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Benjamin Keele, Chi Chapter Scholarship Winner



Benjamin Keele, MLS, recipient of the 2009-2010 Chi Chapter Award for Student Scholarship, presented his research to Chapter members on October 8, 2010. Ben's paper, titled "What if Law Journal Citations Included Digital Object Identifiers?: A Snapshot of Major Law Journals," was written for S505: Evaluation of Resources and Services; Assistant Professor Cassidy Sugimoto nominated it for the award. Ben was congratulated by Andrea

Morrison, Chi Chapter Past President.

Ben described how law journals differ from scholarly journals in most academic fields – in law schools, students select and edit papers for publication. Because precedent is so important in the law, accurate footnotes are crucial, and students (often assisted by librarians) must verify sources cited. Having stable references for online sources would be especially helpful.

Law journals use uniform resource locators (URLs) when citing electronic sources, even though digital object identifiers (DOI) would be more reliable and robust. Other citation styles, such as APA, require referencing by DOI. In his research, Ben examined citations to scholarly articles from randomly-selected articles in the *Harvard Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, and *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* to see if they had DOIs. He found 394 citations that could have had DOI names, but did not. This finding suggests that law journal editors and librarians could benefit if journals add DOI names to citations.

Initiation and Award Ceremony

The Chi Chapter Initiation and Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, February 25, 2011, in the Staff Lounge on the third floor of the Research Collections in the Wells Library. Please join us as we honor Benjamin Keele, our scholarship winner, and welcome our newest members!

Nominations are still being accepted for the Chi Chapter Service Award winner who will be recognized at this ceremony. You may e-mail any Board member with your nomination and supporting documentation. Contact Andrea Morrison for the criteria: amorriso@indiana.edu.

Words from Our President Tony Stamatoplos

Catching Up and Looking Forward

Active participation is vital to any successful organization. My priority for the upcoming year will be to look at ways to increase the involvement of Chi Chapter members. There is no single thing we can do to accomplish this; rather, there are several things that can work together. In the first place, for example, I think we need to encourage qualified SLIS graduates to be initiated into Beta Phi Mu. Unfortunately, during their studies and at graduation time, some students don't understand the importance of membership in their honor society. They may forgo initiation because, at the time, they don't

see the potential value or may balk at paying the initiation fee. I hope we members can work with faculty to encourage students to join. Once graduates are initiated and become members, they need encouragement to participate and stay connected. Much of this can be addressed through communication and networking. Recent and future improvements in chapter communications will help with these. I hope that we can find other ways to grow our membership and increase involvement.

Over the next few years, I want to give higher priority to developing a mentoring program for chapter members, especially our more recent initiates. I already have some thoughts about this, as do other board members, and I intend to look at mentoring programs in other chapters for additional ideas. Please let me know if you have suggestions or if you might consider being a mentor to a Chi Chapter member.

I believe networking is important and is something we should stress more both in our profession and within our chapter. I have a few ideas about ways to develop and use our professional networks, and would like to hear ideas from members. For now, I suggest that we consider networking possibilities through our professional associations and social media. For example, I am involved in the Indiana Library Federation and the Association of College and Research Libraries; it would be relatively easy to meet with other Beta Phi Mu members at conferences and association events. I also use LinkedIn, a good networking tool, and I recommend it. (Feel free to send me a connection invitation.) There is already a Beta Phi Mu group in LinkedIn, which I joined and which provides another way to network with colleagues.

Finally, I want to thank the Chi Chapter board members for all of their hard work and great ideas. All are very busy with their full-time jobs, that is, *Aliis inserviando consumor* ("consumed in the service of others," as the Beta Phi Mu motto goes); however they make the time and effort to serve our chapter.

Fall 2010 Career Forum

The Chi Chapter Fall Career Forum was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in conference room E174 off the Wells Library lobby. The Career Forum helps current SLIS students gain insights for their own career planning by listening to the experiences of those who have gone before.

This year's forum featured short talks by professional librarians from both public and academic libraries.

Speakers included Edra Waterman, Director of the Plainfield-Guilford Township (IN) Public Library; Carolyn Walters, Executive Associate Dean, Indiana University Libraries; and Tony Stamatoplos of the IUPUI University Library.

Students were encouraged to ask questions about interviewing and hiring practices.

Following the talks, presenters, students, and Chi Chapter members mingled and enjoyed pizza, refreshments, and the opportunity for informal career-oriented conversation.

BPM Scholarships Available

For information on various BPM scholarships and fellowships, see:

<http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html>

Dues and Address Changes

2010-2011 Dues, Address Changes and News about YOU!

Our membership year is November 1 through October 31. If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu please pay your membership dues. It is easy to do—just send a check for \$10 made out to Beta Phi Mu to:

Mary Popp, Beta Phi Mu, Chi Chapter Membership

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Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board

President: Tony Stamatoplos, IUPUI
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At Large: Krista Ledbetter, Morgan Co. Public Library
At Large Open
Faculty Sponsor: Ralf Shaw, IU SLIS

Many thanks to our retiring Board Members for their service: Treasurer, Julie Hardesty and At Large Member, Penny Mathiesen.

Welcome to Heidi Busch who was appointed Treasurer mid-term. She and the rest of the current officers are willing to serve another year.

We have openings for a Vice President/President- elect and another member-at-large. Please contact Andrea or Tony if you are interested in serving.

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Treasurer's Report

Chi Chapter Treasurer Heidi Busch reports that as of 9/29/10, the chapter has a net worth of \$2,394.92.

Executive Board Member Spotlight



Krista Ledbetter, Director of the Morgan County (IN) Public Library, has been a board member since 2007. When she was a child, Krista's father worked for the government. She and her siblings lived in many places including Germany, Ethiopia, and England before the family settled in Indianapolis. She attended Purdue on an NROTC scholarship and spent five years as a naval officer. After leaving the military, she worked as a business manager and

administrator for several non-profits, followed by a stint in the computer industry where she was employed as a help-desk technician and a database developer.

Ready for a career change, Krista fulfilled a long-time dream by earning an MLS at Indiana University. She was hired as Assistant Director of the Morgan County Public Library in 2005 and replaced retiring director David Ross in 2008. She believes that being the director of a public library is the best job in the world saying, "No two days are ever alike, and I have the opportunity to make a real difference in my community. Being a member of Chi Chapter keeps me connected with other types of librarians as well as with the academic community and students."

In addition to her librarian duties, Krista enjoys reading, gardening and fishing. She and her husband are vendors at the Morgan County Farmers Market. They keep chickens and Muscovy ducks—which she refers to as "pets with benefits." She has a surplus of drakes in case any Chi Chapter members are interested...

Please send us your news! We will print your updates in our next newsletter. You may e-mail your news to Mary Popp: popp@indiana.edu

Snail mail still works as well!

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