FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings!

As the new director of the School of Library and Information Science, I would like to thank Dr. Carl Ogren for his many years at the helm. It is now five months since I stepped into this new position. Needless to say, I have gained a number of valuable experiences, both personally and professionally.

I am now even more convinced that the present day collision between information, technology, and creativity provides a rich and vibrant milieu of opportunities for individuals educated in the discipline of library and information science. The acumen of library and information science professionals is increasingly needed as societies, both global and local, evolve into the 21st century.

As director, my primary goal is to ensure that our students receive the best education, training, and opportunities for their chosen careers. A number of projects are underway concerning the School's infrastructure, students, placement options, and the curriculum. We are very excited by our current recruitment prospects for a professor in Information Science. Our web site (http://www.uiowa.edu/~libsc) will keep you posted of developments.

In the meantime, I invite you to peruse the following pages that highlight our achievements in the last year and those of our graduates. Two alumni, Barbi G. Lehn and Paul Neff, are profiled. We are proud of our graduates one and all. I wish each of you a successful new year.

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Ed. Note: Dr. Srinivasan joined the faculty of SLIS in 1989 and is currently an associate professor. She holds a Ph.D. in Information Transfer from the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. Her research interests are in the design of information retrieval algorithms and the interdisciplinary field of medical informatics. She was appointed to a three-year term as director, effective August 21, 1996, succeeding Carl F. Ogren, who has returned to full-time teaching, research, and service in the School.

SLIS IN REVIEW

Faculty

The scholarly and professional activities of our faculty members are reported on page 2. In a recent study of LIS faculty productivity ("Authorship as a Measure of the Productivity of Schools of Library and Information Science," by Bert R. Boyce and Carol Hendren, in Journal of Education for Library and Information Science, Summer 1996), Iowa ranked among the top 10 of 57 schools, in the average number of papers published by faculty.

We are currently engaged in an international search to fill a tenure-track position in Information Science. The appointment, to begin in August 1997, will be a joint appointment with Computer Science or Management Sciences, with all teaching responsibilities in the School of Library and Information Science. We have received a sizable number of worthy applications, and plan to bring candidates to campus in the coming weeks.

Students

Our enrollment remains steady. Last fall we had 92 students registered in the master's program. Their academic qualifications are solid: an average undergraduate GPA of 3.36, and average combined GRE Verbal/Analytical scores of 1,198. Our students come from 24 states and two other countries. Twenty-seven different subject majors are represented, and 23 students hold advanced degrees. The students continue to be a real strength of the School. Their intellectual curiosity, resourcefulness, and commitment to learning contribute greatly to the vitality of the program.

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Sharon (Shay) L. Baker reviewed grant applications for the U.S. Department of Education. She summarized research on browsing at the American Society for Information Science conference and on marketing library collections at the Florida Library Association conference. She presented workshops on marketing and on doing more with less for regional library systems in Iowa and Ohio. She has designed a spreadsheet program that will quickly and easily identify areas of a library's collection that are over- and underused, and she is now serving as a collection development consultant for the Evansville (Indiana) Public Library. A new edition of The Responsive Public Library Collection: How to Develop and Market It, which she is updating with Karen Nyholm Wallace (SLIS, 1994), will be released by Libraries Unlimited later this year.

Esther Bierbaum, professor emerita, returned to Iowa in October to present a one-day workshop on the 21st edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification. She was a consultant on the revision of the schedule for 570-599 (Biological Sciences) for DDC 21.

Carl Ogren spoke at the 1996 annual meeting of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) on implementation of ALA’s Committee on Accreditation standards. He continues his term as secretary-treasurer of ALISE. Last August, after sixteen years as director of the School, Ogren happily and enthusiastically returned to full-time teaching and research duties. He has added Special Libraries and Government Information Resources to his repertoire of courses and is pursuing research on electronic reserves and on discipline-differentiated access to the power of citation indexing.

Jim Rice is chair of the School's Curriculum Committee. He served as a representative to the Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly last spring, and was an evaluator on the State of Iowa Libraries Online (SILO) project.

Padmini Srinivasan gave papers at the annual meetings of the American Society for Information Science ("An Investigation of Indexing on the WWW") and the American Medical Informatics Association ("Query Design in MEDLINE: A Comparison with Expert Network and LLSF Approaches"). She contributed scholarly articles to Information Processing and Management ("Optimal Indexing Vocabulary for MEDLINE" and "Query Expansion and MEDLINE") and to Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association ("Retrieval Feedback in MEDLINE"). She is presently a consultant for the National Computer Systems on an analysis of the AIDS Clearinghouse.

Felli B. Tu joined the faculty as a visiting assistant professor for the 1996-97 academic year. She is teaching courses in Information Science and Technology, Systems Analysis and Database Design, and Online Information Systems.

Felli Tu comes to Iowa by way of Texas and Taiwan. Prior to receiving a Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies from Texas Woman’s University, she was a special librarian in the Information and Computing Library of the National Central Library for the Republic of China, in Taipei. While in this position she coordinated a project on providing electronic periodicals on the Internet for public access. She also served as one of the co-compilers of the new edition of the Chinese Classification Scheme and edited the schedules on computing, informatics, and technology.

She will present a paper at the 1997 American Culture Association convention in San Antonio ("Lay/Popular Print Media and Its Use in Promoting Prevention and Control of Eating Disorders Among Adult Women").

Jean Donham van Deusen received an Old Gold Fellowship, enabling her to complete Synergy: The Library Media Program and Its Context, a forthcoming book from Neal-Schuman Publishers. She contributed scholarly articles to the Journal of Curriculum and Supervision (Spring 1996) and the School Library Media Quarterly (Winter 1995). In August she gave an international presentation to school librarians in Sweden, and she has given regional presentations on assessment. She continues her work as a case researcher for the National Library Power Evaluation Project. She was elected to the Executive Board of Directors of the American Association of School Librarians.

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Graduates

Job appointments of the 1995 and 1996 graduates are reported on page 6. Our contacts with employers confirm that the students are succeeding in their work and are making significant contributions in their workplace. Two recent graduates are profiled on page 9.

Financial Support

We are deeply grateful to the ever increasing number of alumni and friends who support our program with their generous gifts. We acknowledge these gifts with gratitude (see page 4). Gifts to the University of Iowa Foundation for SLIS have increased fourfold since 1992.

These funds have been used to upgrade our technology resources, both hardware and software, and to provide scholarships and program enhancements.

In addition to the unrestricted gifts, we have received two endowed gifts. One provides an annual scholarship to a student planning to enter an information career in the health sciences.

For these gifts, and all the ways in which you support our program, we are grateful.

Online Alumni Directory

Attention, SLIS grads: Are you interested in letting your classmates know where you are and how you can be reached by e-mail? We're setting up an online alumni directory on our web site. It's completely voluntary, of course. If you'd like to be included, check out the instructions on our web site (http://www.uiowa.edu/~libsci). Users will be able to browse the list by name and get year of graduation, job information, and e-mail address. Questions? Contact Ethel Bloesch at ethel-bloesch@uiowa.edu.
Alumni profiles

Services to the Lakota People

As the new library director at Sinte Gleska University in South Dakota, Barbi G. Lehn (SLIS class of 1993) is devoting her energies to making the library a user-friendly place. Chartered by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sinte Gleska University (SGU) is the only reservation-based tribal university in the U.S.

When Lehns, a Santee Sioux, became library director last year, she saw it as an opportunity to serve the Lakota people. Her goal: to remove obstacles that interfere with access and use.

She turned the director's office into a reference area with extended hours. She added a photocopier and offered introductory free copies to promote its use. She removed the lock from the Indian Collection Room, making it more readily available. And this unique collection will soon get even more use, when its holdings become known to researchers nationwide through an online catalog on the Internet.

Lehn greatly expanded the multimedia CD-ROM collection, noting that Lakota library users have a culturally based learning style that is auditory and kinesthetic, as opposed to visual. She hopes in time to start children's programs, because, as she observes, "There are so many parents who bring their children to class and to meetings, and they have nothing to do in here."

Lehn's management style reflects her awareness of the cultural context in which she works. For example, she accepts high staff turnover rates as a contemporary expression of nomadic traits.

Lehn notes, with satisfaction: "Reservation residents appreciate the library's responsiveness to their immediate needs." She concludes: "I am actively learning the system in which I work, in order to be able to use it to benefit itself. It is a good adventure for me."

Continuing Education Events in 1997

Four one-credit-hour courses on electronic resources for libraries:

- **June 12-14** Video and CD-ROM Collection Development for Adult Services
- **June 19-21** Multimedia Production in Children's and Youth Services
- **July 10-12** Electronic Resources for Children and Young Adults
- **July 17-19** Marketing Video, Multimedia, and Electronic Resources in Libraries

November 8 29th Annual Festival of Books for Young People

Speakers: Joan Lowery Nixon, Penny Colman, Ted Lewin

Brochures and registration forms will be available six weeks in advance. For more information call Ethel Bloesch toll-free at 1-800-553-IOWA, Ext. 5707, or e-mail request to ethel-bloesch@uiowa.edu.

Manager of Technology Services

Paul Neff (SLIS class of 1994) wears many hats in his position as manager of technology services at the Arlington Heights (Illinois) Memorial Library.

Appointed to this newly created position last August, Neff manages resources related to the library's computer and telecommunications infrastructure. His department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the library's electronic information systems, including the catalog (Innovative), the library LAN, Internet services, the telephone system and time clocks, and related software and peripherals.

He coordinates training, documentation, procedures, and non-technical support to staff and public on an ongoing basis.

In addition, Neff provides leadership in planning for the library's future technological growth, researching new developments in information technology, particularly in terms of the Internet, database access and development, and workflow management. His department takes the lead in any initiative that isn't directly related to public services, and it fills an advise and consult role in those that do.

As a member of the library management team, Neff serves on nine workgroups, responsible for such tasks as publication of Web pages and a new fire protection system for the building.

Neff has maintained close ties with SLIS. Last spring he was invited back to campus by the student ASIS chapter. He spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience on cataloging Internet resources in a public library.
Honor Roll of 1995-96 Library and Information Science Contractors

This honor roll gratefully recognizes alumni and friends who made $25 or more to the School of Library and Information Science through The University of Iowa Foundation from September 1, 1995, through December 1, 1996. Contractors are listed in alphabetical order. A (DC) following the name of those who qualified for membership in the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Club by contributing $1,000 or more to any area of the College of Liberal Arts in 1995 or 1996.

For More Information: If you would like more information about private support for the School of Library and Information Science, Dave Tripplett, the UI Foundation’s director of development for the College of Liberal Arts, would be happy to work with you. You may contact him at The University of Iowa Foundation, 500 Alumni Center, P.O. Box 4550, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244-4550 or telephone (319) 335-3305 or toll-free (800) 648-6973.
**ALUMNI NOTES**

1971
KAILEEN THIELING is children’s services consultant for the Mississippi Library Commission.

1977
SUSAN ANNETT was promoted to principal librarian for public services at the Santa Monica (CA) Public Library.

1985
BETH ELSHOFF, media specialist in Muscatine, was chair of the 1994 Iowa Children’s Choice Award. The winning author, Peg Kehret, dedicated her next book to nine state award chairs, including Beth.

ANGELA SECREST is coordinator of technology/automation services at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, MO.

1987
JULIE PINNELL is now information services librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln.

1992
VILINDA BRYANT is media specialist at the Cedar Road Elementary School, Chesapeake, VA.

PATRICK EMERSON is now head of the systems department for the Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, MO.

1993
JIM DUNCAN was appointed head of the new Information Commons at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, The University of Iowa.

KEVIN KENKEL is director of learning resources at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD.

**1994**
MARLYS BRUNSTING is circulation/reserve librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

TERI FERSON CÅLDWELL is children’s services librarian at the Middendorf-Kredell Branch of the St. Charles City-County (MO) Library.

KAREN REICHARDT is systems librarian at The Citadel in Charleston, SC.

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SUSAN REIMENNSVYDER: reference librarian for electronic resources, Deere and Company, Moline, IL.

PAUL SODERDAHL: team leader for libraries’ wide information system and multimedia, University of Iowa Libraries.

PAM VAN HOUTEN SUKALSKI: adjunct librarian, Southwest State University, Marshall, MN.

SARAH JACOBY SWANER: youth services librarian, Highland Park (IL) Public Library.

LYNNE WEBER: adjunct librarian, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN.

MARCIA WHEELER: substitute library media specialist, Davenport Community Schools.

STEPHEN WOODS: librarian I, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, UI Libraries.

MARTY NI YAGAR: library media specialist, Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids.

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**IN MEMORIAM**
ELIZABETH BENDER ('70).
MYRCA CAO (‘68) died on November 12, 1995. She had retired in 1987 after 19 years as a tenured library faculty member at the University of Southern California.

FRANCES MARTIN ('70) died on August 18, 1996.

MAMIE N. VINEY (‘81) died on January 18, 1997. She was retired from her position as director of the Knoxville (IA) Public Library.

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**Students win awards**

Five SLIS students were recipients of external awards. Mia Beseley (back row, left) and Jennifer Sprague (front row, right) received Youth Services Fellowships, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Rebecca Tassdall (back row, center) and Burt Cloyd (back row, right) won scholarships from the Iowa Library Association. Jennifer Wirta (front row, left) was awarded a scholarship by the Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu.
## Appointments of recent graduates

**1995**

**MARY BADAMI:** library aide, Burlington (IA) Public Library.

**LAURA BAIN:** research librarian, Health Capital Consultants, St. Louis, MO.

**NEAL BAKER:** librarian, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA.

**JEAN BRUNSDALE:** reference/documents librarian, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.

**ELYSSA CAHOY:** children's librarian, Burlington (MA) Public Library.

**LESLIE CHECHOWSKI:** public services librarian and assistant archivist, Burling Library, Grinnell College, Grinnell.

**JOHN ELSON:** library assistant, Engineering Library, University of Iowa Libraries.

**CYNTHIA EUANK:** library assistant, Waterloo (IA) Public Library.

**VALERIE FARRAR:** library assistant, Davenport (IA) Public Library.

**JULIE GIERKE:** media specialist, Luther High South, Chicago, IL.

**MARY GRAVITT:** graduate student, University of Northern Iowa.

**MARIE HARM:** training/extension coordinator, State Library of Iowa, Des Moines.

**KRISTINE HARPER:** teacher, Kirkwood Elementary School, Iowa City Community Schools.

**PAUL HEALEY:** reference/instructional services librarian, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN.

**DALE HEATH:** reference librarian, Geneva (IL) Public Library.

**RACHEL HEINRICH:** children's program supervisor, Fairbault (MN) Public Library.

**SARAH HERLACHE:** adult services librarian, Maricopa County Library, Phoenix, AZ.

**RODGER KELLEY:** reference and technology librarian, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, MI.

**SUSAN KIENTZ:** high school librarian, Fairfield.

**SUZANNE KINCHELO:** reference librarian, Eric Fieeldheim Library, National Press Club, Washington, DC.

**DONALD KING:** professor of history, Dordt College, Sioux Center.

**DEBORAH KUNATH:** cataloger, Perma-Bound Books, Jacksonville, IL.

**AMY MCLANAHAN:** children's librarian, Hilliard Branch, Columbus (OH) Public Library.

**NANCY SIMPSON:** director, Oska- loosa (IA) Public Library.

**CHRISTA STARCH:** librarian I, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL.

**HYON-SOOK (JOY) SUH:** government publications/data file librarian, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

**PAM VAN HOUTEN SUKALSKI:** adjunct librarian, Southwest State University, Marshall, MN.

**ERIK SURBER:** young adult librarian, Los Angeles (CA) Public Library, Malabar Branch.

**JENNIE VER STEEG:** social sciences/education librarian, Northern Illinois, DeKalb, IL.

**CHERIE VINEC:** elementary media specialist, Muscatine.

**JANICE YANOEK:** teacher, Clear Creek/Amana School, Tiffin.

**SCOTT ZIMMER:** assistant librarian, Pacific Oaks College, Pasadena, CA.

**1996**

**SARA ADAMS:** library media specialist, St. Louis Park (MN) Junior High School.

**KIRSTEN CLARK:** electronic services librarian, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.

**BRENDA COOK:** library media specialist, Berg Middle School, Newton.

**KELLY CHRISTIANSEN COX:** technology and access services coordinator, Birchard Public Library of Sandusky County, Fremont, OH.

**SHELLI FERH:** youth services/outreach coordinator, Scott County Library System, Eldridge.

**TIM GATTI:** project librarian, State Library of Iowa, Des Moines.

**ANN MARIE GUENGERICH:** library assistant, University of Iowa Libraries.

**ELLEN HAMPE:** library assistant, University of Iowa Law Library.

**PATTY HEIN:** elementary media specialist, Bettendorf Community Schools.

**LYNN HOFFMAN:** children's librarian, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN.

**EVA HOLTMARK:** information science professional, O-Tech International, Ltd., McLean, VA.

**JULIA KIPLE:** reference librarian & archivist, Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids.

**JULIE LARSON:** school library media specialist, Maquoketa (IA) Middle School.

**MOLLY OLSON:** medical librarian, Rush North Shore Hospital, Skokie, IL.

**TIM O'SHAUGHNESSY:** media specialist, Assumption High School, Davenport.

**MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN:** library media specialist, Rosemount (MN) High School.

**SUSAN OWEN:** software support technician, Applied Systems, Coralville.

**COLEEN POWERS:** library media specialist, St. Paul's Elementary School, Davenport.

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