



Dear SOIS Friends –

Here in Chicago, we are just experiencing the tail end of the massive winter storm which is affecting so much of the Midwest, east, and southwest sections of the country. It does indeed feel like winter for this Winter issue of *Off the Shelf!*

As we look forward to Spring, it is exciting to think about the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration of the Rebecca Crown Library building, dedicated in April 1972. One of the fun things planned is the library's request for contributions from the community, particularly in the way of photos. As posted on the website <https://www.rebeccacrownlibrary.org/>, "Help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Rebecca Crown Library by sharing photos you may have of the library and your connections with its space and people. Photos along with a description, such as the year photo was taken, are welcome." See the note below about the Anniversary, and visit the website for more details.

Also coming this spring are the Butler Lecture, Follett Lecture, and our graduation dinner, all face-to-face for the first time in two years. For the lectures, we will offer remote options along with the in-person presentation and audiences. As we slowly move to a post-pandemic normal, I appreciate so much the strong sense of community among SOIS and our extended community. Thank you for your presence in the life of Dominican's School of Information Studies!

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE UPDATES

NEW TRAUMA-INFORMED LEADERSHIP MASTER'S DEGREE

In January the College of Applied Social Sciences (CASS) launched the first cohort for the new MA in Trauma-Informed Leadership. This 21 credit hour Master's degree, as well as

the 15 credit hour Certificate option, have been specifically designed for managers and leaders who are looking to develop knowledge and skills toward the integration of trauma-informed care into specific professional practice. CASS is the organizational home of the School of Information Studies, so libraries and information organizations will find this new area of studies a direct match to today's leadership issues for LIS practice. More information about the Master's program and the Certificate option can be found [HERE](#).

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CASS has opened up our Volare Program, a mentorship platform that connects Dominican Alumni or Area Professionals with current students. If you are interested in learning more about being a mentor, please explore more at [Mentor Collective](#). Signing up via the link does not commit you to anything; it will allow you to learn more about the program with opt-out options at any time. SOIS has been looking for a good way to connect our current students and new graduates to mentors in practice, so we are excited about this opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BUTLER LECTURE



**Presented by the Butler Children's Literature Center
Thursday, March 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Presented Online and in-person Lund Auditorium

This event is free and open to the public, with registration required.

Join us for the 10th Annual Butler Lecture! The Butler Children's Literature Center will host a live (and live-streamed) event with bestselling author and founding member of We Need Diverse Books, Aisha Saeed. Saeed will discuss the power of books in her own life and how books are the key to helping the young people in our lives see their way through. She will speak to our current moment as well as provide book recommendations for all ages. A reception and book signing with the author will follow the lecture. Registration opens in

late February.

THE FOLLETT LECTURE

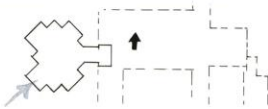


Presented by
Dominican University's School of Information Studies
Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Presented Online and In-person at the Martin Recital Hall
This event is free and open to the public, with registration required.

The Shadow Book: Reading Slavery, Fugitivity, and Freedom in Children's Books and Media.

"The Shadow Book" will focus on the cultural politics inherent in representing slavery in contemporary children's books and media from the Civil Rights Movement to the Movement for Black Lives and the recent 1619 Project. Recent children's books about slavery will be presented, and responses from a broad spectrum of constituents will be analyzed. The talk will conclude with implications for the future. Registration opens in April.

REBECCA CROWN LIBRARY– 50th Anniversary Celebration



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From University Librarian Estevan Montañó: Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rebecca Crown Library's opening and dedication that took place on Tuesday, April 11, 1972! The current Rebecca Crown Library staff and faculty are thrilled and honored to celebrate this milestone at Dominican University. As part of the anniversary festivities, we are hosting several events and programs that highlight the construction, history, and future of the library building, and honor the many students and employees who have brought the space to life over the years. Anniversary events also consider the significant history of the Phyllis Skiffington Noonan Reading Room - the original library on the River Forest Campus.

For those wishing to re/connect with the Rebecca Crown Library from near and far, we welcome your participation in upcoming events and share your photos or thoughts about the library. Please visit the anniversary webpage for more information:
<https://www.rebeccacrownlibrary.org/>

CONNECT WITH THE SOIS ALUMNAE/ COMMUNITY

Join Dominican University's private online networking platform, [DU Network](#). Alumnae/i can connect with peers across the decades in the group "[Library Science and Information Professionals](#)."

STUDENT AND ALUMNAE/I NEWS

Gemma Mickey (MLIS '14), is the Director at the Sugar Grove, Illinois Public Library.

Brittaney Nelson (MLIS '21), is the Records and Information Manager at Holland and Hart, LLP, in Denver, Colorado.

René Ostberg (Current MLIS Student), published “The Dangerous Divide: How a Pandemic Exposed the Problem of Older Adults and Equal Access and How Libraries Are Helping” in the e-journal *Library Philosophy and Practice*. The article is available at <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=10423&context=libphilprac>

Stephen Sherwood (MLIS '21) is a Library Specialist in Stanford University’s Philosophy & Religious Studies Departments' Tanner Library.

Joel Shoemaker (MLIS '16) is the Associate Director of Library Services for Methodist College in Peoria, IL as of January 3.

Megan Smith (Current Student), published “Libraries and Mental Health Initiatives: A literature review” in the e-journal *Library Philosophy and Practice*. The article is available at (<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5663/>

Christina Truver (Current MLIS student), published “The Past Influences the Present: RA Practices in 1920-1930 and Today” in the e-journal *Library Philosophy and Practice*. The article is available at <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/6755/>.

Kelly Visnak (PhD, '13) is the Associate Vice President and University Librarian at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

FACULTY NEWS

Bill Crowley, professor, published “Facts (Almost) Never Change Minds: Libraries and the Management of Democracy-Supportive Public Perceptions,” Chapter 3 of *Libraries and the Global Retreat of Democracy: Confronting Polarization, Misinformation, and Suppression*, 2021 Volume 50 of *Advances in Librarianship*. In addition, Dr. Crowley published the refereed conference paper “Progressive Librarianship in ‘Red’ America,” *Symposium 1: Post-Neutrality Librarianship: New Librarianship Symposia* (<https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/newlibrarianshipsymposia/newlibrarianshipsymposia/post-neutrality/10/>) based on his October 2021 presentation at the New Librarianship Symposia.

Tony Dunbar, assistant professor, was featured as an interviewee in the February 2022 issue of the publication from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, the [BCALA Professional Development Bulletin](#). The interview with Dr. Dunbar appears in the

“Research to Practice” section of the online publication. In addition, Dr. Dunbar is editing a special journal issue on Critical Race Theory. The Editorial Team for *Education for Information's* (EFI) second annual special issue on Race in Information Studies, openly seeks scholarly contributions for the 2022 edition. Deadline: March 15th. See <https://crtcollective.org/call-for-papers/> for more information.

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