Message from the Alumni Group

Dear LISAG Members & Friends,

This is my first letter to you as President of the Library and Information Sciences Alumni Group (LISAG). During the coming year I look forward to working with a dedicated Board and Committee Chairs. I am pleased to announce that all positions but one are filled for our Executive Board, and we have Chairpersons for all but one of the LISAG Committees. The majority of these people are here on Oahu, which will enable us to have some planning meetings and tend to some long overdue Alumni Group business.

I am thankful to several alumni who have agreed to continue to serve the Alumni Group for another year. The dedication of these people indicates their respect for the organization and for the library school where they earned their degrees. It is fortunate for the Alumni Group that these members continue to give of themselves. If any of you would like to volunteer for those two empty positions, or if you would like to nominate someone you feel would be good, please feel free to contact us as soon as possible.

We have some exciting events coming in 2005. Early in the year we will be honoring Professor Sarah Vann's long and distinguished career with the Library and Information Services Program at the University of Hawaii. In Fall 2005, we will be celebrating the LIS Program's 40th anniversary at University of Hawaii. Becky Knuth, our new Events Chairperson, is planning some fun times to celebrate these events. You will all receive invitations and we will look forward to two happy reunions.

There are a substantial number of openings in Hawaii's libraries this year. This is something that bodes well for LISAG. There were a record number of new graduates in the Spring semester, and there are 15 new students this semester. It is our sincere hope that you, the membership, will help the organization to fund its awards program, so that we can continue to support our alumni in their pursuit and achievement of excellence in the field of librarianship.

Aloha,

Agnes Quigg
LISAG PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Our New Graduates

Spring 2004

Summer 2004
Thomas Coleman—Stuart Dawrs—Melinda Fernandez—Carl Feucht—Wanda Harris—Sue Ann Hase-gawa—Trisha Murakami—Mahate Osborn—Marsha Pauline—Shelly Tanaka—Haiying Wang
A record number of students graduated from the UHM Library and Information Science Program this spring (26) and summer (11). Enrollments have been steadily rising and between thirty and forty students are incoming in the fall.

Rebecca Knuth has taken over as the LIS Chair, as of May. She was very pleased to be the first recipient of the Sarah K. Vann Professional Service Award and honored for her contributions to intellectual freedom and international librarianship. She thoroughly enjoyed teaching a special topics course, “Intellectual Freedom,” during the spring semester and taught “LIS 681: Books and Media for Children” as a summer school course. Dr. Knuth is busy finishing her second book which is tentatively titled: BIBLIOCLASM: EXTREME MINDSETS AND THE MODERN DESTRUCTION OF BOOKS AND LIBRARIES.

Violet Harada and co-author Joan Yoshina have a new book out: INQUIRY LEARNING THROUGH LIBRARIAN-TEACHER PARTNERSHIPS, published by Linworth Publishing. They have been invited to do a presentation on this topic at the fall conference co-sponsored by the Hawaii Association of School Librarians and the Hawaii Council of Teachers of English.

Diane Nahl stepped down as LIS Chair in May and this summer is working on publishing her research on information behavior. She has an article coming out in the 2004 ASIST Proceedings. Her chapter, "Affective Load Theory," is included in the forthcoming book THEORIES OF INFORMATION BEHAVIOR: A RESEARCHER’S GUIDE due out in 2005. In her research Dr. Nahl uses a unique framework for investigating users’ information behavior that is based on the assumption that all information seeking arises from deeper motivations combined with emotional responses to information. In the fall she will act as coordinator for the two year ALA accreditation process.

In January, Peter Jacso presented an ALA pre-conference session on MetaSearch engines in January. In June, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Scholarly Publishing, he presented on “Linking on Steroids” (pre-conference) and on searching proprietary scholarly content with speakers from Elsevier, Google and Informed Strategies. Dr. Jacso enjoyed teaching his courses on online database searching and digital librarianship (and receiving many excellent papers) and doing presentations in other LIS classes (on digital tools for collection development and copyright).


Andrew Wertheimer finished his first (stellar!) year of teaching in the LIS program. He had record number of students in his “Collection Management” course and is grateful to the many librarians who allowed his students to shadow them for one of their assignments. The students came back with glowing reports and were excited by the relevance of class lectures to librarianship in the real world. Preparing for that class helped his progress in writing a text on collection management which focuses on materials selection. Dr. Wertheimer is also busy transforming his dissertation into a monograph for publication. He is looking forward to attending the ALA conference in Orlando and to his first trip to the Big Island in June.

Donna Bair-Mundy is hard at work on her dissertation as is Joyce Yukawa.

Gail Morimoto sends her greetings. She really enjoys hearing from former students.

Student Chapters
The spring semester was a successful one for our student chapters. The ALA Student Chapter entered a national competition, sponsored by the ALA New Members Round Table, to be recognized as Student Chapter of the Year. The NMRT homepage declared UH’s chapter as “Runner Up” Chapter in 2004:

“for its efforts in revitalizing the chapter and its creative methods to ensure the continuation of quality leadership, which will help the transition of new officers to keep the organization running. The chapter has made huge strides since its reorganization in
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2002, among them, revising the chapter constitution and bylaws, creating a new and highly informative newsletter, co-sponsoring the first LIS Job Fair and creating the first student service award."

Former ALA-SC Co-Chair Diane Todd, who also received the ALA Student to Staff Award, will receive a certificate on the chapter’s behalf at the Annual Conference in Orlando. You can catch up with the chapter’s activities at the new homepage (created by Jan Kami) at http://www2.hawaii.edu/~alasc/. Activities included: brownbags by Susan Johnson, Nobuko Miyairi, Zensei Oshiro, Andrew Wertheimer, Nicholas Goetzfridt, and Valerie Coleman; a social event at Indigo’s; and a screening of Bette Davis’s classic “Storm Center.” The chapter also launched a newsletter under the editorship of Lori Ann Saeki (Current Chapter President) and initiated a new award for professional service. The award is named after Emeritus Professor Sarah Vann. The first recipient of the Dr. Sarah K. Vann Professional Service Award was our very own Dr. Rebecca Knuth.

The ALA-SC and the UH LIS Alumni Group have been selected as Silent Partners for the Hawaii Library Association Silent Auction. In order to make this a success -- meaning that we can contribute to ALA-SC activities and alumni group scholarships -- we need your help to acquire auction items. If you have any ideas or new items, please contact Dr. Wertheimer at wertheim@hawaii.edu.

The combined SLA / ASIS&T Student Chapter also is becoming active. Together with members of the Web Team and ALA-SC, it sponsored a brownbag talk by UH Assistant University Librarian Dr. Robert Schwarzwalder. The Web Team continues to operate the LIS homepage and offers classes for students. We are also grateful for Hui Dui for continuing to run the LIS Diner, Orientation Programs and graduation dinners. This year’s graduation dinner was held at the Hale Koa Hotel.

We are also thrilled that efforts are in the works to activate the LIS Alumni Group. This year the group was only able to offer a few scholarships, but we are excited to see that donations are starting to come in. Thank you to Agnes Quigg and other members for their efforts. They are looking for other potential leaders. The group will have a reunion at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando this June.

Dr. Wertheimer is trying to revive the UH Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. He is interested in hearing from former officers.

Aloha,
Rebecca Knuth
Chair and Associate Professor

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LIS Alumni Group Treasurer’s Report

| Cash on Hand - 1 September 2003 | $1,807.59 |
| Donations and Memberships       | 5,155.00  |
| Newsletter Printing             | <667.32>  |
| Newsletter Mailing              | <382.83>  |
| Other Expenses                  | <93.68>   |
| Awards and Scholarships         | 0.00      |
| Total                           | $5,818.76 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Herring
LIS Alumni Group Treasurer
2004 LIS Alumni Awards

Jodie Kakazu Mattos
LIS Alumni Awards Chair

Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship: Dayni Kuo and Junie Hayashi

Dayni's statement: Thank you so very much for honoring me with the Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship. The money will be used to help pay for tuition. I am taking a total of three LIS classes: 690, 610 and 670. Thank you again for the generous endowment.

Junie's statement: Thank you for the award of the Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship. I will use the award to further my LIS degree, specifically using it towards my Fall 2004 tuition. I will take LIS 665, LIS 694, and LIS 690 (internship with Desktop Network Services).

Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award: Vivian Gutierrez

Vivian Gutierrez, a 2002 UH LIS graduate, is the 2004 recipient of the Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award. She used the award to attend the Society of American Archivist (SAA) 68th Annual Meeting in Boston, August 2004. The SAA annual meeting will be her first opportunity to attend a national professional meeting. As the Assistant Librarian at the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society Library, Vivian is working on developing a database and digitization plan for the library's photograph collection. The HMCS photographic collection includes albumen prints, daguerreotypes, including some of the earliest Native Hawaiian portraits, missionary family albums, color slides, and other photographic materials. While at SAA, Vivian attended sessions focusing on the administration of photographic materials, copyright in visual materials and digital rights management.

Mahalo to the LIS Alumni Group Donors!

February 2004 to August 2004

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We'd love to hear from you!

Please let us know if you have moved, changed jobs, or just want to share news for inclusion in the next newsletter. You can also use this form to make a much-appreciated donation to the LIS Alumni Group. Send e-mail to Virginia Smith at superbv@yahoo.com or mail this form to LIS Alumni Group, University of Hawaii, Library & Information Science Program, 2550 The Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822.

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**1968**

**Ellen Chapman** writes: Aside from working in the UHM Library's Archives Dept. on the Sen. Spark Matsunaga Papers, in July I started working on the 442nd RCT Veterans Club papers recently donated to the Library. And I'm volunteering in the Charlot Collection. Archives work is thoroughly enjoyable.

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**1996**

**Cecelia Lee Shong Lin** recently accepted a position as Librarian at Universitas 21 Global where she continues to pursue her interests in Web technologies and reference services. She co-authored a paper, “Leveraging Enterprise Technology for the Library Portal at the National University of Singapore”, which has been accepted for the upcoming 7th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries in Shanghai.

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**Cindy Yatagai Zwies** is currently working at Yale University as a Librarian for the Science Libraries. She and her husband are enjoying their new life in Connecticut.

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**1997**

From **Joely May**: We've returned to the States from England and are now living in Virginia Beach again, where I'm home with new baby Sean and his big brother Ian (now 2).

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**Pat Rossi** writes: I'm the base librarian at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. I moved from 4 1/2 years in Izmir, Turkey, in May.

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**2001**

From **Jody David Boyne**: Since 2001 I've been doing online library reference from wherever I am with http://www.247ref.org which is part of http://www.mcls.org and is now part of http://www.oclc.org – press release: "OCLC and MCLS to combine QuestionPoint, 24/7 Reference services": http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/20048.htm. We serve public and academic libraries nationwide and internationally, and through a public portal open worldwide. It's a great service and a great job!

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**Virginia Smith** writes: I recently returned to my hometown of Louisville, KY where I’m enjoying time with my family and working as an academic librarian at Sullivan University. I miss Hilo and my LIS ohana, but look forward to staying in touch as your newsletter editor.

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**2002**

**Karyn A Braun** writes: I am currently at my 2nd year at the University of Florida School of Law, in my journey to become an academic law librarian. Boy, I have never ever studied so much in my life!! Located in Gainesville, in North Central Florida it is a far cry from my home in Hawaii, and boy do I miss home, especially with the havoc that these hurricanes have been causing. My current email address is karynb@ufl.edu for anyone who would like to email me.

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**2003**

From **Rosemarie "Romy" Panko**: After getting my degree last year I have been working as the archivist at Iolani School.

**Glenda Irene Berry** has been the Youth Services Librarian at Wailuku Public Library since May 16, 2004, and invites all the LIS alumni to stop by Wailuku Public Library when they are on Maui. Glenda writes: I love doing storytimes and youth programming. For Teen Read Week, just before Halloween, Kathy Collins presents her character, Tita, telling spooky kine stories at several Maui Libraries. We recently celebrated Wailuku Public Library's 75th anniversary with a big party complete with entertainment, refreshments and a display of historic photos and articles about Wailuku Public Library. The really good news is that the Maui Bookmobile Service will be resuming in the new year! State Librarian, Joanne Schindler, has been very supportive and is responding to the needs of Maui's bookmobile patrons.

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**2004**

From **Ruby Redona**: I'm at Shafter Elem. School Library. I just graduated in Spring 2004 from UH, and this is my very first Librarian position. To say the least, I'm surviving and enjoying this wonderful teaching opportunity. I get to share my love for reading with the students, teach them about the library and its resources and best of all I get to work closely with teachers on research projects. To add to the excitement of my new job, I helped my school earn monies from two Good Idea Grants totaling approximately $1,900! One grant will be used to help develop a Family Literacy Bags Program where parents will be new patrons of the library, and they will be able to borrow a backpack filled with a book, story-telling props such as a stuffed animal or puppets and a reading response journal. It will be the school's intention to promote reading as a family tradition. The second grant will be used to promote the reading and writing connection. The grant monies will be used to purchase Bare Books for students who publish books for the school library. This new program will be called Children As Authors. I have 14 students excited to help with the daily duties of a librarian. They belong to Shafter's Library Club. Exciting things are happening at Shafter Elementary School Library, and I'm just so "thankful" that I'm here to enjoy it. =)
In Memoriam

Keith Shogo Inouye (1973) passed away on November 30, 2003 after a two month battle with Lung cancer. Keith worked for 25 years at San Francisco’s Main Public Library. In 1999, he retired and relocated to Honolulu.

Reunion @ ALA 2005

Joseph Yue
LIS Alumni Group Membership Co-Chair

SLIS Alumni got together in June at the ALA 2004 conference in Orlando. Look for upcoming announcements about a possible gathering at the 2005 ALA Mid-Winter Meeting in Boston on the Alumni Group’s website and discussion list.

SLIS Alums in Japan

I was invited to participate in the 2004 KIT/CLIR International Roundtable for Library and Information Science, held in Kanazawa, Japan on July 8-9, 2004, on the view and expectation of digital library.

It was a pleasant surprise to find three SLIS alums besides myself participating in the Roundtable. They shared with me fond memories of their SLIS days.

The three SLIS alumni and their current positions: Shunichi Watanabe, Prof., Faculty of Letters, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; Taeko Kato, Senior Staff, Japan Science and Technology Agency, Tokyo, Japan; and, Eiko Uozumi, Reference Librarian, Kwansei Gakuin University Library, Kobe, Japan.

I was delighted to learn that SLIS graduates are doing so well in Japan.

Hisami Konishi Springer, Ph.D
Library Services, University of Hawaii

SLIS Alumni Survey

Earlier this year, we sent you all a letter in which we asked for donations and also asked you to let us know which alumni functions were most important to you. We asked you to rank the following functions: continuing education events, professional awards, student awards, and newsletter publication. Fifty-seven (57) people responded to the poll, and student awards was the clear winner overall. Continuing education events and newsletter publication were virtually tied (no I didn't do a statistical analysis!) in second place. Professional awards was clearly the least important to the group who responded.

Twenty-six (26) responding alumni ranked student awards as their top selection for continuing organizational support. Sixteen (16) people ranked newsletter publication as number one, and fourteen (14) chose continuing education events. None (0) of the respondents selected professional awards as the most important activity for our alumni group to support.

Mahalo to everyone who made a donation in response to our letter and, especially, to those who took the time to let us know what your priorities are for the use of our funds.

Eileen Herring
Treasurer LIS Alumni Group

Ruth Corn Receives SBA Honor

LIS Alumnus, Ruth Corn, was named State-wide Business Research Advocate for 2004, at a ceremony in Waikiki. She was honored by the Small Business Association for creating the state’s first business research library in 1992. Alum Sonia King is her research librarian.
### OFFICERS
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**Mahalo to Past-President, Gerry White, and Past-Secretary, Stewart Chun, for their service and contributions to the LIS Alumni Group. Many thanks also to Janet Hesson, outgoing Newsletter Editor, who is now the group’s Mailing List Manager.**

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