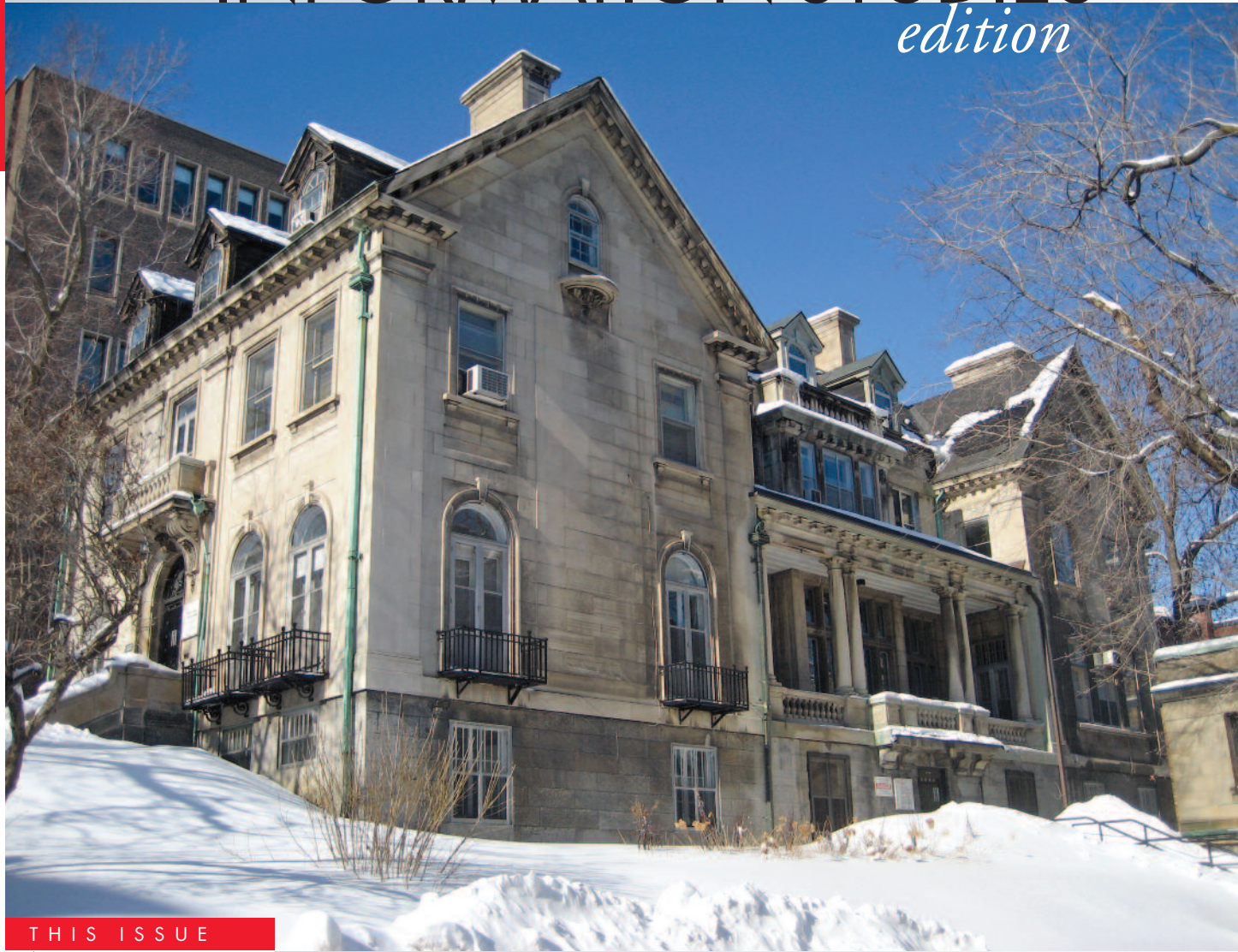




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South side of 3661 Peel,
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brick Faculty of Education
building is seen behind the
School.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I know that this newsletter has reached you a few weeks later than usual but I hope that you will understand the reasons. The 2008-2009 year has been incredibly busy with the discussions and planning activities related to the physical move of the School to a renovated mansion on Peel Street, which took place during summer 2009. You will see in the next pages how beautiful our new space is, and how different it is from our previous location. We gained more offices for our professors, staff and students, and more space for meetings and conducting research. The School is very close to the Faculty of Education building where most of the classes are now taught. This is a new environment to which we are still adapting, but it is clearly the most beautiful home that the School has ever had. Of course, you are welcome to visit us and I am sure you will be very proud of your alma mater's new home.

The year was also very hectic due to the preparation of the program presentation for the re-accreditation of the MLIS program by the American Library Association (ALA) and the preparation for the site visit by the External Review Panel in September. Re-accreditation is always an opportunity to assess and reflect on our achievements and strategic plans. The feedback from ALA will be very useful for discussing the changes that are needed in the curriculum and soon you will hear about our developments at the School.

The picture would not be complete if I did not mention our new formal doctoral program that began in September 2009. When talking with alumni, I realize that many of you do not know that we have 26 doctoral students, among whom are the five students enrolled in the formal program this year. We have experienced a growing interest in the doctoral program in information studies over the last few years as revealed by the number of applications received. Our students are increasingly successful at gaining doctoral fellowships. We celebrated our 17th doctoral graduate last year and all our graduates have successful careers both as professionals and academics.

Of course, many other events have punctuated the year. We were very pleased to welcome two international guest speakers in our Colloquia series. Nick Moore, visiting professor in information strategy at the University of Brighton, and Micheline Beaulieu, professor in information science at the University of Sheffield, both from the United Kingdom, came to discuss information issues with our students.

I am sure you are as busy as we are but hopefully you will find the time to enjoy this newsletter. As always, I wish you all the best and I look forward to hearing from you.



France Bouthillier, PhD
Director



for the School of Information Studies

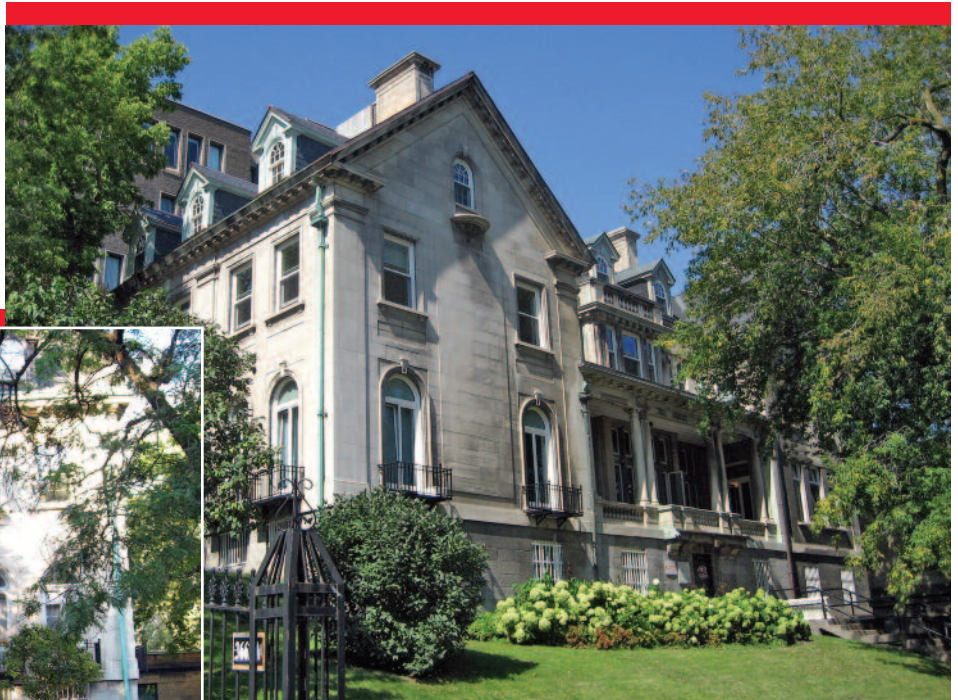
The School moved to 3661 Peel Street in August 2009, after 40 years in the McLennan Library Building.

This historic building on Peel was built in 1910 according to the design of Robert Findlay, a well-known Montreal architect, as the private home of Daniel Charles Macarow, general manager of the Merchants' National Bank. From 1923, it was owned by a series of prominent entrepreneurs and professionals, until its purchase in 1951 by the *Soeurs de la Congrégation de Notre Dame de Montréal*, to become a halfway house for people with social problems. In 1961, it was purchased by Marianopolis College – an undergraduate women's college – and served as the college library until being sold in 1976, along with adjoining property, to McGill. The College now operates as a junior college (CEGEP) in Westmount. Various McGill units have resided in the mansion over the past several decades.

The building consists of four floors comprising 33 offices, a seminar room, and kitchen and storage facilities. The administrative services of the School are located on the first floor, along with the seminar room, which is used for small classes and to host events. Professors have offices on the second and third floors, and MLIS students and student groups have access to a number of rooms for study and meetings. Doctoral stu-

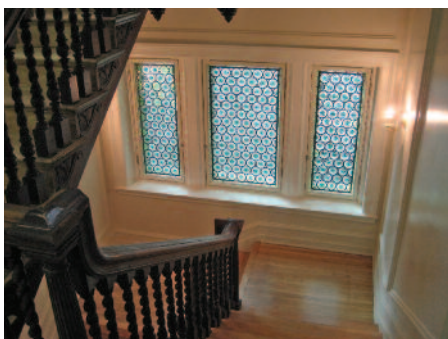
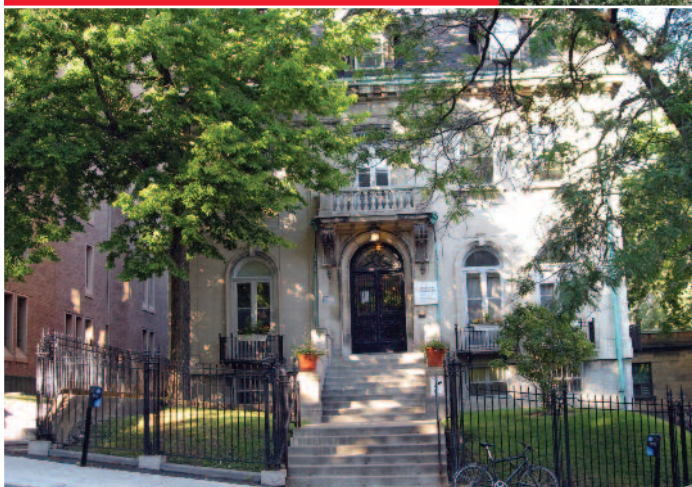
dents are housed throughout the building. The new Information Technology Laboratory is located in the adjacent Faculty of Education Building at 3700 McTavish. Depending on size, classes take place either in the seminar room at the School or in the Education Building.

The School will have an Open House during Homecoming Weekend in the fall of 2010, so plan to visit us!



Above: South side of 3661 Peel.

Left: Street entrance 3661 Peel



Far left: Landing between 1st and 2nd floors.



Left: First floor seminar room with original stained glass windows.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Professor **Eun Park** received a grant of \$75,000 from SSHRC's International Opportunities Fund to create an international network of researchers involved in developing AIDS prevention programs by using participatory visual data archives. This funding program is very competitive and provides one-year funding for international initiatives. Professor **Joan Bartlett** received a new FQRSC grant to conduct the analysis and evaluation of clinicians' identification and selection of information resources to support evidence-based practice (\$39,600 for three years). Professor **Catherine Guastavino** is involved in two new research projects as a team member. One project received funding from the Canada

Foundation for Innovation-New Initiative Fund (Alain Berry from Université of Sherbrooke as principal investigator; \$4,248,206 for five years), and the goal is to study vibroacoustics of large-scale, complex, multi-material structures in aerospace and terrestrial transport. The other project is funded by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology on Soundscapes of European Cities and Landscapes (J. Kang from Sheffield University as PI; \$600,000 for four years).

Professor **France Bouthillier**, also as a team member, will take part in two research projects. One project with Professor Shaheen Shariff (PI), from the

Faculty of Education, received funding from SSHRC (\$176,732 for three years). The goal is to develop an Interactive Virtual Forum to study children's online interactions and stakeholder responsibilities to promote cyber-safety in Canada among children, teachers, librarians and information technology companies. The other project with Professor Pierre Pluye and Roland Grad from the Faculty of Medicine received funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Meetings, Planning & Dissemination Grant, \$24,961 for one year) to disseminate Cochrane e-mails and to use a method for assessing the value of information in French-speaking contexts.

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

The School's involvement with the Indonesia Social Equity Project continued with Professor **Jamshid Beheshti** visiting Indonesia in February 2009 to deliver presentations on the promotion of library services in Jakarta, Yogyakarta and Makassar and on networking library services in Banda Aceh, reaching more than 80 librarians.

Professor **France Bouthillier** designed and delivered a workshop on Strategic Planning, Marketing and Information Literacy in academic libraries at the IAIN (State Institute of Islamic Studies) Ar-Raniry in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, in May 2009. Twenty-six participants from the region, both librarians and library staff, attended the workshop and developed strategic plans for their libraries. Professor Bouthillier is seen here with the librarian-translators for the workshop, Labibah and Miswan.

Professor **Eun Park** was involved in teaching sessions on the management of records and archives to a group of 30 Chinese civil servants who attended a program prepared by the Centre for Continuing Education at McGill in January 2009.



RE-ACCREDITATION OF THE MLIS PROGRAM

Every seven years, the MLIS program is reviewed by the American Library Association (with the participation of the Canadian Library Association). The School's program, in its evolution from a diploma program through a BLS to the current MLIS, has been continuously accredited since 1929. Starting in 2008 with the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Re-Accreditation, the School prepared a program presentation for submission in August 2009 to the Committee on Accreditation of the ALA, and hosted a site visit by the External Review Panel of the Committee on Accreditation in late September 2009.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Re-Accreditation contributed greatly to the creation of the program presentation, making themselves available for consultation and meetings on a regular basis. The committee was composed of all SIS faculty members as well as **Jocelyne Andrews, MLIS'06**, Head of Systems and Technical Services, Westmount Public Library; **Anne-Marie Auger, MLIS'97**, Consultant; **Christine Hiller, MLIS'87**, Project Officer, CREPUQ; **David Fontaine, MLIS'08**, Chef de division, Bibliothèque de Brossard; **Lisa Milner, MLIS'91**, Manager of Administrative Services; Eleanor London, Côte Saint-Luc Public Library and President of ABQLA; **Theresa Rowat**, University Archivist, McGill

University; **Janine Schmidt**, Trenholme Director of Libraries, McGill University; and **Judy Silverman**, Canadian Centre for Architecture.

The External Review Panel visited the School from September 20 to 23 and met with senior McGill administration, SIS faculty and staff, SIS students, and alumni. The report on the School has gone to the Committee on Accreditation and we expect to receive our re-accreditation decision in January 2010.

The site visitors were Andrew Dillon (Chair of the External Review Panel), Dean and Professor, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin; Michele Cloonan, Dean and Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston; Ann Curry, Director, School of Library & Information Studies, University of Alberta; Anne C. Moore, Dean of Libraries, University of South Dakota; Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Associate Dean of Libraries for Planning & Assessments, Office of the Dean, Oklahoma State University; and Joyce C. Wright, Associate Director of Library Development and Advancement, Associate Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The CLA observer was Karen Adams, Director of Libraries, University of Manitoba.



PROFESSOR
CATHERINE
GUSTAVINO

The newest addition at the School was celebrated at a book baby shower in October 2009.

Professor Catherine Guastavino's daughter Laure, seen here with her mother, was the recipient of a plethora of children's books from the invited guests. Professor Guastavino is currently on maternity leave.

PROFESSOR
JOHN LEIDE
RETIRES

In December 2008, we celebrated the achievements of Professor John Leide at his retirement party at the School.



John is seen here with **Julia Taminiau, MLIS'92**, at his retirement party.

ICICKM 2009

The School sponsored the 6th International Conference on Intellectual Capital, Knowledge Management & Organizational Learning, held at McGill on October 1 and 2, 2009. This was the first international KM conference held at McGill and served to bring together researchers, practitioners and our own KM graduate students. The conference chair was Professor Kim Dalkir of the School, and the Program Chair was Professor Bouthillier. The keynote speakers were Dr. Yeona Jang of McGill's Desautels Faculty of Management, who discussed

"Working Smarter: When Knowledge Management, Organizational Learning, and Business Process Meet Together," and Dr. Jay Liebowitz, the Orkand Chair of Management and Technology in the Graduate School of Management and Technology at the University of Maryland University College. He spoke on "Cross-Generational Knowledge Flows in Edge Organizations." There were 120 attendees from over 20 countries worldwide. The 7th annual conference in 2010 will be held in Hong Kong.

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The School provides space and technical and financial support to several student groups that are very active in organizing workshops, brown bag discussions, colloquia, symposia, and social events. These groups are positive venues for developing leadership skills since each has an executive committee where students learn how to manage projects and budgets, undertake event coordination activities, and develop other skill sets related to event organization and networking.

The Association with the longest history is MLISSA, the McGill Library and Information Studies' Student Association, which helps coordinate student activities and ensures that student concerns are made known to the School, the Faculty of Education and McGill University.

In 2009-2010, the Executive consists of numerous and varied positions, indicating the extent of the responsibilities and interests of MLISSA.

President - Aude McDermott; Chief Returning Officer - Cailinn Burns; Vice President External - Fiona Munroe; Vice President Internal - Sarah Paulson; Secretary - Nina Zheng; Treasurer - Erica Welch; Education Faculty Rep (EGSS) - David Macaulay; PGSS Representative (MLIS I) - Ryan Hughes; PGSS Representative (MLIS II) - Andrea Koteles; Curriculum Committee Rep (MLIS I) - Anne Hill; Curriculum Committee Rep (MLIS II) - Aaron Rosenblum; Social Affairs Committee Chair - Marie-Michelle Hamel; Professional Association Liaison - Emilie Paquin; Publications Committee Chair - Radha-Prema McAllister; Internet Communications Officer - Mary Haberle.

Recent past Presidents of MLISSA have been **Meghan Hansen, MLIS'09**, currently employed as Cataloguing Librarian at the Legislative Library of Manitoba in Winnipeg; **Ahniwa Ferrari, MLIS'08**, working in Library Development at the Washington State Library, Seattle; **Krista Woltman, MLIS'07**, Business Librarian at the Ottawa Public Library; and **Heather Brydon, MLIS'06**, Children's Librarian at La Bibliothèque municipale Saul-Bellow, Lachine, QC.

Other active Associations are:

L'Association des bibliothécaires du Quebec Library Association Student Chapter (ABQLA). This group is intended to help McGill students get more connected to the Montreal and Quebec library scene, whether for the short term while in school or with a long-term career in mind.



Above, the ABQLA executives – Amber McNair, Amanda Halfpenny (President), Morgan Eaton and Adam Baron - take advantage of a sunny October day to hold a meeting on the lawn outside 3661 Peel.

The parent ABQLA chapter hosts events, as well as an annual conference, with the aim of helping librarians develop professionally and get to know other local librarians.

Association of Canadian Archivists McGill Student Chapter (ACA). The ACA seeks to foster awareness, advocacy and professional development within a Canadian archival context and is dedicated to representing the future professionals of the Canadian archival community. The student association is made up of students enrolled in the Archival Studies stream of the MLIS program, as well as interested students in the other streams. Jonathan Dorey is the 2009-2010 Coordinator of the ACA Student Chapter.

Canadian Library Association McGill Student Chapter (CLAMSC). The CLA student chapter's mission is to help students become active in the professional library community before graduation, and to act as a liaison between the School's students and the Canadian Library Association. The 2009-2010 President, Benjamin Girard-Bond, was selected as the 2009 SIS student representative to the CLA Conference in Montreal.

The McGill Special Libraries Association Student Group (SLA) is made up of students with an interest in corporate infor-



Top left: Students and faculty enjoying the grounds of the building at a BBQ held in September 2009. Left, Aude McDermott, President MLISSA, Jonathan Dorey, Co-Ordinator ACA Student Chapter, and Professor Andrew Large. Above: Julia Wagner and Amanda Halfpenny, President ABQLA Student Chapter.

mation centres, government libraries, etc. or, as they have been called, “special” libraries. They work at staging networking events, ensuring information professionals from special libraries are hosted as speakers at SIS, and arranging tours of special libraries that represent students’ interests. Brittany Trafford and Alanna MacNevin are Co-Presidents for 2009-2010.

In addition, there is a student committee of Librarians Without Borders, one of four in Canada – at McGill, the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario. The Vice-President at the School is Valli-Laurende Fraser-Celin.

SIS students support the McGill Multilingual Children’s Library, a small library located at McGill, which is designed to serve the McGill Student

Parent Network by providing multilingual children’s books and language resources. These resources are primarily for the use of international students and their families as

they settle into life in Montreal. SIS students also publish *The Marginal Librarian*, an e-zine. See <http://sis-webspace.mcgill.ca/marginal>.

WEB 2.YOU WORKSHOP

Students in the Special Libraries Association McGill student chapter, along with CLA Montreal Chapter, CLA Emerging Technologies Interest Group, and SLA Eastern Canada Chapter, organized Web 2.You 2009. It took place on February 13, 2009, at the School, and featured presentations by: Stephen Abram, Vice President of Innovation, SirsiDynix, Toronto (“Shift Happens 2.0: What On Earth Is Happening and How Will It Affect Libraryland?”); Amy Buckland, MLIS’08, Liaison Librarian, Howard Ross Library of Management, McGill (“Joining the Discussion: Using Social Networks for Professional Development – or Developing into a Professional”); and Michael Stephens, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois (“The Hyperlinked Library”); as well as presentations by SIS students.

The Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) McGill University Student Chapter held an all-day colloquium on March 27, 2009, on the theme of Breaking out of the Box: The Challenges of Archival Practice in the Digital World. François Cartier, Curator, Archives and History at the McCord Museum, gave a presentation on “Blurring the Boundaries: Archives, Museums and Libraries in the Digital World.” The plenary speaker, David Bearman, President of Archives and

Museum Informatics LLC, spoke on “Issues Facing Digital Archivists.” Archival Studies students who presented papers were Sarah Burns, MLIS’09, Jennie Ferris, MLIS’09 and Deena Liatsopoulos, MLIS’09: “The Problems and Barriers of Records and Information Management in Africa”; Jonathan Dorey: “The Future of Archived Photographs: An Analysis of the Impact of *Aubry v. Éditions Vice-Versa*, [1998] 1 S.C.R. 591 on Copyrighted Photographs in Québec-based Archives”;

Mark Melchior: “Total Digital Archives? The Canadian Digital Information Strategy and Current Archival Standards of Practice”; Molly Richter, MLIS’09: “First Nations Peoples and Archives: Some Thoughts on the Literature”; and Vanessa Sparks, MLIS’09: “Don’t PANIC! Examining Preservation Webservices, Architecture for New Media and Interactive Collections as a Practical Tool for the Preservation of New Media Art.”

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Please join us in congratulating our recent scholarship and prize recipients. These awards are made possible through the generosity of our alumni and friends of the School. The total amount awarded in the 2008-09 academic year was \$51,650. In addition, \$42,500 was disbursed to Master’s and Doctoral students in the form of Principal’s and Provost’s Fellowships.

2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

Azelie de Lendrecie Clark Award
Luke Edwards Sorensen

*Barbara Graw Smythe Award
in Library & Information Studies*
Dimitri (James) Kezis

Bernard Anderson Ower Award
Hyunjin Park

Centenary Prize
Kathryn Neeley

Dr. G.R. Lomer Scholarships
Valli-Laurence Fraser-Celin
Marie-Michelle Hamel
Aaron Rosenblum
Brittany Trafford
Julia Wagner

Elizabeth G. Hall Scholarship
Jennie Ferris
Trecia Schell

Ethelwyn M. Crossley Scholarship
Todd Frei
Eben Packwood

H.W. Wilson Foundation Scholarship
Carolyn Doi
Tania Franco

Janet Agnew Scholarship
Anna Elizabeth Dysert
David Macaulay

Margery Trenbolme Fellowship
Abdu Nuru Kajura

*Margery Trenbolme Memorial Award
in Library Studies*
Dimitri (James) Kezis

Miriam H. Tees Scholarship
Sevrine Roy

Patricia Keir Award
Duncan Cowie

Vivi Martin Fellowship
Benjamin Girard-Bond

McGill Provost’s Graduate Fellowship
Nouf Khashman
Sunghoon Lee
Amandine Pras
Marni Tam
Dhary Abuhimed

McGill Principal’s Graduate Fellowship
Gina Gonczy
Katherine Husch
David Macaulay
Mark Melchior
Emilie Paquin
Louis-Mathieu Paquin
Sarah Stang

2008 PRIZES

*Teresa Troide Prize for Excellence
in Information Studies*
Ute Wilkinson

Dr. Herbert Stanley Birkett Award
Lisa Shen

Margaret Downey Prize
Eben Packwood

Virginia Murray Prize for Cataloguing
Todd Frei

*Anne Galler Award (formerly Eastern
Canada Chapter SLA Prize)*
Lisa Shen

DOCTORAL STUDENT NEWS

Natasha Zwarich, SIS PhD candidate, received an FQRSC doctoral fellowship for her thesis project entitled “Effective E-Mail Management: Principles and Practice of Canadian Government Agencies.”

Amandine Pras, SIS PhD student, along with students from Management and Law, won third place in the Dobson Cup, a McGill Business Plan Competition hosted by the Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies of the McGill Desautels Faculty of Management.



Val Nasset, MLIS'02, PhD'09, seen here at her defense with Professor Andrew Large, supervisor, and two members of her committee, Professors John Leide and Jamshid Beheshti. Her thesis topic was “The Information-Seeking Behaviour of Grade-Three Elementary School Students in the Context of a Class Project.”

The Dobson Cup offers a rare opportunity for budding entrepreneurs. The competition is open to new business ideas and not-for-profit start-ups. Teams present their ideas to a panel of experienced entrepreneurs and the projects are judged on innovativeness, growth potential and feasibility. The project presented by Ms. Pras and her colleagues was called FanSupported.com. FanSupported is an alternative to traditional record labels – a social network site that allows artists to finance projects by raising funds from their fan base. In exchange, fan supporters receive incentives such as merchandise and personal engagement with their favorite artists. The award ceremony took place June 11, 2009. Amandine is also the recipient of an FQRSC doctoral fellowship.

Lorie Kloda, BA'98, MLIS'01, SIS PhD candidate, was selected as one of the two 2009 recipients of the Education Graduate Students' Society Doctoral Award for Research and Professional Excellence. This award recognizes an outstanding PhD student in the Faculty of Education who has demonstrated an aptitude for research and has made a contribution to the profession or the wider community.



Xiaowen Bao, PhD'09, with Professors France Bouthillier, supervisor, and Yeona Jang of the Faculty of Management, External member, Defense Committee, celebrating the successful defense of his thesis on “Measuring Information-Sharing Behavior: The Case of Supply Chains in Operational Contexts.”

SIS PhD candidate **Vincent Larivière** was awarded the 2009 Eugene Garfield Dissertation Scholarship from the International Society for Scientometrics and Infometrics (ISSI) for his ongoing doctoral thesis. He received the award during the 12th International Conference of the International Society for Scientometrics and Infometrics held July 14 – 17, 2009, in Rio de Janeiro. Started in 2006, his thesis is a bibliometric study of PhD students' contributions to science.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

This year, the School welcomed post-doctoral research fellows, **Ilja Frissen** (for a second year) and **Sarah Payne**, both of whom are working with Professor Catherine Guastavino.

Ilja Frissen started at SIS in June 2008 and continues to work under the supervision of Professor Guastavino in the Multimodal Interaction Lab, investigating perception-action coupling in hearing and haptics, and auditory perception of space.

Sarah Payne is an environmental psychologist and started her work at SIS in October 2009. Much of her research has

focused on urban public spaces and how the public interact with, and are influenced by, such spaces. Different users' perceptions, affects and cognitive evaluations of environmental features within a place are examined. Her research has examined people's fear of crime and preferred aesthetics in an urban park. Using a theory of affordances, she has also researched skateboarders' perception of urban street “skate-spots” in comparison to skateboard parks.

Sarah researches the affective and cognitive outcomes of visiting urban parks. In particular, she is assessing the psychological-

ly restorative benefits derived from visiting urban parks and how this varies depending on the perceived soundscape (sounds within a place). She has a mixed methodological approach and will be conducting experimental laboratory research, research *in situ*, as well as interviews to improve the language of evaluative items.

She did a Bachelor's degree in psychology at Sheffield University, a Masters degree in environmental psychology at the University of Surrey, and a PhD in architecture/environmental psychology at the University of Manchester.

SPRING CONVOCATION 2009

Spring Convocation took place in a giant tent on the main campus on May 27, 2009. Following the ceremony, MLIS graduates and their guests were hosted at a School celebration.



On campus following the ceremony.



Professor Joan Bartlett with graduates Lisa Shen and Meghan Hansen.



Satchi Shankhatheertha, husband of Ancy Joseph, the School's Graduate Program Secretary, seen here with Ancy and their two children, received his MLIS at the 2009 Convocation.



Professor Eun Park, sessional lecturer Gordon Burr, and graduate Sarah Burns.



Graduates Deena Liatsopoulos and Krista Bialo.



Left to right: Professor France Bouthillier and Adjunct Professor Joy Bennett with graduates Benjamin Paris and Rosa Orlandini.

Susann Allnutt, MA'99, the School's Administrative Assistant, received her PhD from the Dept. of Integrated Studies in Education at the 2009 Convocation.

Graduates Meghan Hansen and Roseanne Lester and guests.



CLASS REUNION – MLIS 1989



Left from front to back: Virginie Jamet, Dawn Allison Kiddell, Greta D. Ober-Beauchesne, Nicole Hache.

Right from front to back: Karen Anne Bleakley, Roberta Roberts, Carol Wiens, Julia Anson-Cartwright.

The 1989 graduating class of the School recently came together to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Meeting at Fireside Grill in downtown Montreal, the attendees represented all types of library careers, from corporate, academic and public. One thing they all agreed on was the desire to meet up more often than every 20 years!

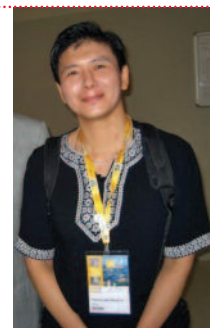
– Karen Bleakley, Class Leader

1990s

Wendy Blue, MLIS'92, is the new head librarian of the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital. Apart from the MLIS degree, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Concordia University. She has 15 years' experience as a research librarian/manager with Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. Wendy replaces **Carol Wiens, MLIS'89**, who retired at the end of January 2009.

Mariam Hasan, MLIS'95, is the new Vice President of Emerald Group Publishing Limited, Canada. She will be based in Toronto, enabling her to meet with Canadian customers and contributors to Emerald's online collections of journals and its book-publishing program. Mariam has worked for both publishers and aggregators in Canada, the US and the UK for the last 12 years, most recently at Palgrave Macmillan, ProQuest Information and Learning, and Rogers Media.

Patrick Lo, MLIS'94, earned his Doctor of Education from University of Bristol, UK, in May 2009. From 2007-2009, he served as the Music Cataloguing Librarian at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, University Library System, cataloguing and organizing a highly significant and valuable donation of Chinese



music research materials from a retired Harvard professor. From 1996-2007, he served as the Cataloguing Librarian at Lingnan University Library, Hong Kong. Patrick presented findings from his dissertation on “Effects of Online Audio-Book Resources on Library Usage and Reading Preferences and Practices of Young Learners in an Elementary School Library Setting in Hong Kong” at the 75th IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy in August 2009.

David McKnight, BA’85, MLIS’92, has received a significant promotion as Director of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text and Image (SCETI) of the University of Pennsylvania Libraries Van

2000s

Elizabeth Ahearn, MLIS’07, started working after graduation as the Technical Services Integration Specialist at YBP Library Services in New Hampshire (previously Yankee Book Peddler), a library vendor. Since 2008 she has been working as the Collection Development Librarian at Phillips Exeter Academy, a boarding school in New Hampshire.

Ryan Ban, MLIS’08, has been appointed Senior Records Coordinator with the Ontario Pension Board. Managing a team of nine people, Ryan is responsible for the Records and Information Management program and has a large role in the implementation of the knowledge management and the electronic content management initiatives at OPB. He can be reached at ryan.ban@opb.ca

Johanne Boucher, MLIS’03, worked as a Reference Librarian and completed an assignment as Collections Librarian for the Bank of Canada after graduating. She then moved on to a position at Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC). Currently she is working as Acting Head of Information Management for the DRDC’s Knowledge and Information Management

Pelt-Dietrich. His responsibilities include ensuring stewardship, management, discovery, and preservation of the collection, and maintaining visibility of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library within and outside of the university community. Mr. McKnight also currently functions as the Director of the Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text and Image where he oversees daily management, planning, and production of the Library’s scholarly digital collections. Mr. McKnight says he feels honoured to hold these positions though there is no time to rest on his laurels, as the University of Pennsylvania Library has an ambitious \$20M renovation plan that is part of the Library’s capital campaign.

unit. Johanne says that the position offers her the great opportunity of representing Canada at NATO Information Management meetings.

Heather Brydon, MLIS’06, has been appointed the new Children’s Librarian at the Bibliothèque Saul-Bellow in Lachine.

Teodora Constantinescu, MLIS’06, is the Librarian of the Dr. Henry Kravitz Psychiatry Library of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. The library serves the information needs of staff and students of the Jewish General Hospital’s psychiatry department and its affiliated programs and departments.

Jessica Halsall, MLIS’09, is working as a Library Development Advisor at Ontario Library Service - North, advising public libraries in Ontario on how to comply with the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Katherine Hanz, MLIS’09, has been appointed Liaison Librarian at the Education Library and Curriculum Resources Centre at McGill.



Alumni Appreciation Award

At the convocation celebration, the School gave the annual Alumni Appreciation Award to **Gordon Burr, BA’75, MLIS’97**. Mr. Burr works at the McGill University Archives as Senior Archivist, Collections Management/Digital Services, and has been active at the School in teaching, serving on the Curriculum Committee and the School’s Ad Hoc Committee on Re-Accreditation. He is shown with the Director, France Bouthillier, at the SIS convocation.

Sonja Irving, MLIS’09, took a one-year contract as the Chaleur Region Public Services Librarian with the New Brunswick Public Library Service upon graduation. She says that she is getting used to the new job and to living in northern New Brunswick.

Tanis Keiner, MLIS’09, is working as a children’s librarian at la Bibliothèque inter-culturelle Côte-des-Neiges in Montreal.

ALUMNI NEWS

Graham Lavender, MLIS'09, has been hired as a liaison librarian in Library Technology Services at McGill.

Ning Li, MLIS'04, moved back to China after graduating, where she entered the National Science Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. She is now a managing editor of the *Chinese Journal of Library and Information Science*, sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and published quarterly by the National Science Library. It is the first internationally published Chinese English-language academic journal on LIS, and works to establish a platform for LIS students, researchers and library staff all over the world to engage in intellectual dialogue and to promote substantial and speedy development of LIS in China. The inaugural issue was released in September 2008.

Karen Nicholson, BA'90, MA'93, MLIS'01, is on a temporary secondment from her position as Teaching and Learning Librarian at McMaster University to the University's Centre for Leadership in Learning. She is also teaching a course at the University of Western Ontario,

"Instructional Strategies for Information Professionals," and is Co-chair of the Workshop on Instruction in Library Use (WILU) 2010, to be held at McMaster this May.

Jennifer Ricard, BA'03, MA'05, MLIS'09, spent the summer working as a library assistant at the Côte-St-Luc Library and the Montreal Children's Library. She has also received a contract to work as a children's librarian at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ).

Silviu Serban, MLIS'08, has been working as a Science Librarian at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, since November 2008. Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in Texas.

Sarah Severson, MLIS'09, has been appointed Media Librarian/Archivist at CBC English Television as of September 1, 2009.

Sylvie St-Pierre, MLIS'09, is now the Management, Finance and Marketing Reference Librarian at the Université du Québec à Montréal Library.

Ira Turculet, MLIS'09, is working as a reference librarian at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, as well as a reference librarian at the Pierrefonds Public Library, part of the Montreal network of public libraries.

Cristian Udma, MLIS'09, has recently moved to Edmonton, where he obtained a contractual job as the Francophone Archivist at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Erica Wiseman, BA'99, MLIS'03, PhD'08, started working in January 2009 as the new technical intelligence analyst at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) which is part of the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). She assists clients including other NRC departments, government bodies and small-medium enterprises in making strategic decisions about their R&D focus and budgets, as well as providing information analysis through various phases of the commercialization of scientific and technical innovations.

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Pope Naylor, MLS'68, passed away on June 27, 2009, at his home surrounded by his family, at the age of 77. A native of Montreal, his career in library administration took him to the universities of Chicago, Houston, Maryland and Miami, from which he retired as a professor emeritus in 1999. During his retirement in Chattanooga he volunteered for the Signal Mountain Library, the Montlake Homeowners' Association, Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, and the

Tennessee Health Care Campaign. In recent years, he worked part-time at the Baylor School Library.

Donna Dinberge, MLIS'81, passed away peacefully at The Hospice at May Court in Ottawa at the age of 66 on April 11, 2009. Following her studies, she worked for the National Library of Canada (now Library and Archives Canada) for more than 34 years. Donna was also Librarian for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa.

MARY MARGARET HALL

May 27, 1924 - December 13, 2008

The School of Information Studies announces with sadness the death of Professor Mary Hall in Mississauga, Ontario. Born and raised in Montreal, Professor Hall received her Bachelor of Arts in 1945 from Marianopolis College, before proceeding to the McGill Library School, from which she received a Bachelor of Library Science in 1946 and a Master of Library Science in 1965. Reflecting her great love of music, she also received an ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto) diploma from Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music.

From 1946 to 1965 Mary served as Librarian of Marianopolis College, with one of her major accomplishments being the re-establishment of its library in the former Macarow Mansion at 3661 Peel St., after its purchase in 1961 by the College. Since August 2009, the refurbished mansion – purchased by McGill in 1976 along with other adjacent Marianopolis buildings – has served as the home of the School of Information Studies, the irony of which would not have been lost on Mary!

In 1965-66, Mary served as Collections Librarian in the McGill Library. In 1966, she joined the faculty of what had become the Graduate School of Library Science as Assistant Professor, and in 1968 was promoted to Associate Professor. In addition, from 1966 to 1968 she also served as Librarian of the Library Science Library. Her 1973 receipt of tenure would be the

last granted to a member of the School's faculty until 1982. She resigned from the School in 1980, on a point of principle concerning the School's future direction. Her final years were spent in Montreal and the Toronto region.

Mary participated actively in the life of the School and the University. Among other activities, she served on McGill's Senate and its nominating committee. She was also an active member of professional associations, holding positions in the Canadian Library Association, the Quebec Library Association, and the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries. In addition to her publications on collections development, she assisted others in bringing their publications to light, particularly through the School's Occasional Publications series which she edited during its early years.

Many graduates will remember her as a superb classroom teacher with a notable ability to inspire students and impart wisdom. Her particular area of teaching interest was collection development, in addition to which she taught a number of other courses, including Research Methods. Indeed, she carried one of the heaviest teaching loads ever undertaken by a member of the School's faculty. As well, she supervised a significant number of student research projects.

Mary was deeply devoted to her immediate and extended family. We offer our condolences to her sister, Elizabeth Burns, and family. Mary Margaret Hall will be remembered as an excellent librarian, an outstanding teacher, and a person of strongly held principles.

Peter F. McNally

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CAREERS

MLISSA annually organizes a Career Fair and welcomes participants from libraries and other organizations to McGill to meet with our graduating students, their potential employees. This year, the Career Fair took place on March 5, 2009. MLISSA's Professional Association Liaison is responsible for organizing this event.

In 2008-2009, the CLAMSC took the initiative of developing a Professional Partnering Program which was a great success. The goal is to pair students with volunteer mentors. More than 50 participants were paired and students connected with mentors from Montreal and Ottawa.

For current students and alumni, the School hosts a moderated mailing list for posting jobs in North America. It is for job postings only, and is not a discussion list. If you would like to subscribe, either to look at available postings, or to post positions as an employer, please follow the instructions at www.mcgill.ca/sis/career/maillinglist.

You can also consult the archived job listings, without subscribing, by clicking on the "SIS-Jobs Mailing List Archives" link at the bottom of the page at www.mcgill.ca/sis/career/maillinglist.



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