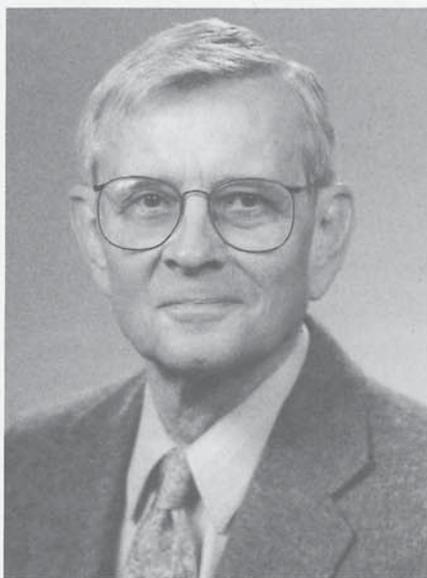


# School of Library and Information Science

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## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE DIRECTOR



Carl Orgren

#### Accreditation

The lead story in the life of the School during the past year is the reaccreditation of our master's program by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association. The granting of approval for the full seven-year period, while certainly heartening news, is only one of the important aspects of this activity. At least as important is the ongoing nature of the new process, its attention to assessment of the results of our work rather than to the various inputs, and the articulation of this external review with internal strategic planning and periodic review. The chief final result is that there is nothing final about it. Rather, our approval was based on the program's ability to continue to develop as the nature of the profession grows and changes.

#### Program review

Among the elements of the program found to be especially strong are a productive and responsive faculty, excellent students who view the environment as supportive of learning and the inculcation of professionalism, wise use of very modest resources, fine support from our graduates and employers, and effective quarters.

The elements receiving most recommendations for improvement are the outdated and limited number of computers and other aspects of information technology, including networking and connectivity. Further, both internal and external reviews call for increased attention to interactions with other units on campus.

#### Giving campaign

Much has already occurred in our efforts to build strengths and to address areas needing improvement. Our regular annual giving campaign, along with telephone solicitation of graduates who had not recently contributed to the program, has been very encouraging. We are extremely thankful for your support, and your gifts are acknowledged elsewhere in the *Newsletter*. Your gifts have provided funds for the usual purposes: speakers, accreditation expenses, supplemental faculty travel, software, and unexpected urgent needs. Even more important, they have allowed us to build a pool of money (about \$15,000) which we are using as a basis for targeted fundraising and requests for University resources. We realistically intend to leverage that \$15,000 to over \$40,000, allowing for replacement of the faculty's 8088 machines, doubling the number of workstations available to students, installation of fiber optic connections,

purchase of LAN services from the University's Weeg Computing Center, and provision of a powerful workstation and software for classroom presentation of the various computer applications required in an up-to-date curriculum.

#### Continued efforts

Finally, the accreditation process supports our ongoing curriculum evaluation. In addition to examining our own courses and the overall structure of the curriculum, the Curriculum Committee identifies relevant courses elsewhere on campus and collects educational policy and competency statements issued by professional associations and other interested groups. We will also be forming an advisory group, or board of visitors of graduates, employers, and others interested in the development of our program, to assist with the curriculum and other matters.

Our increased attention to other academic units on campus includes reexamination of external courses used for the information science specialization, discussions with the College of Education on common interests, and planning with the Physics department in an effort to recruit more applicants who have a rigorous scientific undergraduate preparation.

Another interesting outreach effort has been our assistance to the Russian Department by providing an office to a visiting scholar. Olga Fillapova has been with us this fall as she studies American and English literature in preparation for her return to English language teaching duties at the Moscow International University. It has been a wonderful opportunity for all of us.

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## FACULTY NOTES

**Shay Baker** taught a one-week credit workshop, *Shaping Your Library's Future*, last June. Earlier, she presented a one-day teleconference over the Iowa Communications Network. The information from the teleconference is being expanded into a book entitled "Doing More with Less: Innovative Strategies for Libraries and Other Non-Profit Institutions." Her column, "28 Quick Recipes for Stretching Your Popular Adult Materials Budget," appeared in the Spring 1995 issue of *RQ*. She chairs a committee that is rewriting Iowa's state standards for public libraries.

**Esther Bierbaum** completed her work as consultant to the Dewey Decimal Editorial Policy Committee on the revision of the schedule for 570-599 (Biological Sciences) for DDC21. She contributed a chapter ("A Bibliographic Mystery: Missing Books, Missing Authors") to *Rediscovering Nancy Drew*, published by The University of Iowa Press, 1995. She co-authored an article in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science* (August 1995) on AIDS literature. In September she taught a workshop sponsored by SLIS on The Joy of Serials.

**Carl Orgren** spoke in November at a conference, *Reference Services in Minnesota: Dead or Alive*, sponsored by MINITEX. He is secretary-treasurer of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

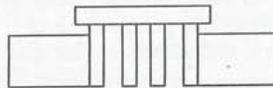
**Jim Rice** is an evaluator on the State of Iowa Libraries Online (SILO) project with the State Library of Iowa. He continues to serve on the Advisory Council for the UI Information Arcade.

**Padmini Srinivasan** was on developmental leave last spring, working at Cornell University with the late Professor Gerard Salton. She conducted retrieval experiments with the MEDLINE database using the SMART retrieval system. She gave presentations at Cornell University, Syracuse University, and Ovid International. She has written research papers that explore automatic query expansion for the MEDLINE database. They will appear in forthcoming issues of the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association* and *Information Processing and Management*.

**Jean van Deusen** is serving as a case researcher for the National Library

Power Program, a \$45 million project supported by the DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest Fund to improve school library media programs. She has contributed articles to *Emergency Librarian* (on flexible scheduling), *School Library Media Activities Monthly* (on mentoring), and *The Bottom Line* (on equipment replacement schedule). In November she was an external panel member for the ALA Committee on Accreditation. She has signed a contract with Neal Schuman for a book on designing library media programs.

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### School of Library and Information Science

#### Students are selling sweatshirts

Now you can wear a sweatshirt or T-shirt that identifies you as an SLIS supporter. The student organization is selling these items: sweatshirts (\$30), T-shirts (\$15), and book bags (\$10). The shirt design is shown above. The book bag design features an open book. For an order form, contact Shellie Fehr.

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#### Library and Information Science Student Organization (LISSO)

LISSO remains a vital and crucial means of maintaining communication with the School, and establishing communication between students and professional associations in which they become active. LISSO is becoming the umbrella for groups interested in ILA, SLA, ASIS, ALA and its divisions. Students also continue to be active on School committees. LISSO funds its activities, including bringing speakers to campus, through funding requests to the Graduate Student Senate, and through fundraising, such as the sale of apparel mentioned elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

#### Retirement of Dr. Esther Bierbaum

We announced in last year's *Newsletter* the promotion of Dr. Bierbaum to full professorship. Now, with a great sense of respect and thanks, we must announce her retirement, effective at the end of the Fall 1995 semester. Esther has been with us since Fall 1983, quickly proceeding through an accelerated academic career. She has been an excellent teacher, to which many of you can attest, and she will continue to be a productive scholar.

Esther has agreed to return in the spring to participate in comprehensive exams one last time. Anyone who knows Esther will recognize this devotion to students and the program. Her return will also give us an opportunity to properly express our appreciation of her, and of her work, at a reception to be held **Friday, April 26, 1996 at the University's International Center Lounge**. You are all hereby invited. Put it on your calendar, and mail or e-mail me your expression of interest in attending, so that we can send you further details as they become available.

Esther, thanks! It has been, and will continue to be, wonderful to have you as a colleague and friend.

CARL F. ORGREN  
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## Alumna profile: Librarian wins academic award

Carla List, a member of the library faculty at the State University of New York-Plattsburgh, recently received the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

List was recognized for her major influence on the Introduction to Library Research course, a required course taken by over a thousand students each year. She assisted with initial revisions of the course in 1982, and more recently spearheaded major revisions which have resulted in a highly innovative course "viewed by the entire campus community as being invaluable for students, and as greatly improving their ability to access and retrieve information from a wide variety of sources."

List wrote a textbook for the course, *Introduction to Library Research*, now in its second edition (McGraw-Hill, 1993). It has been adopted by other schools as well. Just recently, List received a fax from Botswana asking to order ten copies.

List also has a reputation for being an outstanding reference librarian. She has been described by colleagues as "energetic, empathetic, original, and practical," one who uses well-developed skills to lead users to the information they seek.



Carla List

List, a 1975 SLIS graduate, attributes her reference success to two things. "First and foremost is the Advanced Reference course I had from Carl Orgren. The course had us students answering real reference questions from real people in Iowa via a referral system that used the then-modern teletype. It prepared me for what people really would want to know, from minutiae to oddities. I have often described the course to other librarians and all have shared my opinion that the 'reality aspect' was one of its strongest features."

She continues: "The second contribution to my skill as a reference librarian was also gained in Iowa, just down the hall from the Library School in the Government Publications department, where I got my first professional job. I learned how to take a patron to the end of the line with me. It gave me invaluable experience in the academic setting I came to; college librarians are charged with teaching their patrons as well as with finding answers."

What about the future? List says, "I've already figured out what I might pursue when I retire: I hope to volunteer to organize the records of the Adirondack Park Agency—maps, petitions for variances, etc., that apparently have almost nothing but a collective staff memory to use for access!"

Visit SLIS on the Web  
with this URL:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~libsci>

## Virtual Mentors Wanted!

What is a Virtual Mentor? A library/information professional who is available to correspond with a student and answer questions about professional work — preferably via e-mail. E-mail allows for fast, casual interaction. Questions might include:

What services does your library or information center offer?

What automated systems do you use and why did you choose them?

How is your funding determined?

You can provide us valuable insights from the real world. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, send us your name and position, e-mail and postal addresses, and your work phone number. When students request a mentor, we'll seek a match, based on the student's career interests. Send to: [ethel-bloesch@uiowa.edu](mailto:ethel-bloesch@uiowa.edu) or 3087 Main Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420.

## Looking Ahead in 1996

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| March 16<br>(tent. date) | <b>Exploring the World Wide Web</b><br>A workshop taught by Padmini Srinivasan  |
| April 26                 | <b>Reception for Esther Bierbaum</b>  |
| May 4                    | <b>The Staff Development Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together</b><br>A workshop co-sponsored by the Iowa Educational Media Association |
| June 13-15               | <b>From Cover to Cover: Design in Picture Books for Children</b><br>A one-credit-hour course taught by Paula Brandt                   |
| November 2               | <b>28th Annual Festival of Books for Young People</b><br>Speakers: Barry Moser and others   |

Brochures and registration forms for the continuing ed events 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](mailto:ethel-bloesch@uiowa.edu)

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## ALUMNI NOTES

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DAVE DAVIS is now director of the Tuscaloosa (AL) Public Library.

1974

FELIX CHU has authored recent articles in *College and Research Libraries*, *Library and Information Science Research*, and *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences*.

1977

SUSAN CATTERALL chaired the Call for Papers Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries and was also appointed to AALL's Awards Committee.

BONNIE RAASCH was a contributing editor for *Exploring the Plains States through Literature*, a professional book published last year by Oryx Pres.

1982

GRETCHEN PEARSON is public services librarian at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY.

1984

DOUG MCELWAIN is librarian at Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs.

KATIE FROHLING PETERSEN and her husband are parents of Conner Ryan, born August 10, 1995.

1985

GAIL SJURSON FORMANACK gave a presentation on adolescent literature at the 1995 convention of the International Reading Association in Anaheim. She is in her 10th year with the Omaha Public Schools.

1986

SHERRI WOLLEAT BETHKE and husband Paul are the parents of twin daughters, Anna Marie and Erika Helen, born July 7, 1995.

PO-CHIANG HO is a librarian at the Nanyang Polytechnic Library in Singapore.

ANN NAUMAN ZIMMERMAN, librarian at the Great Lakes Science Center of the National Biological Service, has begun Ph.D. study at the University of Michigan.

1987

DAVID IVERSON was appointed head of the cataloging department at Cowles Library, Drake University, Des Moines.

MARTY KURTH is head of the cataloging department at the Golda Meir Library of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

ANDY STEWART is head of the collections department at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Last year he was elected secretary-treasurer of the Engineering Libraries Division (ELD) of the American Society for Engineering Education.

1988

RANDALL SCHROEDER was appointed information literacy librarian at the Engelbrecht Library, Wartburg College, in Waverly. He is a regular book reviewer for *LJ*. Randall and his wife Lenore are parents of twin boys, Nikolaus and Lukas, born May 20, 1994.

1989

TIM WILES is a librarian at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library, Cooperstown, NY.

1990

BETH HRONEK is a public services librarian at Lake Superior State University, Sault Sainte Marie, MI.

STEVE OSTREM is librarian for the Virtual Hospital Project at The University of Iowa.

1991

TINA HERB is now manager of instructional computing services at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids.

1992

CAROL ALBIN is children's librarian at the Clinton (IA) Public Library.

JAN BEHRENS was appointed director of the Knoxville (IA) Public Library.

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SUSAN VEGA-GARCIA is reference/instructional services and minority outreach liaison librarian at Iowa State University, Ames.

1993

MAUREEN BRUNSDALE completed a Master of Selected Studies degree at the University of South Dakota.

SUZANNE OLIVER is a reader services specialist at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

ROD SHARPE is access services/reference librarian at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

MARJORIE SHAW is an elementary school media specialist in Omaha, NE.

JAN ZAUHA is a reference librarian at Montana State University, Bozeman.

## IN MEMORIAM

ALAN D. LEWIS ('69) of St. Paul, MN, died on March 1, 1995. He was assistant director of the Office of Library Development & Services in the Minnesota Department of Education.

## Emiko Koyama



Emiko Koyama, SLIS student from Japan, is preparing to be a young adult librarian. She came to Iowa two years ago with her guide dog Dia (see below) and a manual typewriter. Dia still serves Emiko well, but her manual typewriter has been replaced with a laptop computer with braille display. She also uses an optical scanner with machine-readable output and a braille printer in her course assignments.



## Appointments of 1994 graduates

**MARLINDA BEACHY:** teacher, Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona.

**ANASTASIA BISSELL:** project coordinator, retrospective conversion, University of Dubuque Library.

**SHALAR GANTZ BROWN:** information services substitute and serials clerk, Iowa City Public Library.

**AMY PLATZ BUDAN:** children's librarian, Matthias Hoffman Public Library, Dyersville.

**TERI FERSON CALDWELL:** was head of technical services, Cedar Falls Public Library, until her wedding and move to Edwardsville, IL, in September.

**AMY CERVENE:** librarian, Westminster (CO) Public Library.

**MARY CLARKE:** reference librarian, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny.

**MICHAEL CURRENT:** associate librarian, interlibrary and information services, Carleton College, Northfield, MN.

**APRIL DAVIES:** district cataloger, Iowa City Community Schools.

**CHRISTINE DEZELAR-TIEDMAN:** catalog librarian, University of Idaho, Moscow.

**BETH FISHER:** A-V librarian, Iowa City Public Library.

**SARA GLENN:** children's librarian, Allen County Public Library System, Fort Wayne, IN.

**LINDSAY NICHOL GRETZ:** science librarian, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN.

**DENA GROVER:** reference librarian, Roseville (CA) Public Library.

**JAMES HALL:** library assistant III, Reserved Books Room supervisor, University of Iowa Libraries.

**ANN MARIE HARTMAN:** reference librarian/cataloging supervisor, Kendall Young Library, Webster City.

**TAMMY HAYS:** librarian, Concordia College Japan, Tokyo, Japan.

**BETTYANN HEGLAND:** reference librarian, Douglas County Public Library, Alexandria, MN.

**RUTHANN HEIDGERKEN:** youth services librarian, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL.

**KRISTEN NOWAK HINDES:** interlibrary loan librarian and instructor, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT; also, access librarian for the State Dept. of Libraries, at the University of Vermont.

**STUART HINDS:** special collections librarian, Kansas City (MO) Public Library.

**SANDRA HOTH:** director, Delaware County Community Services, Manchester.

**SONYA HUESMAN:** library assistant I, Government Publications, University of Iowa Libraries.

**HEDY HUSTEDDE:** library assistant, Bettendorf Public Library.

**KENDRA KOPEL JAHN:** editor, Mediapolis News, Mediapolis.

**SUSAN JELLINGER:** library director, Hamilton Business College, Mason City.

**ELLEN JONES:** reference librarian, University of Iowa Law Library.

**SUZETTE KRAGENBRINK:** media specialist, Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon.

**LYDIA GROSSMANN KROESE:** K-8 school librarian, Calvin Christian School, Edina, MN.

**BARBARA KUTTNER:** supervisory librarian, Naval Base Library, Yokosuka, Japan.

**HSIAO-FANG LIU:** catalog librarian and instructor, Sze-Hai Institute of Technology and Commerce, Taipai,

Taiwan.

**JULIE MAGNUS:** librarian/researcher, Seed & Berry Law, Seattle, WA.

**ERIN MCCROSKEY:** project cataloger, University of Iowa Law Library.

**PETER MCGUINNESS:** head of interlibrary loan, Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi.

**MARY GOEDERT NEFF:** assistant librarian, Avila College, Kansas City, MO.

**PAUL NEFF:** Internet librarian, Kansas City (MO) Public Library.

**KAREN NYHOLM:** outreach librarian, Park Ridge (IL) Public Library.

**ROBERT PEDERSEN:** training librarian in computer support services, Kansas City (MO) Public Library.

**LISA PETRIE:** media specialist, Berg Middle School, Newton.

**KAREN REICHARDT:** consultant for SILO Project, State Library of Iowa, Des Moines.

**LISA RUSSELL:** resident librarian and visiting instructor in Documents/Maps Dept., Academic Resident Librarian Program, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**ANGELICA SCHAPER:** library consultant, North Central Regional Library, Mason City.

**LYNN SELINE:** librarian, Davenport Public Library.

**DANIEL SMITH:** antiquarian bibliographer, The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd., Union, NJ.

**CYNTHIA STROMGREN:** interim director, Minneapolis Campus Library, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN.

**CHRISTINE TICKNOR:** librarian, Watertown Public Library, Watertown, WI.

**CARIN WEAVER:** media specialist, Northwood Elementary School, West Seneca (NY) Central School District.

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