



GLS Alumni News

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Welcome to Your Newsletter

*This **third** issue of the GLS Alumni News is a result of the success of the second issue. We heard from well over 100 of you from “around the world and across the nation,” as they used to say on the evening news. You provided us with updated email addresses so we can better reach more of you electronically. Many of you also sent along personal news, either on the return cards or via email; so many, in fact, that we will have to split up the responses between this newsletter and the next, thus ensuring a **fourth** issue.*

Many of you expressed your thanks for the GLS Alumni News as a way of getting back in touch with friends and classmates. The comment that brought tears to my eyes came from Namnama Prado-Hidalgo from the Philippines: “The news and humor from the greats of GLS...were very exhilarating. It was as if the GLS came alive again—after all, what is a school but the community of minds communicating.”

Thanks to all of you for communicating with us.

*And very special thanks to **Ann Hubbard** for everything she has done to make the GLS Alumni News a success.*

GLS Committee Meets to Plan Alumni Event

A meeting of members of the GLS Committee took place on Friday, September 22 regarding the next GLS event. The purpose of the meeting was to identify a speaker or speakers, discuss whether to have a keynote speaker or panel format, and suggest possible dates and locations. The theme for the event revolves around the impact of technology on knowledge.

The names of several possible speakers were put forward. Two prominent leaders in the information industry were selected as first and second choice and invitations to speak will be extended. The location is yet to be determined, but the committee is looking into several possibilities in downtown Chicago.

Because so many events are scheduled this fall around the inauguration of Robert J. Zimmer as the 13th President of the University, and because of the unpredictability of winter weather in Chicago, the group decided that a spring event date would be preferable.

*Attending the meeting were **Patrick Spain** (AB '74), **Serpil Emre** (AM '81), **Martha Jameson** (AM '81), **Susan Chang** (AB '76, AM '79, MBA '88), **Janice Keeler** (AM '79), **Ann Hubbard** (AB '71), and **Barbara Palmer-Bostick**.*

See our interview with D. Kathryn Weintraub beginning on p.7

NEWS FROM THE 1940s

David Otis Kelley who was a doctoral student during the summers from 1939-1944 turned 98 in September. His library career included stints at Pepperdine and Director of the Library School at the University of Kentucky. He retired in 1973 as Director of the General Library at the University of New Mexico and lives in Albuquerque with good memories of GLS classes with Dean Louis Round Wilson, Dr. Joekel, Dr. Carnovski and others.

NEWS FROM THE 1950s

Martha Whiteside (AM '53) is retired from her position at the University of Kentucky. She is widowed now, but enjoys visits with her two very musical daughters (one teaches violin and the other viola) and her two grandchildren. She also enjoys reading a good mystery. Sounds like a natural reference librarian to me!

Barbara Davis Widem (AM '57) is retired and lives in Kensington, MD. She hopes that we can all get together when ALA meets in Washington, DC in 2007.

Congratulations to **William L. Williamson** (PhD '59)! Bill was recently married to Trudy Wright in a wonderfully joyous occasion at the historic Free Thinker's (Unitarian Universalist) Church in Sauk City, WI. The ceremony was followed by an ice cream social in the park where the church has been located since 1884.

News from the 1960s

Elizabeth J. Bradt (AM '63) is Assistant Director of the Tuscaloosa Public Library in Tuscaloosa, AL. She enjoyed returning to the UC campus in June for the graduation of her son-in-law, Christoph Meier, from the Graduate School of Business.

Jennie Pumphrey Hunt (AM '63) writes: When I graduated from the U of C, I took a position as an intern at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), planning to stay a year and then try for some exciting overseas job. However, a lot can happen in a year and by the end, I was making wedding plans, to A. David Hunt. We both liked the Washington, DC area and when NLM offered me a position, we decided to stay here. I worked for the rest of my career in various positions there, going from a paper-based system through a long series of electronic upgrades. I retired on Jan. 3, 2004 after more than 40 years at NLM. Now I am busy with church activities, including active membership in the Congregational Library Association, the local affiliate of the Church & Synagog Library Association, plus Toastmasters and work on political campaigns.

Elizabeth (Beth) Mueller (AM '64) retired as Director of the Appalachian Regional Library (3 counties) in northwest North Carolina in 2001. She is currently involved in literacy, coordinating tutors and tutoring American-born adults who "slipped through the cracks." Living in Boone, she is enjoying the mile-high mountains of North Carolina.

"Mabuhay from the Philippines! Greetings and cheers!" writes **Namnana Prado-Hidalgo** (X'64-'65). I spent 45 years in the state university's main campus in Quezon City. I retired in 2002 as Head Librarian of the College of Education. After resting a year, I joined the World Citi Colleges as Chief Librarian, supervising three campus libraries and a school library. WCC is a private undergraduate school. I was in culture shock for awhile after four decades of serving researchers and scholars. But librarianship is work that I love doing and perhaps I can keep at it to my dotage—beyond 50 years. And what a span 50 years has been for librarianship. While an undergraduate library science student, I learned the Library Hand from Prof. Bernardo (the Philippine Carnovski, etc.)—you know, cursive handwriting in Roman (non-italic) style. In the early 1950's typewriters were a rarity in WWII-devastated Philippines
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News from the 1960s cont'd

and Filipino librarians had to write out the catalog cards! Can you out there even imagine that? Now we endeavor to go paperless—on Follett software, online journals, virtual libraries. Everything that Shera ever dreamt about information services engulfs us so. I still dream of a master's degree but this late bloomer never blooms. Who knows what the future holds? My own deeds are humble. Ah, but my husband, Juan Sanchez-Peralta Hidalgo, is the greatest living literary writer in the Hoko language. I have three daughters and to date four grandsons.

Bruce A. Shuman (AM '65) is retired and living in Wilmington, NC, just 3.5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. He has, in a long academic career, published ten professional books, over three dozen articles, and since his retirement, a novel (which has, to date, sold well over six copies, already!). His wife, Ann Cameron Shuman, is a graduate of Florida State University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. We hope this pumps up sales of the novel, Bruce.

Jacqueline Weber Rooney (AM '67) is a freelance columnist for the Florida Times Union Shorelines.

Marjorie H. Li (AM '68) writes: *I have moved to Oakland, CA to renew myself as a librarian working for Oakland Public Library. This is after 30 years which I spent in academic librarianship working for Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Life comes full circle. I am now returning to the Golden State to practice what I learned from two eminent UC professors, Leon and Ruth Carnovsky, back in 1965-68 on public librarianship. Both my husband and I have enjoyed and learned a great deal from past study trips organized by the UC Alumni Association since we left Chicago for Rutgers University in 1972. We intend to join other UC alumni for two weeks at Oxford, England in the coming June.*

Neil A. Radford (AM '68, PhD '72) has retired from the position of University Librarian at the University of Sydney, Australia, after sixteen years in that position and eight years as Deputy Librarian. He is now able to read all those books he never had time to read, to travel without having to attend boring conference meetings, and to please himself about voluntary work. He is presently volunteering at his local public library, organizing their oral history project and indexing a local newspaper from the 19th century.

News from the 1970s

From **Norman J. Kansfield** (AM '70, PhD '81) comes testament of steadfastness to one's beliefs. He writes: *In June 2005, I was tried and convicted of heresy by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America for presiding at the marriage of our daughter Ann to our daughter-in-law Jennifer. I was fired from my position as President of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, removed from the church office of Professor of Theology and suspended from the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. Since then, I have been appointed to my wonderful position [Senior Scholar in Residence] at Drew University. It is a three-year appointment to teach at least one course per year and to do research. Good for you, Norm.*

After leaving GLS in 1986, **Boyd Rayward** (PhD '73) returned to Australia. He retired from the University of New South Wales as Professor of the School of Information Library and Archive Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies in 1999. In 1997-98, he was a Miller Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois GSLIS with the University Center for Advanced Studies. He joined the faculty of GSLIS permanently in January 2000 and has been teaching and writing since then. He was given the ASIS&T Research Award in 2004. "Most of my work in GSLIS has been with doctoral students and has been deeply rewarding. Congratulations to Judith Nadler for her work with GLS Alumni!" he writes.

More News from the 1970s

Inspired by hearing from classmate Claire Fund via the GLS Alumni news, **Louis Aulbach** (AM '73) writes: *I have spent the past 30+ years in Houston where I worked for about 17 years in the oil and gas exploration industry keeping track of all sorts of records, maps and data. After riding the ups and downs of that business -- including two layoffs -- I joined the City of Houston as its Records Management Officer in January, 1991, and I am still there today. This fall, my daughter Rachel will be a senior at Texas Tech University, my son Stephen will be a sophomore at Texas A&M University, and my youngest son Matthew will be a freshman at Southwestern University. In my spare time, over the past 20 years or so, I have written four river guides for canoeing the wild and scenic rivers of West Texas. A fifth guide will be published this fall. You can check out these books and my current projects on my web site (<http://www.hal-pc.org/~lfa/>), or just google my name and Texas, and you will hit my web site. Everyone's library needs a copy of each one.*

Charlene Baldwin (AM '73) is currently the Dean of the Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University, in Orange, California. In 1975, she returned to Nigeria for a year, continuing her interest in the Yoruba from my Peace Corps experience prior to Grad School. She has worked in special libraries, Cal Tech's Munger Africana Library, Tetra Tech, Inc., and Lockheed Corporation, but she has been an academic librarian since 1984, first at the University of Arizona, then the University of California, Riverside, and now at Chapman University. She served on the board of directors of the Special Libraries Association for two terms, and was also President of the Arizona Chapter. Now she is active in ACRL, and attends ALA, ACRL, and CARL conferences. She has three children (38,33, and 31) and three grand-children (9, 3, and 1). She was privileged to join the ACRL Academic Library Delegation to China in March of 2006, led by ACRL President Camile Alire.

Suzanne Lorimer (nee **Hatfield**, AM '73) is Coordinator of Research Services at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

Virginia Seiser (AM '74) writes from Albuquerque: *After GLS, I returned home to Portland, OR for a job with Multnomah County Public Library. After a year and a half, I moved to an academic library at Portland State University. Ten years later, I began getting restless and started applying for positions elsewhere. University of New Mexico invited me out for an interview in Albuquerque in February 1985. I hadn't seen the sun since September. I liked the UNM Library, and was very taken by the idea that I could live in a place where the sun shines in the winter time, and be just an hour away from cross-country skiing on powder snow in New Mexico. It's still a great place to live.*

From Aberystwyth, Wales, comes word from **Roger Fenton** (AM '74): *I've been living in Wales since leaving GLS, except for three years when I taught at the new library school of the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. I took 10 years away from full-time employment to raise Auriel and my four children (now aged 18-25). I co-authored several volumes of the World Databases in ... series with C. J. Armstrong and wrote Adopting a Child and Famous Adoptees, Foster Children and Others, both on adoption.com. [Currently Project Manager] at the National Library of Wales, I'm one of a crew working on the introduction of a new information management system.*

James Michalko (AM '74) writes: *Some of you may know that the Research Libraries Group (RLG) combined with OCLC on July 1, 2006 after 32 years of service to the research information community. I was proud to lead the organization for nearly 15 years and now I'm looking forward to serving [as Vice President OCLC RLG Programs] that community via the powerful new group we've created in OCLC Programs and Research. It will be the place for libraries, archives and museums to collectively design their future.*

More News from the 1970s

Ellen Roop Fisher (AM '74) is now retired and lives in El Cerrito, CA. She writes: *Over my career, I worked in a university library, special libraries, public libraries and school libraries, and enjoyed them all. I think the most demanding was school libraries, though, because I was expected to be a full-time teacher as well as a full-time librarian/administrator. There was never a dull moment. Then my husband got a buyout offer that was too good to turn down, so we both retired and moved out of the state where I was certified in 2001. Since then, I've been researching genealogy and indulging my creative side in quilting. Life is great!*

From **John Dean** (AM '75): *Since leaving the Newberry Library in 1975, I established the preservation/conservation department at the Johns Hopkins University, which included a five-year apprenticeship program for conservators. While at Johns Hopkins, I was awarded a degree in the History of Science. In 1985, I moved to Cornell where I established the Department of Preservation and Conservation. Over the last twenty years, I have worked for two months out of every year in Southeast Asia in support of Cornell's Southeast Asia program, establishing preservation programs, training staff and helping to develop grant-funding projects. I have published several preservation tutorials for Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Over the years, I have taught at the University of Alabama, University of Maryland, SUNY Albany, and Syracuse University. In 2003, I was the recipient of the ALA's Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award for national leadership in preservation and conservation. I still work at Cornell University Library as the Preservation and Conservation Librarian.*

As for **Vicki Genberg** (AM '75), her talents took her in a different direction: *she is an artist and currently living in Hong Kong.*

Cindy Hutchinson (AM '75) has been the Director of Library Services at the New England College of Optometry since 2000. *Prior to that she was the systems librarian at the College starting in 1998. There are many jobs prior to that including SilverPlatter, Comstow Information Services, Framingham State College, Ebsco Subscription Services, Neline, University of Illinois Chicago, and Duff and Phelps.*

Rick J. Ashton (AM '76) was Curator of Local and Family History at the Newberry Library in Chicago during his GLS years. *He joined the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN in 1977 and served as Director there from 1980 to 1985. He began as City Librarian of the Denver Public Library in July 1985 and retired in February 2006. In Denver he led the effort to finance and build a new Michael Graves-designed Central Library (opened in 1995) and completely renovate and rebuild the 22-branch citywide system. In three of the five years preceding his retirement, the Denver Public Library was rated #1 in its class (libraries serving populations over 500,000) by Hennen's American Public Library Ratings. He is happily "between engagements" at present, but expects to return to work before too long, perhaps in a library or "perhaps as the guy running the paint-shaker machine at Home Depot."*

Jan Kozovich (AM '76) is Head of Access Services at the Elihu Burritt Library at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

Robb Murray (AM '77) completed a year-long course in musical theater writing last May. *His final project, a mini-musical called "Macho Motors" was performed in a program with three other shows at Theatre Building Chicago on June 18 and 19. He co-wrote the show as the lyricist-composer. Encore!*

Wanda Brewster (AM '77) didn't stay long in the library field after getting her degree. *She joined IBM, had a wonderful career there and is now retired.*

New Job? New Career? New Book?
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More News from the 1970s

Brad Baker (AM '79) was recently elected to be President of the Illinois Library Association. It is actually a three-year term on the Executive Board of ILA starting July 1, 2006 with the first year serving as President-Elect, year two as President, and year three as Past-President. He also will be finishing a six year term on the OCLC Board of Trustees in November of 2006. Brad is currently Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources at Northeastern Illinois University.

NEWS FROM THE 1980s

Kevin Carey (AM '82) writes: *Kudos to you and the GLS crew who put together the newsletter. I was delighted to read about the other alums even though I only recognized Bob Winger from my class. I remember that his dad taught a course at GLS and retired when I joined the program. I have had many an adventure in the professional world since getting my library degree in 1982. I worked for the University of Illinois at Chicago as a reference librarian, then was an online searcher for Northrop, then became a law librarian, then an information specialist at a series of consulting firms including McKinsey and AT Kearney. I also worked as a consultant at Hewitt Associates and a small strategy consulting firm. Now I have my own communications consulting and coaching business in Chicago but still do some research contract work. I did feed my intellectual curiosity with two additional masters degrees, one in public policy and administration from UIC and one in communications from Northwestern. I'd like to get certified as a life coach at some point as well. The fun never ends. I'd love to hear the whereabouts of our esteemed faculty such as Mary Biggs and Boyd Rayward.*

Nancy Price (AM '85) retired last year from 37 years as part-time librarian for the staff of the Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Elkhart, IN. She then moved to the Denver area to be near her three children.

Robert Schmidt (AM '83) is a Los Angeles-based freelance writer who writes on business, gaming, and multicultural subjects. He has authored one book, *The National Jobline Directory*, and publishes *PEACE PARTY*, the multicultural comic book featuring Native Americans. A non-Native with no Cherokee princesses in his background, Rob has studied Native issues extensively since 1990. He is presently developing various comic-book projects and his website, www.BlueCornComics.com.

Marilyn Kaye (PhD '83) has taken an early retirement from her position as associate professor, Division of Library and Information Science, St. John's University, New York, and is now living and writing in Paris, France.

Melinda Shore (AM '84) is a technical leader with Cisco Systems' Strategic Cryptographic Development group, telecommuting to Cisco from her farm near Ithaca, NY, where she also keeps and trains a racing dogsled team. She's been active in telecommunications security standardization, chairing working groups in both the Internet Engineering Task Force and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute as well as authoring a number of standards documents.

Deb Keim Salmond (AM '85) is Reference Librarian at the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville, IN. "I got married and moved from Chicago a year and a half after graduating," she writes. "I lost touch with my class members. I'd love to catch up with everyone and see how folks are doing professionally and personally." We hope that the GLS Alumni News helps in that regard, Deb.

NEWS FROM THE 1990s

Ruth Ketchum (AM '90) is Branch Manager of the West Belmont Branch of the Chicago Public Library.

Catching up with...

D. Kathryn Weintraub

Editor: Most alumni will recognize Kathryn Weintraub (AB '51, AM '60, PhD '70) for her work as librarian, educator and author. We asked Kathryn to outline her achievements for us.

Kathryn: I have been thinking about the concept of lifetime achievements. It sounds a little like an obituary. Talking about achievements looks to the past. I have reservations about the idea of achievements, and now I wonder if the idea of thinking of how to interact and improve the future might be a better path rather than writing about the past. From my point of view, the worthwhile achievements are those where one learns something.

Editor: Do you think that might be a future direction for the newsletter?

Kathryn: It might be worthwhile to consider what GLS alumni could contribute to the future. One problem that has gradually begun to bother me, and one on which I do not have a constructive suggestion at the moment, is what and how to preserve collections that might be of some value. Years ago, I read an item in the New York Times about a photographer who had lived and worked in Harlem. He had died recently and his apartment was full of thousands of photos and negatives of people and life in Harlem. It was going to be thrown away as no one wanted it. I suggested that the Library at [the University of California] Irvine offer to acquire the collection, but it did not fit with collection goals and I do not know whether it was saved or not. Recently, I read (again in the New York Times) about a collection of jazz recordings, books, etc. that had been destroyed in the flood brought by [hurricane] Katrina. I think there is a problem here. How do we decide what needs to be preserved and how do we preserve it? Are there good proposals that our alumni could formulate that would lead to better standards in the future? Isn't this a problem on which librarians could make some valuable contributions?

Another problem related to this is to identify and/or develop software that could be used for catalogs of personal collections. I have just completed courses in Access and Advanced Access [at Harold Washington College] but, when I asked how to do some things in Access that I had been doing in dBASE, the answer was that these things can't be done in Access. (Does anyone know of a good piece of software for cataloging?) Shouldn't librarians be concerned with the problem of identifying software for cataloging private collections? Perhaps the newsletter could provide a forum for suggestions on how to answer such problems or perhaps it would be better to begin with a forum in which alumni make suggestions of projects which an alumni group might wish to undertake.

Editor: Wow! Do you have any other ideas about the newsletter?

Kathryn: One way to generate interest in a newsletter is to include a question or questionnaire in each issue inviting readers to respond with some data. The AARP newsletter includes a questionnaire and then later prints a statistical summary of the responses together occasionally with a few selected replies.

You might ask readers to write about memorable aspects of their life at GLS. After spending the last year reading Michael Gorman's discussion of library education, it might be interesting to ask GLS alumni to write about how they think library education should be changed, or what it should include, or what they think should be retained from their coursework. Or you might ask them to name the graduates they know who have made significant achievements. I would suggest people such as Victor Rosenberg, Dick Smith, Carolyn Frost or Julie Hurd and many others if I thought for a longer time. I don't think any of my "achievements" would compare to theirs.

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Editor: Well, those are certainly some things to think about for the future issues. You mentioned taking some courses in Access; what else are you up to these days?

Kathryn: I retired some time ago [from the University of California at Irvine] and am now living in Hyde Park. In the beginning, I did the obvious things. I became one of the denizens of Regenstein. I quit reading up on cataloging and classification theory. It was time to learn something else. Accordingly, I have been reading books (secondary sources!) on 17th through 19th century American history (but not the Civil War) ever since. I also continued to read math textbooks and work out the problems at the end of each chapter (this is more fun than crosswords or proving you can count to nine (sudoku)), and to tutor adults in math at the Blue Gargoyle.

I collect old crochet booklets (preferably published before 1958 and hopefully before 1925). I have a few hundred. The ladies in my crochet club asked me to give a workshop on "Historic Crochet." That provided me with an excuse to pull together my ideas about the period 1890-1925. I strictly limited myself to what I could see in the publications I had looked at (hence, the time period) and therefore, since 1958 marks a radical change, they were not interested.

I often write letters to the editor. They are rarely published, but recently the [Chicago] Tribune asked readers to write about their pet peeve. One of my pet peeves was the CTA's repeated announcement about riders with backpacks, so I wrote about that. The editors apparently gave up on an article on pet peeves, but they published the letter. The announcement was deleted from the CTA's repertoire together with some other such announcements and, if my letter was the cause of the deletion, I think I did a good deed.

Editor: Yes, indeed! And thank you, Kathryn, for taking the time to share your thoughts with your fellow GLS Alumni.

GLS Volunteers

GLSers **Debra Hammond**, (AM '90, MBA '95), **Susan Bayer** (AB '63, AM '67), and **Suzanne Arist** (AM '87) have been meeting with Ann Hubbard and Barbara Palmer-Bostick from the Library and Laura Gruen from Alumni House to lend their expertise to the new Klowden Family Library at Alumni House.

Thanks to a donation from the Klowden Family, this beautiful Library will feature books by alumni and faculty, and, as space permits, books on the University of Chicago and the city of Chicago, especially the South Side. **Debra, Susan** and **Suzanne** have recommended titles and have suggested how to organize and display them.

If you have written a book and would like to donate it to the collection, or if you have a recommendation for the Library, please contact Laura Gruen at l-gruen@uchicago.edu

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