Happy (almost) spring, Omicron members! We had another active and successful year thanks to your participation and support. This issue of the newsletter includes your annual renewal form, dinner RSVP, and scholarship donation request.

**2018 BPM Omicron Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Please join us at the 2018 Omicron Annual Meeting & Dinner on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00pm at the Rutgers University Inn & Conference Center (http://inn.rutgers.edu/), at 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. This new venue for our BPM spring event is conveniently located on the Douglass Campus just off Route 1, with ample parking. You are warmly invited to help us honor the 2018 inductees and scholarship winners.

This year’s annual meeting and dinner will be on Thursday, April 19 at 6:00pm at the Rutgers University Inn and Conference Center. Our guest speaker, Judy Meyer, is the Executive Editor for the Sun-Journal in Lewiston, ME. Meyer will discuss her experiences as part of the American Library Association’s Media Literacy @ Your Library program and the important effort to combat fake news and misinformation for patrons and professionals alike. At the dinner we will also recognize the newest class of inductees, as well as this year’s scholarship winners.

**Report on the 2017 BPM Annual Meeting & Dinner**

The 2017 Annual Meeting and dinner was held on Wednesday, April 5 at the Rutgers Club. Our speaker, John M. Budd, Ph.D., noted scholar, former BPM National President, and Editor of the BPM Monograph Series, gave an engaging talk titled “What is Information?” Dr. Budd drew on his recent book, Six Issues Facing Libraries Today: Critical Perspectives (2017, Rowman & Littlefield).

**2017 Scholarship Recipient**

At the annual meeting, the Omicron Chapter was delighted to award a $1,000 scholarship to Yi Deng. Yi has a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences from Cornell University and is pursuing a Master of Information degree, from Rutgers with a specialization in digital libraries, and an expected graduation date of 2018. Yi also works as a subsidiary rights assistant for Columbia University Press. Upon graduation, Yi hopes to find a position in an academic library focusing on digital initiatives. Congratulations to Yi and thanks to all BPM members who generously donated to the scholarship fund!

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BPM Omicron Chapter Initiates 15 New Members, Congrats to All!
Vice President: Barbara Burton, Ph.D., Part-Time Lecturer, Rutgers University

Secretary/Treasurer: Meaghan Darling, Youth Services Librarian, Sparta Public Library

Past President: Jennifer Hunter, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Penn State Abington

Faculty Advisor: Marie L. Radford, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Library & Information Science

In Memoriam
With profound sadness we honor Frank Jolliffe, BPM 2008 initiate, who passed away in 2012. He was an “accomplished and influential musician” as well as a librarian at Bank St. College, So. Orange Public Library, and the Columbia Univ. Center for Jazz Studies. We value his service and membership in Beta Phi Mu. (Obituary: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/northjersey/obituary.aspx?n=frank-jolliffe&pid=156296623).

Show your BPM Pride
Beta Phi Mu has an online shop where you can purchase honors cords, insignia pins, and more. Find the shop online at: http://beta-phi-mu.org/merchandise/

David Lankes, Ph.D. Delivers Fall 2017 Lecture: “Claiming Victory and Moving On”

David Lankes, Ph.D. gave the 2017 BPM Omicron Chapter’s Fall lecture on November 15th in the Alexander Library. There was a large turnout, including those who joined via webcast. Dr. Lankes is the director of the University of South Carolina’s School of Library & Information Science and recipient of the American Library Association’s 2016 Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. He is the author of many noted works including: The New Librarianship Field Guide, Expect More: Demanding Better Libraries for Today’s Complex World and The Atlas of New Librarianship, both published by MIT Press in 2016. He stated that over the past several decades, as technology has evolved, every industry has become an information industry. This situation created a question for information science in terms of what is left within the discipline itself. He claimed that while data may be transactional, knowledge is uniquely human and must be constructed. This provides the space for information scientists to live into the mission of helping organizations make more informed decisions. He concluded that the social mission of librarians must be foundational and that the goal of libraries should be “To create The World Our Communities Deserve.” His slides are available at: https://davidlankes.org/rdlankev/Presentations/2017/Rutgers.pdf The event, which also served as an MI program colloquium, was co-sponsored by the Rutgers University Libraries, the SC&I Department of Library & Information Science, the SC&I Alumni Association, and The New Jersey Center for the Book.