considering a move into management.

The Sharon A. Hogan Management Symposium, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is for "front-line people" considering a middle-management position and managing people for the first time. The aim is to focus on those issues that challenge first-time managers, such as hiring, training and evaluating staff, setting priorities, and planning.

The symposium is named for **Sharon A. Hogan (AMLS '68)**, who was vice provost for information management and university librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago when she died in 2002.

The ACRL is sponsoring three symposia; the final one is slated for 2006 at its national conference.

Hogan had often said there was a need for library professionals to receive management training. Most

management programs and institutes available are for people already in middle management or at the associate director level.

The full-day session includes interactive activities and time for questions and is limited to no more than 50 people. It is team taught by a young manager who is close to the kinds of decisions/activities covered in the symposium (Peter Hepburn of the University of Illinois-Chicago) and **Anne Beaubien (AMLS '70)** of the U-M, a senior manager who provides perspective and experience.

Participants are each matched with a mentor who discusses management and career ideas with these librarians.

A scholarship is named for Hogan at the School of Information. More information about the scholarship or the symposium is available from **Karen Jordan (AMLS '75)**, assistant director of alumni relations, at [kjordan@umich.edu](mailto:kjordan@umich.edu) or (734) 647-7652. •

# It's Written That Student's a Scholar

One of the University of Michigan's prestigious writing awards was presented this past spring to master's student **Erin Podolsky**, who received a Kasdan Scholarship in Creative Writing for her screenplay, "Yours Truly, Wells Taylor." She studies in the Library and Information Services specialization.

The award-winning screenplay is about "a high school kid who discovers old-time radio shows, like 'The Lone Ranger,' and creates his own in the same style at his school radio station," Podolsky says.

Podolsky received the \$5,000 Kasdan Scholarship at the annual Hopwood Awards ceremony on April 19 in a public ceremony in Rackham Auditorium. The scholarship, administered by the Hopwood Awards program, was established by University of Michigan graduates Lawrence and Meg Kasdan. Podolsky competed against both undergraduates and graduate students in the contest, which was judged by a U-M faculty member.

Awards for screenwriting are not new to Podolsky. She won a Hopwood Award in 2000 for "Sunday Drive," and it was produced as a play at the Department of Film & Video Studies' Festival of New Works in 2001.

After graduating from U-M in 2000 with her undergraduate degree in film and video studies, Podolsky worked in journalism in New York City for two years, at *Entertainment Weekly* and *TV Guide*. She is now a freelance music writer for the *Detroit Free Press* and writes about the NBA for *Inside Stuff* and *Hoop* magazines.

"I returned to the Detroit area in May 2002 to concentrate on my dream of working full-time as a film critic and to more effectively root for the Detroit Pistons," she says. "It worked out pretty well — I was a regular reviewer for the alternative weekly *Metro Times* until recently — but I still had not found the personal fulfillment I was looking for. Enter SI, where I hope to marry cinema (or perhaps basketball) with the information field."

Screenplay and drama manuscripts were required to be at least 50 pages in length and only completed works, as opposed to works in progress, were judged.

Under the terms of the will of Avery Hopwood, prominent American dramatist and member of the class of 1905 of the University of Michigan, one-fifth of Hopwood's estate was given to the Regents of the University for the encouragement of creative work in writing. •



## LILA Turns 15

Erin Matas and Devon Persing help a wolverine guard the chocolate cupcakes at the 15th anniversary celebration of the Lavender Information and Library Association this spring.

# Capital Facility Carries Warner Name

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Ronald Reagan signed legislation that removed the National Archives from GSA jurisdiction and made it an independent agency.

Warner thanked Weinstein and NARA for the honor, saying "Being archivist of the United States was the greatest opportunity I ever had or will have."

Later, he said the naming honor was "kind of a surprise, but it's a very pleasant one. It's so good to relive the part of my life connected with this institution."

With Warner for the unveiling was his wife, Jane; his son, Mark Warner, and grandson, Tom Warner, 5, of Moscow, Idaho; and his daughter, Jennifer Cuddeback, and her husband, Jim, of Austin, Texas.

The agency's research center was created during a renovation of the building over the past several years, bringing together research services then located in other parts of the building and establishing some new services.

The center is an important stop for researchers, especially family historians, looking for information from the U.S. Census records and other documents that date back to the founding of the country.

As the nation's recordkeeper, NARA is the custodian of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, which are on display in its main building, along with hundreds of other documents that tell the story of America and its people in an exhibition called the Public Vaults.

The agency maintains federal records centers, archives, and Presidential libraries at 36 locations around the country. They include the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor as well as the Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. NARA also publishes the Federal Register and makes grants through its National Historical Publications and Records Commission to preserve and make available state and local records and the papers of prominent Americans. •

## Extras

The work of Associate Professor **Yan Chen** is receiving notice. "School Choice: An Experimental Study," with Tayfun Sonmez, will be published in the *Journal of Economic Theory*. This paper influenced changes in the Boston and New York public schools, and was mentioned in the *Boston Globe*. Meanwhile, "When Does Learning in Games Generates Convergence to Nash Equilibrium? The Role of Supermodularity in an Experimental Setting," with Robert Gazzale, was published in the leading economics journal, *American Economic Review*, in December 2004. "An Economic Model of User Rating in an Online Recommender System," with Maxwell Harper, Xin Li, and Joseph Konstan, was accepted at the 10th International Conference on User Modeling 2005 and will appear in Springer's LNAI series, *UM 2005 User Modeling: Proceedings of the Tenth International Conference*. Also, "Dynamic Stability of Nash-Efficient Public Goods Mechanisms: Reconciling Theory with Experiments," appeared in *Experimental Business Research*, Vol. II.

Legal research by Assistant Professor **Gavin Clarkson** appears in *Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law*, published in its fourth edition by Lexis-Nexis. Clarkson contributed to a chapter on economic development and added additional material on tribal access to capital markets and bank debt, as well as on organizational forms suitable for tribal economic development. Clarkson is also a visiting professor in the U-M Law School and a faculty affiliate in the Department of Native American Studies.

**Dean John L. King** will be one of the major presenters at the first i-Conference of the i-School Deans' Community from September 28-30 at Penn State University. King will speak on "i-School Identity: Who Are We, What Makes Us Unique?" Other presenters include the deans from the University of Washington, the University of California-Irvine, Syracuse University, and Penn State University. Acceptance of "information" as an academic discipline, like law or medicine, is evidenced by the fact that 17 universities in the United States now have programs focused on graduating students grounded in the information field. Faculty and graduate students will attend to discuss common ground and discuss where the field is headed.

The **Center for Information Technology Integration (CITI)** is now under the wing of the School of Information. CITI engages in advanced development and research projects that enhance the U-M's information technology environment. CITI had been administered under the Office of the Provost. U-M Regents established CITI in 1986 to provide leading-edge research and development in information technology. Professor **Daniel E. Atkins** of SI played a major role in its creation. CITI comes into SI as a wholly-contained and subordinate part of SI.



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## Please Join Us...

### Sept. 23-24

Everyone is invited to the Internet Public Library Symposium in celebration of its 10 years of service to the world. All alumni who had a role in building the IPL are especially welcome to participate and schmooze with old friends back on campus. Joseph Janes, founding director, now of the University of Washington Information School, will be the featured speaker. Watch for symposium details at [ipl.org/symposium](http://ipl.org/symposium).

### Oct. 19

If you're hiring, need interns, or just want to be a mentor and know more about what SI students are doing these days, then don't miss the second annual SI@Work program from **1-3 p.m. in the Ehrlicher Room, 411 West Hall**. Students who participated in internships during the summer will display their work in poster sessions. Just drop by at your convenience. The program is sponsored by the Office of Academic Outreach and Practical Engagement Programs.

**Oct. 19 and 22** The popular "Connect with SI" program for prospective master's and doctoral students returns. Two identical programs are held. The **Wednesday** program is from **6:30-9 p.m.** and the **Saturday** program is from **1-3:30 p.m.** Both feature faculty, staff, and current students talking about the programs

available. Prospective students can also learn about financial aid opportunities. All alumni are encouraged to pass word along to any students they know of who might be interested in Information Age careers. For details, call SI Admissions at (734) 763-2285 or write to [si.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:si.admissions@umich.edu).

### Oct. 22

Alumni Society Board Meeting. All alumni are invited to attend at **9 a.m. in the Ehrlicher Room, 411 West Hall**.

### Oct. 27

Visit with SI students and staff at the Michigan Library Association Conference from October 25-28, and be sure to stop by the Alumni Association Reception from **5-6:30 p.m.** in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids.

### Nov. 9-12

The School of Information will be represented at the Michigan Association for Media in Education conference. Watch the SI Web site for details about alumni activities held in conjunction at [si.umich.edu/events](http://si.umich.edu/events).

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