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Message from the Alumni Group President

Aloha kakou,

It was certainly heartening to hear from all of you who heeded our plea for assistance. We had an influx of donations, and we’ve had some new people volunteer to serve on the Board. Thanks to everyone for your support!

We’re still looking for volunteers to work on fundraising to ensure our financial stability and the continuation of our LIS awards, which have benefited many of you. Volunteering is a great way to stay connected to other graduates and support the LIS program.

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is hearing from so many of you. It’s fascinating to see the diversity of experience and geographical distribution of our alumni. I encourage all of you to share your news, whether you’ve been at the same place for 20 years, have left the library field, or just started your dream job.

We are still looking for a Vice-President/President-Elect to lead the Alumni Group in 2002-2003. If you would like to nominate anyone (including yourself), please contact me at gsinclai@hawaii.edu, or call 808-956-2549.

Mahalo,

Gwen Sinclair
Dear Alumni,

This is the last column from me as the chair of the LIS Program. My two-year tenure in this position will expire on May 22. Dr. Diane Nahl will take over from me for the next two years. I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in this endeavor. I also thank my fellow faculty members for bearing with me during this time, and helping me with the tasks. It would have been impossible for me to survive this assignment without the awesome job that Gail has been doing.

There is nothing new in talking about Gail’s competence, capabilities, capacity and care for the program, the students, faculty and staff. The scale of all these assets of hers, and her unrelenting dedication every day and every hour, struck me more than ever as program chair.

We hope to move back to our new old home after the spring semester is over. We don’t know the exact date yet, but we are very much looking forward to it. Our colleagues in Sinclair have been very accommodating and helpful during our stay and, based on our first-hand experience during the rainy season, we know how urgently this building needs renovation to create a more appropriate work environment. Realizing their difficult circumstances, their help was even more appreciated. As we fondly recall the spirit of their welcoming party, we hope we haven’t overstayed our welcome.

We are badly missing Dr. Osborne who is on a one-year leave of absence. We very much hope that he will return. Dr. Knuth is on sabbatical leave, and I am longing to do so in the fall semester.

In spite of our reduced team, we are glad that we have an unusually high number of students — nearly 120, as opposed to the usual number of 100. As the majority of students are on the school librarian track, this means much additional workload for Dr. Harada, who is also managing a large project in a multi-million dollar grant. Dr. Quiroga started her second year on tenure track, donna Bair-Mundy keeps teaching the large required class, LIS 605, and the equally large and quasi-required LIS 670. Dr. Nahl is busy with the equally large LIS 601 and the rarely offered course, Information Sources and Services in Humanities.

We have a very strong team of adjuncts. Dr. Jackson teaches LIS 610, and Dr. Weingand teaches the Collection Development course. Our colleagues from Hamilton and Sinclair, Lynn Davis, Greg Geary, Joan Hori, and Mabel Suzuki, share their immense experience in their specialty areas. Susan Johnson, your fellow alumna, Hamilton reference librarian and doctoral student, took over from me the Online Database Searching class after her successful debut last semester. It is a mix of faculty that would certainly make you satisfied.

You can sample our course menu again, of course, during the summer. Courses on five topics will be offered. Some of them specifically target the practitioners who would like to brush up on their knowledge with new developments or to acquire brand new knowledge. Please swing by to pick up the schedule, or just click on this URL, http://www.hawaii.edu/slis/courses/summer2002.html, and check out the schedule.

Thank you again for your support.

Dr. Péter Jacsó
2002 LIS ALUMNI GROUP AWARDS

The LIS Alumni Awards Committee announces the following awards for 2002:

1 (or more) Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award
1 (or more) Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship
1 (or more) Mary Edward Professional Award

Due to a lack of funds, the LIS Student Award and LIS Professional Award are not available this year.

Application deadline: Thursday, April 4, 2002, 4:30 pm

Incomplete applications are not considered. Fax or e-mail transmittals are not accepted. For more information or to request an application form, write to Alumni Awards Committee, Library and Information Science Program, 2550 McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Margaret W. Ayrault Scholarship, Tuition Assistance Up to $1,200

Applicants must be full-time classified UH LIS students or professional librarians with at least one year of library/information service experience who wish to participate in continuing education courses offered through LIS. Professional librarians who are accepted into or currently enrolled in the Advanced Certificate program are also eligible. Tuition assistance is available for professional librarians in the Interdisciplinary Doctoral program only in the dissertation state. Applicants must submit evidence that the dissertation proposal has been accepted by the Interdisciplinary program.

Submit the completed application, a current one page resume, the names of two library and information-related references, and a separate statement describing how the money will be spent, your goals in the library profession (reason for seeking the degree or other courses and how this will enhance professional services of the applicant), and your commitment to the profession. Include GPA in LIS/ICS courses and LIS courses taken and those in which you are currently enrolled. MLIS-degree holders must also describe how professional goals will be furthered by the courses taken. Recommendations are optional but may help in evaluating your application.

Applicants are judged on leadership potential, professional promise, and potential for academic success.

Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award, Up to $500

Throughout his career, Ralph R. Shaw supported and encouraged self-improvement through library education. The UH Manoa library community and its friends established this award to acknowledge and recognize his various contributions to the profession.

This award provides up to $500 for personal growth and development at all professional levels, including paraprofessionals, by furthering education at accredited library schools and programs. The award may be used to attend conferences or for continuing education (e.g., workshops, institutes). Nominations may be made by an employer, teacher, or by the applicant.

Submit the completed application and a one-page statement describing your reason for application or nomination, how the educational or development goal meets the purposes of the award, and how the award will be used to meet this goal. Two letters of recommendation from a supervisor, teacher, employer or administrator familiar with the nominee's library and information-related activities are required for self-nomination.

Mary Edward Professional Award, Up to $500

Provides up to $500 for Hawaii librarians, LIS graduates, and students in the Advanced Certificate program to further their professional goals. Can be used for travel and publication support. Submit the completed application, a current one-page resume, and a separate one-page statement of purpose, describing your professional goals, how they meet the intent of the award, and how the money will be spent.

Applicants are judged on how the project shows promise to offer the greatest good to the most users and evidence of informative or creative use of funding. Applicants must not have received a LIS award in the last three years.
2002 University of Hawaii LIS Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award

Ihsia Hu, Chair of the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award Committee

The UH LIS Alumni Group is pleased to announce the 2002 Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award. This year, the award category is "School Librarian"—librarians working in any professional capacity in a school library. Nominations will be accepted immediately, and self-nominations are welcome. All nominations must be postmarked by April 15, 2002. The Award will be announced and presented during the alumni reunion at the 2002 ALA Annual Conference.

Award Criteria:
1. Must be a University of Hawaii Library & Information Science Program (or its predecessors) graduate.
2. Must have worked at a professional level for at least 10 years.
3. Nominee has made significant contributions to school librarianship.

Nomination Procedure:
Part 1. Nominee's information
1. Name
2. Name used while in UH LIS (if different from 1)
3. Year graduated from UH LIS
4. Institute/Employer
5. Title/position
6. Contact information (address, telephone, and email)

Part 2. Nominator's information (if self-nomination, please note so)
1. Name
2. Institute/Employer
3. Title/position
4. Relation to the nominee
5. Contact information (address, telephone, and email)

Part 3. On a separate page, please tell us about your nominee. What special achievements, activities, and contributions to the field of librarianship make the nominee deserving of this year's Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award? What impact has this person had on his/her user group or organization that s/he should be recognized for? Please limit your response to one page. Please attach program guides or brochures, copies of news clippings, and/or website URLs, etc., that are directly related to the nominee's special achievement or contributions, as these materials will assist us in the evaluation process.

Your nomination and supporting materials must be mailed to the following address, postmarked by 4/15/2002:

LIS Alumni Group–Alumnus/a of the Year Award
Library & Information Science Program
Sinclair Library
2425 Campus Road
Honolulu, HI 96822 USA
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We'd love to hear from you! Please let us know if you have moved or changed jobs, want to volunteer for a position within the LIS Alumni Group, or just want to share news with us for inclusion in the next newsletter. You can also use this form to make a much-appreciated donation to the LIS Alumni Group.

Send email to hesson@flex.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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ALA Cooperative Reunion
Joseph Yue

The Cooperative Library and Information Studies Alumni Reunion will take place at ALA in Atlanta on Sunday, June 16, 5:30-7:30. The location will be announced on lisalumni-l in mid-April, or check out the conference program on-site or in the ALA conference planner online (www.ala.org). Come meet current faculty and incoming LIS Program Chair Dr. Diane Nahl. Visit with old friends and make some new ones.

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Alumni News

Your classmates would love to know what you’re doing now! Please write with your updates, or e-mail hesson@flex.com.

1968
Ellen Chapman is Archivist for Congressional Papers at the UH Manoa Library.

Congratulations to Ron Chapman who earned the Hawaii Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award.

1977
Sheila A. Goldstein writes, "After working seventeen years as a middle school librarian, I retired seven years ago. Although I enjoyed my work with students, aged 11-15, I am really enjoying retirement! Gardening, community work and church involvement occupy my time when my husband and I are not traveling."

1978
George McCaffrey sends this note: "Always enjoy reading about people and events in the newsletter (even if I do not know the people and the events are far from my world). After 22 years in a school library, I have (because of lack of political will for school libraries) been teaching English the last few years. A special hello to classmates and faculty from the late 1970s."

1985
Sri Tencate, Branch Manager at the Molokai Public Library, sends this message: "Happy New Year and Greetings from Molokai Public Library." [Editor's note: The Hawaii Library Association recently honored Sri for receiving the Hawaii Public Librarian of the Year award for 2000 from the Hawaii Library Foundation. Congratulations, Sri!]

1991
Congratulations to Kathleen "Kats" Gustafson. In May 2001, Kats was appointed Associate Dean of Instructional Technology at Grossmont College. She is also the Title III grant project coordinator. Prior to this appointment, Kats served as Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, developing and coordinating the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. She has just purchased the house the family has been renting since moving to San Diego. Her youngest son, Jacob, is now a senior and looking forward to college."

Hitoshi Ohta is a Catalog Librarian II at the Los Angeles Public Library.

1992
When you last heard from Lani Teshima, she had left her job as the SLIS student services officer in 1997 to be with her husband in Texas. Through a number of twists and turns, Lani found herself the next year single, and working as a senior technical writer for a software company in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is still working at Sybase, writing manuals for products such as Adaptive Server Enterprise, a SQL-based database application for large corporate environments. Lani notes that her education at SLIS has been invaluable in the work she does. The biggest news for the SLIS family is that Lani got married last summer to another SLIS alumnus, Alex Stroup (1998). As an e-business consultant for Wells Fargo Bank, Alex is primarily a project manager for the wellsfargo.com Web site. Although they have seen a number of friends get laid off through the recent dot-com bust, they both appreciate their stable "not a start-up" corporate jobs tremendously, and are enjoying the Bay Area (including the many Hawaiian food eateries in the area).

1993
In August 2001, Sharon Berglund retired from her position as Science Librarian at Cal State San Marcos to pursue her life-long interest in fiber arts.

Cynthia Fukuda is a librarian at Moanalua High School.

1997
Alex McWilliams is currently teaching special education students and working toward his M.Ed. at Chaminade University.

1998
Janet Hesson has begun working at Hawaii Medical Library as a reference librarian for the Consumer Health Information Service.

Chris "anything but reference" Morin is now the Adult Reference Librarian in a Nashville public library branch with one of the highest circulation counts in the system.

1999
Ani Au is back on Oahu, working at the National Marine Fisheries Service library.