



BETA PHI MU **OMICRON** **CHAPTER**

International Library and Information Science Honor Society

Happy 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.

2014 OMICRON ANNUAL MEETING

We will hold the Annual Meeting and Dinner on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014**, at the Rutgers Club. Our guest speaker, **Dr. Joyce Valenza**, will give the after-dinner talk on “Librarians and Social Capital.” Dr. Valenza is a newly-minted full-time faculty member in the Rutgers University School of Communication & Information’s Library and Information Science Department. Please join us!



Dr. Joyce Valenza



Dr. Richard Cox, University of Pittsburgh, Archivist

The spring 2013 Omicron Annual Meeting was another wonderful and successful event. On Wednesday, April 17th, members, initiates, scholarship recipients, faculty members, and special guests gathered at the Rutgers Club. **Dr. Richard J. Cox**, Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Studies, offered the riveting and engaging after-dinner

talk, “The Ethics of Teaching, the Teaching of Ethics.” During the meeting, we recognized and welcomed our 22 initiates (listed below).

2013 BΦM INITIATES

Erin Ackerman	Miraida Morales
Laurie Anne Agnese	Anita M. O’Brien
Mark S. Boutros	Michael B. O’Connor
Kenneth Cleary	Bethany O’Shea
Qraig de Groot	Anne Elliott Paige
Elizabeth B. Durst	Laura B. Palumbo
David W. Golann	Sung Min Park
Shanna R. Hollich	Tara Lynn Rice
Kathleen K. Juliano	Anna Lisa Raya Rivera
Annamarie C. Klose	Casey Jane Schaffer
Lauren M. Martino	Emily Ann Searle

FALL LECTURE A SUCCESS!

The 2013 annual Fall Lecture was held on October 30th at Alexander Library. Dorothy Howard is the Wikipedian in Residence working with METRO Library Consortium members in NYC to build collaborative programs using Wikipedia and other open data initiatives. Her talk, titled “Wikipedia & Cultural Heritage Institutions: Opportunities for Partnership,” featured the success of the GLAM-wiki movement (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums partnering with Wikipedia). She was joined by colleague Jefferson Bailey, the Strategic Initiatives Manager at METRO, for the animated Q&A portion of the evening. A video of the event can be found online (<http://youtu.be/VRoTz7PTNkM>).



BΦM Treasurer Kristen MacCartney, Kay Cassell, BΦM Past President Melissa Hoffman, BΦM Faculty Advisor Marie L. Radford, Dorothy Howard, Jefferson Bailey, and BΦM President Maureen Smyth at the fall lecture

This annual lecture is co-sponsored by BΦM, the Rutgers Department of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University Libraries, the School of Communication & Information Alumni Association, and the NJ Center for the Book.

Keep an eye on our website <http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com/> for details of the 2014 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. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to increase the number of recipients once again.

In 2013 we provided \$1,000 scholarships to three worthy recipients, **Kristen Mapes**, **Lisa Olszewski**, and **Rose Deeb**, selected from an impressive pool of applicants. They attended the 2013 Annual Meeting to receive their awards. Congratulations to all!



2013 Omicron Scholarship recipients Kristen Mapes, Lisa Olszewski, and Rose Deeb

The **2014 scholarships** will be awarded at the annual meeting on April 29th.

Please consider supporting this worthy effort with a donation when you receive the spring membership renewal. Thank you to the following donors, who contributed in 2013:

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| January Adams | Sarah Mustoe |
| Karen Brunner | Andrea Ouida |
| Barbara Burton | Connie Paul |
| Jill Butcher | Hope Preston |
| Jayashree Chatterjee | Marie Radford |
| Cynthia Condon | Patricia Reeling |
| Beverly Startt Genetta | Stephen Rogow |
| Melissa Hofmann | Enola Rose Romano |
| Judith T. Howard | Jorge Reina Schement |
| Nancy Kranich | Emmanuel Sedlacek |
| Maryrose Little | Maureen Smyth |
| Beverly Luck | Barbara Sottilaro |
| Ruth Lufkin | Christina Steffy |
| Kristen MacCartney | Mary Thomas |
| Virginia McDonnell | Betty J. Turock |
| Claire McInerney | Karen Vaias |
| Stephanie Mikitish | Doris Wang |
| Susan Moss | Maria Webb |

Our sincere apologies if we have failed to recognize anyone!

BΦM: POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS!

Beta 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 2014 slate for officers.) If you are considering

volunteering as an officer for next year, please speak with any officer during the Annual Meeting! Or, contact Maureen Smyth at maureen.smyth@gmail.com.

2014-2015 OFFICERS SLATE

President:	Maureen Smyth
Vice President:	Katherine Wiggins
Treasurer:	Kristen MacCartney
Secretary:	Michelle Louden
Past President:	Melissa A. Hofmann

GET UPDATES FROM US!

The 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) 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!

Show 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 2014 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 \$15.75. Both items are also available for purchase at the national BΦM Web site (<http://beta-phi-mu.org/merchandise/>).

MEMBER NEWS: KEEP US INFORMED

Please 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) 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?

Please 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 MacCartney at K.MacCartney@ieee.org.

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