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Dear Alumni,

Another year has passed and, thanks to your generous donations, support and dedication to the School, we have enjoyed a productive and stimulating year. The MLIS program is reviewed every year by the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, and once every seven years it is re-accredited. Thanks to the hard work of my colleagues, students and alumni who produced the School's Program Presentation for the COA, the MLIS program was re-accredited in February 2003 for a further seven years. GSLIS has been continuously accredited by the ALA since 1927.

Speaking of history, McGill was the first university in Canada to offer a program for library education, beginning with a summer course in 1904. In anticipation of our centenary celebration in 2004, GSLIS has designed a special poster, which will be sent to many institutions, including academic, special and public libraries in Canada, the United States, UK, Australia, France and several other countries around the globe. We are planning for a half-day event on May 15, 2004, which will include a keynote speaker, a panel of experts discussing the future of education for information professionals, and a dinner reception. Invitations will be sent to all our alumni, deans and directors of the library and information studies programs in Canada, and the United States. The occasion will also be used as a major fundraising campaign for student fellowships. Please mark this important date in your calendar.

As a prelude to the centenary celebration, GSLIS hosted a major reception on June 28, 2003, during the joint annual conference of the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association in Toronto. More than one hundred alumni attended the event, and we welcomed graduates from the Class of 1938 through to the Class of 2003. I would like to thank all the attendees and I look forward to celebrating further with you on May 15, 2004.

Jamshid Beheshti

Jamshid Beheshti, PhD
Director

New recruitment poster, "Celebrating 100 years"



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New Faculty

Dr. Eun Park, our eighth faculty member, joined GSLIS in July 2003. Prior to taking the position of Assistant Professor, Dr. Park was a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Information Studies at UCLA and an adjunct faculty member at San Jose State University. In September 2002, she completed her doctoral studies at UCLA; her dissertation title is *Developing a Framework for Authenticity Requirements and*

Authentication Processes in University Student Records Systems: an Exploratory Study. She also holds an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, an MS in library and information studies from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), as well as an MA and a BA, both in English language and literature, from Pusan National University (Korea). Since 1999 Dr. Park has been an active researcher in the internationally renowned InterPARES Project (International Research on

Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems). In addition, her professional experience involves the development of a digital library, reference duties, database and Web management, and indexing.

Dr. Park has many publications and conference presentations to her credit. Her research encompasses a wide range of topics, such as the development and implementation of archival curricula on digital records and data; authentication requirements in electronic records systems; and metadata schema in the multidisciplinary contexts. Dr. Park has won a number of prestigious awards, including the 2001 Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, and the 2001 Oliver Wendell Holmes Award from the Society of American Archivists.

Dr. Eun Park



Lucille M. Wert Scholarship

The Division of Chemical Information of the American Chemical Society awarded Victoria Wei Zhang this year's Lucille M. Wert Scholarship. Ms. Zhang graduated from Shanghai University with a BSc in environmental monitoring. She has many years of experience in information research and management, as well as project management. Vicky began the MLIS program in fall 2002.



Victoria Wei Zhang, MLIS II student.

Increased Enrolments

GSLIS began a recruitment campaign in 1998 to raise awareness among undergraduates regarding career opportunities in library and information studies. Since then, enrolment in GSLIS has significantly increased. In fall 2002, enrolment reached its peak,

with the highest registration of new students ever. Our PhD program has been equally successful in attracting new students – four new students will be joining the 12 Doctoral students already registered in the program.

The increases in enrolment in both programs created some space problems for the School. We recently converted the main office of the School into two areas, one to be used for administrative purposes and the other to house four stations for the PhD students.



Audrey LaPlante, a PhD Candidate at GSLIS.

New Staff

Since 1996 GSLIS has relied on only two support staff for its day-to-day operations: Ms Dorothy Carruthers, Administrative Assistant, and Ms Kathryn Hubbard, Student Affairs Coordinator. Last year the University approved funding for a Graduate Secretary and we hired Ms Helena Patte to fill the position. Helena's tasks include publicity, marketing and alumni relations. Helena has already become an asset to the GSLIS.

SSHRC Fellowship

Audrey Laplante, a second-year PhD student studying in the area of new retrieval systems for fiction in libraries, recently received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Fellowship. Audrey has an MIS and a BA in music performance from the Université de Montréal.

Two New Faculty Positions

I'm delighted to announce that we have received permission to hire two additional faculty members. This is a welcome response to a long-term need and is due, in part, to the support of Dean Ratna Ghosh and Provost Luc Vinet. Advertisements for the positions in the areas of information management and organization of information have appeared in major Canadian and American academic publications. We anticipate hiring at least one new faculty member in winter 2004, and another in summer of that year.

New Concentrations

Recruiting new faculty members will allow GSLIS to embark upon the introduction of four concentrations in its MLIS program: Library and Information Studies (LIS), Knowledge Management

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(KM), Archives/Digital Archives (AD), and Information Literacy Studies (ILS). Dr. Dalkir has already designed four new courses, which form the core of the KM concentration. The projected date for implementing the concentrations is fall 2005.

International Project and Visiting Scholar

GSLIS continues its involvement in the Indonesia Social Equity Project (2002-2006). Andy Large and Jamshid Beheshti visited Indonesia in August and gave two workshops on Program Development and Strategic Planning in Jakarta and Yogyakarta. Four Indonesian students are currently enrolled in the MLIS program, two of whom joined the School in fall 2003. Dr. Gholamreza Fadaie Araghi was appointed as a Visiting Scholar at GSLIS for the 2002-2003 academic year. Dr. Fadaie is currently Director of the Library of the Faculty of Management, University of Tehran, Iran, and an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Psychology and Education, University of Tehran. He has held a number of professional and academic positions, including the Director of the Library, Museum and Documentation Centre of the Iranian parliament, and the Director of Libraries of the University of Bu'Ali Sina in Iran. Dr. Fadaie has presented papers to students and faculty in the GSLIS, as well as in other areas of the University. Among his presentations were papers titled "Parliamentary Library of Islamic Republic of Iran" and "Universal Binary Classification: A new approach to library and information science classification."

Career Fair

The first GSLIS Career Fair was held at Thomson House in March 2003. The one-day event was supported by GSLIS and organized entirely by MLIS students. Representatives of more than 20 organizations from Quebec and Ontario attended this extremely successful event. We hope the Fair will become an annual affair.

Awards and Appointments

Dr. Kim Dalkir received the Royal Bank Teaching and Learning Improvement Fund for the Development of a Community of Practice in Knowledge Management. This is the first time a member of GSLIS faculty has received the prestigious award. On September 1, 2003, Professor Peter F. McNally became the Director of the History of McGill Project, with responsibility for writing volume III of *McGill University: for the Advancement of Learning*. The volume is expected to cover the years 1970 to 2002. Professor McNally will continue as a Professor in the School, but with a reduced teaching load for the next three years.

New Books

Dr. France Bouthillier's first monograph has been published. As commercial software products for competitive intelligence (CI) continue to improve and gain acceptance, potential users are finding themselves overly dependent on information supplied by the software makers. Until now, no book has fully addressed this critical issue. In *Assessing Competitive Intelligence Software: A Guide to Evaluating CI Technology* (Medford, NJ: Information Today, 2003), Professor France Bouthillier and Kathleen Shearer (MLIS 2001) demonstrate a practical, systematic method that businesses and CI professionals can use to evaluate CI software independently. According to John E. Prescott, professor of business administration at the University of Pittsburgh, a well-known scholar in the field of CI, "Bouthillier and Shearer have established the benchmark for evaluating CI software. Their groundbreaking work offers a systematic and easy-to-use evaluation framework and a set of design parameters to guide new product development. A must-read for CI professionals and software vendors alike."

Despite its considerable bulk - 997 pages squashed into three volumes - the *Manual of Online Search Strategies*' publication in 2001 (Brookfield, VT: Gower, 2001) somehow escaped the notice of last year's newsletter. This is the third and biggest edition of the *Manual*, edited by Andy Large and Chris Armstrong (a former colleague from Wales). Earlier editions of the publication appeared in 1988 and 1992. To quote from its dust jacket, "international experts ... selected from the UK and North America describe in detail how to identify and exploit specialist bibliographic and non-bibliographic databases, the best search methods and delivery modes, and the relative merits of various services and online hosts in their different disciplines." Volume One covers sciences, Volume Two deals with business, law, news and patents, and Volume Three handles the humanities and social sciences. The McGill GSLIS connection does not end with the co-editor; the chapter dealing with the humanities was authored by Vince Graziano (MLIS'93), currently working in Concordia University Library. Unfortunately, Albert Tabah (MLIS'80, PhD'96) was prevented by illness from completing a chapter on scientific information. Regrettably, Albert succumbed to the illness in 2002.

Gower Press, the British publisher of *Manual of Online Search Strategies*, has confirmed that the book has not yet scaled the bestsellers' list in any country. Ever optimistic, however, Andy Large currently is working on a new book with another Welsh former colleague, but has not given up his day job.



1904-2004



IN MEMORIAM

Henderson (Gray), Mary M (BLS'35), at White Rock, B.C., on September 7, 2002.

Gifford, Hilda G. (BLS'38), at Ottawa, Ont., on November 11, 2002.

Coughlin, Violet (BLS'38), at Unionville, Ont., on December 29, 2001.

Cordy, Ruth Marion (BLS'43), at Halifax, N.S., on January 1, 2002.

Parkhill, John T. (BLS'45), at Toronto, Ont., on February 24, 2002.

Smythe (Grow), Barbara (BLS'47), at Indio, Calif., on May 9, 2002.

Pennington, Richard (Acting Director '48/49), on May 1, 2003.

North, Geoffrey H. (BLS'51), at South Orleans, Mass., on January 22, 2002.

Ryder, Dorothy E. (BLS'51), at Vancouver, B.C., on April 6, 2002.

Farmer (Bickley), Margaret Kathleen (BLS'54, MLS'68), at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., on May 19, 2003.

Bowlby, Kathleen E. (BLS'59), no date known.

Duncan, Malcolm (BLS'62), on April 25, 2002.

Dodd, Georgina A. (BLS'65), no date known.

Feinglos, Susan J. (MLS'72), at Durham, N.C., on July 31, 2002.

Kramer, Angela (MLS'75), at Ottawa, Ont., on March 11, 2003.

Tabah, Albert (MLS'80, PhD'96), at Montreal, Que., on September 30, 2002.

Metzger, David Kent (MLS'85), at New Orleans, La., on May 16, 2002.

Tillotson, Joy Glenys (Grad. Cert. '02), at St. John's, Nfld., on February 20, 2003.

Graduates will be saddened to hear of the death of two people who played an important role in the life of the School.

Violet Coughlin (1906-2001)

Dr. Coughlin passed away on December 29, 2001 in Unionville Ontario. A native of Montreal, she was educated at McGill, receiving a BSc (magna cum laude) in 1928, and a Bachelor of Library Science in 1938. In 1951, she joined the School's faculty, and served as Director from 1970 to 1972. She played an active role in the School's pioneering development of the two-year Master's program. In addition to teaching at McGill, she also taught at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Hawaii, and, upon retirement in 1975, at the University of Toronto. Her landmark study, *Larger Units of Public Library Service in Canada: with Particular Reference to the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick* (Metuchen, Scarecrow, 1968), is still widely consulted. Graduates and colleagues will remember Dr. Coughlin as a lively and enthusiastic teacher, whose major instructional areas were Communications Media, Selection of Materials, Public Libraries, and Library Services for Children.

Richard Pennington (1904-2003)

Mr. Pennington passed away in Montreal on May 1, 2003. A native of Rugby, England, he received his BA from the University of Birmingham in 1924, and Library Diploma from the University of London in 1932. After serving as head of the University of Queensland library in Australia, he came to McGill, becoming University Librarian in 1947. After retirement in 1965, he lived in France, returning to Montreal shortly before his death. During his years at McGill he was closely associated with the School, presenting an annual series of lectures on book history to students in the BLS program. During 1948/49, he served as Acting Director. Mr. Pennington was highly controversial for his administrative practices, and achieved notoriety for his literary hoax, *Peterley Harvest* (London, 1960). His *Descriptive Catalogue of the Etched Works of Wenceslaus Hollar* (Cambridge, 1982) is considered a monument of bibliographical scholarship.

Peter F. McNally
Professor

1950s

G. S. Terrance Cavanagh (BLS'51) is Professor Emeritus of Medical Literature at Duke University in North Carolina. He is engaged as a bookseller and most recently as a publisher under a new rubric, the Gazebo Press.

1960s

Alison Stoesser (Johnston) (BLS'62) is working on a PhD in Art History at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands.

Noelle Van Pullis (MLS'69) is an Associate Professor and Coordinator at the Catalog Quality Control and Enrichment Cataloging Department of Ohio State University Libraries in Columbus, Ohio.

1970s

Linda Winkler (MLS'73) was recently appointed Head of Reference Services at the Dr. John Archer Library at the University of Regina.

Catherine A. McInnis (MLS'75) is the Head of Adult Services at Guelph Public Library, Ontario.

Gilles Paradis (MLS'75) is a librarian at Université Laval.

Robert Hohl (MLS'76) is a Reference Librarian at Saint Mary's College.

Mary Mayer Hennelly (MLS'77) is Associate Vice President for Learning Resources at Tidewater Community College in Virginia. She is responsible for all campus libraries and media centres at the state's second largest community college, headquartered in Norfolk. She previously served as Deputy Director at the Norfolk Public Library. Mary represents Virginia on the American Library Association's national council.

1980s

Carmen K. Socknat (MLIS'84) is the Head of Bibliographic Services at the Victoria University Library, in Toronto, Ontario.

Heather Fraser (MLIS'85) is currently the Head of Bibliographic Services at Scott Library, York University. She has been at York since 1989, and enjoys living in Toronto.

Christine Olive (MLIS'89) Specialist Cataloguing Services Librarian, Library Technical Services, is the winner of the McGill University Libraries' Career Recognition Award for 2003.

Marilynn Rudi (MLIS'89) is now archivist/librarian at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, N.S. She lives there with her husband Bob and their 3 children, Allison, James and Margaret.

1990s

Ross Gordon (MLIS'90) is now the manager of the National Archives Library, Ottawa.

Paolo Melillo (MLIS'94) is the Assistant Manager of the International Resource Centre at Queen's Borough Public Library in Jamaica, New York.

Ann Archer (MLIS'95) is now the Coordinator of Adult Collections at the Ottawa Public Library. She supervises a number of librarians in selection for the whole system of 33 branches in the recently amalgamated Ottawa Public Library. Previously, she had been the English Specialist in Collection Development, since 1998.

Elise C. Cole (MLIS'95) is currently living in Burlington, Ontario, and enjoys living one of her dreams as the Local History Librarian at the Oakville Public Library. As the acting Online Resources Librarian, she also coordinates the AskUs Email Reference Service for the Oakville system, and is a Counsellor for the Ontario Public Library Association.

Brian Hancock (MLIS'95) is currently the Humanities Librarian at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA.

Elizabeth Wallace (MLIS'95) is an Associate Librarian at the Syracuse Library, where she is the subject specialist for Biology and Earth Sciences. She also holds the position of Publications Manager for the Geosciences Information Society.

Zahra M. (Janmohamed) Baird (MLIS'97) has been awarded the NMRT/JanWay Excellence Award by the New York Library Association (NYLA), in recognition of her outstanding contributions, exemplary leadership, steadfast dedication and extensive involvement in the field of librarianship during the early stages of her career. She continues to enjoy being Children's Librarian at the Scarsdale Public Library in Westchester County, NY. Her husband, Timothy A. Baird (MLIS'98), Adult Services Librarian at the White Plains Public Library, is the president of NYLA's New Members Round Table. The librarians Baird celebrated the joy of their library school romance in five years of marriage this year.

Karen Nordrum (MLIS'97) has been in Ottawa for several years now with the Parliamentary Library.

Andrea Slonosky (MLIS'97) has been the Media Librarian at Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York, since 1999. She was married to a non-librarian in May 2001, and gave birth to a baby boy in December 2002.

Isabelle Crépeau (MLIS'98) has been working since May 2002 as the Assistant Acquisition Librarian at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal. She has published articles in journals of Quebec library associations and is presently learning German at the Goethe Institute.

Johanne Lessard (MLIS'98) is currently working at the Head Office of BDC (Business Development Bank of Canada) in Montreal as the Records Management Advisor of the Bank.

Theresa Slind (MLIS'99) started a new term position in April as Adult Collections Librarian at the Saskatoon Public Library.

2000s

Miguel Escobar (MLIS'00) has been hired as a full time reference librarian at Université de Sherbrooke. He is responsible for collection development and program instruction. He and his wife Nancy live in Sherbrooke, and are expecting a baby in fall 2003.

Christopher Fischer (MLIS'00) is currently in his second year of operating C.S. Fischer Information Solutions (Clarks Summit, PA), a small firm specializing in web design, development and consulting, as well as law office technology consulting. Among other projects, he recently worked for the State of Kansas as part of a team performing a needs and requirements analysis for implementing a statewide, web-based immunization registry. Christopher recently resigned from his teaching position at the ITT Technical Institute in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, to move to northeastern Pennsylvania, where his wife Ronnie is beginning her career as an attorney.

Peter Hepburn (MLIS'00) is now the Assistant Circulation Librarian and Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Library.

Fauzia Bennani (PhD'01) is now working as an Assistant Professor at the Ajman University of Science and Technology, one of the most well known private universities in the United Arab Emirates. Fauzia lectures, conducts research, and is a member of several committees in charge of evaluating databases and curriculum development. Still, she misses the good old days at McGill.

Ron Sheppard (MLIS'01) is currently employed as the Assistant Manager of the Central Division of the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board in Newfoundland. In conjunction with the division's manager, he supervises 33 branch libraries and a total of about 90 full-time, part-time and casual staff from their offices in Gander.

Meredith Chatman (MLIS'02) was awarded the Prix BNQ-McGill, in November of 2002.

Catherine Fahey, (MLIS'02) is Director of the Library at Malden Catholic High School in Malden, Massachusetts.

Monica Lynch (MLIS'02) is currently living in Stockholm, Sweden, with her husband Christian, who was transferred on an overseas assignment. She is employed by the Nobel Museum to research and develop educational programs to accompany the travelling exhibition as it visits the United States, Europe and Asia.

Michelle Atkin (MLIS'03) is enjoying her internship as an Information Specialist at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre Library in Clementsport, Nova Scotia. Much as she likes Nova Scotia, Michelle says she misses Montreal "like crazy" and is plotting her return.

Johanne Boucher (MLIS'03) is enjoying her time in Ottawa while working full-time in a permanent position as Reference Librarian for the Bank of Canada.

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration. We at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies wish you and yours all the best in the years to come.

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Judith Wolfthal
(MLIS II); Emeka
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**Pascal Calarco
(MLIS'95) and Mary
Horman (MLIS'96)
had their first child,
Christina Ruth, on
October 18, 2002.
Pascal is pictured
here with Christina.**



**Christopher Fischer
(MLIS'00) married
Ronnie Bugaj on
August 3, 2002 in
Honesdale, Pa.**



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