Fr. Stephen Almagno delivered a thought-provoking lecture on Ethics entitled “Ethics: The Other Side of the Coin” at the 19th Annual Deans’ Lecture on April 1, 2004. With an extensive background in America and in Europe as a scholar, author and researcher as well as having created an ethics program at the University of Pittsburgh, Almagno kept everyone on the edge of their seats as promised earlier by Dr. Charles Bierbauer. Almagno urged everyone to think about the difference between morals and ethics and discussed how ethics should be fundamental to our work in library science, communications, and information.

AWARDS
Kicking off the evening was the presentation of the alumni and student awards. Xuemao Wang was the winner of the F. William Summers Outstanding Alumni Award; Julie Gaines was awarded the Wayne S. Yenawine Distinguished Student Award and Susan Bridwell was the winner of the John N. Olsgaard Distinguished Service Award. On the student side, there were numerous scholarship winners (see http://www.libsci.sc.edu/alumni/dlect04/dl04.htm for a full list and additional photos) and Susan Miller won the William M. Trafton Award for Leadership. In addition, Rachel Hodges, the former First Lady of South Carolina and sponsor of the literacy program “Rachel’s Readers” received the Crystal Apple Award from the American Association of School Librarians. Congratulations to all winners...we are very proud of you!

BETA PHI MU
The ceremony for Beta Phi Mu was also held on April 1st. Congratulations also go out to those inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the honor society for Library and Information Science. Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information science students. Each spring, a SLIS faculty committee meets to select qualifying graduates from the previous calendar year and formally nominate those individuals to induction. This year’s inductees include:

* Andrea Barberi * Trisha Raque Bogdan * Karen Brown * Cathy Crow * Dawn Eason *
* Lori Edwards * Karen Brickman Emmons * Susan Flaherty * Julie Gaines * Mary Gamble *
* Shair Ganahl * Linda Garrett * Lisa Hardman * Judith Head * Wendy Miller * Ellen Shuler *
* Michael Sindler * Gina Lynn Stokes * Debbie Whittemore * Nancy Lupton Wilson *

The Library and Information Science Student Association of the University of South Carolina announces a reception in honor of the Graduating Class of 2004. Faculty, Staff, Graduates and their guests are cordially invited to a reception on Friday, May 7, 2004 at 11:00 in the morning in the Frank McGuire Room of the Athletic Practice Facility, located on the Corner of Blossom and Assembly Streets in Columbia. Attendees please respond by May 3rd with your reply and number of guests to USC_LISSA@yahoo.com or telephone 803.777.3887 or 800.304.3153
THE SEEDS WERE PLANTED: HISPANIC LITERACY SUMMIT

On Tuesday, March 9th, members of South Carolina’s Hispanic and Latino community, along with faculty, staff and students of the School of Library and Information Science and other USC programs and colleges, came together for the first ever Hispanic Literacy Summit. Called “Las Semillas,” this gathering, organized by Dr. Patricia Feehan and an Advisory Council comprised mostly of leaders of Hispanic and Latino groups, invited various organizations together to discuss the most critical issues facing Hispanics and Latinos’ successful integration into the social, cultural, and economic life of the state. One of the most critical of the issues is education, specifically literacy skills in English. There are numerous programs already engaged in literacy work, but they are scattered and often isolated from each other. The same is true for other health and outreach efforts. The summit brought some of the key issues into the forefront with presentations by Jesse Washington Jr., Commissioner of the Human Affairs Commission; Dr. Ana Lopez De Fede who discussed demographics; and to speak on education, Inez Tenenbaum, the South Carolina State Superintendent of Education. “Community collaboration is imperative to a child’s education,” said Tenenbaum, “We can pack the parachutes of all our children and guarantee them success in life.” Energy was high as organizations discussed collaboration. Since that day, the Advisory Council has begun to discuss specifics on how to collect information about the organizations in order to build a Web accessible directory as well as assist groups who do not have a web presence with design and maintenance of web pages. Now that all these organizations are aware of what is already being done around these issues, the Advisory Council and interested organizations can work smarter to meet the needs of the growing population of Hispanics and Latinos in the community.

LISSA AT LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

Library Legislative Day 2004 took place at the Adam’s Mark Hotel on March 10th where the SLIS students and LISSA members, assisted with guest registration and sign-in, and were introduced to numerous SC legislators and Public Library Directors. The event was held to lobby legislators for funds for South Carolina public libraries.

In the photo from left to right are Peggy Cwiakala, LISSA President Gerri Corson, Alice Goodman, Dwight McInvail (Director of the Georgetown County Library and Chair of the Legislative Committee for APLA), Jennifer Kelley and one of LISSA’s Vice President’s, Briget Livingston. Thanks also to Laura Sponhour who also volunteered but is not pictured.

I-COMM WEEK A SUCCESS

Members of the University of South Carolina community and people from in and around Columbia came out on April 3rd to see the Carolina Showcase and exhibits from the School of Library and Information Science during I-Comm Week. See pictures on page three.

The Student Poster Sessions demonstrated how the students from the School of Library and Information Science acquire the knowledge and skills they need to become librarians and information professionals. The College of Mass Communication and Information Studies shared the tent with the SLIS. On behalf of the faculty and staff, Nonie Price, Nancy Zimmerman and especially Feili Tu, coordinated the student’s poster sessions which highlighted a number of research projects including information commons, copyright, young adult female leadership characteristics and the online indexing project of the Archival Students Guild (see page 3). LISSA was part of I-Comm highlighting what the organization’s programs and benefits. Many of the LISSA officers and members were present so it was a great opportunity for the SLIS students to get to know each other better.

FROM THE EDITOR

DENISE LYONS

A very big THANKS to all LISSA officers and our Advisor, Dr. Feili Tu for the numerous projects that have been going on these last weeks. LISSA submitted its nomination for the NMRT/ALA Student Chapter of the Year award. This took a lot of time on behalf of LISSA officers (and some help by former officers) to pull together the information. Also, the introduction of I-Comm week which not only had LISSA members and Executive Board’s involvement but was also coordinated in large part by Dr. Tu. I’m sure you have all heard of the Librarian Action Figure but did you know that she is a real life librarian? Her name is Nancy Pearl; librarian, author, current Director of the Washington Center for the Book. I had the pleasure of hearing her speak on Readers’ Advisory while at the Public Library Association conference in Seattle. Author of Book Lust, a short readers advisory on over 100 categories. One of the most fun is “First Lines to Remember.” Here is a sample.

Can YOU name the book?
“I write this sitting in the kitchen sink.”
“My brother Ward was a famous man.”
“You’ll want to scratch,” said the nurse. “Don’t,” said the orderly.”

Give up?
Try reading...”I Capture the Castle,” “The Paperboy,” and one of Nancy’s personal favorites, “No One Thinks of Greenland.”

Do you have one you’d like to s h a r e ? E m a i l : USC_LISSA@yahoo.com and s h a r e ! T h a n k s f o r reading!
SUCCESS STORIES!

Congratulations to some of our current SLIS students and alumni who have new jobs or promotions!

Harriet Speer: Database Coordinator/Reference, East Central Georgia Regional Library, Augusta, GA

Nancy G. Brown: School Library Media Specialist at Houlton Jr/Sr High School in Houlton, Maine

Terri Catalano: Media Specialist with Irmo Middle School, Lexington/Richland District Five

Chyrl Curtis: Media Specialist at Kingsbury Elementary, Sumter, SC

Pamela Williams: Media Specialist, Pine Grove Elementary, Richland One, Columbia, SC

John B. Weaver, current MLIS student, successfully defended his dissertation on March 15. The dissertation, which investigates the relationship between myth and history in early Christianity, was accepted “with distinction” by Emory University. He will graduate May 10th with his Ph.D. in Religion.

GRADUATE STUDENT DAY

Congratulations to Ben Petersen, Lori Schwartz and Denise Lyons (pictured right) for representing the School of Library and Information Science at the Graduate Student Day Oral Research Presentation and Poster Competition. Lori presented her research on the role of women’s clubs in the development of libraries in South Carolina in the Humanities category while Denise discussed female leadership characteristics in young adult fiction in the Cultural Enrichment Category. Ben’s poster presented the work of the Archival Students Guild and the Miscellaneous Records Online Indexing Project. Big thanks go to faculty members Dr. Bob Williams, Dr. Jennifer Arns and Dr. Connie Schultz (History) for their assistance in preparation and their support.

ARCHIVAL STUDENTS GUILD

A group of graduate students at USC interested in archival studies recently formed a student organization called the Archival Students Guild. Chartered in July of last year, students from both the archives track of the Public History Program and the School of Library and Information Science comprise ASG’s membership, and Dr. Connie Schultz of the Public History Program serves as faculty advisor. The ASG has stated objectives of providing a forum for members to discuss archival issues, identify with the profession, and engage in professional activities along with promoting archival interests and student issues. To meet those objectives, the ASG has initiated a volunteer project in conjunction with the S.C. Department of Archives and History in which 8 volunteers enter 18th century records from the Secretary of State’s Miscellaneous Records into the department’s online index. This project fulfills many objectives and allows students to employ knowledge of archival practice, while at the same time providing much needed services for the state archives. In February, the ASG became one of only 19 official student chapters of the SAA. SAA student chapter status is important for the ASG because it enlarges the exposure to the archival profession on a national level. ASG members met with other student chapter representatives at SAA’s annual meeting last year in Los Angeles and discovered that the ASG was the only group with a volunteer project that that let members put knowledge of archival principles to use. Student chapter status is an effective way to introduce members to the archival profession and its opportunities. The ASG is just one of the facets of archival education at the USC. With continued student involvement and dedication, the ASG will be able to enhance the educational experience for archives students here at USC. (Thanks to Ben Petersen for this contribution.)

GET SOCIAL WITH LISSA

It is not all work and no play...the Executive Board of LISSA want to remind you that part of our commitment to the student body is FUN! We hosted an informal gathering at the Flying Saucer pub just after St. Patrick’s Day in the hope of introducing some of the SLIS folks to each other.

Do you have some ideas of social events for the future? Drop an email to: USC_LISSA@yahoo.com and write “Social” in the heading. We welcome all your ideas and hope that you’ll get involved with some of LISSA’s future social events!
We have a number of great adjunct faculty members here at the School of Library and Information Science. SLISten UP! will attempt to feature all of them in the next several issues. This issue features three people we would like you to know: Curtis Rogers, Robert Skinder and Jennifer Ottervik.

**Curtis Rogers**
Curtis Rogers is the Director of Statewide Library Services at the South Carolina State Library. Dr. Rogers has a Bachelor’s degree in Geography, a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science and a Doctorate in Education, all from the University of South Carolina. He has taught CLIS 746: Humanities Reference and CLIS 705: Research Methods. Dr. Rogers has an interest in the culture and language of the Azores stemming from family history, and studied at the University of the Azores in 2001.

**Robert Skinder**

**Jennifer Ottervik**
Jennifer Ottervik, a native of Philadelphia, has been Head of the Music Library at the USC since 1996. She attended the University of North Texas, earning a B.A. in piano, an M.S. in library science and a M.M. in musicology. She serves as adjunct professor in the School of Music, where she regularly teaches courses such as Bibliography and Research and Advanced Research Methods. For the School of Library and Information Science, she teaches CLIS 744: Music Libraries and Information Services. Ms. Ottervik is co-Director of USC’s Center for Southern African-American Music, overseeing its archive and digital initiatives as well as co-editor of Haworth Press’s Music Reference Services Quarterly since June 2000. In July 2003, she was appointed Placement Officer for the Music Library Association.