

## **School of Library and Information Science 2010/2011 Highlights**

**Teaching and Learning.** The Indiana University School of Library and Information Science program in Indianapolis is one of the newest additions to the campus with an Executive Associate Dean appointed as of 2001. The program offers only the Master of Library Science degree, is a primary face of library education in the state of Indiana, and is working toward development of an online MLS. To that end, online education and the offering of the M.L.S. degree online will be the focus of the 2011 Fall Faculty Retreat with the thought of generating consensus as to shape and structure of the degree online and reinvigorating faculty commitment to its fruition.

- With graduation in May 2011, the Indianapolis SLIS program exceeded 1,150 graduates based on the data from the Indiana University Alumni Association.
- Dr. Tomas A. Lipinski began his position as Executive Associate Dean on January 1, 2011. With a research interest in intellectual property, free speech and privacy issues in libraries, museums and educational environments he is working towards research and programmatic development in copyright and licensing as part of the proposed CLEAR (Consortium of Literacy, Education, Advocacy Resources on) Copyright initiative (a web-based knowledge project designed to offer a variety of content related to individual learning regarding copyright, assistance for educators and other organizations involved in copyright, instruction, compliance and other outreach as well as advocacy on current and developing judicial, legislative, regulatory and policy-making regarding copyright). The initiative is undertaken in conjunction with the UIUPU Law School through its The Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation and the University Libraries.
- Two members of the SLIS IUPUI faculty achieved promotion to the rank of associate professor with tenure. Dr. Hsin-liang (Oliver) Chen came to IUPUI in 2009 from the University of Missouri where he was an assistant professor. His extensive research resume is in the area of human information interaction. Dr. Katherine Schilling is an emerging leader in health informatics and consumer health information.
- SLIS Faculty promote student learning through active scholarship. Dr. Xia conducted research with graduate student Lydia Spots that resulted in a national conference presentation and publication. Jingfeng Xia and Lydia C. Spots, A User-Centered Approach to Open Educational Resources, *Ubiquitous Learning: An International Journal*, Volume 3, Issue 3, pp.71-84 (2011). Dr. Xia also integrates a group project in his Information Policy class. "A Review of Open Access Self-Archiving Mandate Policies" has been accepted for publication in first 2012 issue of *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*.

**Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.** The focus of SLIS research and creative activity is in application to practice or translational research. Areas are broad and include development of health information portal prototypes; evaluation of a recently adopted statewide, open source online integrated library system; design of a community-based digital repository prototype for a public library; trends in institutional repositories in academic libraries; the potential for use of graphic novels in school settings; and legal and ethical issues in library, museums and related institutions.

- Though small the faculty at SLIS IUPUI is quite productive, with over \$700,000.00 in new or continuing external funding, and over two dozen books, refereed articles, chapters and presentations published or presented in the past year.
- MLS student Lydia Spotts will undertake Fulbright-funded research at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. A Ball State University graduate, Lydia completed three B.A. degrees in German, Art, and Anthropology in 2008 and is interested in a career in archives and special collections. As an exchange student in Münster, Germany, Lydia became interested in a unique discipline in the Germany university system, Buchwissenschaft, “the study and knowledge of the book.” Of the five German institutions offering Buchwissenschaft degrees, Mainz has the oldest Buchwissenschaft program and is hometown of Johannes Gutenberg. With her student research grant, Lydia intends to analyze and chronicle the development and influence of Buchwissenschaft in Germany for an English speaking audience and hopes to determine the historical and cultural reasons behind the development of a discipline devoted to the study of books, establishing why this specialized study is specific to Germany. Additionally, her research will explore how institutes for Buchwissenschaft are acknowledging and studying the changing role and use of the book in an increasingly digital environment. She believes it is imperative to examine and analyze the foundation and adaptation of Buchwissenschaft, a field which may provide insight for other book-oriented institutions striving to discover balance between digital and printed text.

**Civic Engagement.** The rich Indianapolis-area library environment offers numerous opportunities for civic engagement by faculty, staff, and students.

- The SLIS Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure team was led by Stephanie Binney, a SLIS staff member and cancer survivor. A number of faculty members, staff, and students participated on the 25 person team which exceeded its goal and raised over \$2000, a 15% increase over last year’s effort.
- Students in the program engaged in over 10,320 hours of service learning during 2010/2011. Activities included developing an online cataloging system, youth programming, digitization, information literacy instruction, cataloging, reference service, and a range of other contributions to school, public, academic, and special libraries throughout Indiana.

- Just one such example is Nikki Johnson who worked throughout the spring 2011 semester at Theodora House through Volunteers of America. Theodora House is a women's prison/work-release facility sponsored by Volunteers of America, Indiana. Ms. Johnson developed a library for the facility and with the support of SLIS IUPUI ALISS (Association of Library and Information Science Students) a book drive was organized to help build and develop the library collection. Ms. Johnson created a collection development policy for the library that was based on the mission of the Theodora House and Volunteers of America, Indiana. Work continues on a cataloging a full record of the new collection and a circulation system for the library and its users through LibraryThing, an online library cataloging resource. Though the formal internship has ended Ms. Johnson continues to spend 5 hours a week managing the newly established library during designated time for weekly library hours.
- Dr. Rachel Applegate continues her work as a reviewer for the Corps of Peer Reviewers of the Higher Learning Commission North Central Association with site visits to both Michigan University National American University in 2010. Dr. Irwin chaired the External Review Panel of the American Library Association visit to the University of Kentucky. Both groups review institutions for accreditation.
- Dr. Rachel Applegate Glenn W. Irwin Experience Excellence Service Award

**Diversity.** Because of the lack of librarians in Indiana from minority populations, a priority of the SLIS program has been to increase the diversity of its students, faculty, and staff.

- The remaining Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity (I-LLID) Indianapolis fellowship recipients completed the requirements for the Master of Library Science. The federally funded fellowships from the Institute for Museum and Library Services are offered in partnership with the Indiana State Library. The grant is designed to increase the number of underrepresented librarians in Indiana through 31 fellowships given to students across three years. Fellowship recipients can attend the Indianapolis or Bloomington programs. (See <http://in.gov/library/3703.htm> for additional information.)
- Michelle Dartis, May 2011 and I-LLID fellowship recipient was named the ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) member of the week for September 20th, 2010. <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/2429#more-2429> (The mission of the ACRL Insider Weblog is to keep the world current and informed on the activities, services, and programs of the Association of College & Research Libraries, including publications, events, conferences, and eLearning opportunities.)

**External Awards and Appointments.** SLIS faculty members and alumni are frequently recognized for their excellence and expertise.

- Michael Witt, a 2006 SLIS Indianapolis graduate and assistant professor of library science and interdisciplinary research librarian at Purdue University, was a Fulbright

Scholar this past spring and conducted research at the Bibliotheca Alexandria from January to May 2011. (For further information, see <http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/faculty/2010/100616WittFulbright.html>.)

- Susan (Suzy) Roy, a SLIS 2011 graduate was selected as one of four NLM (National Library of Medicine) Associate Fellow. The NLM Associate Fellowship is a one-year postgraduate training program at the National Library of Medicine at The National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. There is also an optional second-year program. The Associate Fellowship Program is a one-year postgraduate training fellowship at the NLM in Bethesda, Maryland, with an optional second year program component. The program is designed to provide a broad foundation in health sciences information services and to prepare librarians for future leadership roles in health sciences libraries and in health services research. The Associate Fellows are introduced to a wide range of technologies and skills used in managing information at a national library. (For further information, see, [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/associates\\_2011\\_2012.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/associates_2011_2012.html).)
- Dr. Tomas A. Lipinski was appointed Chair of the ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Copyright Discussion group.