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LIS Program Alumni Group, University of Hawai'i

Fall 2002

Message from the Alumni Group President

*Congratulations to our
Newest Graduates!*

Spring 2002

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Evangeline Alexander
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Vivian Gutierrez
Krissy Kahikina
Lynette Kam
Marc LePape
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Jean E. Riley
Sheri Sonoda
Colleen Tano

Summer 2002

Yan Liao
Manuel Duenas
Nancy Teruya
Shoko Tokoro
Leonard Scott

Well, it is a new academic year and a new president. In looking over our current financial situation and the stated purposes of the Alumni Group, I find we are in some trouble.

The Group is "to stimulate professional growth and development of librarians by providing continuing education assistance, through work-shops, scholarship and fellowship awards." The Group has attempted to put on some workshops and/or alumni gatherings without much success. Additionally, the Group publishes this newsletter twice a year. The newsletter production and mailing costs run in the neighborhood of \$700 per issue. The well is running dry, folks. We had only \$426 as of last July. That will not pay for the newsletter, that will not pay for the scholarships we provide, and that will not help the Group stay viable.

To reiterate our past president, Gwen Sinclair, "contributions have dwindled, and participation from alumni has been low for several years." I need your help! Without a continued influx of donations in time and money, we cannot fulfill our stated objectives. Therefore, I am on my hands and knees begging—after all, I am a married man and I am getting better at doing this—please help!

With over 2,000 members in the Group, if each of us would send a \$10 donation each year (not just one time and be done with it), we would have

over \$20,000 per year. Now that would pay for the newsletter, pay for the scholarships, and provide a financial means of putting on some workshops. In addition, we need people to volunteer to serve. I know we are all busy, but giving a few hours each month to an organization that in part helped you get started is not too much to ask.

I ask you to join me in promoting the Group and helping me fulfill our stated mandate to provide professional growth, assist our new library students, and promote a sense of ohana with the library community, both in the islands and on the mainland. We need a Vice President/President-Elect, a Member-At-Large, a Special Events Chair, and a Continuing Education Chair. We need to gather as a group when and where possible. I know Joseph Yue has been trying with all possible energies to have an alumni meeting at a regional conference—please give him some of your time and efforts. Better yet, volunteer to step up to the plate and organize a get-together.

We need to come together and reinvigorate the Group for a better prosperity. So please join with me and help continue our tradition of giving back and helping build a strong future for our profession.

Asking for your help,

Gerry White



News from the Chair



As the new LIS Chair, I am happy to report that LIS faculty, staff and students are very pleased with our renovated facilities in Hamilton Library. The space is convenient and functional, and we all agree that it is a wonderful learning environment. Everyone knows that moving is considered one of the most stressful life events. We moved twice in one year, and even now we are still unpacking and making the place look presentable for the incoming class of 36 new students.

Gail Morimoto has been tireless in her efforts to make the office functional in both locations, despite a mold outbreak in Sinclair and near freezing temperatures in Hamilton. The air conditioning is now temperate and not as cold as you remember it in the years prior to the renovation. We could not have accomplished these two moves without the help of current students and alumni. In particular we want to thank the alumni who helped us return to Hamilton in late May:

Jiro Arakaki
Susan Johnson
Lois Kiehl
Marc LePape
Yan Liao
Julie Morita
Brian Richardson
Leo Scott
Beth Tillinghast
Shoko Tokoro
Zach Tomaszewski
Paul Wermager
Jenifer Winter

Dr. Larry Osborne has taken a position at Chaminade University, where he is Dean of Information Services and the Library. They are very fortunate to have someone of Larry's caliber, and he is sorely missed. He has promised to teach LIS courses from time-to-time, so students will still be able to enjoy his talents.

Dr. Péter Jacsó is on sabbatical for the fall 2002 semester, and **Dr. Becky Knuth** has just returned from her spring sabbatical in Scotland. She finished her manuscript, *Libricide: The Regime-Sponsored Destruction of Books and Libraries in the 20th Century*, and the book is now in production. It is a fascinating account of the cultural and historical significance of libraries and how they come to be destroyed during political upheaval.

The D.O.E. is experiencing shortages of school librarians, and with retirements, the shortages are projected to extend over the next ten years. **Dr. Violet Harada's** efforts to recruit new school librarians have been quite successful. Dr. Harada is also Co-PI on a federal grant with **Dr. Dan Suthers** from ICS and the D.O.E. to create online learning environments for Hawaii's rural schools. **Donna Bair-Mundy** continues to teach LIS courses while progressing through the Communication and Information Sciences doctoral program. Donna has labored all summer to get our networks and computer labs in good working order. **Dr. Luz Quiroga** spent the summer in Colombia and Peru assisting with accreditation for an LIS school and consulting on database projects.

We are proud of the LIS student Web Team that designs and maintains the LIS Web site. This summer, with **Nobuko Miyairi** as Team Leader, they worked on a re-design and will present a program on this process at the upcoming HLA conference in September. Soon, the site will have a new look. It has grown over the years as we continue to make it more useful to students, faculty and alumni. Check it out and give us your feedback: www.hawaii.edu/slis.

We are settling in and looking forward to a productive year. The Program is growing and we would like you to help us to recruit new students. If you have marketing ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please drop by for a visit!

Aloha,

Diane Nahl

Did you know???

Your membership in the **University of Hawaii Alumni Association (UHAA)** also benefits the LIS Alumni Group.

When you join UHAA, a portion (\$10 to \$15) of your annual membership fee is sent to the LIS Alumni Group. For lifetime memberships, a portion is shared each year.

If you would like to help through the UHAA, please download a membership form (available in pdf format) from the web at www.hawaii.edu/uhalumni/MembershipApplication.htm.

Alumni News

1970

Congratulations to **Nyla Fujii-Babb**, Children's Librarian at the Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library, who was recently named the Hawaii State Public Library System's 2002 Employee of the Year.

1972

Michele Chosney is a reference librarian at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

Marilyn Kanemura is Managing Librarian, Administrative Services, for the Monterey County Free Libraries.

1973

In January 2001, **Karen M. Peacock** became head of Special Collections at UH Library. In 2002, she co-authored *Micronesian Histories: An Analytical Bibliography and Guide to Interpretations* (Greenwood Press) with Nicholas J. Goetzfridt of the University of Guam.

1976

Susan (Yoneda) Boyd sends this update and her aloha: I had been with Nortel Networks' library network for 20 years, when the high-tech industry fell upon hard times, and the entire company library system was closed last spring. After a long job search, I am employed once again—moving from the corporate area to academia. On July 23rd, I became the Engineering Subject Specialist/ Reference Librarian in Orradre Library at Santa Clara University. For information on SCU and the main library, see www.scu.edu.

1977

Maude M. Smith in San Francisco sends her best wishes and fond aloha.

1978

Gretchen (O'Connor) Schlag has been chosen as Librarian of the U.S. Navy. She will be working to coordinate management and information sharing for more than 500 libraries throughout the Department of the Navy.

1980

Patricia (Price) Ays writes: I finally got my GS 12 promotion after 7½

years of trying. I am the Systems Librarian for the Sirsi Corporation STILAS computer here in the US Army, TACOOM-ARDEC, Information Research Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. I am also the Reference Librarian in the technical reports section. I actually wear about 6 hats due to downsizing.

John Hoover, Systems Librarian at Hawaii Medical Library, recently published his latest book, *Hanauma Bay: A Marine Life Guide to Hawaii's Most Popular Nature Preserve*. He has also just produced a fascinating marine life screensaver.

1981

Ruth Horie, Catalog Librarian at Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, the faculty union, representing Mānoa At-Large. Her 3-year term begins September 1, 2002.

Katharine L. (Kat) Kan writes: We moved to Fort Wayne, Texas in 1997, so husband Wes could attend seminary. I've been working in the Young Adults' Services department of Allen County Public Library—I was hired less than 3 weeks after we arrived in town! In 1998, ALA published my book, *Sizzling Summer Reading Programs for Young Adults*. "Graphically Speaking," my column on graphic novels and comic books, is published in *Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*. I review graphic novels for Diamond Comics' Bookshelf (bookshelf.diamondcomics.com), and I review books for *VOYA* and *Library Journal*. I also just completed a year on the Michael L. Printz Award Committee for YALSA—the new book award for YA literature, similar to the Newberry. Wes received his vicarage placement, and we'll be moving to Monroe, Michigan (right on Lake Erie, 30 miles south of Detroit) sometime in the summer of 2002. We'll be there for a year, and then ... who knows?

Mark Perkins is a programmer/analyst with Wolff Brothers Supply in Ohio.

Nancy Robertson writes: I retired to be able to baby-sit for my granddaughter, but I keep my hand in by being the volunteer librarian at the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, and by being a sub in reference and cataloging at the Marshfield, Massachusetts Public Library. There I work with another UH alumna, **Nancy Kelly**. Small world!

1989

Frank A. Bruno is Director of Libraries at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas.

1991

From **Cheri Tomboc-Brownlie**: I've been in San Diego for 6 years. Professionally, I am living a dream come true—opening a brand new high school library! This past school year, I was in an office trailer, focusing on ordering the core collection, furniture, and everything else needed to build a library program from scratch. So much to do, but I do miss having students. If you're ever in San Diego, stop by Westview High School, opening fall 2002. P.S. Another LIS grad, **Barbara Nobriga** (1969), works in my district! **Marla Whitney** writes: I started working at OCLC in February 2002. I'm still traveling a lot as part of my job, but Hawaii isn't one of my states anymore!

1993

Marsha Sylvester-Jose sends this note: Hi! I hope all is going well. I worked for 2½ years as a reference librarian at Beale Air Force Base in California. I am now starting my third year at the Lindhurst High School Library in Olivehurst, California, a small rural area in Northern California near my hometown of Marysville.

1994

Claire Seu is the School Librarian at Waiakea Elementary.

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1995

From **Gerald Bohnet**: After graduating from the LIS program in 1995, I transferred to the Joseph F. Smith Library at BYU-Hawaii from my position in the School of Business. During the next 5 years, I was fortunate to associate with some great professionals, many of whom were also UH LIS alumni. Since this was all done in the twilight of my career, I didn't have the opportunity to spend many years working as a reference librarian at the university level. This is my retirement year, and at our June commencement exercises, I was honored to be chosen as the Grand Marshall. It's hard to bring a 15-year library career to an end, but we'll be moving back to the mainland, where we have a home in Utah, just south of the BYU Provo campus. UH serves the library community extremely well with both its graduate training program and its library services. Mahalo to all.

Kimberley (Tee) Scott writes: I am still working for Ovid Technologies. In July 2000, I relocated from Sydney, Australia to Salt Lake City, Utah to take over as Corporate Sales Manager for several of our global pharmaceutical accounts. My husband Bradley and I had a little boy in late January. Hendrik Scott Poelman was born January 27th—8 lbs, 20 inches.

1996

Louise S. Storm is an Emergency Hire Librarian III with the Hawaii State Public Library System.

1997

Joely May and her husband had a baby boy, Ian Stuart May, on March 19th and moved to England this summer!

Lindsey Hoffman is a librarian at Cascade College in Portland, Oregon.

1998

Cheryl Toyama is working at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

2000

Dongmei (Mei) Cao is a reference librarian at the University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library.

She's been in Tampa since last July, but still misses Hawaii. She writes, "My current e-mail address is: cao@lib.usf.edu. If anybody comes to Florida, you are more than welcome to visit me; just shoot me an e-mail ahead of time."

Jesse Newbold is working at the Waiialua Public Library.

Wenjing Wang holds a position as Science Librarian in the Atherton Library at Hawaii Pacific University.

2001

Jennifer Brown is the Outreach Services Librarian at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau.

Susan Chow is a cataloging librarian at Meader Library at Hawaii Pacific University.

Cora Iezza is working at the San Francisco Public Library.

Sharon LePage is a reference librarian at Chaminade University.

Linda Marks has accepted a school library position at Kalihi Uka Elementary School.

Yvonne Meulemans is the Science Librarian at California State University at San Marcos, about 20 minutes away from San Diego.

Virginia Smith is Librarian and Webmaster for the Gemini Observatory.

In Memoriam

Carolyn Ballard (1980) passed away March 9, 2002 of cancer in Springfield, Oregon. She had retired due to disability from her job in Alaska in 2000. Carolyn had previously worked for the Army Library system in Germany.

Sandy Suzuki Duncan (1972) passed away in April, after a long battle with cancer. She was with the Los Angeles County Library System for 25 years and spent 2 years with the Sunnyvale Public Library and the Patenet Library.

Ruth Lowe (1969) died on February 22, 2002.

Virgina Richardson (1968) was killed in a car accident in August, while visiting relatives in California. Virginia retired from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1998.

Celeste Wilson (1977) lost her battle with cancer on April 9th. She had been a student assistant, and for the past decade, she was the librarian at Ha'aheao Elementary School in Hilo.

UH LIS Alumni Award Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the LIS Alumni Group awards for 2002:

Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award:
Sana Daliva and Glenda Berry

Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship:
Nobuko Miyairi, Annis Lee Adams & Amelia Jenkins

Mary Edward Professional Award:
Zach Tomaszewski

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