



# GLS Alumni News

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## Welcome to Your Newsletter

This is the **second** issue of the GLS Alumni News. The first issue (in March 2006) was sent out electronically only and only to those alums for whom we have current email addresses (less than a third of us). We would like to reach as many GLSers as possible, but it is obviously more economical of time and money to send this over the Internet. If you would like to continue to receive the GLS Alumni News, as well as email updates from the Director of the Library, please send us your email address. Better yet, send along news about yourself to share with your fellow alums. We'd love to hear from you!

## Alumni Committee Planning Fall Event

An ad hoc GLS alumni outreach committee was formed by Ann Hubbard of the Library's Development Office. The committee, consisting of Susan Chang, Martha Jameson, Serpil Emre, Rich Stewart, Kristine Thorsen, and yours truly, joined Ann and her colleague, Barbara Palmer-Bostick, on a conference call May 16, 2006 to discuss possibilities for future GLS events. (Committee members Laraine Spector, Robb Murray, Marianna Tax Choldin, Bill Henley, Tom Walker and Brad Baker were unable to make the call, and new members John Fawcett and Agnes Roach joined the committee after the call took place.) Several GLS correspondents have asked if we are planning another event for ALA this year. We couldn't for 2006, but we will keep the option (and SLA) open for the future.  
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## GLS Alumni Honored

**Michael E.D. Koenig** (AM '68) and **Michael Madden** (AM '67) were honored in separate ceremonies this spring.

**Koenig**, professor of library and information science and founding dean of the College of Information and Computer Science at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, received the 2005 Jason Farradane Award, presented annually at the International Online Information Meeting in London. The award recognizes "outstanding work in the information field" and Koenig was specifically honored for "innovative and significant contributions to the field of Information Science."

**Madden**, director of the Schaumburg (IL) Township Library District for 39 years, received the North Suburban Library System's Lifetime Achievement Award at a ceremony in Palatine, IL in March. The honor recognized Madden's excellence in teaching and mentoring at the college and graduate levels, and as a representative for the First Amendment concerns of librarians. Among those remarking on Madden's career were Sarah Long, director of the North Suburban Library System and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky of the Illinois 9<sup>th</sup> District.

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## **Librarian Volunteers Needed**

The Chicago Alumni Club Volunteer Committee is looking for volunteer librarians to help start up and staff two new UC-sponsored charter school libraries in the Bronzeville and Woodlawn neighborhoods. Anyone interested in helping is urged to contact Juana Harper at [soulspec@aol.com](mailto:soulspec@aol.com).

## **NEWS FROM THE 1940s**

**Herbert Goldhor** (PhD '42) writes from Seattle: I am in touch with Edward B. Stanford (PhD 1942) who was Director of the University of Minnesota Library and is now 93 years of age. He doesn't use a computer, but his address is 1666 Coffman St., Apt. 215, St. Paul, MN 55108-1339. I was a classmate of Stanford's at the GLS and later we found ourselves working together in the Library Service Branch of Special Services of the European Theater, US Army; that is a long story in itself. I spent most of my post-WWII years at the University of Illinois library school. I retired in 1987 to care for my first wife who died in 1988. A year later I married Ruth, a childhood sweetheart, and we took to spending alternate years in various cities (Paris, Copenhagen, Oxford, etc.). We finally settled in Portland, OR, and six months later (in 2004) she died. I finally moved to a retirement home University House, 1325 North Allen Place, Apt. 426, Seattle, WA 98103-7560. Naturally the years in which I was at the GLS were the best – Louis Round Wilson, Carleton B. Joeckel, Douglas Waples, Leon Carnovsky and others on the faculty; and of my fellow students – Bernard Berelson, Lowell Martin, Ralph Beals, Jesse Shera, Ralph Shaw, Frances Henne, Maurice Tauber and a lot more. Best wishes, Herbert.

## **NEWS FROM THE 1950s**

From **Barbara Davis Widem** (AM '57): I am looking forward to keeping in touch with GLS. I enjoyed meeting old buddies and library nostalgia in June, 2005 when my husband and I attended the alumni gathering for the SSA and I found all kinds of info in the library Special Collections dept. about my classmates and the wonderful faculty for my alumni year (1957). These contacts, which we have not made in a long time brought back wonderful memories. I have been a member of ALA since 1948 when I received the undergraduate library degree at New Jersey College for Women...now Douglass...at Rutgers University. During these many years, I have worked in New Jersey, Kanawha County (Charleston), W.Va, in public, school and state libraries....on to Chicago for MLS following the advice and footsteps of Ethel Fair, who had inspired me as an undergraduate and lauded her alma mater at U. of Chi. I still feel part of a most "noble" profession and, although now that I am officially retired from 20 yrs of service in Montgomery County, Md. Public Libraries as a children's specialist, I volunteer on our local board, have attended many national ALA conventions...often rooming with colleagues from Chicago Public Libraries. I have an extensive collection of books, artwork, and lore about the Biblical Noah...having been inspired in 1955 by attending the production of the Clifford Odets drama "The Flowering Peach" in Chicago. Chicago is still close to our hearts and reviewing for the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books was challenging and thrilling....In Maryland, I continue to give talks on the Noah collection to schools, churches and synagogues...and have been able to connect with some colleagues from the past and young dedicated librarians in the area. **Continued next page...**

## ***MORE NEWS FROM THE 1950s***

*Although, last year we were not able to stay in Chicago for the alumni gathering of GLS, we did see the photos and enjoyed the news. I am now downsizing some of my personal book collection. If anyone would like a precious Christopher Morley book collection or a collection of books about children's lit., please get in touch. My best wishes for a great reunion this year. If any GLS members are nearby in the DC/Md. area and wish to get in touch, I would be delighted.*

**William L. (Bill) Williamson** (PhD, '59) retired in 1987 from the University of Wisconsin's SLIS. After Chicago, he was Butler Librarian at Columbia University and Chief Librarian at Montclair (NJ) State College before going to Madison. He taught courses also at Columbia, Chicago, and Hawaii. A more exotic part of his career was three consulting assignments in Indonesia in 1960, 1970, and 1986, providing him with an opportunity to learn a new language and explore a different civilization. Now retired in Madison, he keeps his hand in with a form of reference work as a "Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness" volunteer looking up information in Madison for people seeking records of their ancestors.

## **News from the 1960s**

**Susan Platt Bayer** (AM '67) is currently working as a Reference Librarian and Cataloger at Prairie State College, Chicago Heights, IL. "I am an Associate Professor at the college and in that role I am finally able to use what I was trained to do at GLS: Children's work. I created and am now teaching a course in Children's Literature for the college as a part of the college's program in offering enrichment and associate degrees to teachers aides and teachers in the Southern suburbs of Chicago. Retirement looms ahead, but as long as I enjoy what I do, I'll just keep on working."

## **More News from the 1960s**

**Linda S. Feist** (formerly Wallace) (AM '68) retired 2003. Since graduation she served in public, university, corporate, special libraries; including the Minneapolis Public Library, University of Minnesota, West Publishing, State of Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, which she directed from 1976-85, and in the Office of Governor Jesse Ventura from 1998-2002. In 2002, she was featured in an article in *American Libraries*: "Places an MLS Can Take You." Always active in politics, in 1972, she was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In retirement, she has even more time for activism. This April, she founded and chaired the DFL (i.e. Minnesota Democratic Party) Senior Caucus. "I have had a wonderful career. I can't think of a profession that is as useful and rewarding as librarianship."

## **News from the 1970s**

**Janet Russell** (AM '70) writes: In 1989 I began moonlighting as an indexer and soon realized that I am happier working for myself as an indexer. Yes, I write those things you turn to at the back of the book to find out what's in it. After all those years in libraries, I find I index a lot of books about library science. I won the H. W. Wilson award for Excellence in Indexing for my index to AACR2 in 2004. Lately I've been branching out into history and biography, but I'll index just about anything. It makes my life interesting. I also realized that I didn't have to put up with all that snow in Chicago and moved back to my hometown in Concord, California.

**Ed. Note:** I asked Janet for her recollections of GLS before Regenstein. Her reply is on the next page.

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## Reminiscing...

*I was in one of the last classes based in Harper Library. One of the pleasures of my time was visiting all the scattered departmental libraries which ended up homogenized into Regenstein. I particularly remember Swift Library (Religion), with desks that slanted like a medieval scriptorium. The Music library was tucked into a corner of the Classics stacks. I was doing homework there once and saw the music librarian, with a score open before her, singing into the phone. I knew immediately this was one library specialty I would never be able to do. The Oriental Institute library was the most beautiful on campus.*

*Each little library had its own silence. As a librarian, I knew the administrative conveniences of consolidating the collections, and served on an advisory committee which worked to persuade the departments to give up their libraries, but I still regretted the losses. The Oriental Institute sent its collection to Regenstein along with the others, but when it sunk in that their books were no longer just down the hall, they managed to recreate most of it with exchanges and donations from retired professors. It has grown into an impressive collection.*

*It seems like another time....*

*Janet Russell (AM '70)*

## More News from the 1970s

**Peggy Sullivan** (PhD'72) gave a talk on *Library Heroes* at the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences Alumni and Friends Day.

**Claire K. Fund** (AM '73) writes: *How technology reconnects folks! Amazing stuff. I'm working at the College of Charleston Library - we just completed a 150,000 sq ft new building and I've spent much of the last few years working on this project. Great fun working with terrific librarians, architects, and construction crews. I moved to Charleston 16 years ago after marrying a wonderful man who teaches philosophy here.*

From **Martha Moss Kreisel** (AM 1973): *Currently Associate Professor of Library Services at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY after working in Memphis, Buffalo, and Westchester, I ended back on Long Island. I have authored three editions of Photography Books Index: A Subject Guide to Photo Anthologies, as well as Papercutting : an international bibliography and selected guide to U.S. collections, and American Women Photographers: A Selected and Annotated Bibliography. My Directory of Craft Cooperatives is available on the Web, as is Outdoor Murals and the Essence of the Community: Preserving Our Heritage, a guide to mural towns.*

**Hedy Ratner** (AM '74) writes: *I founded and am President of the Women's Business Development Center which is now celebrating its 20th anniversary!!! My organization is the oldest, largest and most successful women's business assistance center in the U.S. and has served over 50,000 women to start and expand their businesses. I am on various non-profit boards as well and an advocate for women's economic empowerment. Although 65 this year!!! I am not thinking of retirement just enjoying my work and my life!*

**Elsie Sze** (AM'76) was a librarian at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, IL, and the Warren-Newport Public Library in Gurnee, IL. She moved to Toronto, Canada in 1987, and was a librarian with the Toronto Public Library system, from 1991 to 2001, when she took an early retirement. Her first novel, HUI GUI: A Chinese Story, was published in Canada in September, 2005, and released in the U.S. in January, 2006, a family saga of the last century set in China and Hong Kong.

**Miriam Budin** (AM '76) is currently employed as a Children's Librarian at the Chappaqua Library in Chappaqua, NY, where she once did a story hour with Hilary Clinton (this was when she was running for Senator for the first time.)

**Carolyn Olivia Frost** (PhD '77) is Interim Dean at University of Michigan School of Information and a member of the faculty since 1977.

## ***More News from the 1970s***

News from **Dana Carey McKenna** (AM '77):  
*After graduation, I spent 3 years as a children's librarian and then returned to school to get a degree in computer science. After getting that degree in 1983, I went to work for IBM in a variety of positions until I jumped ship to one of my IBM customers, Circuit City, in 1997. I am still at Circuit City today where I work as a senior systems administrator. So I guess I am one who focused more on information science rather than library science. I still have library science in the family as my husband, Jerry McKenna, is Library Director of County of Henrico Public Library in Richmond, VA. We have a 12-year old son, Christopher who enjoys soccer, Scouts, drawing dragons, and doing most anything outdoors.*

**Kathryn Walsh** (AM '77) has been head of Library & Information Services at Purdue Pharma LP since 1979. From 1976 to 1979 she was a reference librarian at UCLA Biomedical Library. Currently Kathy is a member of The Conference Board Information Research and Management Council. She and her husband Wes Romansky (AM '76, English) live in Stamford, CT and have three children. Their oldest son, Carter, is working in Boston; Alex has just finished his first year at CU Boulder; and Brooke is a high school sophomore at St. Paul's School in New Hampshire. Kathy sends her best to all the members of the fun group of GLS students from 1975-1976. Where are you, Eben, Steve, Robin, Dennis, Joyce and the rest of that wonderful group???

## ***NEWS FROM THE 1980s***

**Lisa deGruyter** (PhD '82) and **Robert Helfer** (AM '82), are still in Austin, Texas, where Robert got his Ph.D. at UT GSLIS. He is manager of the automated system for the Talking Book program at the Texas State Library and Archives. Lisa is starting her 9th year at the Texas Comptroller's Office, where she manages the Unix server group, which supports a range of web, administrative, and

*financial services, as well as email. She was at the State Library for 10 years, where she created the Texas State Electronic Library and the Texas Records and Information Locator. Daughter Hilde is finishing a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology at Texas Tech, and son Arend will be moving to Chicago in the fall to begin studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. More at the family website, <http://www.io.com/~degh>*

**Bob Winger** (AM, '83) is Reference Librarian at the Chicago law firm office of McGuireWoods, LLP.

Since 1993, **Vaughan Stanley** (AM, '84) has been the Special Collections and Reference Librarian at Washington and Lee University. His wife is a Registered Nurse and their lives revolve around their three children ranging in age from 16 to 7. Vaughan has been a reviewer for Choice for 23 years.

**Laura Wasowicz** ('86) is Curator of Children's Literature at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts. She received her M.A. in History from Clark University in 1994. She married Matthew Petrie in 1998, and their son Andrew is nearly five years old. Laura's work includes creating detailed rare book cataloging of nineteenth-century American children's books, providing reference assistance to readers, and acquiring 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century American children's books for the collection. She has also compiled the Nineteenth-Century American Children's Book Trade Directory, an electronic database listing publishers, printers, binders, and booksellers of American children's books held at the AAS. This directory, and a description of the AAS Children's Literature Collection are available at <http://www.americanantiquarian.org>.

**Elizabeth Plantz** (AM '87) is currently working at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD as a cataloger.

## ***NEWS FROM THE 1990s***

**Krystyna Mrozek** (AM '90) is currently working as the Interdisciplinary Programs Librarian at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Lois Schwartz** (AM '90) writes: *I started at GLS in about 1972 or so but did not complete my M.A. in Library Science until 1990. I did it long-distance from Berkeley. I had completed my J.D. at Boalt Hall (the law school at UC Berkeley) in 1989 and thought it might be a good idea to have joint degrees. The law school at Berkeley and GLS graciously supported my efforts and I am so glad I finished the library degree, because it has been a big factor in my career. Now I have a full-time position as Adjunct Professor in Residence at UC Hastings School of Law in San Francisco. I teach legal research and writing and a number of other courses. As you know, legal research is entirely different in 2006 than it was in 1990, so my appointment forces me to keep up with the changes. I just won a Teacher of the Year award here at Hastings and spoke at a symposium at Harvard on empirical studies in legal education.*

**Eric D. Albright** (AM '90) has been the Director of the Hirsh Health Sciences Library at Tufts University since Aug., 2002. "This is a wonderful place to work and I work with great people! You can learn more about the library at [www.library.tufts.edu/spotlight/spotlight.html](http://www.library.tufts.edu/spotlight/spotlight.html)

## ***Alumni Event Planned***

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The good news is that we are investigating plans for a program event in the fall, possibly partnering with the Chicago Alumni Association.

Ann and Susan will be working on defining the topic, but it could loosely be described as the impact of technology on libraries. We'll keep you in the loop. Speaking of which, Rich pointed out that the Alumni Association Web site has links to discussion groups organized by affiliation. Ann will investigate if we can set up such a group for GLS alumni.

## ***Editor's Notes***

*Was that fun or what!*

*It's so great to hear from all of you and learn about the things you've done and are still doing. Thanks to all of you for contributing to make this little newsletter a success. And it will succeed the more correspondents we get, so don't forget to send us your contact information.*

*We publish a correspondents' contact page at the end of each newsletter, so you can get in touch directly with old friends and colleagues. (If you don't want people calling or dropping by unexpectedly, you can leave that part out.)*

*We'd love to hear from you!*

*It was especially gratifying to be able to include correspondence from alumni from every decade since the 1940's in this issue.*

*What's next? Well, in future issues, we hope to bring you interviews and profiles of faculty and alums. We've already lined up an interview for the September issue.*

*But mostly, it's up to you: if you don't write, we don't have much to say. Kathryn Walsh wanted to know where her friends Eben, Steve, Robin, Dennis, and Joyce were. It was great to hear from my classmate, Claire Fund. Where are Jack, Etheldra, Debby and Stewart?*

*And if you've already written, stay in touch; we know you're always up to something.*

*Thanks again and keep the emails coming!*

*Eric Halvorson (AM '75)*

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## ***Errata:***

*In Issue 1, we gave an incorrect Web address for **Katherine Bertolucci's** (AM'76) taxonomy blog site. The correct address is [www.bloglines.com/blog/isisinblog](http://www.bloglines.com/blog/isisinblog).*

*Also, in Issue 1, we used an incorrect email address for **Peggy Sullivan**. She would prefer that we use [pslibcon@alumni.uchicago.edu](mailto:pslibcon@alumni.uchicago.edu). The change will be added to the contact page which follows.*

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