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LIS Program Announces Online MLIS Option

Starting in Fall 2008, some students will no longer need to commute to the LIS Program's main or distance campuses to complete their MLIS degrees. The Program has announced a new entirely online option to meet the needs of prospective students who cannot attend physical classes. This summer, the Program will select an initial cohort of 60 students for fall enrollment. Students from across North America are being welcomed to apply, however, those currently working in Michigan libraries will be given preference during the selection process.

All coursework will be delivered by the Program's full-time and adjunct faculty and will include the same core principles as the regular MLIS program - information access, organization, services and management. Suitable electives in emerging fields such as digital collections, competitive intelligence, information architecture and Web site development will also be made available online.

In the initial weeks of the application period, the LIS Program received a large response to the online program. Nearly 50 applications have already been received and over 30 are in progress. "The positive response to the online MLIS program is not surprising," said Stephen Bajjaly, director of the LIS Program. "We expect students from all over the country



to apply to our program because of the quality education and practical skills we are known for providing to future information professionals."

The LIS Program expects that the online cohort will attend classes part-time and finish their degree requirements within two years. For more information about the online MLIS program, please visit the LIS Program website at www.lisp.wayne.edu or contact the LIS Program office at asklis@wayne.edu or (313) 577-1825.

Assistant Professor and Alumni Named *Library Journal's* 2008 Movers and Shakers

Marcia Mardis, assistant professor, Evette Atkin, systems librarian at the Michigan Library Consortium, and Steven Bowers, director of the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET), were named by *Library Journal*, three of 2008's "Movers and Shakers," an award that recognizes librarians across the country for their innovation and commitment to providing the best service to their users.

As assistant professor in Wayne State's school library media program, Mardis encourages school librarians to show teachers how new technologies—even personal entertainment devices—can enhance student learning. She's worked with the Michigan Educators' Resources Library and National Science Digital Library to disseminate high-quality digital resources among school librarians and teachers.

"She's an unstoppable force, inspiring others to try new things and undertake new challenges," said Professor Robert Holley, Mardis' colleague in the Program.

As systems librarian for the Michigan Evergreen Project with the Michigan Library Consortium, Evette Atkin, a 2004 graduate, is recognized as a multi-talented trainer and leader of the statewide development of Evergreen, an open source catalog debuting in pilot libraries this summer. Atkin is also recognized for her workshops on Library 2.0 and for training events in Second

Life, offered in MLC's virtual branch, which she created.

In order to expand library collections and digital projects that included materials created by the interactive online community, DALNET director and 2002 graduate of the LIS Program, Steven Bowers enabled librarians to incorporate YouTube videos and make them viewable within the online catalog. The pilot project began with videos of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, which were made available through DALNET member libraries' catalogs.

Library Journal also recognized Bowers for expanding the definition of OPAC (online public access catalog) by developing the first online catalog for the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn by designing a search portal of Arab American community resources, including Web sites and directory information.

"The Library System is so proud to have two representatives and an alum out of the 52 winners across the country this year," said Sandra Yee, dean of the Wayne State Library System. "It's really an honor."

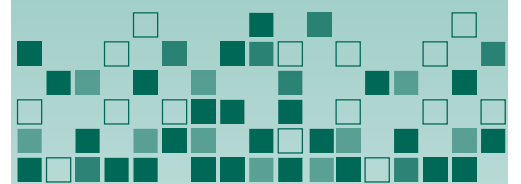
Library Journal chooses the award winners based on their commitments to their communities as well as their ability to recognize librarianship as a profession where one can make a difference.

A Message from the Director Stephen Bajjaly

The 2007-2008 academic year has been filled with exciting changes and developments. The LIS Program has launched its new website, announced its new online MLIS program option, begun managing its information technology resources, received approval for a new Graduate Certification in Records and Information Management and recruited two new faculty members.

Although we have made great gains in the last year, the Program was saddened by the loss of one of its most committed supporters, Professor Emerita, Edith Phillips. We will also miss Dr. Ronald Powell, who retired in May 2008 after 15 years as a professor on the LIS Program faculty. He has made a lasting impression on the Program and the library and information science profession and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

As we continue to grow, our goal is to continue to expand our online curriculum and develop more specialized concentrations and certificates that "play to our strengths" as an urban institution. In the next year, look for updates about our first online MLIS and Records and Information Management cohorts and details about our further program expansions. As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to further enhance the Program.



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LIS Program Welcomes New Archives Faculty Member

Wayne State alumnus Joseph Turrini joined the Program as an assistant professor and coordinator of the Graduate Certificate in Archival Administration program in January 2008. Turrini advises students in the archival concentration and teaches a number of archival courses.

Before arriving at Wayne State, he served as an assistant professor and archival studies program officer in the History Department at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. from 2005 to 2007. Prior to teaching, Turrini held a number of archival and public history positions, including assistant archivist at the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and records analyst at the United Federation of Teachers Archives and Records Center in New York. During his time in Detroit, Turrini worked at the Walter P. Reuther Library as an archivist and served as co-curator on "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work," a permanent exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Turrini can be reached at (313) 577-9322 or by e-mail at au5177@wayne.edu.

Q & A with Joseph Turrini

How was your first semester as a LIS Program faculty member?

The first semester was a busy one, but it has also been a good one. It is a delight to be in a program where there are so many serious students interested in pursuing archival careers, where the department is committed to providing the resources and course options required of archival students, and in a geographic area rich in cultural resources.

What projects are you currently working on?

I am writing a chapter on the C.K. Yang and Rafer Johnson competition at the 1960 Olympic decathlon that will be included in *Sporting Rivalries: Traditions of Meaning and Representation in American Culture*, a volume that will be published by the University of Arkansas Press. My book manuscript, *American Track Athletes, The Unmaking of Amateurism, and the Transformation of Track and Field*, is currently being reviewed with further revisions planned for the near future.

What is your vision for the Archival Administration Program? Do you see any changes or additions to the program in the near future?

We will always be creating new courses that benefit our students as the profession changes. We will modify courses to accommodate the introduction of the Records and Information Management Certificate so that the courses in the two programs complement each other.



I would also like the Archival Administration Program to have a higher profile in the archival profession. There are a lot of WSU graduates working in the field, but we do not have the kind of community that other programs have. We will be hosting an alumni student mixer at the Society of American Archivists meeting in late August. We encourage anyone who has a connection with the program to attend. We hope to have alumni from many decades in attendance.

Join Dr. Turrini and WSU archival alumni and students at the Society of American Archivists Annual Conference! The mixer will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 7:45-9:45 p.m. at The Hilton San Francisco.

Student Spotlight: ASIS&T Student Officers

The American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) is the leading professional association for information professionals interested in new theories, techniques and technologies to improve access to information. For this installment of Student Spotlight, David Foote, current ASIS&T president, and Heidi Hansen, next year's president, were interviewed about the organization and their experiences as LIS students.

As WSU's student chapter of ASIS&T prepares for the 2008-2009 academic year, they reflected on their goals for the group. Next year, the chapter plans to organize a LIS education conference similar to the InfoCamp hosted by the Pacific Northwest and University of Washington chapters of ASIS&T. To ensure that the event has the greatest impact, the student organization will try to collaborate with other groups outside of the university who have an interest in LIS education and technology. The ASIS&T board members hope that hosting events like InfoCamp will increase participation in the student association.

David Foote

Originally from Waterford, Mich., Foote first enrolled for classes at the Program's Lansing campus after finishing his bachelor's degree in



history at Michigan State University. He decided to pursue a career in librarianship because he felt that his history background and technology interests fit well within the field. Since enrolling two years ago, Foote was surprised to discover how applicable the skills he has learned in his classes are to a variety of other disciplines. He currently works for the LIS Program assisting with its technology needs and plans to graduate in August 2008. Foote has found that the Program trained him well for his current role and believes he is prepared for a future career as a systems librarian. "I do not think I could do my job if I was not a

MLIS student," Foote said. Once he becomes a full-time information professional, he anticipates that he will stay involved in professional associations including ASIS&T.

Heidi Hansen

Hansen was first introduced to librarianship while working at the library on the campus of Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in music, she moved to Michigan to continue her education. She chose the LIS Program because it allowed her the flexibility of attending graduate school part-time while working in a public library. She is interested in a variety of career opportunities and plans to be open to applying for positions within and outside of the library field upon her anticipated graduation in Winter 2009. "Overall, I'm looking for a job that I enjoy, makes me happy and that I can have fun at," Hansen said. She is intrigued how innovative the field is and that many interests can find a place within the LIS field. She plans to actively participate in ASIS&T as the WSU chapter's president and continue her involvement into her professional career. After attending two ASIS&T conferences and the Information Architecture Summit sponsored by the organization, she believes she has found an area she can pursue full-time.

LIS Program Offers New Records and Information Management Graduate Certificate

Starting this fall, the LIS Program will be the first graduate program in the country to offer graduate education in the field of records and information management (RIM) separate from archives. The RIM field, defined as the systematic control of records throughout their life cycle, includes professionals in a wide range of positions such as records managers, corporate librarians, imaging specialists and IT managers.

"The RIM graduate certificate program will address a critical need that emerged following passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in 2002," said Sandra Yee, dean of Wayne State University's Library System. "The act, which was enacted in the wake of corporate and accounting scandals at Enron, Tyco and WorldCom, to name a few, mandated effective and efficient information

management as an organizational priority and a legal obligation. We believe that our new graduate certificate program will equip students with the necessary information and tools to tackle these issues," said Yee.

The 15 credit-hour graduate certificate is designed to address the RIM-specific competencies and the pressing educational needs of RIM professionals that are not being addressed in any other degree program. The goal of the program is to ensure that students from various RIM organizational levels with diverse skills and knowledge will have the opportunity to select courses focused on the competencies most crucial to their positions.

The RIM graduate program will be offered exclusively online providing professional education to

students wishing to successfully manage records and information within public and private sector organizations. Students may earn the certificate while concurrently enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science Program or they may enroll in the certificate program only. The LIS Program currently offers graduate certificates in two other areas, Archival Administration and Information Management. The RIM Certificate complements these certificates by addressing the management of business information in its active state and in the electronic world.

Prospective students interested in the RIM certificate can contact Judy Field at (313) 577-8539 or by e-mail at aa4101@wayne.edu.

Alumni Updates

Suzan Alteri, LibSci '05, was hired as a Librarian I in Information Services in the Purdy/Kresge Library at Wayne State University.

Evette Atkin, LibSci '04, has been assigned to the Michigan Evergreen ILS Project at the Michigan Library Consortium.

Tiffany Balducci, LibSci '07, is employed as the Lead Teen Librarian at Oshawa Public Library in Ontario, Canada.

Beverly Banks, LibSci '07, is the School Library Media Specialist at Geisler Middle School in Walled Lake, Mich.

Julie Bauder, LibSci '07, will begin a new position as Data Services Librarian at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa in July 2008.

Steven Bowers, LibSci '02, was chosen to be in the 2008 *Library Journal* "Movers and Shakers" issue.

Margaret A. Brown, LibSci '67, passed away in December 2007. During her lifetime she worked as a grade school teacher at Our Lady Queen of Peace and then became a School Librarian in the Lake Shore Public Schools in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Matt Church, LibSci '05, accepted the position of Head of Circulation at Baldwin Public Library in February 2008.

Jocelyn Davis (McKeldin), LibSci '93, is the Office Manager at the IRS Chief Counsel in Detroit, Mich.

Linda Draper, LibSci '93, was co-author of the article "Michigan Go Local: Connecting Michigan Residents with Health Services" which was published in *MLA Forum* volume IV, 2008.

Marian Enow, LibSci '07, accepted a position with The Alberta Library in April 2008.

Julie Farkas, LibSci '97, was featured in an article in the *Detroit News* about becoming the director of the Novi Public Library in December 2007.

Ronee Francis, LibSci '07, accepted a position as a Digital Collections Archivist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Rita Franks, LibSci '06, is employed as the Government Documents Librarian at Louisiana Tech University in the Prescott Memorial Library.

Shelley Gach-Droz, LibSci '74, retired as director of the Huntington Woods Library after 25 years.

John Gantt, LibSci '06, is a Cataloging Librarian at Auburn University Montgomery Library in Montgomery, Ala.

Lisa Goodman, LibSci '06, was interviewed for the article "Fresh Perspectives: Law librarianship as seen by the newest members of the profession" in *American Association of Law Libraries* magazine, V.12 No. 13, pp.14-18.

Brian Guenther, LibSci '07, is employed as a Librarian I at the Fresno County Public Library in California.

Anne Hage, LibSci '04, has been appointed director of the Huntington Woods Library.

Mike Hawthorne, LibSci '05, was promoted to Manager of Access Services in the Wayne State Library System.

Annette M. Healy, LibSci '04, was co-author of the article "Michigan Go Local: Connecting Michigan Residents with Health Services" which was published in *MLA Forum* volume IV, 2008.

Garrett Hungerford, LibSci '07, is the Systems Administrator at the Salem-South Lyon District Library.

Linnea Knapp, LibSci '07, accepted an Archives Librarian position at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. in January 2008. She will be setting up an official archives and records management program for the university.

Alissa LeMerise, LibSci '07, was promoted to full-time Librarian in the Oxford Public Library in September 2007.

David Matte, LibSci '03, began as Reference Librarian with the Idaho State Historical Society's Public Archives and Research Library in April 2008.

Jim Moir, LibSci '83, has been appointed Youth Librarian for the City of Dearborn Heights.

Melody Parker, LibSci '05, was interviewed for the article "Fresh Perspectives: Law librarianship as seen by the newest members of the profession" in *American Association of Law Libraries* magazine, V.12 No. 13, pp.14-18.

Laura Potter, LibSci '07, is employed as the Children's Librarian at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Joseph Sharpe, LibSci '05, was promoted to Manager I in the Wayne State University Library System.

Robert Sisson, LibSci '07, is employed at the Free Library of Philadelphia as a Librarian I.

Aaron Smith, LibSci '89, is now the primary contact for all OCLC support at the Michigan Library Consortium.

Ronald Stigall, LibSci '07, accepted a position as Public Services Evening Librarian at Texas A&M in Kingsville, Texas.

Jill A. Turner, LibSci '05, was co-author of the article "Michigan Go Local: Connecting Michigan Residents with Health Services" which was published in *MLA Forum* volume IV, 2008.

Suzanne M. Van Pelt, LibSci '04, was co-author of the article "Michigan Go Local: Connecting Michigan Residents with Health Services" that was published in *MLA Forum* volume IV, 2008.

Diane Vogt-O'Connor, LibSci '80, is the Chief of Conservation at the Library of Congress. She co-authored volume 4 in the "Museum Handbook" series; "Guide to Photograph Collections at the Smithsonian Institution." She was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in 2006 and elected to the SAA Executive Board in 2007.

Chela Weber, LibSci '06, was the winner of the 2007 Donald Peterson Student Scholarship, which recognizes a current or recent graduate student for exceptional leadership and desire to become actively involved in the archives profession.

Sarah Whitney, LibSci '07, is the Children's Librarian in the Nicholson Memorial Library System in Garland, Texas.

Akilah Wood, Lib Sci '07, accepted a position as Library Technician at Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital.

Please keep the LIS Program updated on your latest accomplishments! Updates can be submitted on the web at www.lisp.wayne.edu/alumni/keep-in-touch.php or by e-mail to mrehahn@wayne.edu.

A Fond Farewell to Dr. Ronald Powell



The LIS Program bids farewell to long-time faculty member, Dr. Ronald Powell. Since joining the Program over 15 years ago, Powell has utilized his professional experience and research interests in the LIS field to

benefit WSU students and practitioners. Prior to joining the LIS Program in 1993, he chaired the Department of Library Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to his work at Missouri, Powell was an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan's School of Library Science and Library Director at the Andrew S. Thomas Memorial Library at the University of Charleston in West Virginia. He is retiring after 40 years in the profession.

In Memoriam: Edith Phillips, Professor Emerita

The LIS Program mourns the loss of Professor Emerita Edith Phillips in February 2008. Professor Phillips served the Program for 23 years after a successful career that began in 1949 when she received her AMLS from the University of Michigan. She worked in academic, public and special libraries in Michigan and Illinois, including serving as Head of the Cataloging Department for the State Library of Michigan. In 1968, she came to Wayne State University where she taught various courses in cataloging and technical services until her retirement in 1991. During her career, Professor Phillips taught over 3,500 students, gave multiple lectures and addresses, and served as a consultant to libraries.

Professor Phillips' legacy with the LIS Program continues through the Edith B. Phillips Endowed Scholarship. This award was established in 1991 by Professor Phillips as well as alumni and friends honoring her many contributions to the Program. Awarded every academic year, this scholarship recognizes scholastic achievement, encourages continued professional development, and provides assistance to students enrolled in the LIS Program.



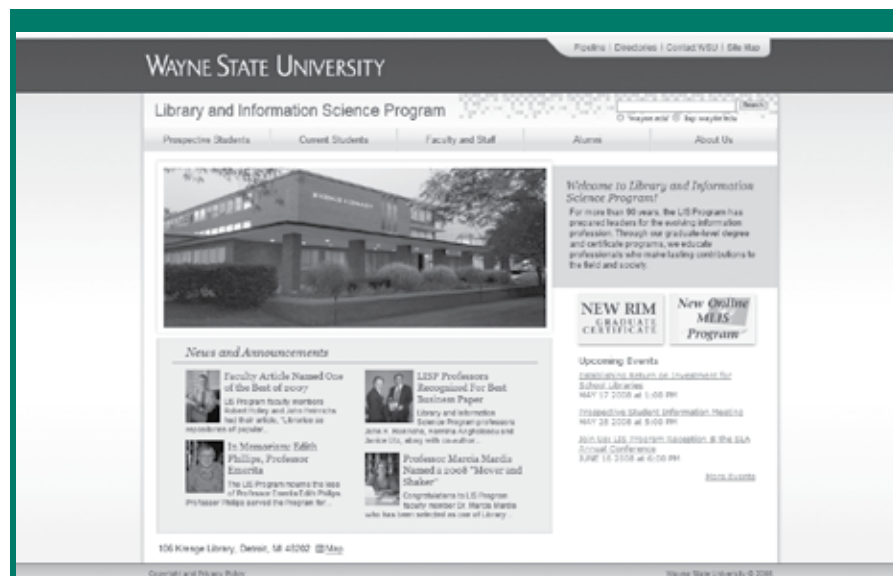
Annual Recognition Ceremony



Nearly 200 people joined the LIS Program on May 1, 2008 to celebrate the accomplishments of LIS students, graduates, faculty and donors at the Program's Annual Recognition Ceremony at Wayne State University's Student Center Ballroom. Congratulations to all on a successful academic year!



The LIS Program honored Distinguished Alumna Award winner, Kristin Fontichiaro (pictured right), LibSci '05, and Professional Service Award winner, Sonya Norris, LibSci '06, on May 1. Awarded annually, the Distinguished Alumni and Professional Service Awards recognize both alumni who have achieved distinction in the LIS profession and those who have made significant contributions to the Michigan library community.



Same web address, new look: The LIS Program debuted its website redesign at the end of April 2008. Take a look at www.lisp.wayne.edu.

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