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Dear Alumni and Friends

Innovation, transformation and great news are the words that best describe the last academic year at GSLIS. Perhaps some of you remember that, in fall 2004, the School invited a number of employers, alumni and associations' representatives to offer their views about our programs and plans. In essence, their feedback emphasized the importance of various levels of innovation and of the need for constant adaptation to today's challenges created by changes affecting access to information. This message was well received because the School has already implemented a number of changes that respond to precisely these challenges. One is the new MLIS program, launched in fall 2005, with streams in archival studies, knowledge management and librarianship. The first noticeable outcome has been a surge of interest in the new program: we received applications from so many excellent students that we were forced to introduce a waiting list. Another outcome is the greater diversity of students applying to the program. This is a very positive phenomenon, since we need to train information professionals who will work in various environments.

The most striking change, however, is the number and amounts of research grants awarded to GSLIS professors – grants that have exceeded all past records for the School. Indeed, during the last 12 months, \$1.4 million was granted for research in several areas: digital archives, knowledge management, human computer interaction, competitive intelligence, bioinformatics and children's web portals. You will read in this newsletter about some of these research projects, but it is worth mentioning here that one significant sum was received for building a human-computer interaction laboratory. These grants are illustrative of a major shift in the nature of the research conducted at GSLIS: the research endeavours have never been so diversified and have never tried to tackle information issues from so many perspectives. Our professors work in four different research areas – information-seeking behaviour, human-computer interaction, information resources in context and knowledge management and representation. We are no longer dealing only with the world of libraries, but with the wider world of information.

In a research-intensive university, these developments are extremely positive for the School. They have contributed to attracting more doctoral students – 19 are currently enrolled in the ad hoc PhD program – and to establishing collaboration with the Desautels Faculty of Management, the McGill Centre for Bioinformatics, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology, the Departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Psychology and Music Technology and other departments in the Faculty of Education. This departure from a professional school to an academic research unit – a transformation that is evident in many other schools in North America – cannot take place without generating deep reflection about the School's identity, focus and future. We are planning to develop new graduate programs to prepare our students for a variety of information roles in libraries and in many other settings. The field of information studies is truly exciting and what we do has never been so central to so many other disciplines. Keep an eye on your School, the transformation is only just beginning!

France Bouthillier, PhD
Director

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This year, our professors were granted more than \$1.4 million by various agencies. Below are some examples:

Professor Catherine Guastavino was awarded a Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Leaders Opportunity Fund grant of \$562,212. The funding will pay for infrastructure and research support for her project **Perceptual Evaluation of Human Computer Interaction: Applications to the Design of Adaptive Multimodal Systems**. The CFI award will be used to create a full-fledged laboratory with state of the art equipment to investigate human-computer interactions and human information processing in virtual multimodal environments. Prof. Guastavino's research focuses on the user's experience, specifically cognitive strategies and affective responses to interface design, as well as the integration of visual, auditory and haptic information and learning effects. The results will be modeled to design more flexible information systems that respond dynamically as information needs evolve over time and as a function of individual differences. Prof. Guastavino also received a grant of \$67,864 from the Fonds québécois de recherche sur la nature et les technologies (FQRNT – New researchers), to undertake a study on audio perception of space and sound quality.

Professor Joan Bartlett received a New Researchers grant of \$101,698 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), to conduct a study titled **Understanding the selection of and preferences for bioinformatics resources: A study of expert and non-expert scientists**. In an information environment with over 800 different bioinformatics resources, many of which have similar functions, this research aims to discover and understand what factors differentiate the resources, and how and why scientists choose among them. Understanding the characteristics preferred by scientists will inform the design and development of user-oriented resources, and will also have implications for training and education of both scien-

tists and information professionals. This will ultimately enhance the accessibility and usability of bioinformatics resources, and help to simplify an extremely complex information environment.

Professor Eun Park was awarded a grant from the Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC – Nouveaux Professeurs-Chercheurs) of \$26,400, for her project **The Social Uses of Photography on AIDS and HIV: Methods for Digitization and Datamining**. An increasing number of social scientists are now working in the area of visual methodologies that give participants themselves the possibility of engaging in self-representation. Tools such as photography have proven to be very effective with groups – in particular, in addressing social issues of silence and

denial in relation to sexuality and HIV/AIDS, where the "face of AIDS" has heretofore been absent. These visual methods present researchers with the challenge of fully mining the resulting sets of photographs as visual data. The specific objectives of this study are thus to develop, test out and implement protocols for digitization of photos in a specific content-based context that will enable the most effective data mining, and to advance the study of the development of digital archives for health/education research working with visual resources, particularly in the area of HIV and AIDS. The first year of the study will be devoted to developing the protocol of a metadata schema that will provide a basis for describing images on HIV/AIDS and documenting metadata description processes. The second year of the study

FIONA TAM, NEW PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE

Ms. Fiona Tam, MLIS'04, is the School's new Professional Associate.

Ms. Tam received her BBA in Information and Systems Management at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and her MLIS at McGill. She comes to us from her recent position as Web Services Librarian at the Concordia University Libraries.



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will implement the metadata schema by scanning and converting into digital images and building digital archives.

Professors Andrew Large and Jamshid Beheshti have been awarded \$48,250 through an Initiative on the New Economy Public Outreach Grant from SSHRC, for their project **A Children's Web Portal for Canadian History: From Research Prototype to Classroom Resource**.

The grant will be used to make more widely available a web-based portal that was designed and developed between 2002 and 2006, with funding from SSHRC's INE competition. The original web portal prototype, which is designed to find information on Canadian history, is bilingual (English and French) and was created by an intergenerational team comprising three researchers and eight elementary school students from grade six. The prototype was converted into a working portal and evaluated by students in a number of elementary schools. Under this new grant, the portal will be enhanced to convert it into an operational classroom resource. Students will be then able to search for web-based information on Canadian history. Ministries of Education and other appropriate educational organizations will be visited in all ten Canadian provinces and three territories to demonstrate the portal's educational potential. A pamphlet and poster explaining the portal's purpose also will be designed for teachers, and an online help desk will be established to respond to their questions and suggestions. The goal is to ensure that the portal can move beyond the research domain of the initial INE grant into the Canadian educational domain where it belongs.

Professor Kimiz Dalkir received \$3,000 from the SSHRC Grants Subcommittee, McGill University, for her project **Organizational Memory Systems: How do Commercial and Non-Profit Organizations Retain and Transfer Critical Knowledge**

FACULTY AND STAFF CHANGES

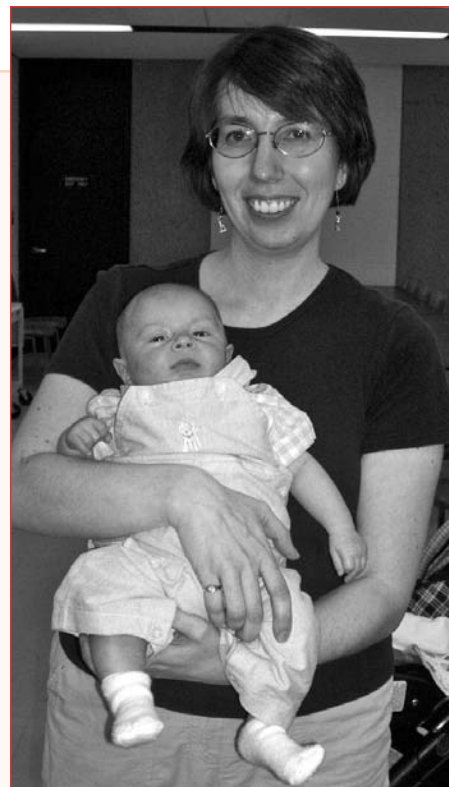
Professor Joan Bartlett is on maternity leave for the year 2006. She is pictured here with her new son Eric.

We are sorry to announce the departure from McGill University of **Eric Bungay**, MLIS '99, Professional Associate. Since 1999, Eric has been in charge of the School's Instructional Technology Laboratory, and taught Web System Design and Management.

Over the past seven years, students, staff and faculty have come to appreciate Eric's skillful and effective running of the lab. His excellent teaching skills have also been widely acknowledged. A graduate of McGill's MLIS program, Eric also has three degrees from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

As of September 2006, Eric will be Web Development Librarian, at the University of Guelph, where he will be part of its Library's Information Technology Services.

and Know-How? Organizational knowledge is being lost at an alarming rate, as businesses continue to downsize, to outsource and to draw from a pool of increasingly mobile knowledge workers. The average length of employment of highly skilled, experienced workers at a particular company has shortened considerably. The term "corporate amnesia" refers to the loss of accumulated expertise and know-how that occurs when people take their knowledge with them when they leave. The National Aeronautics and Space



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Administration (NASA), for example, has publicly admitted that the knowledge of how to put a man on the moon has been lost. The lessons that were learned and the innovations that were sparked are no longer found in the collective organizational memory of NASA. This study will thus contribute to a better understanding of the nature of organizational memory and how information professionals can better manage and preserve it.



Left: Susan Singer, Librarian at Allencroft Elementary School, with the six librarians from Indonesia and Leanne Bowler, coordinator of the school library program.



Eric Bungey

Below: The graduates of the Indonesian Summer Institute were Amrullah Hasbana, Agus Umar, and Pungki Purnomo of Jakarta, (the capital of Indonesia with a population of almost nine million), and Anis Masruri, Faisal Syarifudin and Sri Rohyanti Zulaikha from Yogyakarta, (a city of over three million). They are seen here with France Bouthillier, Jamshid Beheshti, Leanne Bowler, Heather Brydon, (MLISSA President 2005-2006), and Wendy Allen, Project Director of the IAIN/Indonesia Social Equity Project.

LIBRARIANS AND EDUCATORS FROM INDONESIA VISIT MONTREAL-AREA LIBRARIES



In spring 2006, many Montreal-area school and public librarians participated, for the second year in a row, in an international development project guided by McGill's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. The project's purpose is to help librarians and teaching staff at Indonesia's State Institutes of Islamic Studies (Institut Agama Islam Negeri/IAIN) develop school library

training programs for librarians working at the primary and secondary educational levels. Indonesia faces many challenges in the area of literacy and the training of staff and development of school libraries is seen as an important step towards meeting these challenges.

Six visiting educators and librarians from Jakarta and Yogyakarta spent May and June in Montreal, attending courses and workshops at McGill, and visiting local libraries. The library visits were an important component of the project and the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies thanks all the librarians who opened their doors, this year and last, to the visiting scholars.

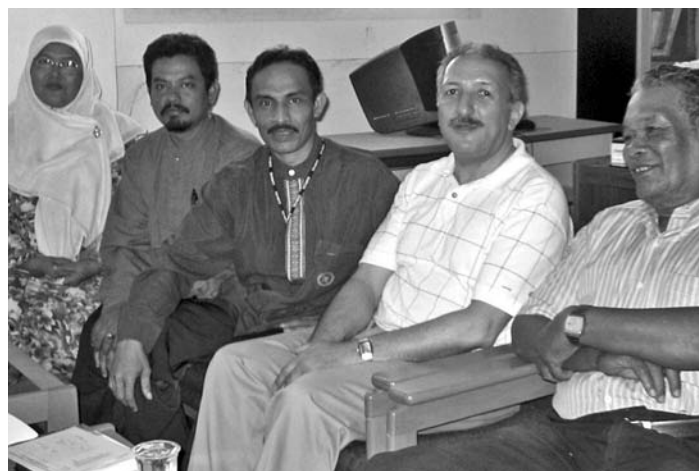
Under the direction of the McGill/IAIN Indonesia Social Equity Project, this training program is one part of a multi-faceted approach to educational and community development in Indonesia. For more information on the project, visit: <http://www.mcgill.ca/indonesia-project/>

REBUILDING IN INDONESIA

In May, Professor Jamshid Beheshti spent 12 days in Banda Aceh, one of the tsunami-hit towns in the province of Aceh, Indonesia. One of the less-publicized effects of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami was the destruction of libraries and their holdings. In Banda Aceh, for instance, 25 percent of the Public Library staff were killed, and more than 90 percent of the library's books were destroyed. Professor Beheshti was part of a mission design team planning a three-year project administered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The project includes plans to rebuild the Banda Aceh State Institute for Islamic Studies (IAIN AR-Raniry) library collection, which was lost in the tsunami. It will also introduce digital collections of Acehenese art and culture, and bring students to train as librarians at the GSLIS. In addition, there are plans to improve the program in the Department of Library Science at the IAIN AR-Raniry.

Jamshid Beheshti with library staff from the State Institute for Islamic Studies in Banda Aceh.



Convocation Celebration

On May 29, 2006, the School launched a new tradition: a convocation celebration for the spring graduates. More than 125 graduates, parents, friends, School staff and faculty attended the post-convocation lunch. Champagne was served and end-of-year prizes were awarded.



Photos by Susann Allmurt



PhD graduate Dorothy Williams with doctoral candidates Leanne Bowler, Val Nessel and Erica Wiseman.



Irene Kitimbo, MLIS graduate with her mother and son



Parents and graduates enjoying a Convocation buffet.

Nouf Khashman, MLIS graduate and her mother. Nouf was the 2006 recipient of the SLA Eastern Canada Chapter Anne Galler Award.



From the top:
 Catherine Sinnott, Angela Howran, Erin Moffatt, Heather Brydon, MLIS graduates
 France Bouthillier with MLIS graduates Chang (Nova) Liu and Shihsien (Andy) Na
 Brenda Taylor and France Bouthillier. Brenda was awarded the Albert Tabah Prize for Highest Standing throughout the MLIS program.
 Dorothy Williams graduated with her PhD in Library and Information Studies in May 2006. Her thesis title is "Sankofa: recovering Montreal's heterogeneous black print serials." Dorothy is pictured here with Professor Peter McNally, her thesis supervisor,

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Students who entered the School in Fall 2005:

Azelie de Lendrecie Clark Award
 Erin Phillips

Barbara Graw Smyth Award
 Qian Ye

Bernard Anderson Ower Award
 Catherine Barber
 Conrad Dueck

Dr. G.R. Lomer Scholarships
 Nelly Savova Petrova

Elizabeth G. Hall Scholarship
 Matthew Garsia (II)
 Emily Toms

Ethelwyn M. Crossley Scholarship
 Alessandra Bisciglia
 Dagmara Chojecki
 Adrienne Connelly

Janet Agnew Scholarship
 Emily Toms
 Lindsay Tyler

Jean Brown Scholarship
 Amy Dumouchel

Margaret Downey Prize
 Pierre Mullie

Margery Trenholme Fellowship
 Tara Bambrick

Miriam H. Tees Scholarship
 Stephanie Simard

Vivi Martin Fellowship
 Jennifer Prins

Genevieve Hillsburg
 Jill Boruff

2005-2006 Prizes

Albert Tabah Prize for highest standing throughout the MLIS program
 Brenda Taylor

Dr. Herbert Stanley Birkett Award
 Genevieve Langlois

Margaret Downey Prize
 Brenda Platt

Virginia Murray Prize for Cataloguing
 Dagmara Chojecki

SLA Eastern Canada Chapter Anne Galler Award
 Nouf Khashman

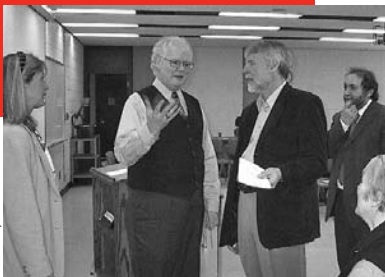
FROM IDEA TO READER: PUBLISHING IN MONTREAL, WORLD BOOK CAPITAL/
DES IDÉES À DES LECTEURS: L'ÉDITION À MONTRÉAL, CAPITALE MONDIALE DU LIVRE

On March 31, 2006, the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies and McGill University Libraries hosted a colloquium in recognition of Montreal's designation by UNESCO as World Book Capital 2005-2006. Other cities previously designated as World Book Capitals are: Madrid (2000), Alexandria (2002), New Delhi (2003), and Antwerp (2004). In 2006, Turin and Rome will jointly share the designation. The World Book Capitals host World Book and Copyright Day, and serve as forums for the promotion of books and reading.

(l-r) Roy MacSkimming, Pat Donnelly, Michel Pierssens and Peter McNally



The GSLIS/McGill University Libraries Colloquium, titled "From Idea to Reader," focused on publishing in Montreal from historical and contemporary perspectives. The keynote speaker was Roy MacSkimming — author of *The Perilous Trade: Publishing Canada's Writers* — who set the stage for two panel discussions. Participants on the "History and Context" panel were: Brian Trehearne, BA'79, MA'81, PhD'86, from McGill's department of English, Dorothy Williams, PhD'06 and Michel Pierssens, Département d'études françaises, Université de Montréal. Participants for the "Reviewers and Readers" panel were: Pat Donnelly, Montreal Gazette; Ian McGillis, co-editor Montreal Review of Books; and Marc Angenot, from McGill's



(l-r) France Bouthillier, David McKnight, Roy MacSkimming, Philip Cercone
Seated: Ms. MacSkimming

department of French Language and Literature. Anglophone and francophone perspectives were aired, as well as the issues faced by minorities, specifically black Montrealers.

A major theme emerging from the colloquium was that every cultural community faces particular challenges in getting published. Roy MacSkimming provided a helpful survey of post World War II publishing in English-speaking Canada. The industry has grown from issuing only a few novels annually, to publishing about 250 works of fiction and 2,000 works of non-fiction per year. A major breakthrough has been the growth in foreign sales, as Canadian literature continues to gain international prestige. "The function of publishing," said MacSkimming, "is to turn writers into authors." Brian Trehearne discussed the English Montreal Modernist Movement of the interwar and postwar eras, and the little magazines and publishers of the time.

Typewriters and cheap mechanical duplicating machines played central roles during these early days, due to the general lack of financial resources. Dorothy Williams spoke about her recently completed doctoral dissertation research which uncovered over two hundred serials written by black writers and published in Montreal since the 1930s. Michel Pierssens discussed the important impact of periodicals from France upon francophone Quebec's post-war intellectual development. Pat Donnelly and Ian McGillis spoke on the problems of reviewing the vast numbers of publications that are constantly appearing. Marc Angenot revealed the issues faced by Quebec's francophone scholars in getting their works published and noted that self-publishing has become his solution. A showing of the 1958 National Film Board film *The First Novel*, written by the late Mordecai Richler, DLitt'00, and Bill Weintraub, BA'47, concluded the afternoon; the film raised issues and concerns that continue today. Mr. Weintraub gave it a fine introduction.

FRENCH FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PRESENTS AT
ACFAS COLLOQUIUM

During the conference of the Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS), which took place at McGill from May 15-19, 2006, GSLIS hosted Mme Sylvie Chevillotte, Conservateur de bibliothèques of the École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques of France, to present her research on information literacy in higher education. Mme. Chevillotte, a researcher of international reputation, was also the keynote speaker for the ACFAS interdisciplinary colloquium sponsored by GSLIS and organized by Professor Diane Mittermeyer, on "La compétence informationnelle en milieu postsecondaire: une coopération multidisciplinaire en émergence". The event was a real success, and was the first time in Québec that educators, librarians, students and researchers have presented their work and discussed issues in the area of information literacy. The colloquium was well attended by students, librarians and researchers in education. Finally, during the same week, a full day was devoted to the discipline "Sciences de l'information", organized by Professor Bouthillier. This was an excellent forum for students and researchers in the field to present their research. Three GSLIS doctoral students and one professor made a presentation.



(l-r) Diane Mittermeyer, Sylvie Chevillotte, France Bouthillier

Irene Kitimbo, MLIS'06, won the Education Graduate Students Society travel grant to present at the Conference on Knowledge Management in Higher Education: A Gateway to Excellence and Innovation in Africa, which took place in February at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. Ms. Kitimbo spoke on "The Learning Organization: A model for higher education in Africa."

Da Lei, MLIS'06, was awarded the Pfizer Canada Prize of Excellence. The Prize consists of an internship position of eight months in the corporate library of Pfizer Canada, with a global compensation of \$25,000. The awardee was selected on the basis of her curriculum vitae, academic performance and motivation to work in the corporate and pharmaceutical sector. This year is the first time this competition was open to students in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies.

During the Winter 2006 semester, two of our first-year MLIS students, **Tania Aldred** and **Sara Janes**, initiated the establishment of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) McGill Student Chapter. The Chapter was subsequently formed by a number of students and made official in April 2006. They were inspired by the newly instituted Archival Studies stream at GSLIS.

In late June, Tania and Sara, along with recent graduate, **Hannah Solway, MLIS'06**, attended the annual ACA conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. This year's topic was "Living on the Edge: The Place of Archives in the Heritage and Cultural Community." It featured sessions by Newfoundland writers Michael Crummey and Kevin Major, and scholar Peter E. Pope. The conference gave the students a chance to bring the new program

at GSLIS to the attention of the Canadian archival community, and to represent McGill at an important event for the Information community.

Joining the ACA will benefit students by introducing them to the professional Canadian archival world. The student chapter's mission for 2006-2007 is to advocate for the new stream at GSLIS and focus on professional development. The executive committee of the Chapter has a number of exciting events lined up, including a speaker series, tours of local archives, and various social functions.

Simeon Ivanov, MLIS'06, was awarded the 2006 SLA Eastern Canada Chapter Membership Award.

Nouf Khashman, MLIS'06, is the 2006 recipient of the SLA Eastern Canada Chapter Anne Galler Award. This prize recognizes achievement in a Special Libraries course, and was presented for the highest academic achievement in GLIS 638, Business Information.

Jill Boruff, was the 2006 awardee for the GSLIS Student representative to the Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference held in Ottawa in June. Jill is in her second year of studies.

Catherine Martin, also a second-year student, was awarded the first runner-up prize in the Canadian Library Association's 2006 student article contest for her submission entitled "Open Access: Questions of Responsibility." The award was presented at the Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference held in Ottawa in June 2006.

PHD STUDENTS



Leanne Bowler, BA'80, MLIS'82, MEd'00, PhD Candidate, was awarded a research grant of \$1,380 from SSHRC, to support her project **The**

Role of Metacognitive Knowledge in the Information Search Process: An Exploratory Study into Adolescent Behavior. She was also awarded the prestigious Herschel and Christine Victor Fellowship in Education. This \$12,500 Fellowship was established in 2000 by Herschel Victor, BCom'44, for an outstanding graduate student in the Faculty of Education.

Doctoral candidate **Valerie Nasset, MLIS'02**, received a fellowship from the FQRSC. Both Leanne and Valerie are working under the supervision of Prof. Andrew Large, the CN-Pratt-Grinstad Chair in Information Studies. Their research is in the area of information-seeking behaviour.

Michael Sutton, also a GSLIS doctoral candidate, is an Assistant Professor at Kent State University. He is coordinator of the Knowledge Management concentration in the interdisciplinary program, Information Architecture and Knowledge Management (IAKM), at Kent State. Michael was recently invited to be Associate Editor at *VINE: The Journal of Information and Knowledge Management Systems* and to sit on the editorial board of the University of Buffalo's Library Student Journal. Michael works under the supervision of Prof. France Bouthillier.

1940s

Beryl Sutton and **Kenneth McPherson**, both **BLS'49**, retired in 1991 and are living in Phippsburg, ME. They are both very active in community affairs: Mr. McPherson is a nine-year trustee at the Patten Library in Bath and Ms. Reid is on the hospital board. They still keep in touch with their long-time friends and classmates of 1949!

1950s

Douglas Lochhead, BLS'51, was awarded the 2005 Carlo Betocchi International Poetry Prize from the Carlo Betocchi Study Centre, Florence, Italy. The prize is sponsored by the Ente Cassa di Risparmio Bank, with the patronage of the City of Florence Cultural Council. Lochhead's book of poetry *High Marsh Road* was translated into Italian at the University of Pisa and published by ETS Editions as *La Strada di Tantramar*. He is the first non-Italian to receive this prestigious award. Mr. Lochhead worked as professor and librarian in several Canadian and US universities. In 1975 he was appointed Director of the Canadian Studies Centre at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, where he still lives today. He has published several collections of poetry.

1960s

Dorothy Pear (Charnock), BLS'60, retired in September 1999 after 25 years as School Librarian in Manchester, England.

Duncan Rand, BLS'64, retired as Chief Librarian from the Lethbridge Public Library in September 2000. He now works on newspaper indexing at the Lethbridge Public Library, and drives the "Books on the Move" van, bringing listening and reading to seniors at home and in hospital. He writes, "My wonderful year and degree at McGill gave me and my family a great life, 35 years of terrific employment, life and education for four great kids and wife of 42 years!"

1970s

Lesley Ljungdahl, MLS'79, is Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Education, University of Technology Sydney, in Sydney, Australia. She has taught in London, Australia and Canada.

Candy Schwartz, MLS'74, is a Professor at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Boston, and Coordinator of the new Doctoral Program launched there this year. She also serves on the Board of Advisors for many diverse organizations such as ALA, ALISE, and ASIST.

1980s

Jeffrey David Moon, MLIS'87, head of the Documents Unit at Joseph S. Stauffer Library, Queen's University, was the recipient of this year's Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) Award for Librarian of the Year. He has an outstanding record of achievements and contributions to Queen's University and to the Ontario Library Association. He was presented with the Award at the OCULA reception and Annual General Meeting in Toronto on February 2, 2006.

1990s

Celia Donnelly, MLS'79, has been appointed Chief Librarian of *The Globe and Mail* Editorial Library. After starting her "illustrious" library career as a library clerk at CIL in Montreal, she decided to follow in the footsteps of her big sister Margot, and earn her MLS from McGill. After graduation, she joined Sun Life as a Reference Librarian and went on to work for four years in reference at the CN Library in Montreal. In 1985, she took the plunge and moved to Toronto, joining *The Globe and Mail* newspaper. She is a member of the newspaper's rock band, playing rhythm guitar and mandolin. The band won the first ever Toronto Media Battle of the Bands (Newzapalooza) in 2004 and

came a close second this year. They also played at the "Wild Librarians Wingding", the closing party of the Newspaper Division at this year's SLA Conference in Toronto. Celia can be reached at celia.donnely@globeandmail.ca

Cathy Fabbro, MLIS'93, married Norm Geddes in 2003. Their daughter Elizabeth was born on February 2005. Cathy is working as an elementary school teacher with the Halton District School Board in Burlington, ON.

Tammy Keating, MLIS'94, is working at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health in Ottawa, as an Information Specialist. She married her childhood sweetheart, Mark, in 1994. They have three sons aged nine, seven and two, and live on an organic farm east of Ottawa.

Linda Lowe, MLIS'95, after nine-and-a-half years as the Librarian with the Food Development Centre, has moved to the KM branch of Manitoba Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs as a knowledge management specialist.

Kevin Manion, MLIS'97, works in Information Services at *Consumer Reports*. His first job at *Consumer Reports* was as Manager, in May 2000. He was subsequently promoted to Associate Director and is now Director. Kevin supervises a staff of 20 and is responsible for overseeing the research, archives and records management operations for this icon of American culture. He is on the board of directors of his Credit Union and is president-elect of the SLA New York Chapter, and secretary of SLA's B&F Division.

Tiffany Stones, MLIS'97, is living in Calgary with her husband Ben and their two-year-old daughter Clara. She is expecting her second child in the spring of 2006. Meanwhile she is doing contract research for PRAXIS Research to fill in the time between reading stories, singing songs and playing with trains!

Ravil Veli, MLIS'93, has been appointed the new Director of Library Services at Herker County Community College, Herkimer, New York. He is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Library, including staff supervision, budget maintenance and preparation, and management of library holdings.

2000s

Tanya Abramovitch, MLIS'00, has been appointed the new Director of the Eleanor London Public Library in Montreal. Tanya has been working as a reference librarian at the library for the past five years. After graduation she worked at McGill's Government Documents Department before becoming a public librarian.



James Buczynski, MLIS'00, is working as Information Services Librarian at the Seneca College of Applied Arts & Technology, Toronto. He manages electronic information resources acquisitions and licensing for the College, serves as Seneca Libraries' advisor on copyright and as a computer science bibliographer, and coordinates the information literacy program and virtual reference service at the Seneca@York campus. He is an editor and contributor at *Internet Reference Services Quarterly* and reviews books for *E-Streams*, *Choice* and *Library Journal*.

After a long journey, James crossed the bridge into fatherhood on September 24, 2005. Joshua Thomas Buczynski was born at Mount Sinai in Toronto, after 25 hours of labour! Mom Palmina Ioannone and the baby are doing well. James sent us this picture in November 2005.

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April Colosimo, MLIS'05, has been appointed Liaison Librarian at the Schulich

Library of Science and Engineering at McGill University.

Beth Dunning, MLIS'06, has been appointed Liaison Librarian at Howard Ross Library of Management at McGill University.

Melissa Crowther, MLIS'05, has become a full-time employee of Shell Canada Ltd., working as an implementation analyst since April 2006. Part of her job deals with Livelink implementation, the EDMS used at Shell. She helps different groups go from LAN to EDMS and to set up folder structure, naming conventions, permissions and creating governance documents. She says the diverse responsibilities incorporate a number of other skills including public speaking, communication and report writing, and her Competitive Intelligence course has proven to be very useful.

Catherine Fahey, MLIS'02, after working for three years as a high school librarian,

has become the Information Specialist at BTU Ventures Inc.

Patrizia (Trish) Gagliardi, MLIS'02, took a six-month internship in Rome, Italy, with the International Plant Genetics Research Institute (IPGRI) after graduation. IPGRI is an NGO that works with the Food and Agriculture Organization and other international agencies, conducting agricultural research and publishing their findings in several languages. Her internship project focused on digital information dissemination and management. In August 2003, she joined the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office at McGill University as a Recruitment and Admissions Officer. She represented McGill at major education fairs in Quebec, Mexico and France. In June 2006, she joined the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office as Fellowships Officer (External). She will liaise with provincial and federal granting agencies, and with the vast number of private and public granting agencies.

The collection of the Japanese Canadian History and Archives Committee of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal was acquired by the McGill University archives on October 2, 2005. Processing of the records commenced in January 2006. History and Archives Committee members Jackie Stevens, Alice Kudo, Amy Miyamoto and Kuniko Kondo have worked collaboratively with Senior Archivist **Gordon Burr, MLIS'98**, and **Sarah Jensen, MLIS'06**, as well as student volunteers, to arrange and describe the records.

In June 2006, **Simeon Ivanov, MLIS'06**, constructed a website for the History and Archives Committee of the JCCCM Collection. The website contains a virtual exhibit of the diverse records in the collection, including a digital sampling of the JCCCM's monthly newsletter, *The Bulletin*, which commenced publication in 1946, as well as other textual documents, photos, and video clips reflecting cultural, social and athletic activities of the JCCCM. It can be accessed at www.archives.mcgill.ca/public/exhibits/jcccm/jcccmmain.htm.

The other important function of the website will be to provide access to the collection through a detailed finding aid. This will facilitate the research and use of these cultural archives. Some of the historical information they contain is on Japanese-Canadians and the Redress agreement of 1988, when the Canadian Government apologized for the treatment of Japanese Canadians during WWII and offered symbolic financial compensation.

Claire Gilbert, MLIS'01, and her husband David Conti, welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Sophia Grace, on March 14, 2006 in Victoria B.C. Ms. Gilbert is currently on leave from her job as a reference archivist at the B.C. Archives, Royal B.C. Museum Corporation in Victoria.



Michele Ann Jenkin, MLIS '05, co-founded Wikitravel, a project to create a free, open-content, world wide travel guide. With her husband, Evan Prodromou, Michele helps develop software and policies for the site including standardizing article naming conventions and maintaining a geographical hierarchy. They have a daughter, Amita June, who is 1 year old. They split their time between their home in the Plateau district of Montreal and various locations around the world. Upcoming trips include Scandinavia and East Asia. Further information can be found at <http://www.wikitravel.org>.

Hana Kim, MLIS'03, is currently the Korea Studies Librarian at the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library of the University of Toronto. She is responsible for collection management and development and services relating to Korean Studies. She won the First Annual Min Chapbook Competition, organized by Harvard University's Korea Institute and Tamal Vista Publications, for her translation of poems by Cheonhak Kwon. Hana is expecting her first baby around Christmas time!

Yu (Lilly) Li, MLIS'03, has been appointed librarian at the University of Texas at San

Antonio's Institute of Texas Cultures. She is responsible for collection development, cataloguing, managing library finances and the staff. Lilly is a member of the American Library Association, and previously worked as documentation technician at the New Frontiers School Board Archives in Quebec.

Chang (Nova) Liu, MLIS'06, spent the summer working as Information Assistant at the Human Resources Professionals Association of Ontario (HRPAO).

Tara Mawhinney, MLIS'05, has been appointed Liaison Librarian at the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering at McGill University.

Isabelle Robitaille, MLIS'02, has been admitted to PhD studies (2005-2006) at EBSI at the Université de Montréal. The title of her research project is La collection des livres rares de l'Université McGill au XIXe siècle: étude de provenance des fonds, under the supervision of Eric Leroux and Marcel Lajeunesse.

Jean-François Savaria, MLIS'06, was appointed as the French Services Librarian for the Province of Prince Edward Island. He has four libraries under his jurisdiction, three of which service the French community.



Kathleen Shearer, MLIS'01, is a freelance information professional who has worked with organizations such as the Canadian Research Knowledge Network, Library and Archives Canada, and McGill University. She also works on a part-time basis as a research associate for the Canadian Association of Research Libraries and engages in research and analysis in the

area of academic libraries in Canada, as well as coordinating the CARL Institutional Repository Project. She has authored numerous articles and several book chapters, and in 2003 she co-authored *Assessing Competitive Intelligence Software: A Guide to Evaluating CI Technology* with Professor France Bouthillier. She is shown here with her son Rafael.

Catherine Sinnott, MLIS'06, is working as one of nine academic librarians at Acadia University Library, in Wolfville, NS.

Erin Suliak, MLIS'05, is working as an Intern Archivist at the North West Territories Archives on contract.

IN MEMORIAM

Gabor Both, BLS'61, at Montreal, on December 29, 2005.

Betty Lorraine Carnie, MLS'67, at Saskatoon, Sask., on September 24, 2005.

William (Bill) Colin Fraser, BLS'49, died in Victoria, B.C., on October 12, 2005. He began his career as a public librarian. In the early 1960s, he was appointed director of the British Columbia Medical Library Service, based at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia in Vancouver, a post he held until his retirement. A founding member of the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia (HLABC), he taught at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS), University of British Columbia, where an award is given annually to an SLAIS student in his honour.

Alain Letourneau, MLIS'98, at Sudbury, Ont., on July 4, 2006.

IN MEMORIAM

ENID URSULA (CATON) CLEMENT
(January 7, 1928 – July 4, 2006)

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies regrets to announce the death, at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, of Professor Enid Clement. A native of Trinidad and Tobago, where she received her early education, Enid began her professional life there as a teacher from 1948 to 1955.

After coming to Canada, she studied at Sir George Williams University (Montreal), graduating in 1958 with a BA in Sociology, earning Dean's Honours. She then came to the School, where she received a BLS in 1959 and an MLS in 1969.

After working as a cataloguer at the University of Toronto Library from 1959 to 1962, she returned to Montreal to become Assistant Head Librarian and Head of Cataloguing at Loyola College – which, like Sir George Williams, is now part of Concordia University. From 1967 to 1969, she served as Assistant Head of Cataloguing at the McGill University Library.

From 1969 to 1980, she was a member of the School's faculty as an Assistant Professor, teaching Cataloguing and Classification. With Professor Beryl Anderson, she restructured the introductory course, and experimented with innovative teaching methods. In addition, she participated in the operation of the School by working on various committees. She was also active in professional associations, such as the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, the Canadian Library Association, and the Quebec Library Association, serving as President of the latter's College and Research Libraries Section. In addition, she was actively involved with the Quebec Black Studies Centre.

We extend our sympathy to her husband Errol and their children Michael (Linda), Patricia, Andrew, and Christine, and to their grandchildren, family and friends.

Peter F. McNally
Professor

IN MEMORIAM

G. MARSH HOWARD
(March 29, 1922 – May 22, 2006)

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies is saddened to announce the death, in Kingston, Ontario, of Mr. Marsh Howard, the husband of Professor Helen Howard, BLS'56, MLS'67, who served on the School's faculty from 1982 until her retirement in 1992. From 1984 to 1989, she also served as the School's Director.

After beginning a BSc at Queen's University, Marsh enlisted to fight in WWII, during which he was seriously wounded. After the war, he completed his degree in Civil Engineering at the University of New Brunswick, and embarked upon a highly successful career – culminating in his becoming Vice-President, Business Development, at Montreal Engineering. Among other accomplishments, he completed the Business Diploma program at McGill.

Marsh Howard will be long appreciated and remembered for his strong support of his wife's activities and his regular appearances at School events. Boats, sailing, and antique cars continued as major interests during his retirement. We extend our sympathies to Professor Howard and her family.

Peter F. McNally
Professor

DOROTHY CARRUTHERS PRIZE IN ARCHIVAL STUDIES

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