

Lillian Moore Bradshaw Honored with TWU Founders' Award



*Lillian Moore Bradshaw
Founders' Award Recipient*

Lillian Moore Bradshaw, generous supporter of the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies, was honored at the TWU Founders' Awards Luncheon on February 17, 2006. The Founders' Day event provides an opportunity to reflect on the history of TWU and on the contributions of visionaries who support Texas Woman's University. Mrs. Bradshaw served as the director of the Dallas Public Library from 1962 to 1984. She was the first woman in the United States to direct a major public library system. Including a term as American Library Association president in 1971, she has made many contributions to civic and professional associations. Mrs. Bradshaw earned a bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College and a master's from Drexel University, which later honored her with the degree of Doctor of Letters. From 1987 to 2003, TWU hosted the annual Lillian Bradshaw Lecture, a public lecture series featuring outstanding national and international scholars.

In 2005, the Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in Library Science was established at TWU, with Dr. Robert S. Martin, former director of the National Institute of Museum and Library Services, named to the position. Mrs. Bradshaw's illustrious career in professional librarianship has served as an inspiration to many colleagues and students.

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Accreditation Review Scheduled March 2007

The SLIS faculty has begun work on the Committee on Accreditation (COA) Program Presentation in anticipation of the accreditation review by the American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Accreditation in spring 2007. Our goal for this review is to attain full accreditation with all conditions removed.

As part of this review, faculty members are currently working in teams on our self-study to produce a Program Presentation document. The purpose of the Program Presentation is to describe the program, how it meets the *1992 Standards for Accreditation*, to analyze its strengths, weaknesses, and challenges, and set forth the program's plans and goals for future development and continued compliance with the *Standards*. The draft Program Presentation is due to the COA office in November 2006, and the final Program Presentation is due in January 2007, with the site visit scheduled for March 3-6, 2007.

Each team for preparing the Program Presentation includes both on-campus and DL student representatives and external constituents for input and review. The faculty plans to have the first draft of the Program Presentation finished by the end of the spring semester. The draft will be presented to the

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Alumni Association Returns to Support TWU SLIS Endeavors

After a period of dormancy, the TWU SLIS Alumni Association is returning. We would like your help in rebuilding the organization, which would support the school's endeavors to balance its traditional strengths with more visionary aspects of librarianship and information science. With ALA accreditation coming up in 2007, alumni input will also be essential to the school's self-evaluation and assessment.

If you are interested in joining the TWU SLIS Alumni Association, please contact TWUSLIS@yahoo.com or fill out the form enclosed with this issue. Membership is currently free, but we will let you know if it becomes necessary to charge a fee to support operating costs. We currently have no elected officers, so please contact me at jrneal72@uta.edu if you want to run as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. You may nominate others to run for office as well. Those who receive nominations will be asked if they are interested in filling a role in the organization. We will hold an election if multiple people express interest in holding the same position.

The TWU SLIS Alumni Association will also host a Mini-Session at the TLA Annual Conference on Thursday, April 27, in Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston. We will have an Association meeting, and we have invited SLIS Director, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, to provide updates on TWU and SLIS. The Mini-Session will last from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the TWU Alumni Reception being held afterwards. Light refreshments will be available, so please RSVP by April 20 to TWUSLIS@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

And don't forget to stop by TWU Booth #1517 in the Exhibits Hall to say "hi" to the faculty and students, and to pick up some goodies.

We look forward to catching up with you at TLA!

-- Jason Neal, Interim President of TWU SLIS Alumni Association

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SLIS External Constituents Board for its review and comments.

SLIS will also be seeking feedback from current students and alumni for our programs and curriculum. An alumni survey will be posted on the SLIS website (<http://www.twu.edu/cope/slis>) by early April. Your response to this survey is important for our planning and will help make our accreditation a success!

-- Sarah Merrill, SLIS Assessment Officer



Focus on Faculty

Drs. Lynn Akin and Jeong-Mee Lee co-presented their research paper entitled "Teaching a Process Online: How do we know they learned what we taught!" in January 2006 at the Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX. They have also been asked to present their paper at the TWU LifeLong Learning Faculty Spotlight series on March 23.

Dr. Lynn Akin has been asked to run for chair/elect of the TLA Acquisitions and Collection Development round table.

Dr. Kaye Bray gave a presentation at the TLA District 9 Meeting on "School Media Certification: How to Get it, and What You Can Do with It," in October in Odessa, TX.

Dr. Evelyn Curry presented a poster entitled "HIV-AIDS in Women: Information-seeking behavior and cultural

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New Staff Welcome!

SLIS welcomes three new staff members! Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens and Ms. Sarah Merrill joined SLIS in October 2005 in two new part-time staff positions. Ms. Kitchens is the Practicum/Recruitment Coordinator, who assists faculty and students in practicum arrangements and SLIS recruitment efforts. She is also an adjunct professor, teaching courses in Collection Development and Public Libraries. She was with the Dallas Public Library for thirteen years and worked in various positions, including Manager of the Lakewood and Oak Lawn branches.

Ms. Sarah Merrill is the new Assessment Officer, who assists the SLIS Director in data gathering, analysis, and reporting for ALA Accreditation, SACS Institutional Effectiveness, and other assessment-related activities. Ms. Merrill comes to us from the TWU College of Professional Education, where she has worked as the Librarian for the past three years.

Ms. Brenda Mallory joined SLIS in March 2006 as the SLIS office Secretary. She has many years of experience in a business background. She replaces Ms. Patricia Graham, who resigned in January.

Student Spotlight

Doctoral student Rose Brock, along with Dr. Sylvia Vardell, gave a presentation entitled "Using Audiobooks to Build Student Success" at the 2005 American Association of School Librarians Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. She also serves on the Texas Poetry Festival organizing committee.

Doctoral student Jane Claes, along with Dr. Janet Hilbun, gave a presentation entitled "Coast to Coast: Exploring State Book Awards" at the 2005 American Association of School Librarians Exploratorium in Pittsburgh. She and Dr. Hilbun will also present a paper on the same subject at the Texas Library Association annual conference in April 2006.

MLS student Lilly Ramin is the winner of the 2006 GLISA ALA Essay Contest, which will allow her to attend the 2006 ALA Conference in New Orleans, LA.

Upcoming Events

TLA Annual Conference April 25-28, 2006 in Houston, TX
<http://www.tsla.org/conference/conf.html>

TWU SLIS Spring Mini Forum April 27, 2006, in Houston, TX

ALA Annual Conference June 22-28, 2006, in New Orleans, LA
<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/2006an.htm>

TWU SLIS Fall Forum October 7, 2006

Congratulations to Fall 2005 Graduates!!

Judy Anghelescu
 Heidi Ashbaugh
 Melissa Atchison
 Tamara Beecroft-Fornell
 Pamela Bennett
 Laura Bernal
 Kevin Bokay
 Alyssa Crow
 Margaret Dawson
 Alissa Dornink
 Yvette Dow-Rose
 Cynthia Farrell
 Windy Flores
 Tracy Gawel
 Jessica Grey
 Misty Harmon
 Delores Hill
 Andrea Hilliard
 Debbie Hoard
 Valerie Howell
 Maryrose Keenan
 Pamela Kemp
 Holly Kennedy
 Amanda Koenig
 Rebecca Laney
 Clara Latham
 Patricia Loew
 Stacey Malek
 Jennifer McCain

Stacy McKenzie
 John Merriman
 Debra Miller
 Cristina Minter
 Terri Moore
 Molly Murphy
 Lisa Murray
 Amy Neff
 Kathryn Nutt
 Deborah Ondricka
 Paula O'Neil
 Karen Parker
 Karen Peck
 Dina Peller
 Kortney Porter
 Patsy Preston
 Tyran Rendon
 Joanne Romano
 Julie Russell
 Eve Salley
 April Sheppard
 Michelle Sims-Casey
 Holly Stout
 Robin Studdard
 Amber Thompson
 Julia Von Ranson
 Peyyi Wann
 Michele White
 Donna Witt
 Kandace Yuen

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considerations" at the 2005 Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference in Boston, MA. Dr. Curry also presented a paper entitled "HIV-AIDS in African-American Women: Information-seeking behavior and cultural considerations" at the 2005 Association of Black Nursing Faculty in Higher Education Conference in Biloxi, MS. Dr. Curry wrote an article entitled "The Reference Interview Revisited: Librarian-Patron Interaction in the Virtual Environment," which was published in *Studies in Media and Information Literacy Education (SIMILE)*, volume 5, February 2005.

Dr. Janet Hilbun, with doctoral student Jane Claes, gave a presentation entitled "Coast to Coast: Exploring State Book Awards" at the 2005 American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Exploratorium in Pittsburgh. Ms. Claes and she will present their paper on the same subject at the Texas Library Association annual conference in April 2006. Dr. Hilbun has also been appointed to two AASL committees: American University Press Book Selection Committee (books suitable for Young Adults published by university presses) and the ICONnect Committee (develops courses for professionals to take online). Dr. Hilbun will present a paper based on her dissertation at the 4th International Conference on the Book at Emerson College in Boston, MA, in October 2006.

Dr. Jeff Huber attended the 2005 World Congress on Health Information and Libraries (formerly ICML) in Salvador, Brazil, where he gave a poster presentation on the Camp For All Connection project. Dr. Huber also attended the 2005 South Central Chapter/Medical Library Association meeting in Little Rock, AK, where he served on the panel for the program "Our Future is NOW! -- Recruiting and Educating New Health Sciences Librarians."

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng attended the joint Annual Meeting of the Border Regional Library Association (BRLA) and TLA District 6 in September in El Paso, TX, and Las Cruces, NM, as part of TWU SLIS recruitment. She gave a presentation on "Traditional Library Values in an E-Learning Environment: The Case of Texas Woman's University." Dr. Jeng also gave a

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Beta Phi Mu Nominees

Summer 2005

Terri Adamson
 Kimberly Bridges
 Daphne Chambless
 Eleanor Dickey
 Mary DiRisio
 Heather Domangue
 Beverly Harkness
 Julie McCormack
 Shannon Miller
 Douglas Molden
 Erin Norris
 Kara Pearson
 Analiza Perez-Gomez
 Karen Solomon
 Beverly Somers
 Kit Stephenson

Fall 2005

Judy Anghelescu
 Melissa Atchison
 Laura Bernal
 Misty Harmon
 Delores Hill
 Rebecca Laney
 Stacy McKenzie
 Terri Moore
 Amy Neff
 Gregory Nichols
 Paula O'Neil
 Angelina Parffrey
 Patsy Preston
 Tyran Rendon
 Michelle Sims-Casey
 Holly Stout
 Donna Witt

2005 Fall Forum

The second annual Fall Forum was held on September 30 and October 1, 2005. The forum provided an opportunity for SLIS distance education students to meet face-to-face with faculty and staff. Sixty-eight students attended the forum, with several students coming from as far away as Maryland, New Mexico, Missouri, and Arizona. On Friday evening, there was a reception and an exciting program by *Unshelved* cartoonist Bill Barnes. The Saturday sessions covered a wide range of topics, including degree planning and advising, practicum specifics, the final examination portfolio, graduation guidelines, distance education library services, school library certification, professional associations, surviving the MLS program, and the doctoral program. Other interesting sessions included conversations with academic, public, school, and special librarians, Q&A with the SLIS Director, children's author Karen Blumenthal, a book discussion, and Dr. Robert Martin's experiences as director of the IMLS in Washington, D.C. The forum concluded with a reception for doctoral students. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, and graduate assistants who made the Fall Forum a success!



Stoddard Hall, TWU Campus

2006 Spring Mini Forum

SLIS will once again host the Spring Mini Forum in conjunction with the Texas Library Association (TLA) annual conference in Houston, TX. The forum will be held on April 27, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Americas Hotel, Room 343A. This is a condensed version of the Fall Forum, and it is free and open to current and prospective students of SLIS. We hope you plan to attend the TLA conference, but either way, you are welcome to our evening mini forum in Houston. This event is designed to bring SLIS students together for the purpose of meeting faculty, staff, and each other, becoming familiar with program and course components, and learning and sharing new information. Short mini sessions will cover practicum particulars, portfolio preparation, and "tips for success" from a panel of current students. There will also be an opportunity for alumni to connect during a mini session of their own. Immediately following the mini forum, students are invited to attend the annual TWU alumni reception, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 335AB of the Hilton Americas Hotel. This social event is an excellent opportunity to network with SLIS graduates. There is no need to RSVP for the Spring Mini Forum.

If you are not able to attend all the sessions that interest you, mark your calendars now for our third annual Fall Forum, to be held Saturday, October 7, 2006, on the TWU campus in Denton. These sessions and more will be offered again in a full day of events.

GLISA News

In January, GLISA represented SLIS at the ALA-Midwinter Conference in San Antonio. GLISA volunteers Laura Condit, Jill Lynch, Lilly Ramin, and Paige Poe were in charge of operating the exhibit booth, which meant giving out information about the Library Science program and talking with faculty, students, and alumni who came by. It was a great opportunity and learning experience for all involved.

GLISA is currently working on ordering T-shirts for TWU/SLIS. Current SLIS students participated in a T-shirt design contest that would represent the department. Congratulations to Stephen H. Lewis for the winning design! The shirts will be sold to all students, faculty, and alumni who would like them. We also plan to sell the shirts at the Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference in Houston on April 25-28. Order forms are also available on the GLISA website.

For the TLA exhibit booth in Houston, GLISA members have been asked to assist with the set up. GLISA members will make information "goody bags" to hand out.

A volunteer day is in the works for sometime in April for all GLISA members who can participate. We would like to try to help out at a library on a given day or weekend and wear our T-shirts to represent TWU, SLIS, and GLISA.

Great things for GLISA are happening fast! Be on the lookout.

The Graduate Library and Information Studies Association (GLISA) is the student chapter of the American Library Association (ALA). You can join GLISA by visiting <http://www.twu.edu/cope/slis/galisa/glisahome.html>.

GLISA Officers are:

- President: Lilly Ramin
- VP of Projects: Jill Lynch
- VP of Publicity: Melonie Menefee
- Secretary: Diane McMillen
- Treasurer/Membership Coordinator: Paige Poe

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presentation at the TLA District 9 Meeting on "Looking for Real People in Online Education," in October in Odessa, TX.

Dr. Robert Martin was recently appointed chairman of the planning committee of the 2006 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization Commission (UNESCO) annual meeting, to be held in Washington, DC, in June 2006.

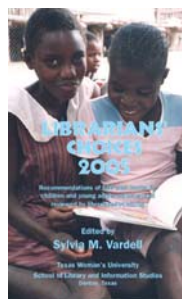
Dr. Martin attended the Library Leaders Forum on Libraries and Productive Aging, sponsored by the Americans for Libraries Council (ALC) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), on September 26 and 27, in Washington, DC. He also attended the Steering Committee for a "New Skills for a Digital Era" conference, sponsored by The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA), in September in Washington, DC. Dr. Martin gave a Keynote Address at the Central Florida Memory Workshop, sponsored by the University of Central Florida in September 2005, Orlando, FL.

Dr. Martin was interviewed on the LIS Radio First Tuesday series of the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies in October 2005. The archived webcast is available at <http://lisradio.missouri.edu/index.php>.

Dr. Robert Martin participated as a member of the US delegation to the 2005 UNESCO General Conference in Paris, France. He was honored for his IMLS services at the Association of Research Libraries Membership Meeting in October in Washington, DC. He was also invited by President and Mrs. Bush to attend the White House Conference on Helping America's Youth in October 2005 in Washington, DC. Dr. Martin gave a Keynote Address for "Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets," a pre-conference for the Museum Computer Network Conference, sponsored by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NDCC), November 2005 in Boston, MA. He also attended the Charleston Conference, to participate in a panel session on "Public Libraries as a Bellwether for Academic Libraries" in November in Charleston, SC.

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Librarian's Choices 2005



Edited by Dr. Sylvia Vardell, with editorial assistance from SLIS doctoral student Rose Brock, this book includes the 100 best children's and young adult books published in 2005, selected and reviewed by the students enrolled in LS 5903, Reviewing New Books for Children and Young Adults. It includes complete bibliographic information for all 100 titles, 100 book reviews, activities for sharing each book with children and teens, lists of related books for each title, and featured articles on the current trends of the year. It is \$10.00 + \$3.00 for shipping and handling, and all profits support SLIS scholarship funds.

To order, please contact JoAnn Edgar in the SLIS office at jedgar@mail.twu.edu or 940-898-2603.

Accomplished Alumni

Anita Jennings, a May 2005 MLS graduate, has written a feature article for *Computers in Libraries*, entitled "Determining and Meeting Personnel Training Needs," published in vol. 25, no. 8, September 2005. She was also a presenter at the Virginia Library Association's 2005 Annual Conference where she spoke on "Building a Technology Savvy Team."

Hilary Haygood, MLS graduate, received a second grant for hosting an author in the Andrews Independent School District in Andrews, Texas.

Marci Peschke, MLS graduate, is publishing her first children's book, *Warrior Nights*, with Stone Arch books in 2006.

Kandace Yuen, MLS graduate, was recently promoted to a Librarian position at Waterbury Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut.



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Dr. Martin was invited to give the Lazerow Lecture, College of Information Science and Technology, Drexel University in November in Philadelphia, PA. He spoke on "Digital Libraries in the Global Context." The text of his lecture is available at <http://www.cis.drexel.edu/press/article.asp?articleid=87>.

Dr. Robert S. Martin was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for 2005-2006. For more details, see <http://www.clir.org/pubs/issues/issues47.html#martin>.

Dr. Martin gave a keynote address entitled "Global Texas: Everybody Wants Our History" to the Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) Annual Meeting in Austin in March.

Dr. Eileen McElrath gave a presentation on "Building Community in Distance Education Courses" at the 2006 Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference, in San Antonio, TX.

Dr. McElrath served as the convener of the New Faculty Special Interest Group at the 2006 ALISE Annual Conference. She also presented a poster entitled "Challenges Experienced by Academic Library Directors as Perceived by Them and Their Supervisors—A Longitudinal Study" in the faculty refereed poster session held at the ALISE Conference.

Dr. Diane Neal attended the 2005 ASIST meeting in Charlotte where she was the convener and moderator of a panel session entitled "Information Visualization: From Theory to Implementation." Dr. Neal also presented a poster entitled "Image retrieval: An interdisciplinary approach" at the ALISE Works in Progress Poster Session in January.

Dr. Neal successfully defended her dissertation, "News Photography Image Retrieval Practices: Locus of Control in Two Contexts" on March 21. Congratulations, Dr. Neal!

Dr. Keith Swigger (with co-author Catherine Helmick) published "Competencies for Library Practitioners" in the March/April 2006 issue of *Public Libraries*. The article describes the first phase of activities of the Continuum for Library Education, a project of



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the Western Council of State Libraries that is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Dr. Swigger serves on the Implementation Committee for the Continuum. He also serves as Project Evaluator for a three-year IMLS grant awarded to TWU in partnership with the Dallas Independent School District to support alternative certification of bilingual school librarians for DISD. The Principal Investigator for the grant is Dr. Barbara Lerner, TWU's Coordinator of P16 Initiatives. Drs. Hilbun and Bray are also involved in this collaboration.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell has written a new book entitled *Poetry Aloud Here! Sharing Poetry with Children in the Library*, published by the American Library Association. Dr. Vardell also has two articles coming out this year. She co-authored an article (with N.L. Hadaway and T.A. Young) entitled "Matching books and readers: Selecting literature for English learners" for publication in *The Reading Teacher*. She wrote an article entitled "A place for poetry: Celebrating the library in poetry," which is forthcoming in the Winter 2006 edition of *Children and Libraries*. She also has an article on the Children's Book Council website entitled "Good poetry for trying out loud." It is available at <http://www.cbcbooks.org/yppw/articles/vardell.html>.

Dr. Vardell, along with doctoral student Rose Brock, gave a presentation entitled "Using Audiobooks to Build Student Success" at the 2005 American Association of School Librarians Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh. Dr. Vardell also presented a session on teaching international literature for children and

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young adults at the International Board on Books for Young People regional conference in Callaway Gardens, GA, in October.

Dr. Vardell is serving as President of the United States Board on Books for Young Children for 2006. Dr. Vardell is also co-chair of the committee which decides the National Council of Teachers of English Excellence in Poetry for Children Award.

Dr. Vardell will be hosting the second annual Poetry Round Up at the upcoming TLA conference on April 27, from 2:00 to 3:50 p.m., featuring notable children's poets reading from their own work, including Kathi Appelt, Calef Brown, Nikki Grimes, Stephanie Hemphill, Marilyn Singer, Juan Felipe Herrera, and Carole Weatherford.

Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens, Adjunct Professor and Practicum/Recruitment Coordinator, serves on the Board of the Lakewood Library Friends, as Chair of the TLA Public Library Division Scholarship Committee, and as a member of the 2006 TLA Conference Planning Committee.

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