



Greetings, and Happy Spring!

Spring is always a time of renewal, when we take such delight in the sights, sounds, and smells of sunshine, spring flowers, birdsong, and green grass! Here at the School of Information Studies, we are running at full steam, with seasonal events among our regular academic deadlines. We are looking forward to our Follett Chair Verne Harris being with us in mid-April for various events. Details about the Follett Lecture and the Siena Center mini-course are included later in this newsletter. Other current SOIS activities include curriculum revisions and additions, strategic planning, and events associated with spring graduation.

One particularly exciting addition to our curriculum is our new Executive Library Leadership Certificate, which we will launch this fall. The cohort-based Certificate in Executive Library Leadership is designed for high-level library administrators with advanced degrees from non-LIS disciplines who are interested in advancing their skills and knowledge toward high-level library leadership. The fully online certificate program offers participants a chance to expand their network within libraries, to learn more about the foundations and core values of LIS, and to develop a practice-based research project specific to the student's home organization. We are excited to meet this unique and growing need of new library leaders without an LIS background.

Of course, in the meantime, the regular business of teaching and learning within the university community moves forward!

Kate Marek
Director and Professor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Verne Harris, 2018-19, Follett Chair



Verne Harris has been the archivist for the papers of Nelson Mandela since 2004, as Head of the Memory Programme at the Nelson Mandela Foundation's Centre of Memory and Dialogue. Before that, he had worked for South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and was the Director of the South African History Archive (SAHA). From 1985 until 2001 he was an archivist with South Africa's State Archives Service and, beginning in 1997, the newly established National Archives of South Africa; he served as deputy director from 1993 to 2001.

[Siena Center Mini-Course: The Power and Mystery of Archive.](#)

April 8, 10 and 11 2019; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Parmer Hall, Room 115a, Main Campus, Dominican University

In this three-session mini-course, Dominican University Follett Chair Verne Harris explores uses and abuses of archive, with special emphasis on reckoning with oppressive pasts, fighting continuing struggles for justice, and finding healing for communities and individuals. Cost: \$50 To register, visit <http://events.dom.edu/mini-course-harris>

[Follett Lecture: Tuesday, April 16, 2019](#)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Martin Recital Hall

Reception to follow in the Slate Lobby

A Time to Remember, A Time to Forget: Fred Hampton, Nelson Mandela and the Work of Memory

Using the lenses provided by the lives of Fred Hampton and Nelson Mandela, Harris explores the work of memory and the right to forget for both individuals and collectivities. He problematizes the remembering-forgetting binary, posits a distinction between remembering and remembrancing, and asks how healing can be enabled. To register, visit <https://www.dom.edu/follett-lecture>

[Spring 2019 Commencement: Sunday, May 5, 2019.](#)

See <https://www.dom.edu/academics/commencement/about>

[Spring 2019 Career Webinar](#)

Our annual Career Day, sponsored by our SOIS Alumni Council, was delivered this year as a webinar on March 23. LIS Consultant Kim Dority was our presenter for “Creating Your Career-Launch Action Plan.” Kim is the author of *Rethinking Information Work: A Career Guide for Librarians and Other Information Professionals*, 2nd edition (2016, Libraries Unlimited). It was a very enjoyable and informative presentation! You can find a recording at

<https://dominican.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=3f49c0d4-fae7-454d-830c-aa1e01144152>

BUTLER YOUTH SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

SOIS is pleased to announce a major new scholarship program funded by the Butler Family Foundation. The Butler Youth Services Scholarship program seeks MLIS candidates from backgrounds underrepresented in library science with a planned focus on service to children and young adults. Butler Scholars will contribute to the library and information science profession, specifically in the area of literature and library services to young people, by increasing diversity in the workforce and through excellence in professional preparation. The scholarship will fund 50% of the recipient’s full MLIS degree program tuition. One Butler Scholar will be selected each year. The first Butler Youth Services Scholarship will be awarded to a student who begins the MLIS degree program in Fall 2019. For more information about the scholarship and how to apply, contact Butler Center Curator Jen Clemons at jclemons@dom.edu.

FACULTY NEWS

Karen Brown, Professor, published “A Study of Rural Librarian’s Self-Efficacy in Facilitating and Developing Adult Science Programs” with Monae Verbedke, John Falk, and David Meier in *Library Quarterly* (89.2, 2019); “From Science Program Conveners to Science Program Developers: An Online Professional Development Program for Rural Librarians” with Karen Gareis, Meighan Maloney, and Daniel Rockmore in *International Journal of Innovations in Online Education* (2.4; 2018); and *Shaping the Campus Conversation on Student Learning and Experience: Activating the Results of Assessment in Action*, Edited with Debra Gilchrist, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Kara Malenfant, Chase Ollis, and Allison Payne (ACRL, 2018). Dr. Brown is also serving as Grant Evaluator for Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant, [“CARLI Counts: Analytics and Advocacy for Service Development.”](#)

Bill Crowley, Professor, published “Resurgent Faith Traditions and Information and Library Theory and Practice.” in *Library Philosophy and Practice* (e-journal), July 2018.

Don Hamerly, Associate Professor and **Hassan Zamir**, Assistant Professor, joined colleagues from the University of South Florida Loni Hagen and Jim Andrews in a panel for the 2019 iConference in Washington, D.C. entitled “Undergraduate Data Science Education in iSchools: Current Practices and Future Directions.”

Sujin Huggins, Associate Professor, has been awarded a sabbatical for Spring 2020. She will continue and expand her work on autism education and resources in public libraries.

Cecilia Salvatore, Professor, has been awarded a sabbatical for Fall 2019. She will be working with librarians and archivists at three communities where there is a significantly large Pacific Islander diaspora (people coming from Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, who left due to climate change and the economy). The communities are in Dubuque, Iowa, Minot, Minnesota, Enid, Oklahoma, and Springdale, Arkansas. Dr. Salvatore was also recently elected Chair of the Local History and Genealogy Standing Committee for IFLA.

Karen Snow, Associate Professor, published “Shifting Sands and the Prophet’s Dream: Exploring the future of information organization education,” *Journal of Library and Information Science Education*, 60(2), 139-151.

Hassan Zamir, Assistant Professor, presented a panel at ASIST 2018 conference in Canada, “Politicians and the Public: The analysis of political communication in social media.” *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 55(1), 646-649.

STUDENT AND ALUMNAE/I NEWS

Anthony Auston, MLIS ’02, is the new Director at the Wilmette (Illinois) Public Library.

Carlinthia Cox, MLIS ’18, is Archivist, Dominican Sisters of Hope in Ossining, New York.

Amy (McCoy) Glover, MLIS ’16 is now the Reference Archivist at the Ohio History Connection.

Kristen Gravelin, MLIS ’17, is the Archivist at the Society of the Divine Word in

Chicago.

Maira Hernandez, MLIS '18, is the Archivist for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield (IL).

Rebekah McFarland, MLIS '14, Received an Honorable Mention in SAA's 2018 Archives Short Fiction Contest.

Elizabeth Morris, MLIS '18, is working at the Bensenville Community Public Library as a Digitization and Metadata Specialist.

Ariana (Lim) Potter, MLIS '16, is the University Archivist at Lewis University.

Amy Runyon, MLIS '18, is working as the Rare Books Catalog Librarian at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Michalla Sedano, MLIS '12, is now Senior Knowledge Sharing Manager at Ounce of Prevention Fund.

Movers and Shakers

In mid-March, *Library Journal* announced their **2019 Movers & Shakers**, focusing on categories of Change Agents, Advocates, Educators, Digital Developers, Innovators, and Community Builders. There were 54 individuals honored this year from across the United States, Canada, England, and Australia. Not all the honorees have MLIS degrees, but most do. This year, three of our Dominican SOIS alum were honored:

Carol Jackson (MLIS '03) – a graduate of our DU program at St. Kate's – In the Advocates category; Carol is currently working at Ramsey County Library in Shoreview, MN.

Heather Love Beverly (MLIS '05) – in the Educators category; Heather is currently working at Cook Memorial Public Library District in Libertyville, IL.

Joanna Marek (LIS '08) – in the Educators category; Joanna is currently working at Spring Avenue Elementary School in LaGrange, IL. Congratulations to these new Dominican alumnae Movers & Shakers, who join an already long list of DU SOIS Mover & Shakers awardees!

ALUMNA FOCUS: Carlinthia Cox, MLIS '18



Where are you currently working, and how did you find that particular job?

I currently work as the Archivist for the Dominican Sisters of Hope in Ossining, New York. Prior to obtaining this position, I volunteered at Dominican's McGreal Center for Historical Studies after my graduate study. It was during that time that the Director Sister Janet Welsh, O.P., informed me that the sisters of Hope were in need of an archivist. After she explained their passion for preserving their heritage, I applied for the position and got the job!

Talk a little about the job – what do you do, and what do you enjoy about it?

I am the only archivist working with the sisters (I also have a consultant who helps me understand the order, and a volunteer). Typically sisters were the ones who held archival positions in religious archives. Because I am the only archivist, I get to explore all aspects of archiving, including archival management, digital archives, archival outreach and advocacy, records management, arrangement and description, and curation and exhibition. No two days are ever the same. That is what I enjoy most about my job. I also enjoy helping other sisters and employees understand the purpose of the archives. It makes my job a lot easier and more enjoyable when the persons I work with support my work.

How does your current position align or compare with what you studied when you were in the MLIS program?

My MLIS degree focused on archives and heritage preservation. Therefore my current position aligns perfectly with what I studied. Most of my classes were meant to prepare me for work in community archives. However, I realize that these skills translate very well to this job. The Dominican Sisters of Hope in itself is a community. Just as with any other community, they want to preserve their legacy for future generations. They are also evolving just as a community does. Therefore, classroom and internship training in digital archives helps in contemporary archiving in what I do at work daily.

Are there any new or upcoming trends in the library and information field or in

archives that you find particularly interesting right now?

Right now what I find most interesting about archives is the increasing interest of people in the Caribbean to document and preserve their culture. This has fostered the creation of many community archives. These are typically small, privately owned and sometimes government funded archives managed by average people who try to document the everyday lives of residents in order to help preserve their story for future generations in a way that was never done for them. Fortunately, technology has provided the opportunity for such communities to capture and preserve their history.

What advice do you have for current SOIS students in terms of their preparation for the job market?

Network! Many of the interviews I got were because of the people I met at functions and through LinkedIn. Don't be afraid to reach out to persons. Many people enjoy helping out. Now that I have a job as an archivist I am enthused to help new archivists.

Your first job may not be in the exact industry you want, but it doesn't mean that your skills can't translate. Information Science is multifaceted, and the skills you learn at school prepare you for multiple endeavors. Do not hesitate to apply for a job in a field you never envisioned working in. If you have the skills to match, take it.

Also, it may take a few months to get your first job right after grad school, and you may be tempted to apply for any job in the information science field if do not get the ones you really want (I was). I strongly advise against that. It's very easy to spot a generic resume. Take your time to tailor your resume to a job you are truly interested in. Employers can spot your passion for the work in your cover letter and resume!

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