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## A Message from the Director Stephen Bajjaly

I am pleased to contribute my inaugural director's message to the Connections newsletter. As the LIS Program's new director, I have been working to build on the solid foundation laid by my predecessor, Dr. Joseph Mika. Any advancement made under my leadership will be possible because of his prior accomplishments.

You will notice that many of the stories focus on new accomplishments and achievements at the LIS Program – change is in the air. Since August, we have begun enrolling students in two new degree and certificate programs, started another IMLS cohort, launched a search for two new faculty members, initiated the development of a new Records Management graduate certificate and moved more of our classes online. In the coming year, I hope to offer our students a completely online option for their MLIS program and recruit more students to our Information Management certificate program, which offers a cutting-edge curriculum allowing them to manage a variety of technology projects.

Already, I have been delighted with the active support of the LIS Program's alumni and friends. Many of you have mentored our students, taught classes and offered ideas for improvement. I look forward to continuing these relationships and welcome your support in the years to come.

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## Stephen Bajjaly Takes Over Directorship of LIS Program

As it enters its 40th year of ALA accreditation, the LIS Program welcomes its new director, Dr. Stephen Bajjaly. Bajjaly plans to expand current initiatives while also exploring new options for the program. "As the LIS Program moves forward, I am examining where we currently stand, outlining our future goals and ensuring that they are met while keeping the needs of our students, alumni, faculty, staff and employers in mind," Bajjaly said.

Future projects include developing a more in-depth online curriculum, creating new specialized areas of concentration and exposing the LIS Program to new audiences. As the program prepares for its ALA accreditation visit in fall 2009, Bajjaly plans to continue raising the profile of the LIS Program both locally and regionally as well as within the library and information science discipline.

Bajjaly brings more than 15 years of experience in library and information science to his new position. Prior to joining the LIS Program, Bajjaly served as associate professor and associate director for Undergraduate Studies at the University of South Carolina's (USC) School of Library and Information Science. In that position, he oversaw the implementation of the school's recently approved Bachelor of Science in Information Science degree. Bajjaly taught courses in community networking, management and information technology at USC and to students across Georgia, Maine, Virginia and West Virginia via distance learning.



Bajjaly earned his doctorate in information science from the State University of New York at Albany. This interdisciplinary program focused on both information management and traditional librarianship, which has allowed him to bring useful expertise in the nontraditional aspects of LIS to the program. Bajjaly also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in business administration from San Diego State University.

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## LIS Program Offers New Information Management Graduate Certificate

A growing number of libraries and information-intensive organizations are recognizing the need for information technology workers. According to the American Library Association's 2007 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, "...library directors hope for at least one IT staffer—or an additional one—to manage the Web page, implement new systems, teach classes and handle day-to-day troubleshooting." The LIS Program's new Information Management (IM) Graduate Certificate provides the education necessary to fill this void.

Starting fall 2007, LIS students and alumni began enrolling in this new certificate program. Students will learn to manage projects ranging from complex Integrated Library System implementations and environmental simulations to information application design and administration. The certificate program focuses on both managerial and technical aspects of information management allowing students to learn to manage real-world information technology needs and problems. Graduates will be skilled in usability, decision-making strategies, technology

implementation, planning and evaluation, needs assessment and project management. They will also have experience sharing their skills and instructing others.

Students also have the opportunity to become certified Microsoft Business Application Specialists in conjunction with the IM certificate. Microsoft certification enhances the training students receive in the classroom by providing them with a globally recognized standard used by many organizations to ensure proficiency in a variety of desktop applications.

For current LIS students, the Information Management Graduate Certificate consists of 15 credits. Returning students may need to complete a prerequisite course for a total of 18 credits. For more information about enrolling in this program, please contact the LIS Program office at (313) 577-1825 or [asklis@wayne.edu](mailto:asklis@wayne.edu).

## Update: IMLS Fine and Performing Arts Librarians

This fall, the LIS Program's latest cohort of students focusing on fine and performing arts librarianship enrolled into the program. As the recipients of a grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), 16 students have begun their library and information science coursework as well as their part-time internships with the LIS Program's partner institutions. Our partners in this educational project include the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre and the Wayne State University Library System.

Of the fine arts program, IMLS student Paul Gallagher, an intern at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Archives, says, "The classes are informative and insightful and the internship has exposed me to a new world of using technology to record our past. The fellow cohorts in the program are wonderful to work with and provide a great network of peers from which to discuss topics relevant to our new profession."



## LISP Faculty Member Delivers Keynote Address

Dr. Marcia Mardis, Associate Professor, gave the ending keynote address at the Michigan Association for Media in Education's (MAME) Annual Conference on Oct. 26, 2007 in Traverse City, Mich. Mardis engaged school library media specialists by presenting "home truths," possible realities and opportunities to thrive. By asking the audience "Who are you?", she offered ideas to navigate the intersection of economic, political, technological and educational changes while embracing this unprecedented opportunity to envision the future of school library media. Additional commentary is available on Mardis' blog, The Marcia Project, <http://themarciaproject.blogspot.com>.

## Student Spotlight: Brad Czerniak

When he initially discovered the field, Brad Czerniak was impressed by the number of career possibilities available for information professionals. As an undergraduate economics student at Wayne State, Czerniak took an introductory library and information science class from adjunct professor and graduate, Kim Schroeder. According to Czerniak, Schroeder "showed him the library and information science world." One year after his first LIS class, Czerniak officially enrolled in the LIS Program. He graduated from Wayne State with a bachelor's degree in economics the same semester.

In addition to his classes, Czerniak is an intern at the Southfield Public Library. He has found that his classes and work responsibilities allow him to make valuable connections between theory and practice. He is primarily interested in the fields of information science and reference services. In summer 2007, Czerniak combined these interests by creating a librarian application for the popular social networking Web site, Facebook.

The application allows students to explore useful resources and librarians to connect with patrons. When users need assistance, Facebook Librarian automatically searches a list of participating librarians when a user clicks "Ask a Librarian," and the librarians are notified of a question by email.

This application allows librarians to learn about their patrons and the technologies they use. Czerniak said, "Many wonder how effective outreach on Facebook will be, but I tend to think that such efforts help, rather than hurt, our relationships with patrons."



"Its true power will be realized when the collective experience of many librarians is harnessed in it," said Michael Sensiba, Wayne State University Next Generation Librarian.

Czerniak plans to update the software by including a method for colleges and universities to list multiple librarians and indicate their subject specialties. A gallery for widgets, customized e-mail addresses and home pages for librarians are also planned. Approximately 200 librarians have signed up to serve a network or region, and more than 1,500 users have added the application since its debut in early July.

Upon graduation from the LIS Program in winter 2008, Czerniak hopes to find employment in a public library. He will also continue developing independent LIS projects like Facebook Librarian. For his next project, he hopes to set a new precedent in intellectual freedom.

Are you a Facebook librarian? Add the application to your Facebook profile at <http://apps.facebook.com/fblibrarian>.

## Alumni Updates

**Sarah Allaire (Lindsey)**, LibSci '04, is currently working as library director of the Mackinaw Area Public Library in Mackinaw City, Mich.

**Adrienne Aluzzo**, LibSci '90, is working as a metadata librarian in the Science and Engineering Library at Wayne State University. She also has been elected to the Library EP&T committee.

**Christine Ayar**, LibSci '07, has been appointed director of the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library in Orchard Lake, Mich.

**Debra Bacon-Ziegler**, LibSci '98, accepted a position as librarian at the Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Ill.

**Melissa Beckwith**, LibSci '05, is currently working as an actor and production director at The Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale, Mich.

**Julie Bedard**, LibSci '07, accepted a position as a school library media specialist at Regina High School in Warren, Mich.

**Mary Jo Beranek**, LibSci '07, is currently employed as the reference and young adult librarian at MacDonal Public Library in New Baltimore, Mich.

**Jennifer Bondy**, LibSci '00, was promoted from Academic Services Officer II to Academic Services Officer III at Wayne State University.

**Stephen K. Bowers**, LibSci '02, welcomed a baby boy, Jack Thomas Bowers, on May 6, 2007. Bowers is the director of the Detroit Area Library Network.

**Geneen Clinkscales**, LibSci '06, is working as an educational technology librarian for Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C.

**Andrea Cosier**, LibSci '06, accepted a position as a children's librarian at the Pottsville Free Public Library in Pottsville, Pa.

**Anne Cottingim**, LibSci '03, was promoted from Librarian I to Librarian II at Wayne State University.

**LaVentra Ellis-Danquah**, LibSci '98, was promoted from Librarian II to Librarian III at Wayne State University.

**Jayne Damron**, LibSci '04 and children's outreach librarian at Farmington Community Library, was nominated as a 2007 Library Journal Mover & Shaker.

**Cheryl Day**, LibSci '03, has been working with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History developing advertising for their new exhibit, RACE: Are We So Different?, that ran from May-Sept. 2007.

**Tomalee Doan**, LibSci '92, published "Providing One-Stop Shopping for the Faculty's Teaching Needs" (with Kristine Ferry) in volume 16, number 4, 2006 of *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*. Doan is an associate professor at Krannert School of Management, and head of the Management and Economics Library, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

**Jeanne Dupuis**, LibSci '07, is employed as a librarian for Almont Community Schools in Almont, Mich.

**Kristin Fontichiaro**, LibSci '05, is the media specialist at Beverly Elementary in Birmingham, Mich. She has published and spoken widely about inspiring kids with puppetry, drama and cutting-edge technology.

**Amber Galea-Hill**, LibSci '05, has accepted a position as a program manager for the Greenville Literacy Association in Greenville, S.C.

**Jennifer Giltrop**, LibSci '04, accepted a position at the Seattle Public Library as Assistant Director of Public Services in April 2007.

**Susan Glickman (Wasserman)**, LibSci '93, is working as the head librarian of the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vt.

**Susan C. Hunnicutt**, LibSci '04, accepted a position as Assistant to the Executive Director at Briscoe Library at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

**Ellen Kimmel**, LibSci '07, accepted a position as reference librarian at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif. She will be providing research support to RAND researchers and staff.

**Lucie Kitter**, LibSci '07, is working as a young adult librarian at the Chesterfield Library in Chesterfield, Mich.

**Becky LeBoeuf**, LibSci '06, received a full-time position in May 2007 as the youth services librarian at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing, Mich.

**Adriene Lim**, LibSci '96, is working as a systems librarian and assistant professor at Portland State University and the Branford Price Millar Library in Portland, Ore.

**Carol Lingeman**, LibSci '76, retired earlier this year from her position as the director of the Sterling Heights Public Library in Sterling Heights, Mich. She had been the library's director since 1991.

**Angela Mbagwu**, LibSci '07, welcomed a baby girl, Chineleta-Nelly Ucheoma Mbagwu, on Aug. 17, 2007.

**Shawn McCann**, LibSci '03, joined McMaster University Libraries as the immersive learning (gaming) librarian in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

**Leslie Morgan**, LibSci '05, is a librarian at the University of Notre Dame. She was selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation's Outstanding New Librarian Award for 2007.

**Casey Nees**, LibSci '07, is a head children's librarian at a regional library in Durham, N.C.

**Denise Oliansky**, LibSci '07, is working as project coordinator for Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Nancy Pantaleo**, LibSci '07, is working at Millennium Middle School in South Lyon, Mich.

**Gary Price**, LibSci '96, is the director of Online Information Resources at Ask.com and Senior Editor of ResourceShelf. He is cited in their current article, "Ask.com Takes Privacy Stand, Joins Call for Industrywide Privacy Standards."

**Ann Schoenenberger**, LibSci '06, accepted a position as business reference librarian for Mary Ann Mongan Library. The library is part of the Covington Kenton County Public Library in Covington, Ky.

**Tiffany Simon**, LibSci '07, accepted a position as a librarian at the Detroit Public Library in Detroit, Mich.

**Carol Souchock**, LibSci '95, is the new director of the Adrian Public Library in Adrian, Mich.

**Michael W. Tillman-Davis**, LibSci '05, accepted a position in the law library at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. He will be teaching legal research to first-year law students, working as a faculty liaison and supervising graduate-student assistants.

**Tammy Turgeon**, LibSci '94, was appointed as director of the Sterling Heights Public Library in Sterling Heights, Mich. She was previously the director of the Suburban Library Cooperative that oversees administrative operations at 20 libraries. She also worked at the Troy Public Library.

**Karen Turk**, LibSci '07, accepted a position as a librarian for Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Schools in Waterford, Mich.

**Ronald Wheeler**, LibSci '01, co-authored, along with Nancy Johnson, the chapter "Georgia Practice Materials: A Selective Annotated Bibliography," in Hein Publishing's *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies*. He was also a chair of both the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Diversity Committee and the AALL Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section for the 2007-2008 term.

## MLA Honors LISP Alumni

**Jim Rancilio**, LibSci '80 and Director of the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, was the recipient of the Michigan Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award. Rancilio has been recognized for his role as an advocate for small and rural libraries and promoting access to underserved populations.



**Holly Hibner**, LibSci '99, and **Kevin King**, LibSci '97, also received awards from MLA. Hibner, Reference Librarian at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, was honored with the Loleta D. Fyan Award, which recognizes her commitment to high-quality, personalized service for her patrons. King, Head of Loan and Outreach Services at the Kalamazoo Public Library, received the Walter H. Kaiser Award, which recognizes his work with teens in the Kalamazoo community.



Please keep the LIS Program updated on your latest accomplishments! Updates can be submitted on the web at [www.lisp.wayne.edu/intouch.html](http://www.lisp.wayne.edu/intouch.html) or by email to [mrehahn@wayne.edu](mailto:mrehahn@wayne.edu).

## LIS Program Celebrates 40th Anniversary



In April, the Library and Information Science Program brought together alumni, students, faculty and staff at the Undergraduate Library to celebrate its 40th anniversary as an ALA-accredited master's degree program.

The celebration was an all-day event that kicked off with several concurrent programs from which partakers could choose to attend. Programs included "Ask Gary: Google and Beyond," given by Distinguished Alumnus Gary Price; "Financing your Retirement," from Alumnus Warren Fritz; and "Vista and Office 2007," by Assistant Professor John Heinrichs. In the afternoon, a luncheon featured Jane R. Cameron Lecture Series speaker, Keith Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association, who spoke on libraries in the political arena.

After a reprise of the morning's programs, attendants were invited to join the LIS Program for a champagne reception and anniversary celebration.

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**Joseph Miha, PhD**  
Professor  
is a conceptual investigator for the program's latest grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, to train professionals for digital libraries in New York and Missouri libraries.

**Judy Field, MA**  
Senior Lecturer  
has been honored several times by the National Library Association for outstanding contributions to the field of social librarianship.

**Stephen Bajaj, PhD**  
Professor and Director  
has together with community librarianship, digital management and emerging trends in information technology.

**Marcia Marik, EdD**  
Assistant Professor  
has a grant from the National Library Foundation to study digital libraries in science and health education.

**John Heinrichs, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
is an expert in exploring new ways of looking at data visualization and the impact of information on the lives of people who are not of the mainstream.

**Lynnda Baker, PhD**  
Associate Professor  
specializes in health access, information for the underserved, and the impact of information on the lives of people who are not of the mainstream.

**Robert Holley, PhD**  
Professor  
continually publishes research on the impact of library technology on the way we learn and work.

The Library and Information Science Program (LIS) prepares professionals for leadership roles in libraries and other information organizations. By emphasizing the practical application of knowledge and skills, we educate students in the core principles of librarianship — information access, organization, services and management — as well as emerging fields incorporating electronic media, such as digital collections, competitive intelligence, information architecture and Web site development. LIS faculty members conduct research into issues that enhance the value of library and information services as an essential component of cultural enrichment, knowledge dissemination, economic development and the overall quality of life. I am pleased to introduce seven members of our faculty whose research is making a lasting contribution to their fields and to our society.

**Sandra Yee, PhD, Dean**  
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In October 2007, some of the LIS Program's faculty and their research were featured in Crain's Detroit Business.

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