



Dear School of Information Studies Community,

Spring commencement has passed and summer courses are well under way in SOIS as you read this summer issue of *Off the Shelf*. Campus is quieter, the cicadas are not yet thrumming, and we're in that summer time of passages ... from courses to careers, from one academic year to another, of colleagues new and familiar on the move, and of time and accompanying change.

You'll note these themes in this issue, which celebrates the accomplishments of current faculty, staff, and students, of esteemed recent alumnae/i, and of others whose time here preceded impactful careers, among them ALA Executive Director Tracie Hall, one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World, and Kathleen Bethel, retiring after 41 years as Northwestern's African American Studies librarian. We welcome two new full-time faculty to our ranks just as two beloved faculty members ease toward retirement. We bid hail and farewell to our founding dean of the College of Applied Social Sciences, Jake Bucher, and welcome our new interim dean and trusted colleague Ben Freville from the School of Education.

Summer in Chicago reminds us that all is transitory, but our spotlighted alumna Judith Mayzel shared a suggestion for leaving a lasting mark in the universe. Shortly after Chicana poet Ada Limón spoke at Dominican for the Tabet Poetry Reading in March 2022, Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden appointed Ada as the 24th Poet Laureate. Now NASA will engrave Ada's commissioned poem "In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa" on a spacecraft bound for Jupiter next year. You can ride along by having [your name engraved](#) on the Europa Clipper along with Ada's poem. Six more summer's hence you can point to the night sky and pin a quick wish on that bit of you on its heavenly flight. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy another of summer's transformations, a different way of being on this world, easier, slower, more peaceful, and, in the words of our Poet Laureate, in "constant awe, curious at beauty, at leaf and blossom, at grief and pleasure, sun and shadow."

Thank you and best wishes this summer.

Don Hamerly
Director and Professor

NEW FACULTY JOIN SOIS



The School of Information Studies is pleased to welcome two new full-time faculty members this fall, Dr. Timothy D. Bowman and Dr. Kara Malenfant.

Dr. Timothy D. Bowman comes to Dominican from Wayne State University in Detroit, where he was a full-time faculty member in the School of Library and Information Science for nearly seven years. Timothy has published widely in international journals on aspects of social interaction, impression management, and scholarly communication in online environments.

Prior to Wayne State, Timothy completed a one-year postdoctoral position at the Research Unit for the Sociology of Education (RUSE) at the University of Turku, Finland, where he conducted research on open science, altmetrics, and scholarly communication. Before RUSE, he worked as a research professional at the Université de Montréal investigating scholarly communication, bibliometrics, citation analysis, and altmetrics.

While completing his PhD at Indiana University, Timothy taught graduate level courses as an adjunct faculty member and participated in various NSF- and NEH-funded grant projects in the fields of digital humanities and scholarly communication. His primary area of research interest includes applying social, psychological, linguistic, and philosophical theories and methods to the study of scholarly communication, altmetrics, open science, the academic reward system, and the presentation of self in online environments.

Dr. Kara Malenfant joins us from her role as Senior Strategist for Special Initiatives at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL, a division of the American Library Association), where she coordinated government relations advocacy, scholarly communication activities, ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries initiative, and led the ACRL Consulting Services Program. In her consulting role, Kara brought expertise in leadership, change, futures thinking, and scenario development. Her 2010 case study about organizational change was chosen as one of seven landmark articles published in the leading scholarly journal *College and Research Libraries* over its 75-year history.

Kara began her position at ACRL in fall of 2005 after working for six years at DePaul University Libraries. Prior to DePaul, Kara worked in Washington, DC, for the Armenian Assembly of America and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the first group posted to the Republic of Armenia.

Kara holds a PhD in leadership and change from Antioch University, an MS in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a BA in English from Allegheny College. Her doctoral dissertation focused on aiding academic librarians in examining the future of higher education and acting to shape it. Kara is not new to Dominican, as she taught as an adjunct instructor in the School of Information Studies in spring 2023.

ALUMNI NEWS

Join us during ALA Annual in Chicago for an alumnae/i reception Saturday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 at Fat Pour, 2206 S. Indiana Ave, Chicago (Indiana @ Cermak).



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FAT POUR TAP WORKS- MCCORMICK

We welcome our newest alumnae/i, all Spring 2023 graduates:

Sarah Akers
Neil Anderson
Sarai Barrios
Andrew Barron
Aaltje Baumgart
Karis Blaker
Brianna Brown
Cara Charles
Collette Chucherko
Jeanine Clinton
Bryanna Cooke
Ayana Cooper
Eilis Corcoran
Andreyra Costello
Briana Cox
Brigid Crawley
Allison DeArcangelis
Raine DeDominici
Rachel Delaney
Jennifer Ellis

Virginia Jung
Linda Kinnaman
Sarah Koh
Carlee Landis
Rena Lauk
Lori Lee
Allison Liesz
Jennifer Lillie
Marjorie Luce
Jem Macalisang
Devarajan Mahadevan
Kinsey Major
Lauren Ashlee Manu
Alisha Markley
Corene Maulding
Amber Mear
Liesel Metz
Zoe Meyer
Todd Miller
Dalia Mills

Emma Ramirez
Kristi Ramsey
Kimberly Riley
Salma Rios
Stephanie Rivera
Madison Russell
Kevin Ryan
Ivan Sanchez
Angelina Torres
Kelsey Schaefflein
Benjamin Sikora
Mikaela Slade
Mark Sloan
Megan Smith
David Sohl
Anne Sollner
Kathryn Somerfield
Jonathan Standiford
Susan Stanley
James Stanton

Maria Fierro
Jameson Ghalioungui
Marie Giannola
Emily Gibson
Kelsey Gibson
Elizabeth Grauel
Marissa Guzman
Molly Ann Hart
Claire Heilman
Katherine Henc
Cassandra Hernandez
Leslie Holder
Sara Castellano
Alison Jagielo
Bridget Jensen

Rikki Moore
Ryan Mulholand
Olivia Mullenax
Matthew Murdick
Dominique Murtagh
Amelia Muzzarelli
Jonathan Noble
Alexandra Oliva
Joseph Panozzo
Spencer Pease
Shannan Petty
David Pinelli
Jacob Polonus
Melissa Pomeroy
Shelby Rainford

Emily Suarez
Donna Taja
Srinitya Tripuraneni
Adreanna Tyson
Megan Vandermeer
Alejandro Vazquez
Amarylis Vazquez
Andy Vidales
Morgan Ward
Madeleine Wenc
Cheyenne Westphal
Alicea Williams-Peyton
Rachel Wright
Claire Wrobel
Jeanne Zhang

Sarai Barrios (MLIS 2023) was selected as a participant and scholarship recipient for the 2023-2024 Medical Library Association [Research Training Institute](#) (RTI) for Health Sciences Librarians.

Holly Beverley (MLIS 2021) and **Tina Griffin (MLIS 2013)** published [part 1](#) and [part 2](#) of "Virtual LIS practicums: Student and supervisor experiences during COVID-19" in *College and Research Libraries News*.

Hal Patnott (MLIS 2017), Rainbow Services Librarian for the Oak Park Public Library, presented "Creating Systemic Support: Tools and Strategies for LGBTQIA+ Advocacy" for the LJ/SLJ-sponsored Queer Theory Crash Course: Strategies to Resist Anti-LGBTQIA+ Policy in April.

Lisa Krajecki (MLIS 2015) started a new position as Assistant Professor/Scholarly Communications Librarian at Tennessee State University.

Juanita Harrell (MLIS 2012) is the new Executive Director of the La Grange Park Public Library District.

Leighton Shell (MLIS 2005) is the new Executive Director of the Maywood Public Library District.

Claire Stewart (MLIS 1995) is the new Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson [Dean of Libraries](#) and University Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Maria Zakrzewska (MALS 1993) worked for the Chicago Public Library for 20 years as a Slavic Librarian before retiring in 2013. This year, as part of its 150th anniversary, CPL honored Maria in a blog post entitled "[Maria Zakrzewska: Connecting CPL and the Polish Community](#)".

Kathleen Bethel (MALS 1977) [is retiring](#) after 41 distinguished years as Northwestern University's African American studies librarian.

David Badertscher (MALS 1967) is featured in a [special issue](#) of the 11th edition of *Millennium Magazine*, a Marquis Who's Who magazine.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Judith Mayzel (MALS 1972), Professor Emerita of Library Services for Oakton College, says her library degree is her most cherished asset after the health and well-being of her family and friends. Even in retirement, she says, the power of information is in almost everything she does. Judith has been [charitably involved](#) in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for the past 15 years and says her library degree continues to impress others and helps her serve others.

Judith's love of libraries—and children's literature—began when she was an undergraduate at Roosevelt University studying elementary education: "I spent as much time as possible in the children's department at the Skokie Public Library. I was hooked! It is because of two very talented and compassionate librarians who so enjoyed every moment in the department that I enrolled in the library science program at Rosary College and attended part time after I completed my B.A. in 1968 and was teaching full time." Judith calls librarians Florence Burmeister and Sandra Stroner at the Skokie Public Library (1967-1968) her champions and role models, to whom she is eternally grateful. She wants current students to know that Dominican (then Rosary College) helped to pave the way towards the best career possible and beyond.

Judith's Favorite Reads...

Then, as a Dominican student

Frog & Toad Are Friends
Always Room for One More
Misty Of Chincoteague
School Library Journal
The Horn Book
Strega Nona

Now, as an academic librarian (retired)

We Are Water Protectors
The Hurting Kind
Dare To Lead
College & Research Libraries News
The Chronicle Of Higher Education
Journal of Academic Librarianship

Rebecca Crown Library at Dominican:

Then:



Now:



FACULTY NEWS

Professor Janice Del Negro presented a webinar, "Literacy as a Political Issue: Libraries and Book Challenges", sponsored by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System and the ALA Adult Reading Round Table.

Professor Tony Dunbar, working with the Black Metropolis Research Consortium, organized the first annual [Timuel D. Black essay](#) contest. Dr. Dunbar also worked with the [CRT Collective](#) on "CRITical Race information Theory: Everywhere There is Information" for the Queens College Research in Praxis discussion series.

Professor Mary Pat Fallon was named Interim University Librarian, Rebecca Crown Library, Dominican.

Adjunct Instructor Susan Lempke was named Interim Director of the Lincolnwood Library.

Professor Karen Snow will present "Toward Evidence-Based Cataloging Ethics: Research, Practice, and Training in Knowledge Organization" at the 86th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information, Science & Technology (ASIS&T 2023) in London in October. Dr. Snow [is also running](#) for President-Elect of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

Adjunct Instructor Troy Swanson [published](#) *Knowledge as a Feeling: How Neuroscience and Psychology Impact Human Information Behavior* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers).

Professor Hassan Zamir [was selected](#) for the HistoryMakers' 2023-2024 Innovations in Pedagogy and Teaching Fellowship. Dr. Zamir is also co-Principal Investigator for "Building the Digital Bridge to Emerging Careers for Women and Underrepresented Minority Students Through Technology-Driven Instruction", a project supported by a \$750,000 U.S. Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) grant. As part of the project, Dr. Zamir hosted a career panel on data analytics in March and taught a week-long workshop, Data Analysis with R, in May.

STAFF NEWS

Tracie Hall, former assistant dean for SOIS (2006-2008), now Executive Director of the American Library Association, [was named](#) one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Emma Schmidt-Swartz, Graduate Recruiter for SOIS, is now the Assistant Director of Graduate Enrollment.

STUDENT NEWS

PhD student **Daniel Eller** [published](#) “New Horizons for the Individual Research Consultation: Critical Hermeneutics and Habermas’ Goal of Intersubjective Agreement” in *InterActions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies*, Volume 18, Issue 1, 2023.

MLIS student **Molly Hart** [published](#) “A Literary Tool Among the Shades of Grey: Fanfiction, Libraries and Readers’ Advisory” in *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

PhD student **Terra Jacobson** [co-authored](#) “Transformative Teamwork: Managing Change before, during, and beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic at Moraine Valley Community College”, Chapter 4 in the ACRL-published book *Managing Crises in the Academic Library: Past, Present, and Future*, Doris Van Kampen-Breit, Editor (2023).

PhD student **Ken Orenic** successfully defended his dissertation proposal “Centrality of Whiteness in Community College Library Collections: An Exploration of Community College Library Collection Development” in February 2023.

MLIS student **James Simon** was [appointed](#) Assistant Director of Collections & Discovery at Davidson College (Davidson, NC).

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