



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

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Dear Alumni,

Another year has passed and, thanks to your generous donations, support and dedication to the School, we have enjoyed a productive and stimulating year. The MLIS program is reviewed every year by the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, and once every seven years it is re-accredited. Thanks to the hard work of my colleagues, students and alumni who produced the School's Program Presentation for the COA, the MLIS program was re-accredited in February 2003 for a further seven years. GSLIS has been continuously accredited by the ALA since 1927.

Speaking of history, McGill was the first university in Canada to offer a program for library education, beginning with a summer course in 1904. In anticipation of our centenary celebration in 2004, GSLIS has designed a special poster, which will be sent to many institutions, including academic, special and public libraries in Canada, the United States, UK, Australia, France and several other countries around the globe. We are planning for a half-day event on May 15, 2004, which will include a keynote speaker, a panel of experts discussing the future of education for information professionals, and a dinner reception. Invitations will be sent to all our alumni, deans and directors of the library and information studies programs in Canada, and the United States. The occasion will also be used as a major fundraising campaign for student fellowships. Please mark this important date in your calendar.

As a prelude to the centenary celebration, GSLIS hosted a major reception on June 28, 2003, during the joint annual conference of the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association in Toronto. More than one hundred alumni attended the event, and we welcomed graduates from the Class of 1938 through to the Class of 2003. I would like to thank all the attendees and I look forward to celebrating further with you on May 15, 2004.

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New recruitment poster, "Celebrating 100 years"



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New Faculty

Dr. Eun Park, our eighth faculty member, joined GSLIS in July 2003. Prior to taking the position of Assistant Professor, Dr. Park was a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Information Studies at UCLA and an adjunct faculty member at San Jose State University. In September 2002, she completed her doctoral studies at UCLA; her dissertation title is *Developing a Framework for Authenticity Requirements and*

Authentication Processes in University Student Records Systems: an Exploratory Study. She also holds an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, an MS in library and information studies from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), as well as an MA and a BA, both in English language and literature, from Pusan National University (Korea). Since 1999 Dr. Park has been an active researcher in the internationally renowned InterPARES Project (International Research on

Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems). In addition, her professional experience involves the development of a digital library, reference duties, database and Web management, and indexing.

Dr. Park has many publications and conference presentations to her credit. Her research encompasses a wide range of topics, such as the development and implementation of archival curricula on digital records and data; authentication requirements in electronic records systems; and metadata schema in the multidisciplinary contexts. Dr. Park has won a number of prestigious awards, including the 2001 Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, and the 2001 Oliver Wendell Holmes Award from the Society of American Archivists.

Dr. Eun Park



Lucille M. Wert Scholarship

The Division of Chemical Information of the American Chemical Society awarded Victoria Wei Zhang this year's Lucille M. Wert Scholarship. Ms. Zhang graduated from Shanghai University with a BSc in environmental monitoring. She has many years of experience in information research and management, as well as project management. Vicky began the MLIS program in fall 2002.



**Victoria Wei Zhang,
MLIS II student.**

Increased Enrolments

GSLIS began a recruitment campaign in 1998 to raise awareness among undergraduates regarding career opportunities in library and information studies. Since then, enrolment in GSLIS has significantly increased. In fall 2002, enrolment reached its peak,

with the highest registration of new students ever. Our PhD program has been equally successful in attracting new students – four new students will be joining the 12 Doctoral students already registered in the program.

The increases in enrolment in both programs created some space problems for the School.

We recently converted the main office of the School into two areas, one to be used for administrative purposes and the other to house four stations for the PhD students.



**Audrey LaPlante,
a PhD Candidate at GSLIS.**

New Staff

Since 1996 GSLIS has relied on only two support staff for its day-to-day operations: Ms Dorothy Carruthers, Administrative Assistant, and Ms Kathryn Hubbard, Student Affairs Coordinator. Last year the University approved funding for a Graduate Secretary and we hired Ms Helena Patte to fill the position. Helena's tasks include publicity, marketing and alumni relations. Helena has already become an asset to the GSLIS.

SSHRC Fellowship

Audrey Laplante, a second-year PhD student studying in the area of new retrieval systems for fiction in libraries, recently received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Fellowship. Audrey has an MIS and a BA in music performance from the Université de Montréal.

Two New Faculty Positions

I'm delighted to announce that we have received permission to hire two additional faculty members. This is a welcome response to a long-term need and is due, in part, to the support of Dean Ratna Ghosh and Provost Luc Vinet. Advertisements for the positions in the areas of information management and organization of information have appeared in major Canadian and American academic publications. We anticipate hiring at least one new faculty member in winter 2004, and another in summer of that year.

New Concentrations

Recruiting new faculty members will allow GSLIS to embark upon the introduction of four concentrations in its MLIS program: Library and Information Studies (LIS), Knowledge Management