



School of  
Information Sciences

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

September 8, 2017

Student Center Ballroom  
Wayne State University Campus



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# ASSOCIATE DEAN'S MESSAGE

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the first 50 years of our American Library Association accreditation and look to what the next 50 years have in store for our school. Much has changed since 1967, but the students, faculty, alumni and professional community have remained a steady force moving through and effecting change in the library and information science profession.



We are thrilled to award over 70 scholarships to accomplished and well-deserving students who are working toward new careers in this rewarding field. We are appreciative to all of our donors - both large and small - that make these awards a reality. We are also proud to have active and involved students who demonstrate their commitment through service to student organizations and participation in professional development and writing.

We are fortunate to have Kraig Binkowski, MLIS 1994, returning to receive our Distinguished Alumni Award. As Chief Librarian for the Yale Center for British Art at Yale University, he is a fine example of what can be accomplished with a LIS education. In addition, we are honoring Gwenn Marchesano, MLIS 2005, with our Professional Service Award for her work and leadership in school library media in Michigan.

Finally, we are celebrating a pivotal moment in our school history - a new name. The change to School of Information Sciences signifies and recognizes that our education and work touches many different sectors and has broadened appeal in the ever expanding information sphere. It is an opportunity for us to continue building upon our practice-driven MLIS curriculum while expanding our horizon to new offerings. This was the driving force behind the creation of our new master's degree, the Master of Science in Information Management (MSIM). When students begin enrolling in the program in January 2018, it will mark a new chapter in our mission of educating leaders who advance the importance of information in society.

Our future is bright and we are excited to share this evening recognizing the people and the profession that made the first 50 years possible and who will continue to practice, contribute and lead well into the future.

— Dr. Stephen T. Bajjaly  
Associate Dean and Professor

# DEAN OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

## INCOMING: JON CAWTHORNE



Jon Cawthorne started as dean of the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences and the University Libraries on August 1, 2017. Cawthorne comes to Wayne State from West Virginia University (WVU), where he served as dean of libraries since 2014. Prior to joining WVU, Cawthorne was interim dean at San Diego State University, Library and Information Access; interim deputy director at the Detroit Public Library; and reference librarian and coordinator for outreach

services at the University of Oregon. He earned a B.A. in English and radio communications from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and his M.L.S. at the University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland. Cawthorne received his Ph.D. in managerial leadership in the information professions from Simmons College in Boston.

Welcome Dean Cawthorne!

## OUTGOING: SANDRA YEE



Sandy Yee served as Dean of the Wayne State University Library System for 16 years, retiring as Dean on July 31, 2017. During her tenure she was responsible for the School of Library and Information Science and five campus libraries. She also served as President of the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET), a southeastern Michigan multi-type library consortium. Prior to joining Wayne State, Sandy spent 19 years at Eastern Michigan

University where she had a major role in the planning of the new Bruce T. Halle Library. She also has prior experience in community college, high school and junior high school libraries. She currently serves as Chair of the OCLC Board of Trustees and is a leader and active member of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the American Library Association, the Michigan Academic Library Association and the Detroit Public Library Friends Foundation Board.

Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement, Dean Yee!

# AWARD WINNERS

## *Patricia B. Knapp Award*

This award is given each year to the graduating student who has demonstrated a high level of scholarship and shows promise of success in a career in library and information service. The recipient is selected on the basis of demonstrated scholastic achievement, evidence of research capability and professional commitment.

### **JOSE CRUZ GUERRERO**

Jose is an online student from the San Francisco Bay Area who received his MLIS in 2016. He was a fellow in Project IDoL, Increasing the Diversity of Librarians, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). In January 2016, he was awarded an IMLS Rare Book School Fellowship. He is currently a Diversity Resident Librarian at the Pennsylvania State University.



## *Distinguished Alumni Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has made outstanding contributions to the library and information science field. It recognizes those who have achieved distinction in the profession based on job performance, service, publications or other relevant professional activity.

### **KRAIG A. BINKOWSKI, MLIS 1994**

Kraig has served as the Chief Librarian of the Yale Center for British Art at Yale University since 2005. Previous art librarianship positions include Head Librarian of the Helen Farr Sloan Library at the Delaware Art Museum and Associate Librarian at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He is currently an Associate Editor for *Art Libraries Journal*.



## *Professional Service Award*

This award acknowledges Wayne State alumni and other individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions to the Michigan library community during their careers and have supported the School of Information Sciences.

### **GWENN MARCHESANO, MLIS 2005**

Gwenn is a library media specialist in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Long active in the Michigan organization for media specialists, the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME), Gwenn served as its president in 2015. She is currently MAME's Affiliate Representative to the International Association for Technology in Education, serves on the MAME Advocacy Committee, and serves on the American Association for School Librarians Accreditation Task Force.



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Isabel James Bath Endowed Scholarship*

This scholarship fund was established by the Bath Family Foundation in honor of Isabel James Bath, class of 1952. Preference is given to students who demonstrate plans to serve as a school librarian in Michigan or who wish to be a public or academic librarian within the state of Michigan.

**ALIA HAMID**

## *Sallie Ellison Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

This award encourages continued academic progress and provides assistance to students who reflect Ms. Ellison's dedication to inner city, urban, minority communities and to quality library service.

**FRANCO VITELLA**

## *Judith J. Field Endowed Scholarship*

Established by Judith J. Field, retired Senior Lecturer, this award supports students who demonstrate innovation in their approach to librarianship and/or a commitment to urban librarianship or arts/museum librarianship.

**ADARIA ARMSTRONG**

**DERECK CRAM**

**ABBY D'ADDARIO**

## *Gloria A. Francis Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and qualities of character and leadership who demonstrate a special interest and expertise in the areas of rare books and archives.

**MICHAEL NIVEN**

## *Graduate Professional Scholarship*

The Graduate School sponsors the annual Graduate Professional Scholarship competition for tuition awards in the fall and winter semesters.

**CATHERINE ASH**

**LESLIE BRONDSEMA**

**KATHERINE BURNHAM**

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**BENJAMIN KNIGHT**

**PAULA MONTGOMERY**

**ALEXANDREA PENN**

**MONICA PONZINI**

**REBECCA ROPER**

**ASHLEY SERVIS**

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship*

This scholarship is awarded to graduate students enrolled in the school who demonstrate scholastic achievement and leadership qualities who also show an interest in school library media or youth services.

**BRITTANY HILL**

**LISA KELSAY**

**JOYCE KROM**

**COURTNEI MOYSES**

**SARA PINKHAM-JONES**

## *Paulette E. Groen Endowed Scholarship*

This award was established in honor of Paulette Groen's legacy of service leadership and community engagement that she fostered in many areas of librarianship after receiving her MLIS from the school in 1972. This scholarship fund was established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their SIS education in public, urban, children and youth and/or special librarianship.

**JENA RAZOR**

**HEATHER ROCHON**

## *Robert P. Holley Endowed Scholarship*

Established by retired professor Dr. Robert Holley, this award is given to students who have worked in or been involved with libraries serving urban communities in the 50 largest American cities by population.

**ALLISON FISCUS**

## *Miriam T. Larson Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

This award honors students who show scholastic achievement and qualities of character and leadership while demonstrating a commitment to the health sciences and/or medical libraries profession.

**COURTNEY COONEY**

## *Library and Information Science Alumni Scholarship*

Recipients of this award are selected based upon scholarship, qualities of character, leadership, and financial need.

**LAURA KENNEDY**

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Library Workforce Development Scholarship*

The school with support from the Graduate School offers these scholarships to paraprofessional employees of libraries who wish to begin graduate study for the MLIS degree.

**MICHELLE GASSER**

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## *New Student Scholarship*

These awards are competitive, merit-based scholarships targeted for new MLIS students. The school's goal is to recruit high achieving, motivated students who will contribute to the SIS learning community both on-campus and online. The awards are made possible by support from the Graduate School.

**ABIGAIL DUNCKEL**

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**CHRISTINE WISSWELL**

## *Edith B. Phillips Endowed Scholarship*

Recipients of this award are selected based upon scholastic achievement, qualities of character and leadership, financial need, and a demonstrated interest in technical services.

**MATTIE DUGAN**

**ALEXANDRA GARANT**

**EMMA SOULJE**

**ELLIOTT TERRY**

**NICOLE WILLIAMS**

## *Diane M. Rockall Scholarship*

Recipients are currently enrolled students selected based on scholastic achievement and financial need.

**MOLLY BARON**

**CARA CASTILLO**

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Robert L. Sherwood Scholarship*

Recipients are current students in the school with an interest in public librarianship. Preference is given to students with a demonstrated interest in serving the Herrick District Library or Ottawa and Allegan Counties in Michigan.

**PAIGE BRANDLI**

## *Lothar Spang Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

The award supports students with financial need who demonstrate career plans to serve as a school or public librarian in underserved urban communities. The fund also supports Alternative Spring Break students.

**MELISSA CONNOLLY**

**AMANDA FIELDS**

## *Peter and Jane Spyers-Duran Endowed Scholarship*

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and qualities of character and leadership who are current students in the school.

**COLLEEN CIROCCO**

**MICHELLE WILLIAMS**

## *Student Writing Award*

This annual award is intended to encourage scholarship and excellence in professional communication by recognizing outstanding student essays and projects completed during coursework in the school.

**STACY LOVERIDGE**

Title: Resources for New Teachers in Anne Arundel County, Maryland

## *Student Professional Development Award*

This award was established to encourage and support students to present a paper or poster at a professional conference. This award is intended to support travel to state, local, national, regional, and international conferences.

**MARIA NUCCILLI**

## *Carolyn R. Williams Endowed Scholarship*

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement qualities of character and leadership with preference given to applicants from disadvantaged, underserved, urban communities.

**AUTUMN WETLI**

## *H. W. Wilson Scholarship*

Recipients are current graduate students in the school who are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and qualities of character and leadership.

**JILL PFEIFFER**

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**TIMOTHY WIETCHY**

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## *Aspiring Youth and School Librarians (AYSL)*

The mission of the AYSL student organization is to provide a forum for students interested in youth librarianship, education, and media to learn about and discuss youth information services in all of its forms.

**PRESIDENT: MAEVE DEVLIN**

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## *Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)*

The purpose of ASIS&T is to provide a format for the professional development of information specialists, to promote and further research and its application, and to make these achievements known to the public. ASIS&T is an organization that strives to build bridges between different scholarly disciplines such as research and technology, and information and users.

**PRESIDENT: AMANDA GANTCHEV, CRYSTAL THOMAS**

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**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: CASSIE MEYER**

## *Future Librarians for Inclusivity and Diversity (FLID)*

FLID provides a safe space for up and coming LIS professionals to gain a better understanding of diversity within the profession and underserved populations. In preparation for working with individuals from these groups, FLID's mission will be to expose SIS students to issues surrounding diverse cultures, lifestyles, physical abilities, and religious beliefs within the LIS field.

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# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## *National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA)*

Students joining this group delve into the issues of Digital Preservation, assist in the development of outreach education for these fragile formats, create educational videos and provide input to the NDSA Wiki.

**PRESIDENT: ALLIE PENN**

**VICE PRESIDENT: LAURA KENNEDY**

**COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: LORI EATON**

**RESEARCH CHAIR: KHARI WATTS**

## *Society of American Archivists (SAA)*

SAA strives to enhance the education of students interested in archival studies by providing practical resources, networking opportunities and hands-on events, whether they be tours, workshops or the like. This group is active, dynamic and dedicated to the archival profession. In general we are Master's students in the Library and History programs, but we are all in this field to preserve the present day's records for future generations' use.

**PRESIDENT: MARK PRINDIVILLE**

**VICE-PRESIDENT: NATHANIEL ARNDTS**

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**TREASURER: GWYNETH RICHARD**

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER & WEBMASTER/DIGITAL LIAISON:**

**NATALIE PIERNAK**

# SCHOOL HISTORY

The School of Information Sciences can trace its origins to 1918, when the Detroit Normal Training School began offering courses in school librarianship to elementary teachers in the Detroit Public Schools. After the training school became the Detroit Teachers College in 1923, the library science program grew. In the 1930s, the college offered future elementary and secondary school librarians a bachelor's degree with a minor in library science. In 1940, the Teachers College became Wayne University and in 1956 it became Wayne State University.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Library Science Department broadened and diversified its program to include both undergraduate courses and a series of continuing education programs. The American Library Association (ALA) accredited the Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) degree in 1967. Due to budgetary concerns, it was necessary to move the Department out of the College of Education in 1984, and it began functioning under the administrative jurisdiction of the Dean of University Libraries. The name was changed to the Library and Information Science Program in 1993. The LIS Program grew from 125 students in 1987 to nearly 500 graduate students today. As a reflection of the growth of the student body and expansion of its degree and certificate offerings, the Board of Governors approved the creation of the School of Library and Information Science in 2009. The name was changed to School of Information Sciences effective August 2017 as a reflection of the wider role the school has in educating professionals for the information field.

The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree is accredited by the ALA; the next regularly scheduled review takes place in 2023. The Specialist Certificate in Library and Information Science was created in 1978; the Graduate Certificate in Archival Administration was established in 1986. Both the Joint MLIS/MA degree and Graduate Certificate in Information Management were established in 2007; a fully-online MLIS option was established in 2008; the Graduate Certificate in Public Library Services to Children and Young Adults was established in 2009; the Master of Science in Information Management degree was established in 2017.

In 2017, the MLIS program was granted continued accreditation by the American Library Association, marking 50 years of ALA accredited status.

# GIVING

*Thank you to our donors who made an anniversary-specific contribution to the school by September 1.*

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## **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

Your donation to SIS Scholarships or the SIS 50th Anniversary fund supports new and continuing students as they pursue their studies. There are two ways to contribute:

### **CONTRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUND**

Join us in celebrating 50 years of continuous ALA accreditation through your donation to the 50th Anniversary fund. Donations provide support to scholarship funds, student travel, and special experiences, such as participation in Alternative Spring Break.

### **CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

SIS offers 26 scholarships. These funds honor faculty and alumni and support students based on numerous criteria, including academic achievement, overcoming life challenges, and areas of research interest. Make your donation at <https://giving.wayne.edu/donate/sis>

For more information on giving, contact Marguerite Carlton, Senior Major Gifts Officer at [margueritec@wayne.edu](mailto:margueritec@wayne.edu) or 313-577-2822.

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## ABOUT THE BAND: MELVIN DAVIS

We are pleased to host the musical icon, Melvin Davis. He is an inductee to the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame and has worked with greats including Smokey Robinson and Chuck Berry. Davis is also a successful songwriter, keyboardist and vocalist. His dedication to the city and mentoring younger generations rounds him out as a true "Soul Ambassador."

Davis has been involved with the school since 2015 when he participated in the LIS 7770, Oral History, class. Since that interview, he has been a champion in bringing his musical friends into the classroom to educate our archival students about the impact Detroit musicians have had on world music.

Joining Davis is Pat Lewis who not only has been a star vocalist over the years, but has also written for Isaac Hayes. She has sung back-up for Aretha Franklin and George Clinton. Lewis is also a member of the R & B Hall of Fame.

In addition, Davis brings with him an incredibly talented multi-piece band.

*Thank you for  
celebrating with us!*



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