

# Information Link

A GSLIS Community Newsletter for Students, Faculty and Staff

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## Letter from the Editor: Information Link

Now in its eighth year, *Information Link* is undergoing big changes! The biggest of these is the scope of our readership, which we're expanding to include the *entire* GSLIS community—not only students, but also full-time faculty, adjunct faculty and staff. This means that the scope of our content will broaden.

You will still find a calendar of events and up to date information about student

services, technology, scholarships, internships, diversity and financial aid. The newsletter will continue to track students, faculty and staff who are "On the Move." In future issues we plan to present profiles of faculty, staff and student leaders.

Starting in February, the *Link's* appearance will change to complement the look and feel of the new GSLIS viewbook and the family of publications that GSLIS

is developing. Also, the *Link* will appear on a regular monthly basis, except for August and January. I welcome your ideas and contributions! If you have suggestions for the new content and design or if you have contributions for the newsletter, please email me at [gsasst@simmons.edu](mailto:gsasst@simmons.edu)

Em Claire Knowles  
Editor-in-Chief

## New England Jobline Postings Soar

Four weeks of stock market rallying and reported confidence in the monthly consumer price index seem to be indicating a welcome turnaround in the economy. Although there is evidence that job openings will be slow in developing, the New England Jobline nonetheless posted more jobs in October 2003 than in the same month last year. Job postings are particularly high in Massachusetts—in fact, most of the October postings are for professional positions in public and academic libraries.

According to the New England Economic Project, higher education, health care

and some areas of finance will see the most job growth. It is likely that library positions in these areas will also increase. According to the business sections of national newspapers and governmental employment indicators, the new year should bring job opportunities for qualified applicants. You can view the current New England Jobline at <http://my.simmons.edu/gslis/resources/jobline.html>. For more resources, please visit the Career Education Center and Career Resource Library at <http://my.simmons.edu/gslis/resources/career.html>.

## Free Workshops for GSLIS Students

Every semester the GSLIS library offers a series of six to eight workshops, free for all GSLIS students. Workshop topics range from searching the Simmons online catalog, online journal searching, internet basics, as well as searching techniques in a variety of online databases.

You can sign up in the GSLIS Library or online at <http://www.simmons.edu/libraries/gslis/workshops.html> where you can also find a listing of the current workshops available.

Take advantage of this free opportunity to hone your professional skills. Spring workshops will begin the week of January 26, 2004.

Christina Shortsleeve  
GSLIS Library Assistant

## GSLIS Students, Faculty and Staff On the Move

Congratulations to **George Clark** for recently winning the Richard Fyffe Scholarship. Mr. Clark will receive \$2,000 toward his next semester tuition for his essay, "Building Networks and Cultivating Resources: Collection Development for Interdisciplinary Studies in a Large Research University."

Students **Hillary Garrett** (LISSA-West President) and **Caryn Anderson** were selected as interns for the New England Library Association newsletter. They attended the annual NELA Conference in October and will write articles about the conference that will be published in *NE Libraries*, the NELA newsletter.

We're sorry to say goodbye to **Beth Lazarczyk** ('02), who is leaving her position as Fac-

ulty Assistant and is heading west to Colorado and new library opportunities. She has been an invaluable staff member for the past three and a half years. We thank her for her hard work and the many ways in which she has contributed to the smooth running of the school. We wish her the best of luck! Stepping into Beth's shoes will be **Melissa Stevenson**, who has been working as an Administrator in the Human Resources office at Simmons for the past two years while earning her master's degree in Gender and Cultural Studies. She brings great enthusiasm and an impressive set of skills to her new job, and we're looking forward to her joining the staff in December. Welcome, Melissa!

**Terry Plum** (Assistant Professor and Director of Mount Holyoke Program) has recently co-authored "Documenting Usage Patterns of Networked Electronic Services," which was published in the *ARL: Bimonthly Report*, October/December. To view the article, visit <http://www.arl.org/newsltr/230/usage.html>. He also co-authored "Library Usage Patterns in the Electronic Information Environment," which will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Information Research: An International Electronic Journal*.

An article entitled "The Culture of Googling" by student **Beatrice Pulliam** appeared in the September/October 2003 issue of *b/ITE* (The Bulletin of the Information Technology Division of SLA).

## High School Students Intern at GSLIS

Four local high school students arrived in October for a 10-week internship at Simmons (four hours per day) to get a behind-the-scenes look at librarianship at the Simmons College Libraries. The internships have been made possible by a public service endowment grant sponsored by the University of Massachusetts-Boston. The internship proposal was submitted by Daniel Ortiz (DA '94), Director of the Healey Library at UMASS-Boston, and is intended to introduce minority high school students to career opportunities in library and information science.

The four interns—Malcom Joseph, Siu Tam, Nilda Ramos and Tiara Sims—were officially welcomed to the Simmons community on October 6 in the Beatley Library browsing room. **Michele Cloonan** (Dean), **Em Claire Knowles** (Assistant Dean for Student Administrative Services), **Daphne Harrington** (Library Director) and **Andrea Mercado** (LISSA President) joined GSLIS students in sharing stories about librarianship.

Activities for the interns are being scheduled by Gates scholarship recipient **Danielle Dreger**, who is working with

**Denise Davis** (Assistant Dean for Admissions and Recruitment) and a team of librarians and staff from Simmons and UMASS-Boston. Each intern will work one-on-one with a professional librarian in the areas of Access Services, Collection Development, Interlibrary Loan and Reference. They will also attend lectures by guest speakers and attend GSLIS classes. At the end of the program, each intern will submit a project on what they have learned.

Denise Davis  
Assistant Dean for  
Admission and Recruitment

## December Conferences and Events

- December 3** GSLIS is pleased to announce an upcoming ISI Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture Program: "What Makes a Great Team?" Presented by Dr. Richard Hackman, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Simmons Main College Building, Room C-103. RSVP to sharkey@simmons.edu by December 1st if you plan to attend.
- December 6** Coffee with Dean Cloonan at 12:15 p.m. at GSLIS-West office.
- December 12** Deadline for student petitions to Em Claire Knowles, P-III.
- December 13** End of semester party (GSLIS-West), 5:00 p.m. (Location TBA).
- December 16** Fall semester classes end.
- December TBA** End of semester party, Simmons GSLIS Boston (time and date TBA).
- January TBA** Graduation party, Simmons GSLIS Boston (time and date TBA).
- January 21** Spring, 2004 classes begin.

### *Did you know...?*

*Withdrawal from a course is still possible before the last class meeting. If you withdraw, you will receive no credit for the course and no tuition reimbursement, but it will not affect your grade point average.*

## Internship and Volunteer Opportunities

**Creative Allies Bookstore:** Zelda Fischer, the founder of the Creative Allies organization, has opened a non-profit bookstore whose revenues will be donated to local charities. She is looking for interns to assist in cataloging their book inventory and in other related efforts. Please contact Lauren Goldman at 617-236-6996 or email her at lgcapecod@yahoo.com for more information.

**Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center (WSRC)** seeks an LIS student intern to help develop, manage and expand the library to reflect the mission of the WSRC. The per-

son who assumes this internship will be a passionate reader familiar with the field of women's studies and knowledgeable about current and classic works in this field. The candidate should have the following skills: cataloging, indexing books; acquisition of books (including reference books), using the computer for maintenance of the library holdings, and other tasks associated with a small, select collection. This person will also collaborate with scholars and assist them with using the library. The librarian intern's role will include developing displays reflective of scholar's work and planning special programs

that showcase the library's collection. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mary Terrell at 781-259-9341 or email maryterr@aol.com.

*Interested in more Internship and Volunteer postings? Look in the binder labeled "Internship and Volunteer Opportunities" in the Student Information Center, outside of the Student Lounge, One Palace Road, 2nd floor.*

# Scholarships and Fellowships

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association is announcing the **E. J. Josey Scholarship Award** for 2003. Two scholarship awards of \$2,000 will be given to two graduate students in an ALA-accredited library and information science program in the United States or Canada. To be eligible, a candidate must be an African American citizen of the United States or Canada who is enrolled in or has been accepted by an ALA-accredited graduate program leading to a degree in library and information science at the time of application.

To apply, the candidate must submit an essay (double-spaced) of 1,000 – 2,000 words discussing the following topic:

“The year 2004 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Decision in the case of Brown vs. the Board of Education. To what extent has the court’s decision affected African Americans?”

Essays will be judged on the basis of good argument development, critical analysis, clear language, conciseness, and creativity.

For information on how to apply, please go to <http://www.bcala.org/awards/josey.htm>. The deadline for submissions is December 13, 2003.

GSLIS would like to encourage students to explore the **Spectrum Initiative Scholarship** offered by the American Library Association for LIS students from underrepresented ethnic and racial groups. Simmons GSLIS will grant a matching scholarship of \$5,000 to each Spectrum Initiative Scholar, and an additional \$2,500 will be granted by NELA.

To be eligible for a Spectrum Initiative Scholarship, you must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada and must be American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Applicants must have full- or part-time status at an ALA-accredited graduate program in library and information studies, have completed no more than a third of the credit requirements, and begin school no later than September 1 or the fall semester immediately following the award.

**For more information and an online application, go to the ALA website:**

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Offices/Diversity3/Spectrum\\_Initiative/Scholarship\\_Information/Scholarship\\_Information.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Diversity3/Spectrum_Initiative/Scholarship_Information/Scholarship_Information.htm)

The Publications Committee of the **American Theological Library Association (ATLA)** is offering a grant again this year to one or more individuals for up to \$1500 to aid in the development of a work that provides access to a significant body of literature within the fields of theological and/or religious studies. The application deadline is January 15, 2004. To apply, log on to [http://www.atla.com/pub\\_com/grant.html#pub](http://www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html#pub).

The **Association of Jewish Libraries** is pleased to announce a scholarship of \$500 to a student enrolled or accepted in a graduate school of library and information science. Prospective candidates should have knowledge of and interest in Jewish studies and demonstrate the potential, ability and intention of pursuing a career in Judaica librarianship. For information about the scholarships, log on to [www.jewishlibraries.org](http://www.jewishlibraries.org).

The **Smithsonian Institution** has a wide variety of Graduate Student Fellowships available, providing support for students to conduct in-residence research for ten-week periods in association with Smithsonian research staff members. Applicants must be formally enrolled in a graduate program of study. The stipend is \$3,700. Deadline for application is January 15, 2004. For a full program description and information on applying, log on to <http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm#fofg>.

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