Message from the Alumni Group President

It is coming my time to pass the baton of the presidency to the Vice-President. Please welcome Agnes (Aggie) Quigg, who will step into her new role as LIS Alumni Group President in September.

I cannot say that the last two years have been easy. There is a great amount of ennui and apathy among the membership. It was my goal to express how much the LIS Alumni Group needs your assistance; however, I feel I have somewhat failed in this endeavor. I am very grateful to those of you who have supported this organization with your time and money. But for me, it is terrible that I must turn over the leadership having made only a small dent in the number of people interested in serving on the board or providing some type of financial assistance.

I hope that you will welcome the LIS Alumni Group into your life. Even if you cannot make a financial contribution at this time, please answer the short survey that is included with this newsletter. And please welcome the new leadership later in the fall. If you have the time or resources, please give back to the profession.

Regards and Regrets,

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LIS Alumni Group President

Mahalo to the LIS Alumni Group Donors!

September 2003 to January 2004

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**News from the Chair**

*Diane Nahl*

Péter Jacsó made a short trip back to Budapest and attended the SLA conference in New York, followed by a somewhat languid summer. But the winter break was active. He spoke at the Asian Digital Libraries conference in Kuala Lumpur, met with LIS faculty at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, and attended ALA Midwinter doing a pre-conference gig about federated searching, while enjoying San Diego on the side.

We are pleased that **Andrew Wertheimer** successfully defended his dissertation in Madison in November. He will present information related to it at the annual conference of the Association of Hawaii Archivists (Researching America's Concentration Camps: Personal and Professional Reflections on the Archival Experience), the American Library Association in Orlando, and the Japan Society for Library & Information Science near Tokyo. He is looking forward to meeting UH alumna **Yuriko Nakamura** (1999) and other Japanese alumni at the conference. One of Andrew’s articles was just translated and published in Italian for the book *Il libro nella Shoah: Distruzione e conservazione* (Milan: Edizioni Sylvestre Bonnard, 2003).

Andrew was recently named to two advisory boards: Association of Hawaii Archivists and the Resource Center of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Part of the duties involved participating in a clean-up “party” for a courtyard behind the center. He enjoyed meeting center volunteers, but remains baffled by the Hawaii definition of a party. He is now immersed in studying the definition of winter in Manoa.

Dr. Wertheimer is the faculty advisor of our active ALA student chapter, which sponsored brownbag talks in February, including two by UH alumnas Susan Johnson and Nobuko Miyairi. LIS alumni are welcome to attend the events, described on the ALA student chapter website: [www2.hawaii.edu/~wertheim/ALAsc.html](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~wertheim/ALAsc.html).

**Rebecca Knuth** is still very busy discussing her recent book *Libricide: The Regime-Sponsored Destruction of Books and Libraries in the 20th Century* and is completing a new book documenting worldwide non-regime destruction of books and libraries. In June Dr. Knuth gave a talk on her *Libricide* at the International Association of Genocide Scholars in Galway, Ireland. In July she spoke at the IFLA Conference in Berlin on the Nazis’ destruction of the Institute for Sexual Knowledge Library. In November she presented a paper at the Hawaii Library Association annual conference on the 2003 looting and arson in Iraq's libraries; she was delighted to see many former students. Dr. Knuth will take on the responsibilities of LIS Chair beginning this summer.

**Dr. Luz Quiroga** organized a panel on digital libraries in Latin/Ibero America for the 2003 Annual Meeting of ASIST and was named Chair-elect 2003-2004 of the ASIST Special Interest Group on Digital Libraries. Dr. Quiroga and Martha Crosby’s encyclopedia article, “Information Filtering,” will appear in the forthcoming *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Human-Computer Interaction* (Berkshire Publishing Group LLC, in press). In January Dr. Quiroga, Martha Crosby, and Marie Iding presented their paper, “Reducing Cognitive Load,” at the 37th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.

Dr. Quiroga also co-authored, with Villatoro Pablo, “Tecnologias de informacion y comunicaciones: su impacto en la politica de drogas en Chile / Information and communication technologies: its impact on the politics of drugs in Chile.” The report was prepared by the Social Development Division–CEPAL in the framework of an agreement for technical cooperation between the Minister of Interior of Chile and CONACE (Consejo Nacional de Control de Estupefacientes) and includes a proposal for the information system for the CONACE information center.

Dr. Quiroga was also appointed faculty advisor for the SLA student chapter. She will be teaching a new course this fall, LIS 678, Personalized Information Delivery: Information Filtering. Her students do service learning projects for associations and community groups, so contact her at lquiroga@hawaii.edu if you have database projects.

We are very pleased to have **Violet Harada** back from sabbatical, during which she gave presentations at the AASL Conference and the Treasure Mountain Retreat Seminar held in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Harada’s book with Joan Yoshina, *Designing Inquiry Learning through Librarian-Teacher Partnerships*, is now in press with Linworth Publishing. It should be available this spring. She continues her work on a 5-year NSF grant to provide online support to teachers in rural areas of Hawaii. Dr. Harada will also be working on the new NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) accreditation process this year for the School Library Media Specialist track.

**Diane Nahl** is stepping down as LIS Chair at the end of the spring semester, and will present her research on information behavior at the ASIST annual meeting in Providence, RI. She has a chapter, co-authored with Violet Harada, in an upcoming book, *Youth Information Seeking*, titled “Taxonomy of Common Boolean, Semantic, Syntactic and Lexical Search Errors” (edited by Mary Chelton and Colleen Cool, Scarecrow Press, forthcoming 2004). The chapter reports research on Hawaii high school and undergraduate students’ ability to compose accurate search statements.

**Donna Bair-Mundy** is working on her dissertation proposal while teaching cataloging and introduction to information science and technology.

**Gail Morimoto** sends her greetings to everyone and her wishes for a healthy year for all.

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1st Annual LIS Internship & Job Fair

Andrew Wertheimer chaired the committee that organized the first LIS Internship and Job Fair that took place on February 20th. We are most grateful for the support of colleagues and alumni who helped make this event possible, and we look forward to even greater participation from LIS alumni next year.

Summer and Fall Courses

This summer, for the first time, we are able to offer two courses over HITS (Hawaii Interactive Television System). This allows LIS to offer six distance courses each year, making it easier for neighbor island students to graduate more quickly. We are pleased to have three returning graduates as instructors this summer. Lillian Gassie (1989) Senior Systems Librarian, Project Manager, Homeland Security Digital Library, Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, will offer a new course that may be of interest to graduates: LIS 693, Knowledge Management in Organizations. Rich Gazan (1998), who recently received his doctorate from UCLA’s Department of Information Studies, is offering a core course, LIS 650, Management of Libraries & Information Centers. Dr. Brian Richardson (2002), Librarian, Windward Community College, is offering a new course, LIS 694, Information, Technology and Society: Philosophical Dimensions of Library Studies.

The summer 2004 course schedule is available on the LIS site (proudly student-designed and maintained by the capable LIS Web Team):

The fall course schedule is also available:

Employer Survey Online

We are already looking ahead to re-accreditation in fall 2006, so it is important to survey the employers of our graduates. This year we have put the survey online for your convenience. If you hired any UH MLISc graduates between 1998-2003, please fill out the survey and give us feedback, as well as contribute ideas and information to help us in our continuous work to improve the curriculum. If you graduated between 1998-2003, please forward the survey to your employer, especially to the person who directly supervises you.

We had hoped to have an excellent return rate by announcing this survey through the ‘Elele Waha ‘Ole, and various listservs, but so far only seven employers have responded. We appreciate receiving the perspectives of employers so that we can continue to develop a program that is responsive to the current workforce needs in libraries and information centers. The survey is found at hypatia.slis.hawaii.edu/survey.

Our most treasured assets are our students, and this year set new records for enrollments. We are most grateful to LIS alumni who are able to offer LIS students internships, advice, and employment. Your help is a big part of our success.

Aloha,

Diane Nahl
Chair and Associate Professor

Editor’s Note:

My apologies go to all of you who should have received a printed copy of the fall 2003 ‘Elele Waha ‘Ole. Several difficulties prevented the printing and mailing of that issue, but you will find it available, along with other past issues, on the UH LIS Alumni Group website:
hypatia.slis.hawaii.edu/~alumni/.

This is my last issue as newsletter editor for the ‘Elele Waha ‘Ole. It has been my pleasure to share news from fellow alumni and the LIS Program with all of you over the last two years. Virginia Smith (2001) will assume the editor’s position this fall.

Because newsletter printing and mailing costs have increased substantially and consume most of the LIS Alumni Group resources each year, we will be working over the next months to substantially reduce the number of newsletters that are printed and mailed. If you have internet access, you can help conserve these limited resources for other alumni projects, such as fellowships and awards.

Lisalumni-l subscribers who receive a printed newsletter need do nothing. Beginning with the fall 2004 issue, you will receive only the electronic version of the newsletter in PDF format through the listserv.

Instructions for joining lisalumni-l can be found on page 5 of this issue. Please consider joining lisalumni-l. This is a low-traffic listserv for alumni news, events, and other items of potential interest to alumni.

If you prefer not to join the listserv, we have started a separate mailing list just for the newsletter. To join, please send an e-mail request to janethesson@yahoo.com.

Best wishes to all of you.

Aloha,

Janet
Nyla Fujii-Babb writes: I am currently Adjunct Faculty for the Library School (I teach the traditional Literature and Oral Narration Course, LIS 685) and a librarian for the public libraries. I graduated from GLIS in 1970 when Dr. Ira Harris was dean and when the library school was still in the basement of Sinclair Library! I will be retiring from the public library system on May 1, 2004 -- that will be nearly 34 good years of working for the Hawaii State Public Library System. I highly recommend a rewarding career in our public libraries to new graduates!

Richard Burns was named the 2003 Public Librarian of the Year for his success as Waimanalo branch manager in securing funding to expand hours and for developing an award-winning native plant garden. Richard is currently the branch manager of the Kapolei Library on Oahu.

Al Mamaril and his wife Elaine (1980) live and work in Minnesota. Al is a tenured faculty librarian with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Elaine is supervisor at Columbia Heights Public Library and serves as a substitute reference librarian in the Anoka County Library system.

Richard Herr sends news of Twila Herr: Hello to Twila’s classmates. She has been in the nursing home for nearly five years now, but despite deteriorating health, she remains as cheerful as you would remember her.

Patricia Ogburn is working full-time as an adaptive cataloger for Hamilton Library. She is also a part-time archivist, processing the papers of Oliver Statler, who was a writer and lecturer on Japanese culture, history, and art in the Asian Studies department at UH.

Congratulations to Lillian Gassie, who was recently named Federal Librarian of the Year by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee. Lillian is the Senior Systems Librarian for the Dudley Knox Library at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. She was recognized for outstanding, innovative, and sustained achievements during the fiscal year, as well as her innovative leadership and professionalism in promoting library and information services, her work as project manager for the Homeland Security Digital Library, and exceptional technical competency and flexibility under changing work conditions. This summer she will be back in Hawaii to teach LIS 693, Knowledge Management in Organizations.

Paul Wermager remains head of the Science and Technology Reference Department. He most recently completed the ePOI project, a web portal of electronic biomedical resources for students, researchers, and physicians. The project, funded by the National Library of Medicine, was a joint effort of Hawaii Medical Library, John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the UHM Library. You may view the site at epoi.hawaii.edu.

Joey May writes: We just had our second child. Sean Patrick May was born on January 26, weighing in at a hefty 10 lbs, 1 oz! We’re also leaving England in March, moving back to Virginia Beach.

Gerry White writes: After leaving Belt Collins Ltd. as their librarian, I went back to school and obtained my MA in Educational Psychology from Louisiana Tech and PhD in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Arkansas. I currently teach as an Assistant Professor of Special Education at National University in San Bernardino, CA.

Amy Labson writes: Since graduating in December 2000, I have been in three different middle school libraries. Right after graduation, I worked at Moanalua Middle School (just in time for the big school strike!). That June, my husband’s job took us to San Diego where I worked in another great middle school library, La Mesa Middle School. Currently, we live in northern California, and I am the librarian at Riverview Middle School, a very needy, busy library right next to the delta. I feel lucky I learned so much in the LIS program at UH and privileged to have met so many neat librarians in many different places.

Congratulations to Shoko (Tokoro) Kreutzfeld, who recently accepted a new position as Catalog Librarian at Southern Methodist University. She has primary responsibility for cataloging electronic resources.

Congratulations to Christine Mogilewicz who recently accepted a position as Children’s Librarian at Waipahu Public Library.

In Memoriam

Frances O’Halloran (1970) passed away on March 3, 2004. She was a former UH GLIS lecturer, long-time member of the Association of University Women, Hawaii Branch, and founder of the Mary Edward Professional Award, named for her parents, which aids Hawaii librarians and UH LIS graduates. Those who would like to honor Ms. O’Halloran’s life may donate to the Mary Edward Professional Award. Please send donations to the LIS Alumni Group, 2550 McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822. Please specify account # 12034914.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALA Cooperative Library School Reunion**

Sunday, June 27, 2004
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Orlando, Florida

Please join UH LIS Program faculty, students, and fellow alumni at this year’s Cooperative Library School Reunion at the 2004 ALA Annual Conference.

The location for this event will be announced on the lisalumni-l listserv at a later date.

For more information about the annual conference program, visit the ALA conference website: [www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/an2004/home.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/an2004/home.htm).

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**2004 LIS ALUMNI GROUP AWARDS**

**Jodie Kakazu Mattos**

The LIS Alumni Awards Committee announces the following awards for 2004:

* 1 (or more) Ralph R. Shaw Memorial Award
* 1 (or more) Mary Edward Professional Award

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

**Application deadline:** Thursday, April 29, 2004, 4:30 pm

Incomplete applications will not be considered. No fax or e-mail applications will be accepted.

**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. 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, UH 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 résumé, and a separate one page statement of purpose describing your professional goals and 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. Must not have received a LIS award in the last three years.

**For more information or to request an application form, write to:**
Library and Information Science Program
Attn: Alumni Awards Committee
University of Hawaii at Manoa
2550 McCarthy Mall
Honolulu, HI 96822

The application form may also be obtained from the Alumni Awards website: [www2.hawaii.edu/slis/programs/financial/alumni.html](http://www2.hawaii.edu/slis/programs/financial/alumni.html).

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**Open Positions**

The LIS Alumni Group has several positions to be filled for the 2004-2005 term. This term runs September 1 through August 31. Please consider volunteering to help plan and coordinate the Group’s activities.

* Secretary
* Member-at large (1 position)
* Nominating Committee (2 Positions)

Please contact Gerry White at gwnews@nu.edu for more information.

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