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## Alumnae honoured *at Convocation Celebration 2007*

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## Dear Alumni and Friends,

The 2006/07 academic year has again been full of new developments and interesting events at the School, and many of our students and professors have made us proud with their impressive achievements. You are reading what is probably our longest newsletter ever published and you should know that we are reporting only a fraction of all the news!

Perhaps, this year, it is appropriate to mention collaboration as an important focus of our activities. For example, in May the School hosted the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science, co-chaired by Professor Kimiz Dalkir from McGill and Professor Clément Arsenault, from the École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information (EBSI), Université de Montréal. It was a great success. The School sponsored the guest speaker, Dr. John L. King, Associate Provost for Academic Information, University of Michigan, who gave an excellent talk titled "Epistemic infrastructure and the rise of the Knowledge Economy." We had another opportunity to collaborate with our EBSI colleagues, as we participated in a Research Day, during which, for the first time, many professors from both schools discussed their current research projects, with the promise that further collaboration will follow. In addition, the School hosted a forum on Human Computer Interaction, thanks to my colleagues, Professor Jamshid Beheshti and Professor Catherine Guastavino, who organized it. A number of McGill professors from computer science, psychology, electrical and computer engineering, educational and counselling psychology, integrated studies in education and music attended the forum and discussed the possibility of developing a joint program. I believe that these attempts to break barriers between schools and disciplines are very important for our future development, and are indicative of the contribution that our School can make.

The academic year ended with an important change: a new name for the School, approved by various university bodies. To better reflect the diversity of our teaching and research domains and the broad spectrum of issues that our students and professors are dealing with, we are now the School of Information Studies (SIS). With master's students specializing in archival studies, knowledge management, and librarianship, doctoral students receiving fellowships to examine information-related and library problems, and professors receiving research grants to study collective learning, virtual environment, visualization of taxonomies or metadata, to name a few topics, the SIS community is also changing. Another important change is the establishment of a new student prize: the Teresa Troide Prize of Excellence in Information Studies. It was created this summer through the generous support of Professor Lars Troide, in memory of his wife, Teresa, an MLIS graduate who worked as an information specialist.

Sometimes, however, change means that some of us will have a new life (do I sound jealous?). This will be the case both for Professor Mittermeyer, who will retire in December, and Professor Beheshti, who was recently appointed interim dean for the Faculty of Education (no I am not jealous!). I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all the best. Enjoy your reading!



France Bouthillier, PhD  
Director



# FACULTY NEWS

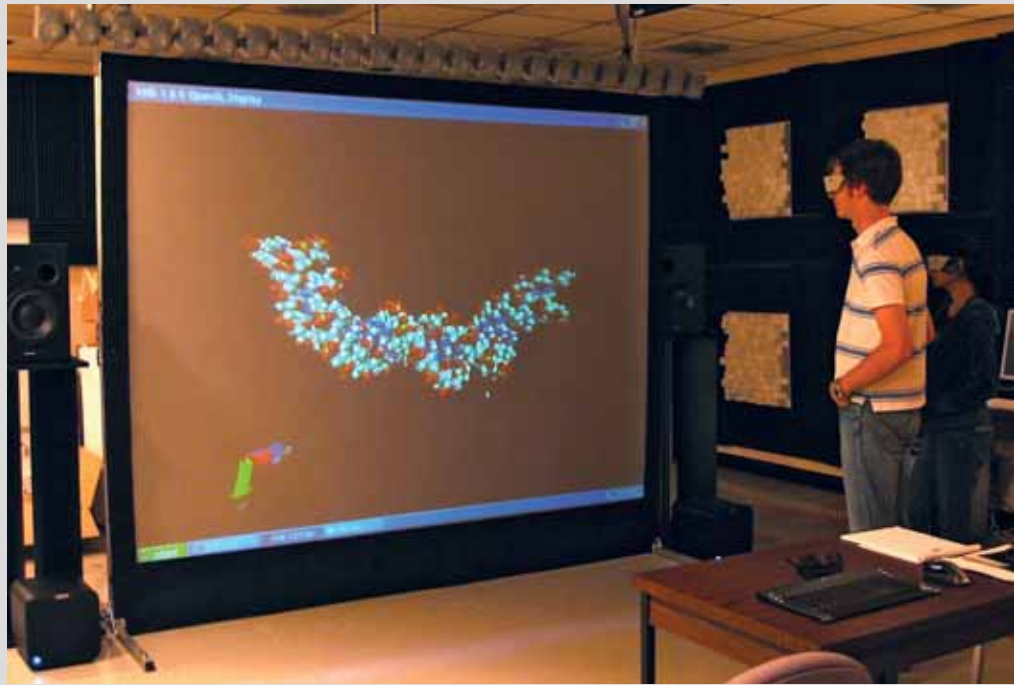
Associate Professor Jamshid Beheshti has been named interim dean of the Faculty of Education for a term commencing September 17, 2007 until May 31, 2008. The former dean, with whom Prof. Beheshti was serving as associate dean (Administration), has left the University to take up a position at the University of London.

Assistant Professor Kimiz Dalkir received \$123,000 from the *Centre francophone d'informatisation des organisations* for a two-year project to diagnose and evaluate the tools used to identify, promote and assess the effectiveness of collective learning processes at Oxfam-Québec. The project involves surveying practices of the not-for-profit organization in a number of countries in Asia Pacific, South and Central America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Professors Andrew Large and Jamshid Beheshti were granted \$151,348 by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for their project: **Visualization Models of a Hierarchical Taxonomy in Children's Web Portals**. Their study will investigate how a hierarchical taxonomy might best be visualized within a web portal to facilitate rapid and accurate retrieval of relevant web pages by young students. It will involve the active participation of elementary school students in the design process, using a model called "bonded design," developed by the researchers in an earlier project.

Assistant Professor Eun Park also received \$100,800 from SSHRC for her project: **Giving Life (to data) to Save Life (in the age of AIDS): Meta-analyses through Digitization of Visual Data in the Social Sciences**. The study seeks to explore

Assistant Professor Catherine Guastavino, a member of a network of 28 researchers from McGill University and the Université de Montréal, received \$604,363 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation for her involvement in the project **Laboratory for BRAin, Music and Sound (BRAMS): The Biological Foundations of Music**. Professor Guastavino's contribution involves the study of human interaction in an immersive virtual environment. Professor Guastavino has also been named the associate director (Scientific Research) of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology (CIRMMT). CIRMMT is quickly establishing itself as one of the major centres of excellence in the science and technology of music, with a unique team of scientists, technologists and musicians working in collaborative projects. CIRMMT includes Quebec researchers in science, engineering, medicine and music from four institutions: McGill University, Université de Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, and the CÉGEP de Drummondville.



Graham Lavender, MLIS I student, in the Multimodal Interaction Lab.

the most effective ways of managing data sets that draw on photo-voice data and to develop, test and implement protocols for meta-analysis. It should advance the study of the development of digital archives for health/education research, particularly in

the area of HIV and AIDS. The project will be done in collaboration with James McGill Professor Claudia Mitchell from McGill University and Professor Naydene de Lange, from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.



# Diane Mittermeyer



**A**ssociate Professor Diane Mittermeyer will be retiring on January 1, 2008. It seems like only yesterday, but in fact it was in 1980 that she began her teaching career in the School, while completing her doctorate at the University of Toronto.

For 25 years, virtually every graduate of the School took Diane's required Research Methods course. In addition, many alumni have taken her courses in such diverse fields as Public Libraries, Children's Literature and Services, Marketing, and Information Literacy, among others. Her dedication in coordinating the Practicum resulted in scores of graduates having an enriched practical experience as part of their McGill careers.

Diane's concern for raising the quality of both Librarianship and Education for Librarianship is well known. She served as Canadian representative on the American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation between 1992 and 1996, has been a member of accreditation teams to various schools, chaired McGill's very successful 1995 accreditation process and served as the School's acting director in 1996/1997. She has also been president of the Canadian Association for Graduate Education in Library, Archival, and Information Studies, and of l'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec/Quebec Library Association.

Strongly committed to public librarianship, particularly in her native province of Quebec, Diane has undertaken major research projects, received significant grants, and published important studies. She has also become an important advocate and well-known voice in English and French, whose articles and interviews have appeared in a wide range of newspapers. She has been heard and seen on radio and television.

A graduate of the Université de Montréal, in both Arts and Librarianship, Diane's bilingualism was much appreciated, particularly her assistance to me and other colleagues in translating or finding the right French word. Of course, we reciprocated with assistance in English!

We wish Diane well in retirement, and expect to hear that her energy and enthusiasm are finding new frontiers and accomplishments. We know that her love of dancing will continue unabated!!

*By Professor Peter F. McNally  
BLS'65, MLS'66, MA'77*

## Nineteenth Century Virtual Village launched in 21st-Century City

**O**n a sunny afternoon in June 2006, representatives from academe, industry and government gathered at the Montreal offices of Virtuel-Age International, a high-technology company specializing in virtual reality simulations, to mark the launching of "A Journey to the Past: A Quebec village in the 1890s." This interactive virtual environment was the result of twelve months' intensive design and development by an interdisciplinary team led by Professors Jamshid Beheshti and Andrew Large from McGill and Professor Kevin Kee from Brock University, in collaboration with Virtuel-Age. The team included programmers, historians, information scientists, teachers,

artists, actors and even a dance troupe, and was coordinated by Charles Cole, BA'78, MLIS '89, a research associate in the School. The project was supported by \$638,400, primarily from Heritage Canada, but also with contributions from McGill University and Virtuel-Age.

The virtual environment allows users to explore a virtual village (based on the real Quebec village of St-Hilaire), to enter individual buildings, to interact with virtual characters from the late 19th century, and to participate in several history games. Links to websites enable users to retrieve supporting documentation, and learning resources with lesson plans and assignments can be downloaded. Its primary tar-



get audience is elementary school students, but it can be used by anyone via the Web. The entire production is available in English and French, and the sub-titling of the characters' dialogue in both languages makes it accessible to users with hearing disabilities. Those fortunate enough to have been invited to the launch party were able to go back more than a century in time as they "walked around" the virtual village, enjoying real food and wine provided for the occasion!

# TEACHING AWARD

Professor Kimiz Dalkir was honoured, at the May 2007 convocation, with the Distinguished Teaching Award of the Faculty of Education, McGill University, for her outstanding teaching in the area of Knowledge Management. She is seen here with Principal Heather Munroe-Blum.



# COLLOQUIA 2006-2007



This year, we hosted several colloquia for alumni, students, McGill faculty and staff and the general public.

In fall 2006, Andrew Dillon, dean of the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin, spoke on "Information as process and the architecture of information studies," a discussion of the meaning of information in a digital age. Dean Dillon is pictured here with Director France Bouthillier.

Also in the fall, Mr. Doug Rimmer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Library and Archives Canada, made a presentation on the country's new and unique knowledge institution.

The winter Colloquia series hosted a lecture by Professor Tefko Saracevic, from the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers University. The talk, entitled "Information Science: Where does it come from and where is it going?" highlighted his perspectives on the evolution of information science, its future development and its ramifications with other disciplines.

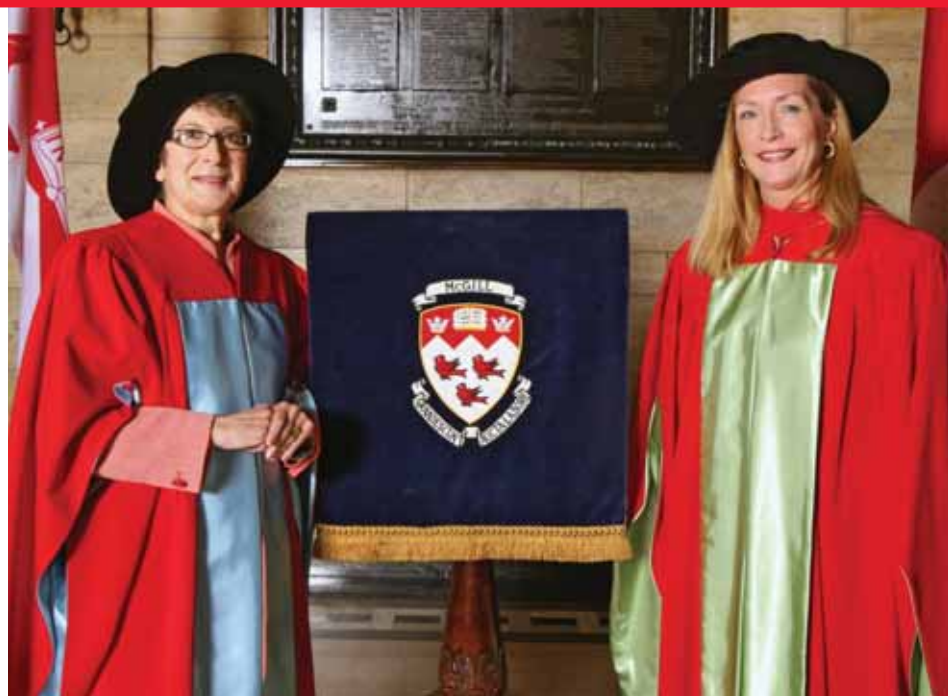
To round out the year's colloquia, Ms. Hélène Roussel, Directrice générale de la diffusion at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ), spoke on the successes and challenges experienced at La Grande Bibliothèque of Montreal since it opened in 2005.

## PROFESSOR EMERITA

Professor Emerita Effie C. Astbury, BA'38, BLS'39, will celebrate her 91st birthday on December 9, 2007. Since 1990, she has been living at the Griffith-McConnell Residence in Cote-Saint-Luc, a suburb of Montreal. She continues to read copiously, and has a particular fondness for mysteries. After serving for several years as Chair of the McConnell's Residence Council, she has recently become residents' representative on the Griffith-McConnell's Board of Directors. I know that alumni and friends join with the School's faculty, staff, and students in congratulating Professor Astbury and extending best wishes for the future.

*By Professor Peter F. McNally*

# CONVOCATION CELEBRATION



## HONORARY DEGREE

**M**s. Lise Bissonnette, President and Director-General of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ), was awarded a Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* at McGill's May convocation, for her outstanding achievements in literature, journalism, and public library service.

## A SPECIAL THANKS



**A**t the Convocation Celebration, Director France Bouthillier gave special thanks to two dedicated alumnae for their support of the School and their longtime work as volunteers with the McGill Thank-a-thon. Seen here with France Bouthillier are Salwa Ferahian, BA'80, MLS'83 (left), Public Services Librarian, McGill Islamic Studies Library, and Marilyn Berger, MLS'83, Head of the McGill Blackader-Lauterman Library of Architecture and Art.



Once again, the School celebrated with the spring graduates on May 30.



Graduate Chenzhu Bai with Prof. Jamshid Beheshti and Prof. Peter McNally



Graduates Katherine Barrette, Jill Boruff, Genevieve Hillsburg and Melanie Sucha



Graduates Jennifer Prins and Melissa Tomecz



Prof. Diane Mittermeyer and PhD graduate Ping Li



Graduates Martina Plejic and Rui Miao



PhD graduate Michael Sutton with his supervisor, Prof. France Bouthillier



Graduates Krista Woltman and Tania Aldred



Honorary Doctorate recipient Mme Lise Bissonnette and graduate Stephanie Simard



Prof. John Leide with graduates Andrew Hankinson and Martina Plejic



Graduates Neli Petrova, Matthew Garsia and friend with lecturer Joy Bennett

## Summer Institute in School Librarianship 2007

*Students at a secondary school in East Lombok, Indonesia, welcome Leanne Bowler to their school.*



*Summer Institute in Librarianship participants at McGill University*



This past May, three MLIS graduates from the School made the long-distance trek from their home country, Indonesia, to help facilitate the Summer Institute in School Librarianship, a program for lecturers from Indonesian universities. Marwiya, MLIS'04, Alfida, MLIS'05, and Nur Yudi, MLIS'05, and the program's coordinator, doctoral candidate Leanne Bowler, introduced 15 visitors to the principles and practices of school librarianship. The participants currently teach in the education and library science departments of the state Islamic universities in Banda Aceh (Sumatra), Banjarmasin (Borneo/Kalimantan) and Mataram (Lombok). The participants visited several local school libraries in the Montreal area where they met school librarians, teachers and support staff, volunteers and students. This aspect of the program helped to bridge the gap between theory and practice and was greatly appreciated by our Indonesian guests.

Literacy continues to be a challenge in Indonesia and placing more emphasis on school libraries is one way to tackle the problem. Not only do the participants in the Summer Institute of School Librarianship hope to develop new educational programs in school librarianship in their respective universities, but they are also aiming to raise their country's awareness as to the important role that school libraries play in the educational process. To assist them in this project, two follow-up workshops were held in July and August 2007, in Indonesia. Again, they were led by Leanne Bowler and facilitated by Marwiya and Alfida.

Three librarians from Padang State University, Sumatra, Indonesia also visited the School in July and August. Januarisdi, MLIS'93, Planning and Development Librarian, was here as a visiting scholar, accompanied by Yunaldi, the Head of the University Library, and Nelwati, the library's Senior Classifier. They pursued a program of independent study and research focused on Electronic Librarianship and Information Literacy, to help them in implementing online services in their institution. Padang State University has 21,000 students and a library staff of 75.



## The First Montreal LIS PhD Symposium



PhD students at the LIS Symposium.

So close, yet so far. Most of us travel long and far to attend academic conferences, hoping to meet people working in our field of study, but we often barely know those working in our own backyards. On March 23, 2007, the SIS PhD students were proud to welcome PhD students from the University of Montreal EBSI program to the first Montreal LIS PhD symposium. The group of more than 20 doctoral students spent the entire day together and enjoyed 10 oral presentations, five research posters, lunch provided by SIS, and a final cocktail at Thomson House. This impressive 90 per cent participation rate and comments from attendees suggest the activity was worthwhile and will be repeated in the future.

*By Charles-Antoine Julien,  
PhD student and symposium organizer*

## IN THE NEWS

**Janis Dawson, MLIS'09**, was sponsored by the School of Information Studies, MLISSA and the Canadian Library Association to attend the annual CLA conference in St. John's, NL, in late May. Two other master's students, **Brenda Labelle, MLIS'07**, and **Tania Aldred, MLIS'07**, were assisted with travel costs to present at the Educating Women/Women's Education in the Post-Secondary Context Conference and the Association of Canadian Archivists Annual Conference respectively. In addition, doctoral students attended ASIST, IASTED, ICKM, and ISIC conferences, among others, with SIS travel support.

**Amy Buckland, MLIS'08**, has been named co-editor of the *Library Student Journal*. In taking up this challenging (and volunteer) task, she is being assisted by a number of SIS students: **Trudi Wright, MLIS'08**, as a Section Editor, **David Pickup, MLIS'09**, as a Web Editor, and **Lydia Dawe, MLIS'08**, as a Proofreader. The *Library Student Journal* aims to publish the best papers from Library and Information Science students worldwide, and to serve as a forum for discussion of LIS education, training, career paths, and future trends. It uses Open Journal Systems, an open source journal editing system developed by the Public Knowledge Project to support Open Access publishing. You can learn more about it at [www.librarystudentjournal.org/index.php/ljsj](http://www.librarystudentjournal.org/index.php/ljsj)

### DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

**Vincent Larivière**, a doctoral student at SIS, received a three-year fellowship of \$105,000 from the Social Studies and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The funding will enable him to pursue his study on the bibliometric analysis of the contribution of graduate students to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

**Leanne Bowler, BA'80, MLS'82, MEd'00**, and **Lorie Kloda, BA'98, MLIS'01**, both received fellowships from the Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC).

### CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

In 2007, at the Canadian Library Association Conference in St. John's, NL, Director France Bouthillier and Professor Peter McNally hosted a small group of alumni to a supper at the Gypsy Tea Room.

The 2008 CLA conference is in Vancouver in May and the School intends to host an event for alumni at that time.

If you're interested in attending the alumni get-together, please let us know by emailing us at [susann.allnutt@mcgill.ca](mailto:susann.allnutt@mcgill.ca)

# Our First Specialization Graduates 2007

*In 2007, we graduated our first students who had chosen one of the three new specializations now offered in the MLIS.*



**TANIA ALDRED**  
Archival Studies

I am a McGillian at heart, having completed a BA'04 in Archaeology and returned to study for an MLIS'07 in Archives. With a zeal for archaeology and museums, I entered the program with the intention of gaining a variety of skills to help formulate my career. I have since found a passion within the archival field, and am hoping to advocate for archives in the future. My experience within the program has been well-rounded with a mix of technical, research and social activities. By establishing the McGill Student Chapter of the Association of Canadian Archivists, I was able to enjoy both the challenges and rewards of networking. The Chapter helped bring a student voice to the ACA, and promoted recognition of the archival stream at McGill within the larger Canadian archival community. I have had the opportunity to work for Dr. Eun Park as a research assistant, creating literature reviews on metadata for visual images, the teaching of metadata to LIS students, and email management. I have volunteered at the Anglican Diocese Archives of Montréal

and the Redpath Museum. I have completed a study on the image of archivists in film, which was presented at the 2007 Annual ACA Conference in Kingston, Ontario and I have a keen interest in genealogical research, how museums, libraries and archives can collaborate and provide archival outreach. My future goals are to gain experience within a variety of archival settings and to advocate for archives and the preservation of documentary heritage.

**EMILY TOMS**  
Knowledge Management

I have to admit that the decision to enter the newly-offered knowledge management (KM) stream was an easy one for me. With a background in journalism, I had already developed a keen interest in learning how information flows between groups, and exploring methods of disseminating knowledge interpersonally. I quickly learned as a journalist that when putting together a news article, the best information is often found not in the 'official' account of an event, but from ordinary people who played a role. In my MLIS studies at McGill, I've been able to see how this type of knowledge-sharing can work within organizations, and I have taken additional opportunities to explore tacit communication, strategic information gathering, and organizational storytelling. The final year of study in particular has been a chance to tailor my projects and specialize in these favourite aspects of KM through a practicum and an independent research project.

At Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada, my practicum experiences complemented McGill's online course in competitive intelligence with on-the-job activities and "real world" deliverables. On-site learning in a professional environment and being

treated as a valued colleague really gave a context to my course materials. Another rewarding professional experience occurred as part of an independent research project to examine how storytelling and KM intersect in international development organizations.

Participation with the Special Libraries Association student chapter at McGill has been an additional highlight throughout my studies, offering events and networking opportunities for a beyond-the-classroom portrait of what it means to be a modern information professional. Through team projects with fellow KM students, my experience at the School was made all the more worthwhile, and I feel that I've learned as much from fellow students as I have from my courses.

Now that my time at McGill has come to a close, I'm committed to developing my skills as an information professional, and learning more about KM implementations. I hope to incorporate my strong curiosity for new technologies with my love of writing. I look forward to the diverse career avenues that an MLIS can offer, and to becoming more involved with Montreal's community of information specialists.





*We asked six of them, two from each specialization, to write about their experiences in the program.*



## MELISSA TOME CZ

### Librarianship

I had a BA in English Literature, having graduated from Concordia University in 2002, before I applied to the School. From an early age I had a passion for writing stories and reading good books. I also liked going to the library, no matter if it was the public, school, college, or university library. There was just something about entering a building that was quiet and filled with a whole bunch of different books! When I graduated from Concordia, I didn't know what studies to pursue, but I became interested in the program for Library Studies and decided to apply.

From the start, I decided on Librarianship. The courses I took gave me a special admiration for cataloguers and also taught me that being a librarian was very challenging. I developed some management skills that I didn't think I had, and learned the "behind the scenes" of what really happens in a library (from collection policy to processing books). I also learned about the wide range of users that we might have to serve, as well as the dif-

ferent types of libraries out there. The experience I got from this School was tremendous - but I think the friends that I have made in the past two years really made it all worthwhile. All in all, I was very satisfied with the program and the courses I was able to choose in my second year, which really helped me prepare for the type of career I wanted.

I realized, after my first year, that I was interested in public libraries, and even perhaps school libraries. I currently work at the Cote St. Luc Public Library, and gain tremendous pleasure from helping members of all ages to find the information they need. The variety of questions and levels of knowledge that test me at the desk are really fun to take on and never boring! I hope to be able to make a difference in library members' lives that will build a stronger, information literate community. This School has given me new skills, opportunities, and of course special friends! If I had to do this all over again, I would, but I'm glad it's done, and excited for the future!

## ANDREW HANKINSON

### Librarianship

I graduated from the Librarianship stream in May 2007, and this fall I will be starting my PhD in music technology at McGill, where I will be researching digital technology and its applications in music libraries. This brings my education full circle, with my studies at the School playing an important role in getting me to this point.

I am originally from Nova Scotia, and earned my Bachelor of Music from Acadia University. It was during my studies for this degree that I became interested in digital music libraries, but after graduating in 2004 I realized I did not have the

skills to take this interest further. After taking a one-year break, I enrolled at McGill in September 2005, seeking answers to some of the questions that had stumped me.

The people are the heart and soul of any organization, and this School is no exception. I count myself privileged to have met so many interesting individuals during this degree, both my peers and my professors. They challenged me, patiently endured my questions, and left me without absolute answers, but with the tools to seek them myself.

As for long-term goals, I hope to teach and research in a University environment. While traditional librarianship does hold some appeal, my real passion lies in researching and developing new library tools that will make information systems easier to use through a focus on the user, not the technology. This is, of course, one of the cornerstones of librarianship and one lesson I've learned that I hope to translate to my new discipline.



# Our First Specialization Graduates 2007

## DAVID HUME

### Knowledge Management

What has the MLIS program done for me? Plenty. McGill has opened doors I never expected. Specifically, my prospects have widened considerably thanks to the Knowledge Management (KM) stream. Excellent professors such as Dr. Kimiz Dalkir, Dr. Andrew Large and Dr. Eun Park, were all an inspiration to me personally, helping me a great deal in my academic and professional development. The program was a truly rewarding and satisfying experience, especially the practicum segment that has helped further my career. The courses I took at McGill have also had a direct bearing on my current employment at the Department of National Defence in Ottawa. My position is directly related to my field of study. Courses in



areas such as metadata, search technologies and taxonomy were relevant and directly applicable to subsequent projects I have and am currently working on, such as developing a thesaurus for the Centre for Security Science.

On a personal level, it had been my hope that my elderly father would attend my graduation. He did. He passed away last week, a little over two and half months later. I could see the pride on his face when he saw me in my cap and gown. It was a long time coming and I am thankful that McGill gave me this opportunity to succeed. This one's for you, Dad.

## HEATHER MCCAFFERTY

### Archival Studies

I came to the Library and Information Studies program with a BA in History and an MA in Islamic Studies. I had been interested in archival studies even prior to my undergraduate degree and I looked at several programs in the United States and Canada while deciding on the direction I should take for graduate studies. When the School began to offer an Archives stream in their Library and Information Studies program I was just finishing my MA thesis at McGill, while working full-time in the McGill University Library. Working in an academic library also sparked my interest in rare books and special collections librarianship. This program was a perfect fit as it offered the opportunity to take courses in both library and archival studies.



The knowledge and practical experience that I gained in my two years here in the MLIS program are invaluable, as was the encouragement and support of my professors. Currently I am working as a records management coordinator for the Regional Municipality of Niagara, in St. Catharines, ON. The courses that I took in records management and in archival studies have been a great asset to my employability and to functioning in my current role with the municipal government. I have been able to apply both the knowledge and the skills learned in the program. My goal is to one day work in a historical archives repository where I can apply both my background in history and in archival studies, ideally as a museum archivist. The diversity of career opportunities available to me as a result of my MLIS studies ensures that I will always have exciting opportunities to work with archives and records in a variety of settings.

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We would like to draw your attention to our new website. Located at [www.mcgill.ca/sis](http://www.mcgill.ca/sis), it uses the McGill Gateway model for an updated look. You will note there is a quick link to Alumni on the first page.

We are currently posting our newsletter there, but we would like to develop this to be more responsive to our Alumni. Please let us know your suggestions. What would you like to see here?

Send your ideas to [susann.allnutt@mcgill.ca](mailto:susann.allnutt@mcgill.ca)

We are also hosting a moderated mailing list for posting jobs in North America for students and graduates of the School of Information Studies. 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/](http://www.mcgill.ca/sis/career/maillinglist/)



# New Prize for Students of the SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

**T**hrough the generosity of retired McGill English Professor Lars Troide, a new prize has been established in the School. The *Teresa Troide Prize for Excellence in Information Studies* has been created in memory of Teresa Troide, MLIS'90, who was Information Specialist at Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways from 1995 to 2005. Ms. Troide is pictured here in her MLIS graduation photograph.

The generosity of alumni and friends of the School continues to enrich the educational experience of our students. Funds designated for School fellowships and prizes are of great importance for incoming and in-course students. Funds not desig-

nated for fellowships and prizes provide funding for student assistantships, conference travel for Master's and doctoral students, and for computing hardware and software. Each and every donation is very much appreciated.



## SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

We're sure you'd like to join us in congratulating our recent scholarship and prize recipients. The total amount awarded in 2006/2007 academic year was \$59,150.

### 2006-2007 SCHOLARSHIPS

**Barbara Graw Smyth Award in Library and Information Studies**  
Andrea Puhl

**Bernard Anderson Ower Award**  
Andrea Puhl  
Marie-Chantal l'Ecuyer-Coehlo

**Centenary Prize**  
Katherine Ehmann

**Dr. G.R. Lomer Scholarships**  
Matthew Flanagan  
Elaina Lawn  
Trudi Wright

**Elizabeth G. Hall Scholarship**  
Jill Boruff  
Lindsay Tyler  
Jennifer Murray  
Marie Lou Riberdy

**Ethelwyn M. Crossley Scholarship**  
Eleanor Berry  
Eric Joly

**Janet Agnew Scholarship**  
Amy Maya Kucij  
Andrew Lopez

**Jean Brown Scholarship**  
Karen Biskin

**Margery Trenholme Fellowship**  
Benjamin Abrahamse

**Margery Trenholme Memorial Award in Library Studies**  
Saara Itkonen

**Miriam H. Tees Scholarship**  
Cameron McKay  
Angela Schade

**Patricia Keir Award**  
Tania Aldred

**Vivi Martin Fellowship**  
Matthew Geeza  
Tara Bambrick

### 2006-2007 PRIZES

**Albert Tabah Prize for highest standing throughout the MLIS program**  
Emily Toms

**Dr. Herbert Stanley Birkett Award**  
Stephanie Simard

**Margaret Downey Prize**  
Shazia Ahmad

**Virginia Murray Prize for Cataloguing**  
Benjamin Abrahamse

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1950s

**Barbara (Luce) Mumford, BLS'57**, reports that her varied librarianship careers included being a business librarian at the University of Western Ontario, a school librarian in the Toronto Public Library system, an academic librarian at the University of Nairobi, a cataloguer at the UNESCO Regional Library in Nigeria, and a school librarian in South Africa. In 1988, she formed her own company (Zebra Page Design) and worked in the printing and graphics industry for 10 years. Her current activities include assisting her husband with the research and publishing of his books on Africa, and maintaining five websites, among them the website for the Canadian Authors Association, Vancouver Branch.

## 1980s

**Leanne Bowler, BA'80, MLS'82, MED'00**, has been appointed assistant professor at the School of Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, where she will be responsible for the specialization in services to children and young adults.

**Christine Hiller, MLIS'87**, has been named Project Manager responsible for the negotiation, implementation and management of the agreements relating to the joint acquisition of products and documentary services by the Québec university libraries. She will represent Québec university libraries within Consortia Canada, a coalition of Canadian library consortia working together to licence electronic information resources of national interest and relevance.

**Patrice Landry, MLS'83**, currently the head of Subject indexing at the Swiss National Library, also chairs the Classification and Indexing Section of IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

**Pat Riva, MLIS'86**, has taken a one-year leave of absence from the McGill Libraries to work at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ) as Coordinator of the Section des monographies de la Direction du traitement documentaire de la collection patrimoniale. This is the section of the BANQ which catalogues all Québec imprints, and produces the Bibliographie du Québec.

## 1990s

**Anne-Marie Auger, MLIS'97**, is working as a freelance consultant in knowledge management, strategic planning and organizational analysis, with clients in Africa, Asia and Europe.

In January 2007, **Allan Bell, MLIS'92**, became the Associate University Librarian for Information Technology Services at the University of Waterloo. He is responsible for providing information technology and systems services. Allan is also a member of the Library Executive Committee, working in tandem with the University Librarian and University administrators making policy development and strategic planning decisions, and dealing with budget and collections.

**Lori (Band) Chasen, BA'90, MA'92, MLIS'94**, is working as a reference librarian at the Springfield City Library in Springfield, Massachusetts. She is the proud mother of two little girls!

**Kimberly Hammond, MLIS'93**, is the Director of Information Management and Legislative Librarian for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Ron Knowling, MLIS'96**, is enjoying his challenging position as Manager of the Nunavut Public Library Services in Baker Lake, Nunavut. He is responsible for planning, promoting and directing library services, and developing policies, goals and

objectives for NPLS. Public Libraries in Nunavut are administered at the community level through contribution agreements with Nunavut Public Library Services. Nunavut public libraries vary program and resource offerings from one community to the next, depending on the needs and aspirations articulated by local persons and groups.

**Johanne Lessard, MLIS'98**, is currently Manager of Records Management and the Library at Aerospace Bombardier in Montreal, and was elected President of the Montreal Chapter of ARMA, the Association of Record Managers and Administrators. For more information on ARMA, see [www.armamontreal.org](http://www.armamontreal.org).

**Kevin Manion, MLIS'97**, has accepted the position of Manager of Recruiting for Consumers Union in Yonkers, NY. Kevin moved from his prior position with the same organization as Director of Strategic Planning and Information Services. Before joining Consumers Union, Kevin helped Human Resources action teams attract new staff to the New York Public Library. He is also President of the New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

**Adam McGrath, MLIS'98**, recently married Beth Evans and they have a young son, Owen. Since his graduation, Adam has accomplished much in a relatively short time. In 1998, he established and ran a library and resource centre for the Workplace Health Safety and Compensation Commission. In 1999 he wrote and published a reference guide for filmmakers for the Film Producers Association of Newfoundland. Proving his versatility, in 2004 Adam opened a music store in St. John's called Boogaloo Music ([www.boogaloomusic.com](http://www.boogaloomusic.com)). He has performed hundreds of times as a musician, appearing at the Junos with the St. John's-based band Great Big Sea and has also made several appearances at the East Coast Music Awards. He graduated from



Newfoundland's Memorial University with his MBA in 2006 and last year accepted a job with Husky Energy, running their Document Management Group.

**Lisa Milner, BSc'85, MLIS'91**, is manager of Administrative Services at the Eleanor London Public Library of Cote St. Luc in Montreal.

**Catherine Seaman, MLIS'92**, is coordinator of the Ottawa Public Library, Alta Vista Branch.

## 2000s

**Sulaiman Alreyae, PhD'07**, has been appointed assistant professor at the School of Information Studies, Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, at Al-Imam University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He is also supervising two projects at the university level: the E-thesis and Dissertation System (ETDS), and the converting of the University journals to e-journals. He is a partner with a Canadian programming company based in Montreal which owns and provides the BOOKATE system, an international educational system for high schools. In addition, he is supervising the *International Digital Journal of Information Studies* (IDJIS); the first issue is planned for Fall 2007.

In October 2006, **Nathalie Bélanger, MLIS'04**, married Dr. Guy Rousseau, a professor in the Département de Pharmacologie at the Université de Montreal. Nathalie is currently working as the director of Information Services in the library of the law firm Stikeman Elliott. Congratulations, Nathalie!

**Ping Fu, MA'01, MLIS'03**, is now working as a systems librarian in the Integrated Library Technology Services Department at Yale University.

**Tao Jin, MLIS'02**, doctoral candidate, has been appointed assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Ping Li, MLIS'00, PhD'07**, has been appointed assistant professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College, City University of New York.

**Karen Nicholson, BA'90, MA'93, MLIS'01**, is currently the liaison librarian for French and Modern Languages at the Mills Memorial Library at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

**Melissa Raynard, MLIS'02**, has been employed in the University of Manitoba Libraries system since her graduation in 2002. After completing several contract positions there, she won a permanent position as hospital librarian at the Concordia Hospital Library which is a unit of the U of M's Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Libraries. Melissa provides not only refer-

ence and teaching services to University staff and students, but also to the staff of the hospital and the employees of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority in the surrounding communities. At the May 2006 Canadian Health Libraries Association Conference in Vancouver, Melissa and three other Hospital Librarians presented the poster: Competency culture: an innovative string of pearls for delivering health information to nurses. This was later published as the article "Direct to you: innovative information services to support nurses' continuing competence in Manitoba," in the 2006 fall issue of the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association*.

**Ron Sheppard, MLIS'01**, is currently director of the Parkland Regional Library, in Lacombe, Alberta. Immediately following graduation, he became assistant manager in a division of Newfoundland's provincial public library system. He then moved over to another division within Newfoundland's system. In his new position in Alberta, he is responsible for a staff of 30 at the headquarters of the Regional Library, which provides services to 50 public and 50 school libraries.

**Michael Sutton, PhD'07**, formerly assistant professor in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management at Kent State University, Ohio, is now assistant professor in the Gore School of Business at Westminster College, the only private, comprehensive liberal arts college in Utah. There he designs, develops, and delivers Executive Leadership and Development courses to graduate students within the MBA program. He is also currently involved in designing a competency-based Bachelor of Business degree completion program for mid-career professionals.

**Cecilia Tellis, MLIS'04**, is now a law librarian in Reference and Bibliographic Information at the Brian Dickson Law Library of the University of Ottawa.



# IN MEMORIAM

## **Lana de Liamchin, MLS'68,**

passed away at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal on March 9, 2007. Lana held two positions at John Abbott College in Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue: one as chief librarian, and the second as dean of Research and Development. She was also a commissioner with the Immigration and Refugee Review Board.

## **Adorée Waygood, BA'48, BLS'62,**

passed away in Vancouver on May 10, 2007. She and her husband, Roy, lived in various places in Manitoba and in 1962, Adorée obtained her MLS from McGill University after which she worked as a high school librarian at Churchill High School in Winnipeg and Dakota Collegiate in St. Vital, then as Divisional librarian for the Seine River School District. Once retired, Adorée and Roy lived in Chilliwack, White Rock, New Westminster and Vancouver.

## **Anne Yandle, BLS'61,**

died on December 12, 2006. Born in Northern Ireland, Ms. Yandle obtained her commerce degree in Dublin, and after moving to Vancouver to work as a library assistant, she decided to attend the McGill Library School and graduated in 1961. Following her graduation, she worked for the University of British Columbia Library. Anne was one of the founding members of the Special Collections Interest Group of the Canadian Library Association, and served as president of the Council of the Bibliographic Society of Canada. With her husband, Phil, Anne founded the British Columbia Historical News, now called British Columbia History.

## **Ruth Stilman, BA'48, BLS'63, MLS'70,**

passed away in Toronto on Friday, February 2, 2007.

## **Robert W. Reeves, BLS'55,**

passed away on November 10, 2006.

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