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# SCHOOL of INFORMATION STUDIES
## *edition*

# Convocation
# Celebration 2008

# Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Once again, we bring you good news from the School of Information Studies (SIS). Our professors have won new research grants; as of Fall 2008, seven professors were involved in 19 different funded research projects. Our students have earned several new fellowships; four doctoral students beat out stiff competition for scarce research funding. Our graduates continue to fill exciting positions both in libraries and at many other institutions, corporations and agencies, as you will see in the Alumni News section of this newsletter. We are also very pleased to welcome a new assistant professor, Elaine Ménard, and a new professional associate, Edward Bilodeau.

Last March, we hosted Candy Schwartz, BA'69, MLS'74, a professor at Simmons College in Boston, who gave a lively and well-attended talk on activities and tools related to Library 2.0. Summer 2008 was a very busy period for the international library community, both in Montreal and Quebec City, with the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Annual Conference. SIS sponsored an important IFLA satellite conference on youth services, which attracted more than 200 people. As well, we were delighted to learn that our proposal for a formal PhD program was approved by the Quebec government in August 2008. After several years of hard work, this outcome was indeed very welcome.

The upcoming year will also bring important changes and endeavours. The School is planning to move into a newly renovated building that will provide more space for staff and students. This year will also be devoted to preparation for the re-accreditation of our MLIS program by the American Library Association. This process takes place every seven years and we look forward to meeting the External Review Panel in September 2009. Another important change at the School will be the departure of Professor John Leide, who will retire in January 2009 after nearly 30 years of teaching and research at the SIS. We will all miss him and wish him the best in his retirement projects.

My appointment as director has been renewed for another three years, and I look forward to receiving yet more news from you, because it gives true meaning to everything that we do!

I wish you a very rewarding year.

France Bouthillier, PhD
Director

## NEW RESEARCH GRANTS

Professors **Kimiz Dalkir**, BSc'83, MBA'85, and **Jamshid Beheshti** received a $36,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to develop a theoretical model for knowledge management in higher education, particularly in relation to the sharing and preservation of critical know-how.

Professor **Catherine Guastavino**, BSc'97, is a co-investigator on a collaborative research project headed by Professor Ichiro Fujinaga, MA'89, PhD'97, of McGill's Schulich School of Music. The project received a $59,454 grant from the *Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture* (FQRSC) and will study ways to preserve and archive musical recordings that are important to Quebec's heritage. The interdisciplinary project will investigate audio quality from a technical and perceptual point of view, in the context of digitization.

Professor Guastavino is also working with colleagues at the Université de Sherbrooke to build an acoustic simulator that will replicate sound conditions in aircraft cabins and cockpits. A total of $891,000 in funding has been obtained from the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Consortium for Research and Innovation in Aerospace in Quebec, and the CAE and Bombardier corporations. Sound reproduction is an essential component in pilot training and adds ambience, emotion, and greater realism for trainees. The research will provide a program of systematic evaluation of human responses within a virtual environment.

In addition, Professor Guastavino is working with 22 researchers at McGill's Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology (CIRMMT), which has obtained a six-year $1.8-million grant from the FQRSC and the *Fonds québécois de recherche sur la nature et les technologies* (FQRNT).

Working with Principal Investigator Professor Martin Dawes (Family Medicine, McGill University), Professor **Joan Bartlett** is studying ways of refining access to health information using a novel indexing approach. The research has obtained a $101,654 collaborative research grant from SSHRC, and is being undertaken in collaboration with other co-investigators from McGill, McMaster and the Université de Montréal.

Professor **Eun Park** is working with Professor Claudia Mitchell, of McGill's Faculty of Education, and Professor Naydene De Lange, of the University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa, to study the digitization and management of visual data. They have received a $41,782 grant from the National Research Foundation in South Africa.

## ON THE MOVE

As you may be aware, the School will be moving to 3661 Peel Street, beside the Faculty of Education, in the summer of 2009. This historic building currently houses units in the Faculty of Law, and was once the library for Marianopolis College.

# PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Professors **Kimiz Dalkir** and **Eun Park** have been both promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Professor Dalkir teaches and conducts research in the areas of knowledge management, communities of practice and intellectual capital, while Professor Park is active in archival studies, metadata, and the management of electronic records.

Professor Catherine Guastavino was appointed Associate Director, Science and Technology Research, at CIRMMT. Professor **France Bouthillier** has been appointed to a second three-year term as School Director.

Several sessional lecturers and researchers have also been appointed to the School:

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR:
**Joy Bennett**, MLS'76, a consultant, is an expert on labour relations in libraries and will teach three courses at the School in 2008-09.

AFFILIATE MEMBER:
**Frances Groen**, Trenholme Director of Libraries Emerita.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:
**Gordon Burr**, BA'75, MLIS'98, Senior Archivist, Collection Management/Digital Services, McGill University Archives.
**Pierre Pluye**, Associate Professor, Family Medicine, McGill University.
**Richard Virr**, PhD'80, Curator of Manuscripts and Acting Head, Rare Books and Special Collections Division, McGill University Library.

# NEW APPOINTMENTS

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Elaine Ménard**, a PhD candidate at the Université de Montréal's *École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information*, has been appointed Assistant Professor at the School. She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in translation as well as a *Maîtrise en sciences de l'information* degree, all from the Université de Montréal. A very active researcher and teacher, she brings expertise in knowledge organization, specifically in the areas of image indexing, controlled vocabularies, information retrieval and multilingual retrieval. Her doctoral dissertation is "a study on the influence of vocabulary used to index images in a multilingual retrieval context."

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE

**Edward Bilodeau**, BSc'92, MLIS'06, has joined the School as our Professional Associate, managing the IT lab and teaching courses in Web design and knowledge management. Edward comes to the School from the Community Foundations of Canada, where he worked as Director of Knowledge Management. He has also been a Faculty Lecturer in Career and Management Studies and a User Interface/CSS Analyst at McGill.

## POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

This year, for the first time, the School has welcomed our first post-doctoral research fellows, **Emma Murphy** and **Ilja Frissen**, both of whom are under the supervision of Professor Catherine Guastavino. Emma Murphy joined the School in December 2007, and works on perception-action coupling in hearing and haptics in the Multimodal Interaction Lab. Her project, "Haptics, Sound and Interaction in the Design of Enactive Interfaces," is funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, and involves collaboration with McGill's Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Music, Media and Technology, the Centre for Intelligent Machines, and researchers from the European 6th Framework Network of Excellence ENACTIVE Interfaces. Emma recently completed her PhD in Human-Computer Interaction at the Sonic Arts Research Centre at Queen's University, Belfast. Her research focused on using non-speech sounds in Web interfaces to convey navigation and spatial information. This project was part of a larger Multimodal Internet Access Project, which aims to make the Internet more accessible to visually impaired users through audio and haptic feedback. Emma also earned an MSc in Music Technology from the University of Limerick and a BA in Music and Philosophy from Trinity College, Dublin.

Ilja Frissen joined SIS in June 2008. He is working on three projects: ENACTIVE Interfaces, the auditory perception of space project, and a new project on Soundfield rendering in aircraft cabins/cockpits. Ilja studied Cognitive Psychology (Cognitive Ergonomics) in his hometown at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. His Master's research at the TNO Human Factors Institute explored sound localization, and he earned a PhD at Tilburg University in Experimental Psychology. His research was concerned with the interactions between auditory and visual spatial perception – the so-called "ventriloquism effect." After finishing his PhD in 2005, Ilja went to the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics in Tübingen, Germany for his first post-doctoral position, where he worked to develop an omnidirectional treadmill that enables natural walking through large virtual environments. At McGill, he examines perception-action coupling in hearing and haptics and the auditory perception of space.

# John Leide



On December 31, 2008, a significant chapter in the life of the School of Information Studies will close with the retirement of **Professor John Leide**. For 27 years – from his arrival in 1980 until his Study Leave this year – McGill and the School have been the happy beneficiaries of his excellent teaching, research, and other important contributions.

For more than a quarter century, John has furthered the School's strong tradition of imbuing students with the importance of cataloguing and classification, and his courses enhanced McGill's reputation for producing excellent cataloguers. His many research grants and publications in related topics, such as thesaurus construction, are further manifestations of his commitment to the area.

A native of Wisconsin, John's route to McGill was circuitous. After studying mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he received a Master's in Library Science from Wisconsin-Madison and a PhD from Rutgers. His teaching career took him to New York and Hawaii before his arrival here. After the School's conditional accreditation in 1980, John's strong background in library education proved invaluable and he played an important role in the return to full accreditation in 1981. His dedication to the highest standards of library education was widely appreciated, as seen in the number of site-visit teams on which he served for the American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation.

Multiculturalism and internationalism are central themes in John's life, and since joining McGill he has regularly attended the annual meetings of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Chinese and Islamic cultures fascinate him and inspired many of his publications, and his work on Chinese language and classification is notable. In Montreal, he forged strong links with French-speaking librarians and developed important joint research projects.

John's great concern for students manifests itself well beyond the classroom. For many years, he has served as a faculty advisor to the McGill Student Group of the Special Libraries Association, and he is always happy to lend special assistance or a word of advice to students. As a Master's program advisor, he is invariably attentive and perceptive, and his knowledge of research methodology is balanced by a humanistic concern for the content of a project.

Perhaps John's greatest gift to the School has been his sunny disposition and good humour, even under trying circumstances. On the door of his office there are two small posters. The first reads: "There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those who understand binary and those who don't." The second reads: "Non-Sequitur Society: We don't make sense, but we love pizza." And of course, who will ever forget the ring with the glass eye!

We wish John much happiness and fulfillment in retirement. Two of his great interests are bound to blossom: cooking and the Masonic Lodge!

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



We'd like to congratulate Professor **Andy Large** and his wife Val on the graduation of their daughter Kirsty, who earned a degree from McGill's Faculty of Dentistry in May 2008. For the occasion, Professor Large donned his only suit!

## MLIS PRACTICUM



Maya Kucij, MLIS'08

The MLIS practicum went through a major revision this year, expanding to include practicum placements in all three streams and project-based work. A visual presentation is now required at the end of the practicum, with practicum supervisors and students invited to a lively, informative "show and tell" poster session.

## WEB 2.YOU WORKSHOP

Student members of the Special Libraries Association's McGill chapter, along with librarians from the Howard Ross Library of Management, hosted a day-long workshop entitled "Web 2.you: A Workshop for Information Professionals," in February. Jessamyn West of www.librarian.net spoke about "Web2.0, Library 2.0, and Librarian 2.0," and John Dupuis, MLIS'00, of York University high-lighted the possibilities of "Blogging for Professional Development." Rajiv Johal, BCom'99, MLIS'03, and Beth Dunning, MLIS'06, of the Howard Ross Library explored searching and the Internet, and Amy Buckland, MLIS'08, and Janis Dawson, MLIS'08, presented on libraries in virtual worlds. The workshop was attended by more than 50 academic, public and government librarians.

## 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 2007-08 academic year was $53,450.

### 2007-2008 SCHOLARSHIPS

*Azelie de Lendrecie Clark Award*
Eric Erickson

*Barbara Graw Smythe Award in Library & Information Studies*
Rosanne Lester

*Bernard Anderson Ower Award*
Jan Sandink

*Centenary Prize*
Casey Wight

*Dr. G.R. Lomer Scholarships*
Sara Anderson
Jennie Ferris
Jennifer Ricard
Katherine Hanz

*Elizabeth G. Hall Scholarship*
Kirsten Huhn
Eric Joly
Maya Kucij

*H.W. Wilson Foundation Scholarship*
Benyamin Paris
Sahar Rai
Marie-Line Champoux-Lemay

*Janet Agnew Scholarship*
Krista Bialo

*Jean Brown Scholarship*
Andrea Puhl
Jessica Lange

*Margery Trenholme Fellowship*
Jillian Tomm

*Margery Trenholme Memorial Award in Library Studies*
Rachel Daly

*Miriam H. Tees Scholarship*
Sarah Anderson
Katie Hollohan

*Patricia Keir Award*
Vanessa Sparks

*Vivi Martin Fellowship*
Rita Benitez

*McGill Recruitment Excellence Fellowship*
Jennifer Hoyer
Sean Benjamin

### 2007-2008 PRIZES

*Teresa Troide Prize for Excellence in Information Studies*
Shazia Ahmad

*Margaret Downey Prize*
Ute Wilkinson

*Dr. Herbert Stanley Birkett Award*
David D'Angelo

*Virginia Murray Prize for Cataloguing*
Sean Benjamin

*Anne Galler Award (formerly Eastern Canada Chapter SLA Prize)*
Catherine Martin

# McGILL ACA COLLOQUIUM

McGill's student chapter of the Association of Canadian Archivists held an all-day colloquium in April on the theme of "Tradition to Innovation." Archival Studies students who presented papers were Mary Flynn, "Archival practices in Africa," Vanessa Franco, "Blogs, wikis and records management," Jennifer Murray, "Moving images in an archive," Elaine Radman, "Records management in the Canadian government," and Bruce Smith, "Organic archives." The highlight of the event was a plenary delivered by Professor Terry Cook of the Archival Studies program at the University of Manitoba, who discussed the changing role of archivists in the 21st century.

# ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Each year the McGill Library and Information Studies Student Association organizes a Career Fair and welcomes participants from libraries and other organizations to McGill to meet our graduating students. This year, the Career Fair took place on March 6, 2008.

# MLIS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Shazia Ahmad, BA'04, MLIS'08,** was awarded the newly established Teresa Troide Prize for Excellence in Information Studies, for achieving the highest academic standing among MLIS students over two years. The award was created last year in memory of Teresa Troide, MLIS'90, with the generosity of her husband Lars Troide, a former English professor at McGill. Ms. Troide was an alumna of the School who worked as an information specialist at Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways.

**Amy Buckland, MLIS'08,** was nominated by the *Library Journal* as one of the Movers and Shakers in the library and information studies community for her involvement in Second Life, an online virtual space where libraries can offer services. Amy was also the co-editor of the *Library Student Journal* in 2007-2008.

**Jennie Ferris, MLIS I,** was one of the winners of McGill's "Cut the Red Tape" contest. She brought attention to inefficiencies in the student loan process at McGill.

**Janelle Ramsay, MLIS I,** was selected as the 2008 SIS student representative to the Canadian Library Association Conference in Vancouver. Janelle was also selected for an internship at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

**Marie-Lou Riberdy, MLIS I,** received the Professional Leadership Award from the McGill Education Graduate Students' Society for her contribution to the School as the president of BASIS (Bilingual Aspirations of the School of Information Studies). The award "recognizes a student who has applied his/her academic learning and made a distinctive contribution to the profession or wider community."

**Trudi Wright, MLIS'08,** was selected by SIS and supported by Library and Archives Canada to attend the 40th International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA) in Quebec City. CITRA was co-hosted in November 2007 by Library and Archives Canada and the *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec* in Quebec City. Trudi learned about the challenges facing archivists in Samoa and Malaysia, among others, and how they have managed their organizations. For Trudi, the conference highlighted the different ways that national archivists in developed and developing countries meet challenges and generate solutions.

*Natalie Ceeney, Chief Executive, National Archives UK, Trudi Wright, MLIS'08, and Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, at the CITRA conference*

# CONVOCATION CELEBRATION



*Graduate Catherine Martin with Prof. Jamshid Beheshti*



*Graduate Jean Marc Tremblay and friend*



*Graduate Deborah Ray and Family*



*Graduates Barbara Whiston and Vera Granikov*



*Graduates Janis Dawson and Amy Buckland*



*Prof. Eun Park with graduates Shazia Ahmad and Mary Flynn*



*Applause for graduates at convocation celebration*



*Graduates Julie Jones and Nicole Tummon*



*Graduate Kirsten Huhn with Prof. Andrew Large*



*Graduates Angela Schade and Jessica Roy*

## THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM AT THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

The first doctoral candidate was accepted to the School in 1991, under the *ad hoc* provisions of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. Since then, 15 doctoral degrees have been conferred.

In August 2008, Quebec's *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* approved the creation of an official PhD program at the School, an acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the past 17 years. The program will start in September 2009. See www.mcgill.ca/sis/programs/phd

**Valerie Nesset, MLIS'02,** a doctoral candidate, was awarded the third prize in the doctoral student poster competition at the 2008 ALISE (Association for Library and Information Science Education) conference in Philadelphia. More than 60 doctoral students competed.

Valerie has joined the faculty at the University of Buffalo's Department of Library and Information Studies, and her research focuses on information behaviour, particularly with children in an educational context. Her dissertation work, "The Information Behaviour of Grade-Three Students in the Context of a Class Project," studied children over a three-month period. In addition to her PhD studies, Valerie has been a sessional lecturer at SIS for the past five years, teaching the first-year course on "Information and Society." In 2005 she received the J.W. McConnell McGill Major Fellowship, and in 2006 was the recipient of a *Fonds Québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (FQRSC) fellowship. She has extensive research experience as a research assistant, under the direction of Professor Andrew Large, in the areas of children's Web portal design, virtual environments and visualization, and has authored or co-authored more than 25 publications. She has presented several papers to the Canadian Association of Information Science, as well as posters at ALISE. She is the current chair of the ALISE nominating committee and has been a member of several boards both at SIS and in the Faculty of Education, as a student representative.

For 2008-09, four doctoral students received external fellowships and awards. **Charles-Antoine Julien**, a doctoral candidate working with Professor John Leide on the visualization of information, and **Jillian Tomm, BMus'97, MLIS'02,** a doctoral student working with Professor Peter McNally on the work of Raymond Klibansky, received FQRSC doctoral fellowships. **Rafa Absar, MSc'06,** a doctoral student supervised by Professor Catherine Guastavino, was awarded a similar fellowship from the *Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies,* to study the use of non-speech sounds in multimodal interfaces. These fellowships, from the Quebec government, provide $20,000 per year and are very competitive. Another doctoral student supervised by Professor Joan Bartlett, **Lorie Kloda, BA'98, MLIS'01,** received the Canadian Library Association's World Book Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Science. Lorie, who is studying the information practices of rehabilitation therapists and who worked as a medical librarian before her doctoral studies, was also awarded the 2008 Thomson Scientific/Medical Library Association Doctoral Fellowship.

**Yusuke Ishimura,** who entered the doctoral program in the fall of 2007, received a Max Stern Recruitment Fellowship.

# Spotlight on 2007-08 PhD graduates

## LEANNE BOWLER
### BA'80, MLS'82, MEd'00, PhD'07



*Leanne Bowler and supervisor Andrew Large*

After earning two Master's degrees and working as a children's librarian for several years, Leanne decided to continue her studies at the doctoral level, focusing on the information-seeking behaviour of young people.

As a doctoral student, Leanne participated in a number of intriguing research projects, including one led by Andrew Large which developed educational Web portals for children using "bonded design," a collaborative design methodology. She also worked closely with McGill's Indonesian Social Equity Project, coordinating the Summer Institute in School Librarianship – a program designed for visiting Indonesian librarians and instructors – and running two workshops on school librarianship in Indonesia last summer.

Over the past three years, Leanne has taught several courses as an Assistant Professor at the School. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the School of Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, where she is responsible for the Children's/Young Adult Specialization. As

well, she is developing a new library services course focusing on developmental theory and library principles and practice in early childhood. She recently presented a paper at the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities in Vancouver, and will be giving a presentation at the Medicine 2.0 conference in Toronto this fall on health websites for teens.

## TAO JIN
### MLIS'02, PhD'08

Tao Jin has worked as an international news translator and editor at China Central Television, and as an associate editor at Dow Jones & Company's Beijing Office, before moving to Canada to pursue graduate studies. His research interests centre on competitive intelligence, human information behaviour, webometrics, and business information management. Since 2003, he has published several articles in the *Journal of Competitive Intelligence and Management* and the *Online Information Review*. He has delivered presentations at various conferences, and in 2005 was awarded a doctoral fellowship from the *Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société*



*Tao Jin with supervisor France Bouthillier*

*et la culture*. He later obtained a research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Grants Subcommittee at McGill to study the information behaviour of competitive intelligence professionals.

Following the completion of his PhD, Tao began work as an Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University.

## AUDREY LAPLANTE
### PhD'08



*Audrey Laplante with supervisor John Leide*

Audrey received her Bachelor's degree in Music Performance in 1999 and a Master's degree in Information Science in 2001, both from the Université de Montréal. She began her doctoral studies at the School in 2002, and one year later was awarded a doctoral research scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

During her doctoral studies, Audrey worked as a music librarian at both Concordia University and the Université de Montréal. At McGill, she participated in various research projects, including one

under the supervision of Professor France Bouthillier focusing on the development of an information service model for small businesses in public libraries. As a sessional lecturer, she taught several courses related to library systems and information retrieval at McGill and the Université de Montréal.

Audrey's research interests include information behaviour and music information retrieval. She has made presentations at a number of conferences and has published several articles in the journal *Argus.*

In June 2008, Audrey joined the *École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information* at the Université de Montréal as an Assistant Professor.

## CHUKWUEMEKA (EMEKA) DEAN NWAKANMA
PhD'08



*Chukwuemeka Nwakanma with supervisor Jamshid Beheshti*

Emeka completed his BSc in Education at Abia State University in 1993 and his MLIS at the University of Ibadan in 1998, both in Nigeria. He was a Commonwealth Scholar during his PhD studies from 2001 to 2005.

Emeka acquired work experience in libraries at the Saints Peter and Paul Major Seminary library from 1995 to 2001, and established a library management consultancy firm in Nigeria – Data-Dean Informatics Ltd. – where he served as Consultant Librarian and CEO until he came to Canada to pursue his doctoral studies. As a consultant librarian, he helped establish automated library systems at a number of government, academic, research and other not-for-profit libraries. At McGill, he taught information system design as a sessional lecturer in the fall of 2003 and has served as a teaching assistant at the School and a research assistant on the INIIReye System and ENVI Projects.

Emeka has made presentations at various conferences, and his research interests include information technology, database management, LIS education, library systems analysis/management and competence taxonomies. He has published in the *African Journal of Library, Archives and Information Science* and in the *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science.*

## ERICA WISEMAN
BA'99, MLIS'03, PhD'08

Erica conducted her PhD in knowledge management (KM) under the supervision of Professor Kimiz Dalkir, and was awarded doctoral fellowships from both the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the *Fonds Québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture.*

Erica has contributed to more than 15 journals and conferences, and in 2007 was awarded the McMaster World Congress Best Paper Award for her paper on KM measurement models and methods at the Department of National Defense. Her research on sustainable development has been presented at the Academy of



*Supervisor Kimiz Dalkir with Erica Wiseman*

Management and the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada conferences.

In 2006, Erica was a young scholar on a SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Cluster grant, which resulted in the establishment of the Canadian Business Ethics Research Network, bridging research and practice in business ethics, corporate social responsibility and sustainable development. Erica is also a member of the Research Network for Business Sustainability.

She has consulted in the areas of organizational learning, KM strategy development, metrics, and corporate social responsibility with organizations such as Hydro-Québec, Canada's Department of National Defense, Oxfam Québec and the United Nations Convention for Biological Diversity. Erica is in the process of designing an information management strategy for a sustainability research company as well as a framework for sustainability reporting in Canadian universities.

# ALUMNI NEWS

*Christine Hiller with Prof. France Bouthillier*

## 1950s

**Marion Jarman, BLS'50,** of Calgary, visited the School with her daughter Nancy in August 2008. As Marion observed, there were no computers when she was here.



**BLS'57 alumnae visiting for 150th anniversary**
In the fall of 2007, the Faculty of Education celebrated its 150th anniversary. Visiting for the Homecoming event were some alumnae, who took time from their busy schedules to drop by the School.



*From left to right: Barbara Luce Mumford, BLS'57, Ariane Lee McLean, BA'56, BLS'57, Margaret McLetchie Nichols, BA'56, BLS'57, and Barbara Grossman McAlpine, BLS'57.*

## 1960s

**Gerald Glass, BLS'62,** sold his Academic and General Book Shop in Montreal in 2003 after running and owning it for 40 years! He spends his time reading, listening to music, attending conferences and engaging in political activities. He is also working on his fifth book, an autobiographical novel. He was very excited to announce the arrival of his first granddaughter, Sophie Victoria, in February 2007.

**Emily Anne Ryan, BLS'64,** retired after 14 years as a high school librarian. She says that working with youngsters was very rewarding and kept her busy.

## 1970s

**Jean-Jacques LeBlanc, MLS'79,** was recognized as the University of Ottawa's first Librarian Emeritus in November 2007. The event also marked the launch of his *Dictionnaire biographique des cardinaux du XIXe siecle,* published by Wilson & Lafleur.

## 1980s

**Robert J. Craig, MLS'81,** reports that he is working in the Learning and Access Services unit of the Library of Parliament.

**Robert O'Neil, MLS'84,** accepted an Innovation Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of College and

University Libraries, on behalf of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology Library.

**Anne Wade, MLIS'86,** a Manager and Information Specialist at the Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP) at Concordia University, was the winner of the American Psychological Association's 2008 Excellence in Librarianship Award. The prize was presented at the Education and Behavior Sciences Research Forum at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in June. She is also Project Coordinator of the Inquiry Strategies for the Information Society in the Twenty-First Century at the CSLP and a Director of the Board of the Quebec Library Association.

## 1990s

**Terry Ann Smith, BA'88, BEd'90, MLIS'93,** returned to full-time work as a Knowledge Management Analyst at Health Canada, where she identifies and implements knowledge management opportunities. She had taken time off after the birth of her twin girls, and is also the proud mom of two boys.

**Marie Missyabit Whattam, MLIS'94,** is the Manager, Aboriginal and Corporate Resourcing, at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. She has worked there since August 2007.

**Patrick Lo, MLIS'94,** serves as the Music Cataloguing Librarian at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**Roman Panchyshyn, BA'86, MLIS'97,** is working as the Catalog Librarian in Library & Media Services at Kent State University in Ohio.

**Michel-Adrien Sheppard, BA'85, MLIS'99,** has been working as a reference librarian at the Supreme Court of Canada since

September 2005. He lives in Ottawa with his wife Viviane Katz, a graphic designer.

## 2000s

**Sulaiman Al-Reyaee, PhD'07,** welcomed McGill Principal Heather Munroe-Blum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where she was discussing possible collaboration with Saudi universities. Al-Reyaee is Co-Director of the University Quality Enhancement and Assurance Center and Assistant Professor at the School of Information Studies at IMSI University in Riyadh.

**Tania Aldred, BA'04, MLIS'07,** is working as an Assistant Documentalist at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec. An article based on a paper she presented at the Association of Canadian Archivists annual conference in 2007 will appear in volume 66 of the 2008 *Archivaria.*

**Shazia Ahmad, BA'04, MLIS'08,** has worked as a Records Administrator at the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association since June 2008.

**Ryan Ban, MLIS'08,** is working as a Records & Information Analyst at the Regional Municipality of York in Newmarket, Ontario.

**Jacqueline Barlow, MLIS'08,** is a Special Projects Librarian at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill. She is working on the Cushing Digitization Project, a McGill pilot project that will digitize one of the library's photographic collections and make it accessible online. She is responsible for supervising the digitization of materials, applying metadata to these digital images, and composing Web text.

**Karen Biskin, MLIS'08,** is working as a reference librarian at Concordia University.

**Michelle Brown, MLIS'08,** is a Reference/Outreach Librarian at the University of Manitoba's Neil John MacLean Health Sciences Library.

**Amy Buckland, MLIS'08,** is now a Liaison Librarian at McGill's Howard Ross Library of Management. She presented a paper at the 2008 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference in Quebec City, and again in Monterey, California in late October. She is also the publisher of the *Library Student Journal* and a co-convenor of the Canadian Library Association's Emerging Technologies Interest Group.

**Remi Castonguay, MLIS'00,** has been appointed Public Services Project Librarian at the Sterling Memorial Library and Music Library at Yale University. He is responsible for providing digital access to online and print resources and improving library content and services online. He also creates instructional resources and research guides in various disciplines and instructs researchers in the use of new technologies.

**Teodora Constantinescu, MLIS'06,** is now the solo librarian at the Dr. Henry Kravitz Psychiatry Library, serving the information needs of staff and students of the Jewish General Hospital's psychiatry department and its affiliated programs and departments.

**Janis Dawson, MLIS'08,** is employed at the Marvin Duchow Music Library at McGill as a casual employee. She plans to move to Toronto to pursue a career as an academic librarian, and continues to work on reference services in Second Life, an online virtual world. Her blog can be found at www.jandawson.wordpress.com.

**Brenda Labelle, MLIS'07,** following seven months as Head of the Documentation Centre at Lasalle College in Montreal, has obtained a position at the Library of Parliament.

**Marie-Chantal L'Ecuyer-Coelho, MLIS'08,** is a Librarian in the Documentary section of the *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec,* as well as reference librarian at the St. Leonard Public Library, part of the Montreal network of public libraries.

**David D'Angelo, MLIS'08,** has been appointed Knowledge Management Specialist and Canadian Taxonomist at Deloitte & Touche in Toronto.

**Ahniwa Ferrari, MLIS'08,** is working at the Washington State Library as an online resources consultant. His main responsibility is coordinating the state-wide virtual reference cooperative. He also helps coordinate the state's database catalog and licensing, and is implementing an audio-book program.

**Mary Flynn, MLIS'08,** is an archival intern at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She works at the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library.

**David Fontaine, MLIS'08,** has been appointed Division Head for Coordination and Communications at the Brossard Library. He is responsible for all programs and the marketing tools at the Library, and is acting head of reference for 2008, with a team of ten librarians and four library technicians. Other duties include the development and implementation of a multicultural services project, English acquisitions and an English story hour. He can be reached at david.fontaine@ville.brossard.qc.ca.

**Vanessa (Diane) Franco, MLIS'08,** has been appointed the Career Resource Consultant at McGill's Career and Placement Services.

**Nicole Gaston, MLIS'08,** is on a one-year volunteer contract as the Information Literacy Project Coordinator at the Central Library of the National University of Laos.

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Matthew Geeza, MLIS'08,** is an Associate Librarian at the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

**Kyla Jemison, MLIS'08,** is a music librarian at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta.

**Robert Kelly, MLIS'03,** is the Collections Librarian at the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, Rhode Island, the oldest continuously open lending library in the U.S. Prior to this, he was the Assistant Director and Reference Librarian at Central Falls Public Library and a Digital Services Librarian at Providence College. Before moving to the United States in early 2004, he completed a seven-month internship at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre library, formerly located in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, where he helped develop a digital library initiative and provided reference services. He is also active in the Rhode Island Library Association as the Membership Chair and a Member-at-Large, and is the Vice-President/President-Elect of Rhode Island's chapter of the LOC Center for the Book initiative. He can be reached at robertekelly@gmail.com.

**Hana Kim, MLIS'03,** and her husband Patrick Emmenegger are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Ari Emmeneger-Kim was born on

December 21, 2006, at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. After enjoying a year-long maternity leave, Hana returned to work in January 2008 as the Korea Studies Collection and Services Librarian in the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library at the University of Toronto. She was awarded a WNBA Eastman grant in 2007.

**Maya Kucij, MLIS'08,** is now a Liaison Librarian at McGill's Education Library.

**Corina MacDonald, MLIS'08,** is a Heritage Information Analyst at the Canadian Heritage Information Network in Gatineau, Quebec.

**Catherine Martin, MLIS'08,** has been appointed the Liaison Librarian at McGill's Marvin Duchow Music Library.

**Cameron McKay, MLIS'08,** is on a temporary assignment at the Newfoundland Legislative Library. In September he began an MA in Political Science at Dalhousie University.
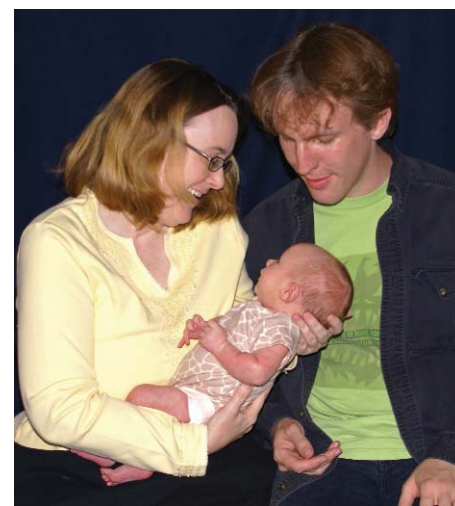
**Rui Miao, MLIS'07,** works as a Project Assistant in the British Library. Her work focuses on LIFE 2, a digital preservation project.

**Melanie Sucha, MLIS'07,** is an Information Management Specialist at Micro Works, an IT firm. Melanie coordinates clients' IM, KM and document management projects. She married Jan-Olaf Bakker in February 2008.

**Fiona Tam, MLIS'04,** has taken a position as Project and Portfolio Manager at Content and Collaboration Solutions (CCS) at McGill. CCS is a new IT initiative that addresses a range of Web and design-related issues and services and assists the McGill community with Web content, collaboration tools and document management solutions.

**Nicole Tummon, MLIS'08,** is a Cataloguing Librarian at the Supreme Court of Canada.

**Trudi Wright, MLIS'08,** gave birth to Evelyn (Evie) Tamar Crump on June 2, 2008, in Hamilton, Ontario. Trudi would like to thank peers and professors at SIS for their support over the last year; it has been very much appreciated. In the midst of all this, Trudi has also secured a position as a Records and Information Management Officer for the St. Catharine's Office of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Bohdan Kazymyra, BLS'56,** passed away in Regina, Saskatchewan, in February 2007. He held the position of Librarian and Archivist at the University of Regina prior to his retirement in 1981, and is survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughters Nadia and Marta, son Dmytro and eight grandchildren. Our sympathies go to Elizabeth Kazymyra and her family.

**Ivor Newsham, BLS'61,** passed away in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, in February 2007. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

**Helen Rubin (née Lapkoff), BA'66, MLS'68,** passed away on February 1, 2008. Our sympathies go to her family.

## EFFIE CONSTANCE ASTBURY

Professor Emerita, School of Information Studies
December 9, 1916 – May 22, 2008

Born and raised in Montreal, **Effie Astbury, BA'38, BLS'39,** came from a family that took education very seriously. Both her parents were graduates of Mount Allison University, where her mother eventually became head of the Household Science Department, and her father, John Astbury, MA'38, later earned an honorary doctorate. The family settled in Montreal because of John's teaching career, which culminated in his becoming Principal of Baron Byng High School, immortalized by Mordecai Richler as "Fletcher's Field High." John is generally regarded as responsible for developing the School's fine academic reputation.

After graduating in 1934 from Outremont's Strathcona Academy, where among other things she was awarded four medals and edited the school yearbook, Effie came to McGill and graduated in Classics, magna cum laude, in 1938. On the advice of her father – who admired greatly the work of the Librarian at Baron Byng – Effie entered McGill's Library School, earning a Bachelor of Library Science in 1939.

Upon graduation, she joined the staff of the McGill Medical Library, where from 1939 to 1949 she distinguished herself as an outstanding Reference Librarian. Credit for her stellar performance, she insisted, was due entirely to her academic background – studying Latin and Greek provided a basis for medical terminology, she said, and Professor Kathleen Terroux's Zoology course gave her the rudiments of science. Others were impressed, however, by how intelligently, competently, and energetically she carried out her professional duties and responsibilities. Among her initiatives was the creation of files on new medical treatments such as penicillin and the handling of burns during World War II. The file on burns, in particular, received wide distribution due to its comprehensiveness. In 1944 she published a major bibliographical compilation of the 1,000 cases analyzed in Maude Abbott's Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease.

In 1949 she joined the faculty of the Library School lecturing on Reference Service and Bibliography. At that time, faculty were recruited exclusively from among School graduates who had distinguished themselves professionally in the McGill libraries. In addition, until the late 1960s, the School's professors were invariably women whose dedication and energy ensured that the School flourished despite lean financial circumstances. In the overwhelmingly male environment that characterized McGill and other universities of the period, this small band of women proceeded politely, cautiously and determinedly. They were courageous visionaries who transformed both the School and Canadian library education.

The faculty of this period set two major goals, aiming to both raise the School's academic standards and improve the academic qualifications of its faculty members. One major triumph involved replacing the one-year BLS with a two-year, four-term Master of Library Science program – the School's first professional degree. Inaugurated in 1965, it is a unique Canadian contribution to library education and has been adopted as the standard by other schools in Canada, the U.S. and elsewhere. Effie played a central role in this initiative. At the same time, along with the other faculty of this period, she earned an advanced degree – a Master of Library Science from the University of Toronto – in 1956. She held a seat in

McGill's Senate from 1971 to 1974 and served on the Councils of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries, the Canadian Library Association, and the Quebec Library Association. She also played a central role in the creation of the Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec.

In recognition of her great contributions to the School and the University, Effie was promoted in 1969 to the rank of full professor. From 1972 to 1976 she served as the School's Director, and successfully shepherded the Master's program through re-accreditation under the American Library Association's dramatically revised standards. In 1979, ill health forced her to retire early, but in 1982 she was awarded the rank of Professor Emerita. Following her retirement, two of Effie's most important scholarly contributions were published by the Graduate School of Library Science:
*-Casey A. Wood (1856-1942): Ophthalmologist, bookman, ornithologist: a bio-bibliography, 1981.*
*-Canada and the Second World War: The home front and war aims: a bibliography, 1991.*

For Effie's many students, her greatest contributions were as a dedicated and inspirational teacher. Her shyness was balanced by a warm smile, infectious enthusiasm, quiet humour and thorough professionalism. In the end, her very shyness became a central element in her success as a teacher. Students sensed intuitively that as a teacher and librarian, she was able to do things that most people would find impossible. Her high standards and superbly organized courses made her a role model for generations of librarians. She shared her dedication to the very highest standards of librarianship and library education with thousands of graduates.

Her retirement was spent at the Griffith McConnell Home in Côte St. Luc, where she served as President of the Residents' Association and sat on the Residence's Board of Governors. Wide-ranging reading – including magazines, mysteries and Iris Murdoch – continued until her final illness. Her admiration for the Maritime author Ernest Buckler became a close personal friendship.

Effie Constance Astbury will long be remembered for her many fine qualities and her outstanding contributions to McGill University and the School of Information Studies. Surmounting difficulties and overcoming adversity became her hallmark. She possessed grace, dignity, integrity and moral authority. She was a good and loyal friend. Our sympathies go to her family and friends.

**Peter F. McNally**
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