

## TWU graduate named National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow



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Emily Vardell, an August 2007  
Texas Woman's University  
graduate, has been appointed  
a National Library of Medicine  
Associate Fellow for 2007-08.  
Ms. Vardell is the daughter of  
Dr. Sylvia Vardell, professor of

library sciences on TWU's Denton campus, and Dr.  
Russell Vardell of Grand Prairie. She graduated from  
South Grand Prairie High School in 2001 and from  
Wellesley College in 2005. She earned her master of  
library science degree in August from the TWU Institute  
of Health Sciences-Houston Center.

The NLM Associate Fellowship Program is a one-year  
postgraduate training fellowship at the National Library  
of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. The program, which  
includes a \$46,041 stipend, is designed to prepare  
librarians for future leadership roles in health sciences  
libraries and in health services research. NLM Associate  
Fellows are selected from a nationwide pool of  
applicants. Approximately seven associate fellows are  
appointed each year.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to learn about the  
best health science information resources from the  
people who actually design them," Ms. Vardell said.

The first half of the program, which begins in  
September, includes training in all components of the

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## Interview with Emily Vardell, SLIS Alumna & NLM Fellowship Award Winner

How would you describe your experience at the  
National Library of Medicine?

It's been an amazing experience. The associates are  
treated like royalty here! We have been introduced to  
and have mingled with the celebrities of the medical  
librarianship profession! It is such an honor to be  
singled out as someone deserving of such attention and  
close guardianship. The staff at NLM values what the  
associates bring to the library and I am excited about  
having the opportunity to give back.

What areas have you focused on so far in the  
fellowship program, or what have you learned about?

The Fellowship year is a two-part program. The first  
part of the program, in which all divisions of the library  
come to the associates and discuss their work, is about  
to come to a close. The second part, which begins in  
February, allows us to complete projects within  
different areas of the library. As part of the curriculum  
phase, I have heard from experts in all parts of the  
library from handling valuable and aging books in the  
History of Medicine Division to hearing about the latest  
databases and Internet resources from the Lister Hill  
Center.

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NLM's operations, including administration, preservation, education and training of biomedical information professionals, consumer health information and more. The latter half of the program focuses on individualized projects related to the study, research and evaluation of NLM programs and services.

"I plan to become a leader in the health information field," Ms. Vardell said. "With my focused coursework at TWU, and this Fellowship, I feel confident that I will have a solid foundation that will help me realize this goal."

Ms. Vardell was encouraged to apply for the NLM Fellowship by her adviser, Dr. Jeffrey Huber, professor of library sciences at TWU's Houston Center.

"Emily is genuinely interested in health sciences librarianship, and has repeatedly demonstrated that she is diligent, hard-working and willing to 'go the extra mile,'" Dr. Huber said.

Ms. Vardell has spent the past two years in Vienna, Austria, on a Fulbright Grant, which she was awarded to study the Austrian health care system and work as an English-language teaching assistant in Austrian high schools.

--Karen Garcia, Senior Writer, TWU Office of Marketing & Communication

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### **Who have you been working with?**

We have literally been working with everyone in the library. It's great to walk around the hallways and attend receptions and ceremonies where I know most of the faces in the audience and on the stage!

### **What do you plan to do during the remainder of your time at NLM?**

The remainder of my time at NLM will be spent working on two to three individual projects, which will be determined at the end of this month [January]. I'm hoping to complete at least one project in the Public Health field, as that is one of my specific interest areas.

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*The audience at the SLIS Fall Forum 2007*

## **Congratulations Beta Phi Mu Nominees**

### **Spring 2007**

Carol Ann Attwood  
Terri L. Carroll  
Melanie R. Clark  
Dawn S. Dickey  
Anne E. Ekblad  
Shannon L. Garrett  
Abby B. Grobe  
Clarice M. Howe-Johnson  
Carl W. Martin  
Melanie S. Menefee  
JoAnna M. Patton  
Nichole J. Quinby  
Mary D. Smith  
Amy M. Van Dyke

### **Summer 2007**

Marva Allen  
Ofilia Barrera  
Valerie Hill  
Kelli Johnson  
Kristen Kougias  
Christopher Kovach  
Margaret Marquis  
Sara Miller  
Lisa Nelson  
Mary Oxendine  
Jodee Tennyson  
Emily Vardell  
Dani Webb

### **Fall 2007**

Cheryl Coulthard  
Donna Crane  
Elizabeth Dalton  
Judith Fandrich  
Gayle Gordon  
Norieta Hagerty  
Darlene Hert  
Valinda (Jody) Hungenberg  
Monika Lyman  
Maria Manigbas  
Jessica McGrath

Judith Nelson  
Anecia Ross  
Elyse Schear  
Jan Skrabanek  
Chel Tangora Lynn  
Lisa Taylor  
Melissa Uribe  
Gwendolyn Wilcox

## SLIS Accreditation News

In July 2007, the American Library Association, Committee on Accreditation, informed TWU SLIS of its decision, following the accreditation review, to reaccredit our master's degree programs.

TWU SLIS has been released from three of the four major areas of concern originally raised during the school's accreditation review in 2003. COA expresses its continuing concern in one area of the Standards related to data collection and implementation of planning. For this reason, COA has continued our accreditation with condition, and has given the school three years to address this particular concern. The school will prepare for a progress review in spring 2010.

The accreditation of the master's programs at TWU SLIS remains intact. The continuing progress review has no affect on the degree students receive, or the quality of TWU SLIS graduates.

--Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, SLIS Director



*Campus view of TWU-Denton*

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**Are you focusing on any specific area of medical/health sciences librarianship?**

We are encouraged to keep an open mind and explore many areas within the field. I am particularly interested in Informatics and Public Health. I hope to combine my science background with my library degree and my interest in serving the public in my future career.

**What are your plans upon completion of the fellowship term?**

The year at NLM concludes at the end of August at which point I am eligible to complete a second year at a medical library somewhere within the United States. Medical libraries are encouraged to submit proposals to host second-year NLM associates. I am excited to look through these proposals to see where my career may take me!

**Do you have any advice for current SLIS students who might be interested in applying for the NLM fellowship program?**

My best advice is to prepare yourself with the medical library-focused courses offered by Dr. Jeff Huber. I am proud to boast that I am the only associate this year that had the opportunity to take five medically-related courses during library school. This is certainly a great asset that TWU has to offer! Apart from that, I encourage everyone to apply and to be active about seeking out such opportunities throughout the medical library world.

**Is there anything else you would like to add?**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk about this experience. I am very grateful of the preparation TWU provided for me as a platform to begin my career. Even if students are not planning on applying for the NLM Fellowship, I encourage all librarians to check out all the amazing resources that the National Library of Medicine has to offer!

## GLISA News

### A GLISA New Year 2007-2008!

GLISA recently held officer elections for the 2007-2008 academic year. The candidates were nominated by members on the GLISA discussion board. The new officers are:

Taylor Lincecum, President

Amy Castillo, V.P. of Projects

Sonnet Brown, V.P. of Publicity

Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Secretary

Kelly Brouillard, Treasurer/Membership Coordinator

GLISA would also like to extend a sincere welcome to our newest adviser, Dr. Janine Golden!

We hope to have a very exciting year coming up! In addition to giving out scholarships to our members, GLISA has provided an excellent forum for members to discuss issues related to the library profession. Keeping up with Blackboard is also a great way to find out about various professional development opportunities around the country.



*Blagg-Huey Library, Denton Campus*



*The GLISA lunch table at Fall Forum 2007*

### GLISA Travel Scholarship Winners

In December, GLISA gave three lucky members \$300 travel scholarships to attend the Texas Library Association annual conference in Dallas in April. Candidates were asked to submit essays explaining why they should be chosen to receive the scholarship. Congratulations to Jacy Schneider, Laura Brownell and Bonnie Fitzpatrick!

Also in December, GLISA, SLIS and ALA worked together to give one member the chance to attend and work at the American Library Association annual conference in Anaheim, California. Candidates were required to write a 2-3 page paper with the theme: "Why I Love Libraries." Laura Brownell won the contest with her essay entitled "Serendipity in the Stacks: Why I Love Libraries." Congratulations Laura!

---Taylor Lincecum, GLISA President

## 2007 Lazerow Lecture and SLIS Fall Forum



The annual Lazerow Lecture was held on Friday, October 5, 2007, in conjunction with the SLIS Fall Forum on Saturday, October 6, 2007. On Friday, Dr. Brenda Dervin of Ohio

State University delivered the Lazerow Lecture, entitled "Myths about Recalcitrant and Uppity Users by Whatever Names They Are Called - Audiences, Patients, Patrons, Citizens ...," which was followed by a reception.

On Saturday, the Fall Forum began with a welcome session by Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng and the introduction of SLIS faculty and staff members. Students had the opportunity to attend up to six sessions throughout the day, with topics geared for new students, continuing students and all students.

Presentations in the first session included "Distance Education Library Resources," by TWU Distance Education Librarian, Stephany Compton; "Becoming a Library Professional: Insights from Library Managers on Interviewing and Beyond," with Sherilyn Bird, Director of TWU Libraries, Monique Franklin of Harris County (TX) Public Library, and Dr. Lorie Bruns, Director of Library Services for Arlington (TX) ISD; and "Overcoming the Perils of Plagiarism: A Librarian's Plan of Action," by Antoinette Nelson, Science & Engineering Library Branch Manager, University of Texas at Arlington.

Presentations in the second session included "Librarians in Special Places," with Ted Wanner of TLA, Regina Lee of Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Robert Watkins of Amigos Library Services; "Final Portfolio Tips," by Dr. Keith Swigger of TWU SLIS; and "Graduation Guidelines," by Dr. Ruth Johnson, Associate Dean of the TWU Graduate

School.

The third session included presentations on the Practicum, by Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens, Practicum Coordinator for TWU SLIS; School Librarian Certification issues, with Dr. Janet Hilbun of TWU SLIS; and "View from the Top: A Library Administrators' Roundtable," with Melody Kelly, Associate Dean of Libraries at the University of North Texas, Rebecca Hubbard of Dallas Public Library, and Debra Gibson, Coordinator of the Northeast Texas Library System (NETLS).

Other sessions included "Tips for Surviving the MLS from Experienced Students," with TWU SLIS Graduate Assistants, Taylor Lincecum and Gayle Gordon, and student, Bonnie Fitzpatrick; "Q&A with the Director," with SLIS Director, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng; and "Practicum Questions and Answers," with Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens.

Students also had the opportunity to take a tour of the Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey Library with library staff, tour the TWU campus, and meet faculty members in their offices. A reception for SLIS doctoral students was held at the end of the day.



*Students listen to a session at the 2007 Fall Forum*

## PELSC Grant Update

Thirty public library workers from across the State of Texas began the Professional Education for Librarians in Small Communities (PELSC) program in January 2008. The cohort of 30 students in this IMLS-funded program attended a three-day orientation on the TWU Denton campus on January 18-20.

The PELSC cohort students work in Texas public libraries serving communities of 25,000 or less. Cohort members will take two courses each semester, with graduation expected in December 2009. In addition to the courses, cohort members will have mentors, attend the TLA annual conferences in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and attend a leadership institute.

Dr. Robert Martin, Professor and Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in the School of Library and Information Studies, and Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Director of SLIS, are principal investigators on the project. A Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarians IMLS grant of \$691,323 helps fund this project. In addition, the Tocker Foundation provided a second grant of \$38,400. Other partners have joined together in support this project, including the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The PELSC Advisory Board includes Sue Dear of Jasper Public Library, Dale Fleeger of Weatherford Public Library, Tina Hager of Little Elm Public Library, Donna Littlejohn of Amarillo Public Library, Dawn Vogler of the Texas State Library, Ted Wanner of the Texas Library Association and Dr. Robert Martin.

Beginning after the IMLS grant announcements in June, PELSC project staff traveled across Texas to

recruit students for the cohort. In addition to Dr. Martin and Dr. Jeng, Dr. Janine Golden (SLIS faculty member), Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens (SLIS Practicum and Recruitment Coordinator) Ms. Sarah Merrill (SLIS Assessment Officer), and Ms. Cherri Shelnutt (SLIS Graduate Assistant for the PELSC project) visited meetings for Texas library systems and TLA districts.

Orientation was held in Denton on January 18-20, 2008. Cohort members met on campus Friday, January 18, for an introductory session to meet each other, the TWU SLIS faculty and the project team. That evening, everyone gathered for a reception and dinner to further meet and network. Special thanks to Advisory Board members Tina Hager and Dawn Vogler for attending the reception and dinner.

On Saturday morning, the cohort students had orientation sessions about Blackboard and the TWU library. After lunch, a course introduction was held on the TWU campus. That evening, the cohort joined project team members for dinner in Denton. Sunday after breakfast, the group met for one more class session and then returned home.

Orientation was a wonderful opportunity for cohort members to meet each other, network and begin to build a community that will now communicate in the virtual world. A special thanks to all of the PELSC partners, the Advisory Board and everyone who has worked on the PELSC project. It will be a great experience for all involved.

--Cherri Shelnutt, SLIS Graduate Assistant for the PELSC Grant

## PELSC Cohort Students

Betty (B.J.) Alaniz San Diego, TX	Mary Merrell Cleveland, TX
Jane Bering Seminole, TX	Jacquelyn Owens Memphis, TX
Belinda Casanova Converse, TX	Angela Palmer Bee Cave, TX
Marilu Chavez Andrews, TX	Beth Railsback Vernon, TX
Lorraine Collins Andrews, TX	Linda Rees Big Lake, TX
Delene Delarosa Quitman, TX	Norman Ruiz-Hearne Henrietta, TX
April Dillon Canadian, TX	Sandra (Sandy) Schultz Liberty Hill, TX
Erlinda (Linda) Eagleton Wimberley, TX	Sherrie Smith George West, TX
Theresa (Teri) Gasch Edna, TX	Dorothy Steelman Lakehills, TX
Kathy Gilson Aubrey, TX	Elizabeth (Liz) Stottlemyre Andrews, TX
Jackie Icenhower Atlanta, TX	Theresa Stricker Goldthwaite, TX
Courtney Kincaid Dublin, TX	Amy Swires Canyon, TX
RoseAleta Laurell Ingleside, TX	Noreen Taylor Canyon, TX
Sharon Long Newton, TX	Carolyn Wilkinson Borger, TX
Brenna Manasco Orange, TX	Debra Youngblood Wolfforth, TX



*Dr. Jeng & Dr. Martin pose with PELSC Cohort Students*



*PELSC Cohort Students Prepare for Orientation*

## Congratulations Fall 2007 Graduates

Cynthia Appleby	Norieta Hagerty	Sue Pekel
April Belanger	Kimber Harlan	Beth Robertson-Walter
Lonnie Berrett	Donna Henneberry	Alexis Robinson
Lizz Borbas	Darlene Hert	Anecia Ross
Anita Bradford	Jamie Huckaby	Irema Saenz
Kevin Brown	Valinda Hungenberg	Rosana Salinas
Angelica Chapa	Emily Hunter	Antonia Sanchez
Mu-Chia Chen	Joelie Key-Tissot	Elyse Schear
MingJeong Cho	Shahrazad Khosrowpour	Ashley Seal
Lara Corazalla	Shelly Kraal	Jan Skrabanek
Cheryl Coulthard	Susan Kusterbeck	Mary Smith
Donna Crane	Monika Lyman	Jane Soutner
Linda Crosby	Maria Manigbas	Helen Talley
Lorie Dahl	Mandi Mazey	Chel Tangora Lynn
Elizabeth Dalton	Jessica McGrath	Lisa Taylor
Sarah Dyer	Diane McMillen	Rebecca Thompson
Staci Elliott	Jennifer Moore	Melissa Uribe
Judith Fandrich	Jessica Moore	Samantha Wheat
Krystale Garrett	Carlton Nelson	Gwendolyn Wilcox
Esmeralda Gomez	Judith Nelson	Elizabeth Williams
Gayle Gordon	Michaela Norris Watson	Wendy Williams
Dana Haff	Ashley Parker	Audrau Winkelmann
Beatrice Hagerty	Jessica Parker	Shawna Young

## Congratulations Summer 2007 Graduates

Marva Allen	Sara Miller
Peemasak Angchun	Ellen Mitchell
Sylvia Arizmendi	Michelle Moreland
Oscar Baeza	Lisa Nelson
Ofilia Barrera	Mary Oxendine
Sarah Biggerstaff	Kristie Phelps
Shana Brittain	Carol Porter
Denise Byers	Kimberly Pratt
Mariann Carias	Lauri Salamy
Lisa Charette	Nora Sanchez
Alissa Cornelius	Anna Seitz
Melissa Davis	Anne Shacklett
Roberta Debuff	Raquel Swanson
Edward DeButts	Jodee Tennyson
Rachel Downen	Rachel Thompson
Cheryl Duncan	Patricia Torres
Mary Folds	Julia Trevino
Graciela Guajardo	Debbie Venters-McMahan
Nimet Hajee-Bata	Dani Webb
Christine Hennessey	Karen Wetzig
Valerie Hill	Rosalie White
Kelli Johnson	Cari Young
Kristen Kougias	Janice Young
Christopher Kovach	
Margaret Marquis	
Catherine Martin	
Amanda McDonough	
Maribel Medrano	

## Congratulations Spring 2007 Graduates

Janet Adams	Emily Hughes
Ola Al-Jamal	Carol Johnson
Carol Attwood	Leissa Kimball
Jennifer Austin	Tammy Kornis
Cynthia Bartek	Jennifer Malone
Pamela Bennett Bardot	Carl Martin
Nancy Boss	Mary Martinez
Maria Camacho-McKenzie	Amy McCormmach
Armand Cardinal	Melonie Menefee
Terri Carroll	Amanda Morales
Cora Carter	Elizabeth Moran-Biktashev
Michella Chappell	Amy Newcomb
Kelli Chynoweth	Amanda Patterson
Jane Claes	JoAnna Patton
Melanie Clark	Nichole Quinby
Sandy Colgan	Nicole Redmond
Amy Cook	Tracie Reed
Roben Counts Lee	Kelli Robinson
Carol Davis	Cindy Sheppard
Dawn Dickey	Laura Simcock-Junck
Anne Ekblad	Carolyn Smith
Jill Fair	Mary Smith
Shannon Garrett	Susan Starr
Allison Glasgow	Amy Van Dyke
Abby Grobe	Tremellyn Walter
Rebekah Hall	Natalie Watts
Shirley Hansen	Monica Wood
Loretta Hartsell	Audra Wooten
Clarice Howe-Johnson	

## SLIS Alumni Information

SLIS appreciates all those who completed the annual SLIS Alumni Survey. This survey provides valuable information to SLIS in evaluating our master's degree programs.

If your contact information has changed recently, please give SLIS your updated contact information so that we may provide you with future updates on the School. To do so, please go to the Alumni page on the SLIS website (<http://www.twu.edu/cope/slis/alumni.htm>) and click on the Update Your Alumni Information link. This will take you to our new Contact Information Update survey. Thank you for your assistance!

## Upcoming Events

- 2008 TLA Annual Conference, April 15-18, Dallas, TX
- SLIS Reception at TLA 2008, April 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- 2008 ALA Annual Conference, June 28-July 1, Anaheim, CA



### In Memory of Joseph W. Coffman (1936-2007)

Former SLIS faculty member, Dr. J.W. Coffman, passed away in December 2007. Dr. Coffman was Assistant Visiting Professor at TWU SLIS from 1992-1993. During his teaching career, Dr. Coffman taught at the graduate schools of Library and Information Science at The University of Iowa, Texas Woman's University and Atlanta University, and retired from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. After retirement, he taught his favorite subjects of Book Arts, Rare Book Librarianship and History of the Book at Kent State University. Dr. Coffman is survived by his wife, Priscilla L. Drach. Memorials may be made to the J.W. Coffman and Priscilla Drach Endowment for the History of the Book, Kent State University Foundation, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH, 44242-1061.

## School of Library and Information Studies Accomplishments, 2007

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Lynn Akin and Dr. Janet Hilbun published an article, entitled "E-Mentoring for Librarians and Libraries," in *Texas Library Journal*, Volume 83, Number 1, Spring 2007. Drs. Akin and Hilbun also presented a paper on e-mentoring at the 2007 Texas Library Association annual conference.

Dr. Lynn Akin co-published an article with Dr. Jeong-Mee Lee in the Winter 2007 edition of *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, entitled "Embedded Curriculum Plans in Online Courses," available via <http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/win2007.htm>.

Dr. Lynn Akin, Dr. Janet Hilbun, and Dr. Hyuk-Jin Lee, along with former SLIS faculty member, Dr. Diane Neal, will present their paper, entitled "Blogs, Wikis, and Online Competencies: An Action Research Look at Methods, Preferences, and Presentation," at the 28th Annual Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Convention & Exposition, February 4-8, 2008, Austin, TX.

Dr. Joel Battle published an article, entitled "Information Literacy Instruction for Educators and the Role of School and Academic Libraries," in *Texas Library Journal*, Volume 83, Number 3, Fall 2007.

Dr. Kaye Bray made a presentation at the 2007 Library Resource Roundup, sponsored by Region 20 Educational Service Center in San Antonio, TX, in September 2007.

Dr. Evelyn Curry is serving on the Texas Library Association 2009 Conference Program Committee.

Dr. Janine Golden co-authored an article, entitled "Florida's Library Leadership Program," in *Interface*, the Web Companion to the Newsletter of the Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), Volume 29, Issue 3, Fall 2007. The article is available online at <http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclapubs/interface/archives/contentlistingby/volume29a/flleadership.cfm>.

Dr. Ronald R. Heezen, SLIS Adjunct Instructor, is completing a term as President of the Public Library Administrators of North Texas (PLANT).

Dr. Janet Hilbun and Dr. Jane Claes, recent SLIS doctoral program graduate, published an article, "Coast to Coast: Exploring State Book Awards," in the July 2007 issue of *Book Links*, a publication of the American Library Association. Drs. Hilbun and Claes also have a book contract with Libraries Unlimited on state book awards.

Dr. Janet Hilbun made a presentation, along with Paula Griffith, Jane Claes, Maureen White, and Linda Alexander, at the 15<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Reading in Berlin, Germany, August 5-8, 2007. The title of their presentation was "Teacher and Librarian Collaboration: How to Become an Instructional 'Dynamic Duo' Using Multicultural Literature Circles."

Dr. Janet Hilbun, Jane Claes, and Linda Alexander also had two proposals accepted for presentation at the New Mexico International Reading Association State Conference, April 11-12, 2008.

Dr. Janet Hilbun served on the American Association of School Librarians/Public Library Association (AASL/PLA) American University Presses (AUP) Book Selection Committee, the AASL 2006-2007 I-Connect Committee (ICONnect Online Courses for Professionals and Families Committee), and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Intellectual Freedom Committee. Dr. Hilbun also refereed 2 articles for the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* (JELIS).

Dr. Jeff Huber made a presentation, entitled "Project ST. Hope: An HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project," at the Medical Library Association 27th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, May 19-23, 2007.

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng was nominated for the Favorite Faculty and Staff award at the TWU Senior Breakfast. She was appointed as a member of the Texas Library Association (TLA) Task Force on Transforming Texas Libraries, and is serving as Chair of the Texas Library Association Scholarship and Research Committee. Dr. Jeng is also serving her second term as Councilor-At-Large on the governing Council of the American Library Association, and she was nominated to run for the Executive Board of Texas Library Association during the 2008 election.

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng made several speeches:

- Keynote Speaker at the International Symposium, National Taiwan University, May 21-22, 2007, in Taipei, Taiwan. Title of speech: "LIS Graduate Curriculum Review and Assessment"
- Invited speech at Staff Development Day, Tamkang University Library, on May 22, 2007, in Tamsui, Taiwan. Title of speech: "The Role of Outcome Based Assessment in Total Quality Management"
- Speech, entitled "Revision of ALA Accreditation Standard and the I-School Movement," at the Colloquium, National Cheng-chi University, Graduate Institute of Library, Information and Archival Sciences, on May 25, 2007, in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Invited Speaker at the Chinese American Librarians Association Annual Conference on June 24, 2007, in Washington, DC. Title of speech: "Mentoring for Change"
- Keynote Speaker at Texas Library Association District 9 Annual Meeting on October 20, 2007, in Lamesa, TX. Title of speech: "Programming Humanity Back into Technology"

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng also co-authored an article, with A.A. Moore, M.J. Miller, and V.J. Pitchford, entitled "Mentoring in the millennium: New views, climate and actions," to be published in *New Library World*, Volume 109, Issue 1/2, in press.

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng and Dr. Robert Martin received a grant of \$691,323 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and a second grant of \$38,400 from Tocker Foundation for the Professional Education for Librarians in Small Communities (PELSC) project. The PELSC project offers an online degree program that will enable library workers currently serving in small and rural communities throughout Texas to earn a master's degree in library science. The project will provide full support for tuition, fees and travel stipends. Participants will form a cohort and be assisted throughout their study by mentors who are professional librarians in public libraries in Texas.

Ms. MaryAnn Kitchens, SLIS Practicum Coordinator and Adjunct Instructor, is serving on the Texas Library Association 2009 Conference Program Committee. The theme for the Dallas Conference (April 15-18, 2009) is "Creating Communities of Ideals and Innovations." Ms. Kitchens is also serving a 3-year term on the Board of the Dallas Public Library Friends/Lakewood Branch as chair of the Oral History Collection and Children's Services Committees.

Dr. Jeanette Larson, SLIS Adjunct Instructor, had an article, entitled "Listen Up! What's New in Audiobooks," published in the August 2007 issue of *Library Media Connection*. She also served as a judge for the Audiobook Publishers Association's Audie Awards.

Dr. Jeanette Larson made several presentations:

- She presented seven workshops in Spring 2007 (March-May) for the Texas State Library's Small Library Management Training Program on collection development.
- She presented five workshops on Summer Reading Programs in Public Libraries for the Colorado Department of Education in October 2007.
- She made a presentation on "Public Library Services for the Google Generation" for the TLA District 4 meeting in Brownsville, TX, in October 2007.

Dr. Hyuk-Jin Lee presented a paper with Dr. Diane Neal, entitled "Toward Web 2.0 Music Information Retrieval: Utilizing Emotion-Based, User-Assigned Descriptors," at the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, October 18-24, 2007. Dr. Lee also was elected treasurer of the ASIS&T Special Interest Group (SIG): Visualization, Images, and Sound (VIS) for 2007-2008.

Ms. Brenda Mallory, SLIS Secretary, was elected to the TWU Staff Council, serving a term from 2007-2009.

Dr. Robert Martin was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) at the Society's annual conference in Chicago, IL, August 29-September 4, 2007. This is highest individual recognition given by the SAA.

Dr. Robert Martin was part of the U.S. delegation to the UNESCO General Conference in Paris, October 15-20, 2007, where he participated in the unveiling of the World Digital Library, a cooperative program between UNESCO and the U.S. Library of Congress. (Dr. Martin is a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and serves on the Commission's Executive Committee.)

Dr. Robert Martin participated in the 4th China-U.S. Library Conference, an invitational conference organized by the American Library Association and the National Library of China (see <http://www.oclc.org/china-us-libraries-2007/default.htm>). The theme of the Conference, which was held in Dublin, OH, October 23-25, 2007, was "Cooperation Among Libraries, Museums, and Archives Within and Between China and the U.S." Dr. Martin presented a paper, entitled "From Cooperation to Collaboration to Convergence: Evolving Perceptions and Realities of Cultural Heritage Resource Agencies."

Dr. Robert Martin was selected to be the American Library Association representative to the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield, a charitable nonprofit organization committed to the protection of cultural property worldwide during armed conflict.

Dr. Robert Martin participated in several meetings:

- Meetings of the National Council for the Humanities in Washington, DC, May 5-7, July 25-27, and November 14-16, 2007
- Meetings of the McCracken Research Library Advisory Board of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, in Cody, WY, June 12-16 and September 19-22, 2007
- Fall meeting of the Urban Libraries Council Executive Board in Chicago, IL, October 11-12, 2007

Dr. Robert Martin gave several other presentations, including the following:

- "Museums, Libraries, Archives: A Convergence," American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, June 24, 2007
- "Trend Spotting for Public Libraries," Peninsula Library System, Menlo Park, CA, May 12, 2007

Dr. Eileen McElrath presented her research in the Works-in Progress Poster Presentation at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference in Philadelphia, PA, on January 8, 2008. Her poster was entitled "Activities for Learning Styles." Dr. McElrath, along with Dennis Clark and Lynda de los Santos, also had a presentation accepted for the 2008 Texas Library Association annual conference to be held in Dallas, TX. Their presentation is titled "Activities for Learning Styles."

Dr. Eileen McElrath also attended and served as a small-group facilitator at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College *Academic Library Leadership Institute* in Nashville, TN, in July 2007.

Dr. Eileen McElrath had one journal article accepted in a peer-reviewed journal and has one journal article in review in a peer-reviewed journal:

- "Free Websites of Value for Humanities Researchers." *Library Philosophy and Practice*. Accepted for April 2008 issue.
- McElrath, Eileen, and Kate McDowell. "Pedagogical Strategies for Building Community in Online Courses." *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*. In review.

Dr. Christopher Salerno, SLIS Adjunct Instructor, is serving his last year as an At-Large member of the Executive Board of the Texas Library Association.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell published a new book, *Poetry People: A Practical Guide to Children's Poets*, Libraries Unlimited, 2007. Dr. Vardell also became the regular poetry columnist for ALA's *Book Links* magazine. Her column debuted in the November issue and is entitled "Everyday Poetry."

Dr. Sylvia Vardell published an article with colleagues, P. Oxley, G. Heard, J. Kristo, G.W. Spivey, J. Wong, and D. Woolsey. The article, entitled "Best Poetry Books for Children 2003-2006," was published in *Language Arts*, Volume 84, Number 6, 2007, pp. 552-557.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell published a book review on the National Poetry Foundation website, entitled "Book Pick: Review of *Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More* by Jack Prelutsky," in May 2007, which is available at <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/features/children.html>.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell moderated a panel at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Washington, DC, in June 2007. The panel was called "Spreading the Word with a Children's Poetry Jam," with Jack Prelutsky, Betsy Franco, David Harrison, Joyce Sidman, and Marilyn Singer.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell was elected to ALA's ALSC Siebert Committee. The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award is awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in English during the preceding year. Dr. Vardell is serving on the first-ever ALA Odyssey Award committee for audiobooks for young people. She also served on the Poetry Award Committee of the Cybils Awards, given by children's literature bloggers.

Dr. Sylvia Vardell was interviewed by author Cynthia Leitich Smith and featured on her blog, Cynsations, available at <http://cynthialeitichsmith.blogspot.com/>. Cynsations includes interviews, reading recommendations, publishing information, literacy advocacy, writer resources, and news in children's and young adult literature.

## ALUMNI

Esther N. Camacho, a Fall 2006 MLS graduate, is employed with Texas A&M University in Kingsville, Texas, as a Visiting Assistant Professor/Education Librarian.

Dr. Jane Claes, recent SLIS doctoral program graduate and Assistant Professor in the School of Education at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, published an article with Dr. Janet Hilbun, entitled "Coast to Coast: Exploring State Book Awards," in the July 2007 issue of *Book Links*, a publication of the American Library Association.

Karen Coronado, a Fall 2006 MLS graduate, has joined the faculty as a librarian at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon.

Kimberly Michelle Gay, a Spring 2006 MLS graduate, was appointed to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's TexShare Education Services Working Group on a three-year term from September 2007 to August 2010. Kimberly also made a presentation, entitled "From School Libraries to Academic Libraries: Your High School Senior is my College Freshman," at the Texas Library Association District 8 Fall Conference in October 2007 in Houston, TX. Kimberly is Academic Reference and Instruction Librarian in the John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University.

Carol Johnson, a Spring 2007 MLS graduate, is employed as a Genealogy Librarian at the Washington State Library in Olympia, Washington.

Becky Laney, a Fall 2005 MLS graduate, is serving on the Cybils Young Adult Fiction Award Committee (The Children's and YA Bloggers' Literary Awards), and she has posted interviews with authors of books for young people on her blog, Becky's Book Reviews (<http://blbooks.blogspot.com/>), including interviews with Sarah Deming, Natasha Wing, Sylvie Kantorovitz, Linda Urban, Barbara Kerley, Barry Lyga, and several others.

Julie Leuzinger, a Fall 2007 MLS graduate, was promoted to Stacks Manager at the Willis Library, University of North Texas.

Courtney Mlinar, a Fall 2006 MLS graduate, attended the Missouri Library Association Conference in October 2007 and was elected as the Recorder of the College and Research Libraries division (MACRL). This is a 3-year commitment, during the third year of which Courtney will be the Chair of the division and serve on the Executive Board of the Missouri Library Association. Courtney is employed as the Assistant Director of the Library at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri.

**Ashley Parker**, a Fall 2007 MLS graduate and Director of the Malvern-Hot Spring County Library in Arkansas, published an article in the November 2007 edition of *NMRT Footnotes*, a publication of the American Library Association's New Members Round Table (NMRT). Her article, entitled "The Classroom Meets the Real World: A Student's Experience with Koha," discussed her experience using the "Koha with Class" program (the student version of the Koha open-source Integrated Library System) in LS 5403 Library Technology Systems. Ashley's article is available online at <http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/footnotes/november2007a/footnotesnov2007.htm>.

**Kimberly Pratt**, a Summer 2007 MLS graduate, is working as an adult reference librarian at the South Regional Library in The Woodlands, Texas.

**Lisa Taylor**, a Fall 2007 MLS graduate, was the TWU GLISA representative to the 2007 ALA annual conference in Washington, DC, as part of the Student-to-Staff program. She was assigned to work with the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). She wrote a short article on her experience in the Student-to-Staff program, which was published in the September 2007 edition of the ALSC newsletter, *ALSCconnect*, Volume 5, Number 3.

**Rachel Thompson**, a Summer 2007 MLS graduate, and her library's head of teen library services participated in a YALSA podcast interview about teen use of Second Life. The interview is available via the YALSA Podcast website as YALSA Podcast #19: <http://www.pod-serve.com/podcasts/show/yalsa-podcasts>. Rachel also co-authored a peer-reviewed journal article that was published in the 2007 Annual volume of *Library Philosophy and Practice*. It is available online at <http://libr.unl.edu:2000/LPP/thompson2.htm>.

## STUDENTS

**Robin Bartoletti**, SLIS doctoral student, gave a presentation on "Gaming in the Library" at the Fall meeting of District 7 of the Texas Library Association on the TWU Denton campus on September 29, 2007.

**Rose Brock**, SLIS doctoral student and Library Media Specialist at Coppell Middle School West in Coppell, TX, was elected to the prestigious Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Newbery Award Committee for 2009. She will help select "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" published next year. An article about Ms. Brock's appointment to this committee appeared in the Dallas Morning News on June 1, 2007. The article is available online at [http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/city/coppell\\_vr/stories/DN-librarian\\_01wes.ART.West.Edition1.43b4b4d.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/city/coppell_vr/stories/DN-librarian_01wes.ART.West.Edition1.43b4b4d.html).

**Tania Dixon**, SLIS master's student, was the recipient of the TLA Jeannette Marquis Memorial MLS Scholarship, which carries the award of \$1,000.

**Sonya Melcher Fogg**, SLIS master's student, won a travel grant to attend the Society for Scholarly Publishing's annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, in June 2007. The meeting's theme was "Imagining the Future: Scholarly Communication 2.0."

**Ms. Marianne Follis**, SLIS doctoral student, was elected as the secretary of the Young Adult Round Table of the Texas Library Association. Ms. Follis also made a presentation at the Texas Library Association 2006 Annual Conference, entitled "Planning a Community Wide Bluebonnet Celebration," with Debbe France of Barnes & Noble and Lex Anne Seifert from Coppell ISD.

**Ms. Kimberly Kinnaird**, SLIS doctoral student, presented a session at the 2007 Children and Youth Conference for Librarians sponsored by the North Texas Regional Library System, Denton ISD, Mansfield ISD, Southlake Public Library and Denton Public Library on August 10, 2007, at the Lockheed Recreation Center in Fort Worth, TX. Her session was entitled "Success with Beginning Readers."

**Janie Pickett**, SLIS master's student, was elected as Chair-Elect of District 7 of the Texas Library Association at the District 7 Fall meeting.

**Christine Rayl**, SLIS master's student, received a \$1,000 Youth Literacy Grant from Dollar General stores to build the audiobook collection at her library at Bowie Elementary School in Grand Prairie, TX.

**Ginger Roberts**, SLIS master's student, received the HealthLINE Student Travel Award. The Award provides funds to defray the cost of attending the annual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, which was held in Albuquerque, NM, on October 20-24, 2007.

**Kate Garrett Simpson**, SLIS master's student, won a scholarship at the Texas Library Association District 10 Fall Workshop/Meeting, which was held in October 2007 in San Antonio, TX. The scholarship included free admittance to the meeting and the cost of a year membership in TLA.

**Kit Ward-Crixell**, SLIS master's student, has published an article on gaming in the library in the September 2007 issue of *School Library Journal*, entitled "Gaming Advocacy: Report on TechSource Symposium." Her article is based on research she conducted this summer in conjunction with her presentation at the first ALA TechSource Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium held in Chicago, IL, in July 2007. Her presentation, entitled "We're in Ur Library Bein Ur Books: Making and Using Book-Based RPGs with Middle-Schoolers," is available via [http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main_Page). Kit has also been invited to write two different chapters on gaming in the manual for the Texas Teen Summer Reading program for 2009.

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