



Greetings,

We have officially entered the Fall 2019 semester, ready to go and looking forward to a great academic year! Our MLIS and Informatics programs are enrolled to the maximum, and we continue to grow our Master of Science in Information Management (MSIM) as well. Believe it or not, it has been three years since the Fall 2016 launch of the Informatics and MSIM programs; this begins our fourth year of expanded course offerings. Developing curriculum in these emerging areas of the LIS profession has added richness to our school and our student body. As with all of our School of Information Studies endeavors, our faculty members deserve extensive credit for the programs' excellence and success.

In the midst of our forays into new areas of the LIS field, we also continue to feature our core library and archives programs. For example, our September 19, 2019 McCusker Lecture will feature the award-winning public librarian Skye Patrick from Los Angeles Public Library; the Eighth Annual Butler Lecture on March 4, 2020 will feature children's book author and illustrator Bryan Collier; and, our 2019-2020 Follett Chair and April 20, 2020 lecturer is Bernie Reilly, president emeritus of the Center for Research Libraries, who will focus his work as Follett Chair on the politics and economics of digital evidence and the future of memory institutions in civil society. Find more information in this newsletter about Skye Patrick and Bernie Reilly, and look for more information on Bryan Collier's March 4 lecture in the Winter *Off the Shelf*. I hope you can join us for one or all of these upcoming special events!

Kate Marek
Director and Professor



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SOIS New Strategic Plan

After a year of stakeholder interviews and data collection, SOIS has finalized our 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. We have identified four Strategic Priorities:

- Build Strength and Advance the Programs of the School
- Increase the Visibility and Recognition of the School
- Foster the School's Learning Community
- Build Intercultural Competence and Global Citizenship

Many thanks to the various groups and individuals who contributed to the discussions toward our new 2019-2023 Plan, which will take us through our next accreditation cycle. We are already working on many of the initiatives we identified within each of our Strategic Priorities!

Targeting Autism Forum

The fifth annual Targeting Autism Forum was hosted by SOIS, Dominican on May 16 & 17, 2019. The forum was previously hosted at the Illinois State Library in Springfield, IL, as a component of the IMLS funded Targeting Autism grant project, a project which sought "to develop and deliver innovative, multi-faceted and replicable training programs designed to improve library services and programs for ASD communities in Illinois and the country." This year, the forum was funded by an LSTA grant from the Illinois State Library. Featured speakers at the forum included John Elder Robison, Chantal Sicile-Kira, Dilshad Ali, Tom Iland and many more self and librarian advocates. More information can be found at the Targeting Autism Blog:

<https://targetingautismlibs.com>

Bernard F. Reilly, 2019-2020, Follett Chair



Bernard F. Reilly is president emeritus of the Center for Research Libraries, where he led several major studies and projects focusing on the preservation of digital evidence and documentation, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. From 1987-1997 Reilly served as chief curator in the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division. As Follett Chair, Reilly will be in residence for parts of the fall term, and in Spring 2020 will teach a seminar based on his current research on the politics and economics of digital evidence and the future of memory institutions in civil society. He will deliver the Follett Lecture on April 20, 2020.

Upcoming Events

McCusker Memorial Lecture: Skye Patrick, Los Angeles Public Library
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6 p.m., Eloise Martin Recital Hall



Skye Patrick took the helm as Library Director in Los Angeles in February 2016, with ambitions to champion change and position the Library as a center of learning accessible to all residents of Los Angeles County. She has held leadership roles at Broward County Library, Queens Public Library, and San Francisco Public Library. Under her leadership, LA County Library was named a finalist for the IMLS National Medal in 2018 and 2019, and received three *Library Journal* awards in a 12-month period: 2018 Marketer of the Year, 2019 Librarian of the Year, and 2019 Library of the Year.

Cost: Free

To register, visit: <https://www.dom.edu/mccusker-memorial-lecture>

Fall Conferences

Visit us in the Exhibits at AISLE and ILA this Fall!

Association of Illinois School Library Educators

Joint Conference with IATE: Illinois Association of Teachers of English

October 10-12, 2019

Wyndham Springfield City Center, Springfield, Illinois

Illinois Library Association

October 22-24, 2019

Tinley Park Convention Center

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Watch social media for alumni reception information!

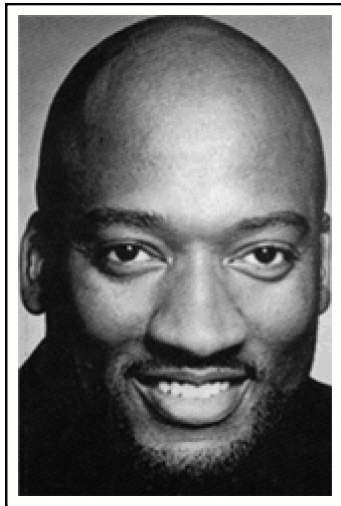
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October 22-24, 2019
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Tinley Park, Illinois

Alumni reception on Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Watch social media for details!

Eighth Annual Butler Lecture

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Eloise Martin Recital Hall
(Registration open in early 2020)



Bryan Collier is a beloved illustrator known for his unique style combining watercolor and detailed collage. He is a four-time Caldecott Honor recipient for Trombone Shorty, Dave the Potter, Martin’s Big Words, and Rosa. His books have won many other awards as well, including six Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards. His recent books include By and By, Thurgood, The Five O’Clock Band, and Between the Lines. He lives in New York with his family.

Meet the First Butler Youth Services Scholar



Meet Nora Sanchez—Inaugural Recipient of the Butler Youth Services Scholarship for Underrepresented Groups in the Field of Library Science! This competitive student scholarship award is given each year in the amount of \$15,000 to a student seeking to earn an MLIS with a focus on children’s services for public or school libraries. Preference will be given to students who are from a background under-represented in the field of library science. This new annual scholarship is made possible by a generous grant from the Butler Family Foundation. Questions about the scholarship program? Visit us at dom.edu/butler-center, or Butler Children’s Literature Center at butler@dom.edu.

FACULTY NEWS

Karen Brown, Professor, published *Shaping the Campus Conversation on Student Learning and Experience: Activating the Results of Assessment in Action* as editor with Debra Gilchrist, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Kara Malenfant, Chase Ollis, and Allison Payne (Association of College and Research Libraries, 2018); “A Study of Rural Librarian’s Self-Efficacy in Facilitating and Developing Adult Science Programs” with Monae Verbeke, John H. Falk, and David Meier in *Library Quarterly*. 89.2, 116-136; and “From Science Program Conveners to Science Program Developers: An Online Professional Development Program for Rural Librarians,” with Karen Gareis, Meighan Maloney, and Daniel Rockmore, in *International Journal of Innovations in Online Education*. 3.1 (2019).

Bill Crowley, Professor, published “Alternative Facts, Fake News, Conflicting Perceptions, & Their Relevance to Library and Information Professionals” in *Open Information Science* 2019; 3: 209–221. Crowley also presented “ Beyond the Basics: Elevating Your Approach to Budgeting and Scheduling” to the Managers of Children’s and Teen Services (MCATS) meeting at the Riverside Public Library on April 12, 2019.

Janice Del Negro has been promoted to Professor, effective August 2019.

Mary Pat Fallon, Associate Professor, was elected Faculty Senate President, Dominican University, for 2019-2020.

Yijun Gao, Associate Professor, served as translator and host for the Chinese participants of the second China-US Think Tank Symposium on July 21 and 22 at Dominican University. This event included guests from various universities and institutions from China.

Don Hamerly, Associate Professor, presented “Undergraduate Data Science Education in iSchools: Current Practices and Future Directions” April 1, 2019 at the iConference in Washington, D.C. Hamerly also presented “What are the Information Sciences? What are the iSchools?” June 17, 2019 at the iSchool Inclusion Institute in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sujin Huggins, Associate Professor, completed the second of her two-year term as a member of the CSK Book Award Jury at the annual ALA conference from June 21-24, 2019 in Washington, D.C. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the award.

Cecilia L. Salvatore, Professor, presented "From Documentation to Access and Exhibit: Common Issues Related to Local History Collections" at the 2019 International Conference on Local Chronicles (The 9th Chinese Local Chronicles Academic Conference) held in Changsha, China, July 15-17, 2019, at the invitation of the Office of Chinese Local Chronicles Guidance Group in Beijing. Professor Salvatore also attended the IFLA Congress (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) in Athens, Greece on August 23 - 30. She coordinated and moderated a session titled, "Local History Collections, Genealogy, and Oral History as Critical Information Services in Libraries," on August 29. In addition, she was elected and has assumed the role of Chair of the Local History and Genealogy Collections section of IFLA.

Hassan Zamir, Assistant Professor, presented “Undergraduate Data Science Education in iSchools: Current Practices and Future Directions” at the iConference

2019 in Washington DC on April 1, 2019. He has published a chapter, "Cybersecurity and Social Media" in the book, *Cybersecurity for Information Professionals*, ABC-CLIO, May 2019.

This semester, SOIS will host three new visiting scholars from China:

Professor Lulu Xu from the English Department of East China Normal University. She will stay with SOIS from August 2019 to August 2020, working primarily with Dr. Don Hamerly. Professor Faliang Zhang from the Information Management Department of Nanchang University will stay with SOIS from November 2019 to November 2020, working primarily with Dr. Yijun Gao. And, Professor Yiping Zhu from the Information Management Department of Nanchang University will also be working with Dr. Gao, and will stay with SOIS through the end of 2019.

STUDENT AND ALUMNAE/I NEWS

Carrie Allen (MLIS '13) is the Knowledge & Asset Manager with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, overseeing activities of content developers and managing the design and launch of a new knowledge management platform.

Jessica Barth (MLIS '18) has accepted a position at the University of Delaware as the Emerging Multimedia Technologies Librarian.

Rachel Bild (MLIS) is now the Young Adult Librarian at Skokie Public Library.

Felicia Caro Edens (MLIS '17) is now a librarian I the Popular Library at Harold Washington Library.

LaVerne Gray (MLIS '05) has joined the faculty at the Syracuse University iSchool as an assistant professor of information science.

Rose Hopkins (MLIS '15) is now the head of children's services at LaGrange Park Public Library.

Annabelle Mortensen (MLIS '03) authored "Measuring Diversity in the Collection" in the May 8, 2019 *Library Journal*.

Ariel Orlov (MLIS '12), is now the Senior Director, Library and Learning Services, Adler University.

Lauren Rosenthal (MLIS '08) is the new Director of the Fox River Valley Library

District.

Claire Stewart (MLIS '95) is the new Dean of University Libraries at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Nicole Urso (MLIS '19) is a new children's librarian at Naperville Public Library.

Colleen Waltman (MLIS '95) is the new Executive Director of the Homewood Public Library.

Leigh Anne Wilson (MLIS '16) from Carol Stream Library won a New Professionals grant from IFLA.

ALUMNA FOCUS

Gabrielle (Abby) Annala | MBA, MLIS

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES – LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Assessment Librarian | Business Research Specialist



Where are you currently working, and how did you find that particular job

Presently, I work at Loyola University Chicago. I spent most of my career as a student at Dominican focusing on library marketing and management, and decided while I was working on my MLIS that I also wanted to pursue my MBA. I initially took a job as a marketing coordinator for a local public library, but after a year of working there, I decided to pursue work at an academic library so I could have the opportunity to go back to graduate school. I am also an alum of Loyola, so returning

to my Alma Mater was a dream come true. I started off as the subject specialist for the School of Business and the School of Communication – but in December I was offered the role of Assessment Librarian. I still work with Loyola’s school of business as well.

Talk a little about the job – what do you do, and what do you enjoy about it?

My role has two major components – but like every librarian, there are about a thousand little things on the side that I also do. As the assessment librarian, I’m getting an in-depth look at strategic initiatives, planning, and cross-departmental initiatives. As the business librarian, I work on our collection, instruction, and research consultation with students. I LOVE working with business students – especially at Loyola. They’re always trying to solve the world’s problems and it’s inspiring to be around. In addition to my roles at Loyola, I serve on a variety of professional development groups and I’m also an adjunct instructor at both Loyola University Chicago (Graduate School of Communication) and Dominican (School of Information Studies).

How does your current position align or compare with what you studied when you were in the MLIS program?

I took a lot of classes in my MLIS program that still directly impact my job. Collection development, library instruction, and management were all fundamental in my education and in my current role. I also did an independent study in library marketing, and a practicum in academic/special library marketing & health sciences librarianship – so I got firsthand experience working with patrons and contributing towards library-wide goals. I think the best part of my MLIS education was that it prepared me to solve new problems as I encounter them; it’s not possible to take a course in every single discipline, but learning to think creatively, explore new opportunities, and confront challenges will take you very far in any career path.

Are there any new or upcoming trends in the library and information field or in archives that you find particularly interesting right now? What is exciting you the most about working in libraries today?

I’m excited to see an increased emphasis on design thinking, strategic planning, and more conventional marketing initiatives. Librarians have been talking about “outreach” and “engagement” for decades – but it’s always been hard to quantify and report out on how that’s impacting our communities because of the abstract nature of those terms. Design thinking is getting us out of our comfort zones, and emphasizing new products and services on the unique needs of our community’s patrons, rather than focusing on what other libraries are doing. A good strategic plan will help give our libraries a direction, so we know how best to serve our communities. Despite being managerial terms, these concepts based on empathy and service for our communities – I feel like the managerial world and the library

world are beginning to co-exist more cohesively than they have in the past.

What advice do you have for current SOIS students in terms of their preparation for the job market?

Every single thing you've done in your life has value. Think about personal experiences, your professional past, your education, your values, your hobbies or interests, etc.; spend a lot of time learning to articulate what type of asset you'd be to an employer based on your "whole self", not just your degree. Also, take advantage of as many opportunities as possible. Join clubs, professional development groups, do a practicum or an internship, etc. as frequently as possible. Even if you're juggling work, family, and school – some of these opportunities are limited to current students so take advantage of them while you can. It's a safe space to explore a variety of interests before committing to a single career path. That being said – don't be afraid to change your professional goals as you have new experiences! We're constantly changing – and a variety of careers exist to represent our evolving interests.

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