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#### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Greetings of the new year to you all! With this new semester, we are midway through our academic year and looking forward to a busy spring. Our SOIS faculty has been working diligently over the last year to revise our MLIS core courses, and those are now ready to launch in the Fall 2018 semester. This new core curriculum is a result of a process that included research into best practices at other MLIS programs and in the LIS literature, along with ongoing input and review from our Alumnae/i Council, Advisory Board, and various employers. Through this process, we have added required elements to our curriculum that are directly relevant to emerging topics and skill sets in LIS, including design thinking, data-driven assessment and decision making, and teaching in information environments. Throughout our information gathering process, we also heard consistent comments from employers regarding the importance of dispositions in addition to skill sets – personal qualities such as creativity, collaboration, flexibility and adaptability, and critical thinking. As a result, we are embedding “signature assessments” into the new required courses that will facilitate students’ practicing these dispositions along with course content. We also heard a resounding confirmation in our conversations with stakeholders that core values of the information profession, such as intellectual freedom, information access as a human right, stewardship of the human record, and privacy should remain a curricular foundation in our program. Emphasis on these LIS values remains a strong conceptual thread throughout the programs in SOIS.

We are also in the final stages of university approval towards a dual MLIS/MSIM. This dual degree will allow students to share six credit hours from the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) and the Master of Science in Information Management (MSIM), with 54 total credit hours required for the dual degree. Students with a dual MLIS/MSIM will be equipped to select, acquire, organize, manage, store, retrieve, and analyze information for a wide variety of organizations in the corporate and not-for-profit environments.

With this issue, we are including an Alumnae/i Profile section. Look for our very first profile of alumna Shadae Gatlin, MLIS '16. We also have some exciting spring public events planned, in particular, the March 14 Butler Lecture and the April 26 Follett Lecture. Look for more details about the upcoming lectures in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you this spring!

**Kate Marek**  
**Director and Professor**

## **GOINGS ON**

[SOIS and Dominican University Welcome Jacob Bucher](#)



Please welcome Jacob Bucher, Ph.D., the Founding Dean of the College of Applied Social Sciences. The College is part of the new academic structure that enables the institution to better integrate and leverage its substantial educational resources. Jake started as CASS Dean in July and is already a key part of CASS and SOIS.

Dr. Bucher joins Dominican from Baker University, where he was Dean of the School

of Professional and Graduate Studies. He also served as an Associate Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences and as the Chair of the Criminal Justice program. His commitment to hands-on pedagogy inspired him to take students to Haiti and Morocco for service-learning experiences. He formed innovative partnerships with a correctional facility, a senior center and a homeless shelter to address the pressing needs of the community while providing students with opportunities for high- impact experiential learning. He received Baker University's Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching as well as the University's award for Distinguished Scholarship.

His research focuses on issues of social justices and the experiences of marginalized groups in society. Dr. Bucher has published research on survivors of sexual assault, the relationship between masculinity and homophobia, and the exploitation of undocumented workers. He holds doctoral and master's degrees in Sociology from Emory University and a master's degree from the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Carrie, have two children, Gus and Eleanor.

### **SOIS Welcomes Jen Clemmons**



Dominican University SOIS welcomes Jen Clemmons as Butler Center Curator. Jen has worked in libraries since 2011 when she earned her MLIS from Dominican University's SOIS (GSLIS) program. Since then she has worked here at Dominican supporting Continuing Education for librarians, in the Oak Park Public Library Children's Services Department, the Kraft Foods Knowledge Management Center, and in building a personal collection for her most discerning patron—her preschooler!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Butler Lecture

Andrea Davis Pinkney will present the 2018 Butler Lecture on March 14. Pinkney is a well-known children's book editor and *New York Times*-bestselling author with a number of award-winning books to her name, including *Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America* (2012) for which she received the Coretta Scott King Author Award; picture-book biographies of major figures such as *Duke Ellington* (1998), *Ella Fitzgerald* (2002), and *Alan Ailey* (1995); and *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* (2010), which won the Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award. Many of her books are illustrated by her husband Brian Pinkney, who is also an award-winning children's book creator in his own right. Their upcoming book together, *Martin Rising: Requiem for a King*, features Andrea's poetic requiem accompanied by Brian's lyrical and colorful artwork, will be published in January 2018. The Lecture will take place in Martin Recital Hall on Dominican's main campus at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception. It is free and open to the public with [registration required](#).

### Follett Lecture

Andrew Dillon will present the 2018 Follett Lecture on April 26. Dillon, a psychologist and information scientist specializing in the human and social impact of information technologies, served as dean of the School of Information at the University of Texas-Austin from 2002-2017 where he also holds the Yule Regents Professorship in Information. An expert on human-computer interaction and design, he has published extensively on user behavior, usability and acceptability, and the impact of digital design on information activities. He served as President of ASIST in 2013, is currently on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Documentation and Interacting with Computers*, and series editor for the UT book series on Information Studies. An advocate for human rights in the information world, Dr. Dillon is also on the board of directors for Patient Privacy Rights and the advisory board of Rosenfeld Media. The Lecture will take place in Martin Recital Hall on Dominican's main campus at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception. It is free and open to the public with [registration required](#).

### Career Day

Our annual Career Day is coming up on Saturday, March 3. This year we will gather at the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. Our speaker for the event is Kim Dority of Dority and Associates, and author of *Rethinking Information Work: A Career Guide*

for *Librarians and Other Information Professionals* (2nd edition, Libraries Unlimited, 2016). Kim will join us virtually and will focus her comments on job hunting strategies such as documenting & describing your value and building professional equity. The workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. – noon, with coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. Watch for more news of the event, along with registration information, on SOIS social media.

### **UIUC Job Fair**

UIUC has invited our SOIS students and alumnae/i to their upcoming Networking & Career Fair, to be held on March 9 in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago. The Career Fair will take place in the Donovan Reading Room of the Cudahy Library ([enter through the Richard J. Klarchek Information Commons](#)), on the Loyola campus from 2:30-5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, bring multiple copies of your resume, your elevator pitch, and dress professionally.

### **ON THE ROAD**

#### **SOIS Students Attended Guadalajara International Book Fair**



*Caption: From the left: Claire, Jaime, John, Shoshana, Caterina, Laura, Tammy, and Alice.*

November 24th through December 2nd, a group of SOIS students attended the Guadalajara International Book Fair, more commonly known as the FIL. Laura Rodriguez-Romani had the following to say about the experience:

*I am a third-grade teacher at the Hawthorn School of Dual Language in Vernon Hills and going the FIL was an incredible opportunity for me, our school library, and our students. I was able to purchase 70+ books for our school library that will soon be*

available for our students to check-out. The authentic Spanish texts will be windows into the diverse Latino cultures, experiences, and the various dialects of Spanish. I look forward to attending the FIL in coming years to make more purchases for our school library.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Karen Brown**, professor, published *Creating Sustainable Assessment through Collaboration: A National Program Reveals Effective Practices* (with Kara Malenfant), a National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment Occasional Paper, in November 2017. She also led an Association of College and Research Libraries workshop, *Assessment in Action: Demonstrating and Communicating Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success*, for the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries in December 2017.

**Bill Crowley**, professor, has published "When Practitioners Get It 'Wrong': The Largely Underanalyzed Failures of Professional Tacit Knowledge" in *Library Trends*. The article was edited by Sujin Huggins, associate professor.

**Janice Del Negro**, associate professor, has co-edited a new book with Melanie Kimball that VOYA calls "a highly recommended resource for young adult advocates." The book is *Engaging Teens with Story: How to Inspire and Educate Youth with Storytelling* (ABC-CLIO, June 2017).

**Sujin Huggins**, associate professor, has a chapter in Janice Del Negro's book entitled: "Storytelling and Young Adults: An Overview of Contemporary Practices," and edited the Summer 2017 (vol 66, no.1) issue of the journal *Library Trends*. The issue title is 'Practice-Based Learning in LIS Education: Conventions and Innovation'. She also authored the first two articles. In August 2017, she delivered a presentation entitled: 'Targeting Autism in Libraries: Serving the needs of persons with autism by considering space, service, programs, and advocacy' as part of a panel of the Metropolitan Libraries section at the IFLA World Library Conference in Wroclaw, Poland. In October 2017, she attended the 12th Annual USBBY Regional conference in Seattle, Washington to complete her duties as a member of the Hans Christian Andersen Award U.S. nominating committee, chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Poe.

**Kate Marek**, director and professor, co-authored with Richard Kong of Skokie Public Library the recent article "Case Study: Dominican University School of Information Studies and Skokie Public Library Internship Partnership," in *Library Trends*, Summer 2017.

**Cecilia Salvatore**, professor and coordinator of archives and cultural heritage, has edited the new book *Cultural Heritage Care and Management: Theory and Practice* (Rowman & Littlefield, January 2018).

**Karen Snow**, associate professor and coordinator of the Ph.D. program, has received a “Highly Recommended” review from *Library Journal* for her new book *A Practical Guide to Library of Congress Classification* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017). LJ says the book is “packed with essential information and illustrated with numerous examples.”

## **ALUMNAE/I NEWS**

**Doris Cardenas MLIS '15**, was hired by Malachy McCarthy as an assistant archivist just a few years ago -- a newly-created job for a Spanish-speaking archivist. She has been promoted to Associate Archivist.

**Rachel Cole MLIS '08**, was elected as President-Elect of SLA-IL this past fall.

**Margaret Conroy's MALS '86**, new position made the [\*Columbia Tribune\*](#).

**Katy Hite '10**, has been hired as the Emerging Technologies Librarian at the Upper Arlington (OH) Public Library.

**Nicholas House MLIS '17**, is Processing Archivist at Abbott Laboratories.

**Matt Isaia MLIS '17**, was recently appointed the Electronic Resources Librarian for the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

**Savannah Willingham Kitchens MLIS '11**, was appointed Director for the Chilton County Library system (AL), including the Clanton, Jemison, and Maplesville libraries.

**Analú M. López MLIS '17**, became the new Ayer Indigenous Studies Librarian-in-residence at the Newberry Library of Chicago.

**Andrew R. Mancuso MLIS '13**, was appointed as the Preservation Officer at Case Western Reserve University.

**Jennifer McIntosh MLIS '04**, was recently appointed as Associate Dean, Library at College of DuPage. She served as interim Associate Dean from April 2016 to April 2017 and then assumed the position permanently.

**Brienne “Brie” Montoya MLIS ’16**, began working for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province as the new archivist at A Becoming Place.

**Kelsey O’Connell MLIS ’15**, was selected for the Digital Archivist position at Northwestern University.

**Cyndi Robinson MLIS ’97**, has been named Deputy Director by ILA Executive Director Diane Foote.

**Mariela Siegert MLIS ’08**, was elected as a board member of ISLMA.

**Rachel Wedeward MLIS ’16**, is now the Research Information Specialist at American Hospital Association.

**Rebecca (Butler) Yowler ’13** is the new Assistant Librarian for Research and Instruction at Knox College in Galesburg, IL.

## **STUDENT NEWS**

Congratulations to our January graduates: Katherine Blonski, Alyssa L Dohse, Karen O Doyle, Teffeny Edmondson, Alexander Filippini, Kristen Gravelin, Balsam Haddad, Wade Hubbell Hinkhouse, Lev Kalmens, Nichole Kelley, Kayla Kuffel, Hope S Madueno, Nancy R McKay, Sarah Mitchell-Mace, Rachel R Newlin, Temi Olorunfemi, Erica M Ordinario, Lauren R Pruter, Estefany Roza Olaya, Anjelica Rufus-Barnes, Christina M Schmidt, Erika Schmidt, Jenna Schwartz, Sarah R Udzielak, Chandrea Willard, Julia Wollrab, Jerrid R Young, and Hannah B Zuber.

## **ALUMNAE/I PROFILE: SHADAE GATLIN**



Welcome to *Off the Shelf's* first-ever alumnae/i interview spotlight! We spoke with Shadae Gatlin, a 2016 SOIS Dominican graduate and a Data Librarian at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. As a data librarian Gatlin focuses on curating, managing and organizing the analytic tools and products (i.e. reports, datasets, dashboards) created by the hospital. Shadae shares how her career goals evolved from when she first entered Dominican's program, how she spends her days since graduating, and what library and information trends she is particularly excited about. Take a look!

***Your job description looks interesting! Can you expand on how you typically spend your days?***

My time is devoted to examining current processes and identifying areas of need where documentation and metadata can lead to process improvement. I work to develop data curation tools that maximize time and productivity for users. As a member of the Data Analytics & Reporting team this may entail: cataloging data reports, documenting metrics, or curating a library for SQL code. Being able to offer people access to reliable information is a reason I became a librarian. So, I spend time learning and researching to increase my knowledge to be an excellent resource as well.

***How does your current position align or compare with what your academic focus was when you were in the MLIS program?***

I specialized in Digital Libraries during my MLIS program. Fully expected to be an academic librarian or archivist working in Digital Collections. I worked as a registered nurse prior to pursuing my MLIS and had no plan of returning to healthcare

immediately. Since I am back, I must say that the knowledge gained at Dominican has definitively broadened my perception of healthcare. Enabling me to view healthcare beyond the lens of a clinician, but through one information management as well.

Cataloging and metadata are special interests of mine. I love taking an object that seems disconnected and then uncovering all the ties that it shares with others. With the right description, you can illuminate and change how a thing is perceived. As a Data Librarian, I hope to achieve this by demonstrating how quality metadata enriches workflow and promotes efficiency. Whether describing a photograph or documenting a dataset— it is all about discoverability and transparency. While there are many differences, I find that my goal has not changed.

***Are there any new or upcoming trends in the library and information field that you find particularly interesting right now?***

I am interested in the role of the librarian in data management. The terms "Big Data" and "Data Science" are limelight currently. Organizations see the benefits in using their own data to guide quality improvement. However, these data assets can be scattered throughout different departments, hard to find, and generally disorganized. Librarians excel at organizing information and making it reusable. The curation of healthcare research data would be a chief area for this function. I believe that as information professionals, librarians offer many transferable and vital skills to any data-centric workplace.

*Many thanks to SOIS student Elise Hollinger for her work on this interview.*

## **Submit Your News**

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