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ALA Cooperative Library School Reunion  
*Sponsored by ALISE*

Sunday, June 25, 2006  
5:30 -7:30 PM  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom  
New Orleans, Louisiana

ALA Student-Chapter-of-the-Year Award Presentation & Student Reception  
*Sponsored by NMRT*

Sunday, June 25, 2006  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Sheraton Hotel, Napoleon Ballroom B3  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Congratulations Graduates!

**Spring 2006**
- Tina R. Arakawa
- Norie Bloom
- Jody Brown
- Christine Bryan
- Robyn Chinaka
- Christian DeLay
- Rieko Goo
- Daniel Kane
- Yuri Kenney
- Terri Lynn Koyl
- Mona Kwon
- Melissa LePage
- Christin Lyons
- Timothy Martin
- Lillian Nicholich
- Laura O’Neil
- Loraine Orbio
- Lynette Teruya
- Anna Thomas
- John Tun
- Marie Ann Wasnock
- Gail Weisz

**Fall 2005**
- Tisha Aragaki
- Michelle Ko
- Yoko Kudo
- Lydia Lee
- Ruth LePage
- Holly McIntosh
- Susanne Mitsuda
- Lori Miyaji
- Valerie Okada
- Matthew Rose
- Lori Ann Saeki
- Estee Tanaka
- Lloyd Tsukano
- Fujiko Uehara
- Marta Wiggins

Please welcome **Junie Hayashi** (2005), our new Library Information Science Alumni Group President. Last spring, Junie, was awarded one of two LIS Professional Awards in recognition of her leadership abilities. Not only was this outstanding recent graduate active in several student organizations and events, she was vital in the LIS program’s flood recovery efforts. Ms. Hayashi is employed as a Web Assistant at Kapiolani Community College Library.
New: UH LIS Alumni Group Blog
http://lisag.wordpress.com

The University of Hawaii Library & Information Science Weblog was launched on February 10, 2006. It was created by Sunyeen Pai with input from the LISAG Board and Michael Whang (2001), to share library & librarian related news for and about graduates of the UH LIS program. Under BLOGROLL, you’ll find a link to another great new addition, an Alumni Photo Album at Flickr.com, featuring over 50 photographs!

E-News vs. Print

We kindly urge those of you that receive a printed copy of the ‘Elele Waha ‘Ole to please consider switching to the electronic-based version of the newsletter.

The LIS Alumni Group receives an average of $2100 in donations each year. We currently spend $1400 to distribute each edition of the newsletter to nearly 1500 alumni - that’s $2800 annually for postage and printing.

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If you’d like to switch to the electronic newsletter edition, simply subscribe to the LIS Alumni Group Discussion List. Instructions are provided below. If you don’t care to join the listserv, send your email address to Janet Hesson at janethesson@yahoo.com and she will add you to the private email list.

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Alumni News & Announcements

Annual Alumni Dinner

On April 11th, friends and colleagues gathered at the Wai’oli Tea Room in Manoa Valley to honor Gail Morimoto for having dedicated 30 years of service and aloha to the LIS program and Karen Maeda, who recently retired from UH.

Dr. Knuth and Gail Morimoto

Karen Maeda and Sunny Pai

Alumni News

1966

From Violet L. Lai: Greetings from a survivor of the first class, when we used manual typewriters for M. Ayrault’s cataloguing assignments with no computers in sight. I retired as Head Librarian from Honolulu Community College in 1974. After writing one book, He Was a Ram: Wong Aloiau of Hawaii (U.H. Press, 1985), I left intellectual pursuits for crafts – mainly pressed flower cards and bookmarks. I will celebrate my 90th birthday in July with 3 kids, all senior citizens, 7 grandkids, 9 great-grandkids and husband, K.P., age 95.

1967

From Anne T. Polkingham: I am retired but still reviewing children’s picture books for the California School Library Association.

1970

From Mary (Goetsch) Caldera: I have been involved with our Friends group at the Wilmington Branch Library in Wilmington, CA – part of the Los Angeles Public Library system. My daughter, Emily Goetsch, was married in Ocho Rios, Jamaica in March 2005. She is a school counselor at Narbonne High School in Harbor City, CA. Best regards to all!

1989 & 1991

Lillian Woon Gassie, Don Gassie, and their two children recently moved to Vecchiano, Italy. They live by the Sirchio River and are just 10 miles north of Pisa. Lillian is Head of Information Services at the NATO Undersea Research Centre in La Spezia.

2005

Dayni Kuo works at Berkeley Electronic Press in California selling e-journals to academic libraries.

Mahalo to LIS Alumni Group Donors

*Mary (Goetsch) Caldera
   Violet L. Lai
**Anne T. Polkingham

*flood relief, **patron
Alumni News

Madam President

Jana Knezek (1974) was elected President of the Texas Library Association, the largest state library association in the U.S. She works for Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, TX.

Public Librarian of the Year

Janet Lam (1978) of Thelma Parker Memorial and School Library on the Big Island and Stewart Chun (1996) of the Federal Documents Section of the Hawaii State Library were both finalists for the Hawaii State Public Library System’s Public Librarian of the Year award.

School Library Media Program of the Year

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) declared Kapolei High School one of its National School Library Media Programs of the Year. Librarians Carolyn Kirio (1994) and Sandy Yamamoto (1998) were commended for their curriculum leadership.

Teacher of the Year

The teachers at Pearl Ridge Elementary voted librarian Loretta Nelson (2003) Teacher of the Year. She was honored with other Central District winners at a special luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

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 virginia.smith@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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LIS Program News & Announcements

UHM ALA-SC Wins Chapter of the Year

Members of The University of Hawaii’s American Library Association Student Chapter (ALA-SC) are the proud recipients of the 2006 Student Chapter of the Year Award, sponsored by New Members Round Table.

The ALA NMRT committee was impressed by the group’s membership recruitment and retention efforts and the balance and strength of its professional programming and social activities. The chapter received a grant of $1,000 to put towards expenses for representatives to attend ALA’s Annual Conference in New Orleans. They will be honored at the NMRT Student Reception.

The executive officers include: outgoing President - Lillian Nicolich, outgoing VP - Loraine Oriobio, outgoing Secretary - Janel Quirante, outgoing Treasurer - Marta Wiggins, incoming President - Christine Cipolla, incoming VP - Carrie Ann Young, incoming Secretary - Anne Hillier, incoming Treasurer - Vanessa Vallejos, and Student Chapter Advisor - Andrew Wertheimer.

A Special Mahalo from Vi Harada

Special thanks go to the following school librarians and specialists, who have served as cooperating librarians or resource persons to the LIS Program this school year. Most of them are proud graduates of our LIS Program. They made it possible for the graduate students to gain valuable experiences in school libraries. They also provided invaluable information about the teaching and administrative roles of today’s school librarian.

Audrey Aono, Mokapu Elementary
Betty Arai, Mililani High
Grace Fujiyoshi, Kaimuki High
Loraine Hotoke, Liholiho Elementary
Lynette Kam, Moanalua Elementary
Daijo Kaneshiro, School Library Services
Marcia Kemble, Mid-Pacific Institute
Linda Kim, Mililani Waena Elementary
Carolyn Kirio, Kapolei High
Lucretia Leong, School Library Services
Patricia Louis, Aliamanu Elementary
Patti Marshall, Ahuimanu Elementary
Debra Miura, Waipahu Intermediate
Audrey Okemura, Pearl City High
Dianne Pang, Aliiolani Elementary
Claire Sato, retired
Lois Tagami, Kapolei Elementary
Susan Tamaru, Wahiawa Middle
Darren Tanaka, Kailua Elementary
Susan Tavares, King Kekaulike High
Julie Tomomitsu, Maemae Elementary
Sylvia Wee, Mililani High
Sandy Yamamoto, Kapolei High
Joan Yoshina, retired
Jamie Young, Pearl City High

Incoming and Outgoing ALA Student Chapter Executive Officers

Jumping Into the World: True Stories of Recent LIS Graduates

LIS Alumni Group Executive Board

OFFICERS

President: Junie Hayashi (2005)
Vice President: vacant
Past President: Agnes Quigg (1978)
Secretary: Tricia Brandes (2002)
Treasurer: Sunyeen Pai (2005)
Member-at-Large: Jeff Boling (2000)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Awards/Scholarship: Jodie Kakazu Mattos (1996)
Continuing Education: vacant
Events: Becky Knuth (1989)
Membership: Ihsia Hu (1997)
Listserv Owner: Joseph Yue (1997)
Mailing List Manager: Janet Hesson (1998)
Newsletter Editor: Virginia M. Smith (2001)

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