



# BETA PHI MU **OMICRON CHAPTER**

*International Library and Information Science Honor Society*

**H**appy spring, Omicron members! We had an active and successful season, thanks to your participation and support! This issue of the newsletter includes your annual renewal form and scholarship donation request.

## **2013 OMICRON ANNUAL MEETING**

**W**e will hold the Annual Meeting, Initiation Ceremony, and Dinner on **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**, at the Rutgers Club. Our guest speaker, **Richard J. Cox**, will offer the after-dinner talk, “The Ethics of Teaching, the Teaching of Ethics.” Dr. Cox is a Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Studies where he is the lead faculty member in the archives program. His work has earned him three Waldo G. Leland Awards for the best book in archival studies. Please join us!



*Professor Richard J. Cox*

The 2012 Omicron Annual Meeting was a wonderful event. On Tuesday, April 24th, members, initiates, scholarship recipients, faculty members, and special guests

gathered at the Rutgers Club. **Larry Milliken**, Drexel University Librarian for Humanities/Social Sciences, and **Jay Bhatt** Drexel University Librarian for Engineering, offered the after-dinner talk, “Fast and Furious: Using Web Conferencing and Other Tools for Virtual Reference and Instruction.”



*Larry Milliken, BΦM Sec./Treasurer Kristen Fitzpatrick, and Jay Bhatt at the Annual Meeting*

During the meeting, we recognized and welcomed our 23 initiates:

### **2012 BΦM INITIATES**

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| Leslie A. Arendts-Edwards | Ann H. Lee                 |
| Ruben Refugio Balderas    | Michelle Angela Loudon     |
| Vanessa Nicole Banti      | Katie B. Maricic           |
| Maureen E. Carroll        | Emma C. Moore              |
| Lisa Ann DeLuca           | Julie M. Mumma             |
| Darlene Davis             | Theresa Rausa-Campbell     |
| Angela C. Ecklund         | Elizabeth A Rhine-Egelhoff |
| Sharon Galbraith Ryer     | Trevar D. Riley-Reid       |
| Christina Mae Geuther     | Robin Allison Rockman      |
| Naomi House               | Lupita Sebastian-O’Brien   |
| Alexis Christina Kaelin   | Christina Jane Steffy      |
| Flora M. Kim              |                            |

## FALL LECTURE A SUCCESS!

The 2012 annual Fall Lecture was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Alexander Library. New Jersey State Librarian Mary Chute discussed her vision of librarians as teachers of important 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills, such as collaboration, communication, and creativity. She exhorted students, faculty and guests in the room to be “flexible and adaptable” and to find and stay true to a philosophy of what it means to be a librarian.



*New Jersey State Librarian Mary Chute and Prof. Ross Todd at the fall lecture*

This annual lecture is co-sponsored by BΦM, RU Libraries, the Department of Library and Information Science, the SC&I Alumni Association, and the New Jersey Center for the Book. It was held at RUL’s Scholarly Communications Center.

Keep an eye on our website for details of the 2013 lecture and plan to join us for this exciting celebration of librarianship.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu is especially proud of its mission to provide **scholarships** for current Rutgers School of Communication and Information (SC&I) students who are pursuing the master’s degree in library and information science (MLIS).

In 2012 we provided \$1,000 scholarships to three worthy recipients, **Kalliopi Balatsouka**, **Susannah Goldstein**, and **Hanna Lee**, selected from an impressive pool of applicants. They attended the 2012 Annual Meeting to receive their awards. Congratulations to all!



*2012 Omicron Scholarship recipients Susannah Goldstein, Kalliopi Balatsouka, and Hanna Lee*

The **2013 scholarships** will be awarded at the annual meeting on April 17th. Please consider supporting this worthy effort with a donation when you receive the spring membership renewal. Thank you to the following donors for contributing in 2012:

January Adams	Roderick MacNeil
Maryann Adams	Virginia McDonnell
Tamara Alito	Susan Moss
Karen Brunner	Sarah Mustoe
Cynthia Condon	Andrea Ouida
Kristen Fitzpatrick	Connie Paul
Beverly Genetta	Hope Preston
LaDawna Harrington	Susan Quinn
Melissa Hofmann	Marie L. Radford
Judith Howard	Enola Romano
Nancy Kravich	Maureen Smyth
Maryrose Little	Maryrose Thomas
Beverly Luck	Betty Turock
Ruth Lufkin	Karen Vaias

*Our sincere apologies if we have failed to recognize anyone!*

## **BΦM: POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS!**

**B**eta Phi Mu is a volunteer organization. Members offer to serve as officers for two-year terms, with responsibilities increasing each successive year. (Below is the 2013 slate for officers.) If you can volunteer as Secretary next year, please speak with any officer during the Annual Meeting, or contact Pres. Smyth at [maureen.smyth@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.smyth@gmail.com).

### **2013-2015 OFFICERS SLATE**

President:	Maureen Smyth
Vice President:	Katherine Wiggins
Treasurer:	Kristen Fitzpatrick
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Open</b>
Past President:	Melissa A. Hofmann
Faculty Advisor:	Marie L. Radford

## **GET UPDATES FROM US!**

**T**he Omicron chapter's website (<http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com>) allows you to sign up for email updates or RSS feeds when new information is posted. It's easy. And don't worry—we are low traffic! Remember: All **news, photos, bios, newsletters, and scholarship applications** can be found on our website.

If you would like to be a **contributing author** to our **blog**, please email Katherine Wiggins ([katherineawiggins@gmail.com](mailto:katherineawiggins@gmail.com)) so that we can add you. Anyone may submit comments to posts—we encourage you!

For those of you on **Facebook**, we also have a "Beta Phi Mu, Omicron Chapter" page. **Hope to see you there!**

## **SHOW YOUR BETA PHI MU PRIDE!**

**S**how your pride in being a part of Beta Phi Mu. We will have BΦM **braided honor cords** and **insignia pins** available for purchase at the annual

meeting. Graduates walking in May 2013 graduation: you may wear the honor cord on your gown as you get your diploma. School faculty members can wear the cords with regalia when marching in commencements.



*Honor cords and insignia pin, via the BΦM national Web site*

The brass-toned pins are painted with enamel to display the BΦM colors and the dolphin and anchor insignia. They are each \$15. Both items are also available for purchase at the national BΦM Web site ([www.beta-phi-mu.org/merchandise.php](http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/merchandise.php)).

## **MEMBER NEWS: KEEP US INFORMED**

**P**lease send us your career updates and news to publish in the next newsletter and/or on our website/blog. Email Katherine Wiggins ([katherineawiggins@gmail.com](mailto:katherineawiggins@gmail.com)) with updates on your career, professional activities, and family news. We have not received any news lately. Please, don't be shy! Remember, updates provide a valuable networking tool for members and foster chapter pride!

## **ARE YOU MOVING?**

**P**lease remember to let us know if your address changes. Virtual Move? Please let us know your preferred email address. We want to keep our members as informed as possible as efficiently as possible! Please notify Kristen Fitzpatrick at [K.Fitzpatrick@iee.org](mailto:K.Fitzpatrick@iee.org).

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