Clara Stanton Jones

Significant Figure in Librarianship and Her Husband Honored with Scholarship

Many students of color working in the information professions today have a University of Michigan graduate to thank for opening doors when so many were bolted shut to them.

It was long ago when Clara Stanton Jones (ABLS ’38) began her career in libraries and set out to educate and serve the community. She saw opportunities and made the most of them, leaving a trail of accomplishments that students today aspire to emulate.

Now 94 years old and living in California, she and her husband are being honored by their three children through the Albert D. and Clara Stanton Jones Scholarship at the School of Information.

The children are Stanton Jones of Oakland, California, consultant for the City of San Francisco and retired military officer; Vinnetta Jones, a professor at Howard University and former dean of its School of Education; and Kenneth Jones, a former White House Fellow and a nuclear engineer and executive with Westinghouse, Inc.

Stanton Jones said his parents instilled in their children the desire to “persevere and succeed.” The scholarship, he said, is a fitting testament to a life of service to others by the couple.

“Our parents deserve a legacy,” he said.

The accomplishments of Clara Stanton Jones have included:

• Working for the Detroit Public Library from 1944-78, retiring as its director.
• Serving as the first African-American president of the American Library Association in 1976. During her presidency, the ALA adopted a “Resolution on Racism and Sexism Awareness.”
• Fighting in 1977 against the ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, which recommended to the ALA Executive Board that the resolution be rescinded.
• Receiving the Trailblazer Award in 1990 from the Black Caucus of the ALA, the highest award given by BCALA. The award recognizes

Additional Newly Endowed Scholarships

• Yaney/Longon/Wetherell Family Scholarship
• Phelix B. Hanible Scholarship

For more on these endowed scholarships, please see page 3.

You Can Establish an Alumni Club in Your Area

In response to alumni requests to get to know fellow SI graduates in their area, the Alumni Relations Office of the School of Information and the SI Alumni Society are looking into setting up several alumni clubs.

The first clubs will be organized in geographic areas that have concentrations of SI alumni, such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Ann Arbor, and Detroit. See si.umich.edu/alumni for details.

If you live in a different area and would like to help organize a club, contact Karen Jordan, alumni relations officer, at kjordan@umich.edu or call (734) 647-7652 for further information.

The School hopes that alumni in each club will work together to determine the specific activities, interests, and goals of their group. The broad goal of each club will be to help connect alumni with each other, SI, and their local community.

“Clubs can choose to have activities focused on networking, socializing, welcoming new alumni to their area, or a combination of all of these,” Jordan said. “We are excited to see what alumni will choose to do.”

Alumni Dan Cooney (MSI ’00) and Eva Davis (MSI ’98) are organizing the first gathering of the Ann Arbor club. It’s scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 15 in the Tap Room of the Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Please RSVP to kjordan@umich.edu if you’re interested in attending.
Michel Nguessan

Varied Career Path Leads to Academic Librarianship

Michel Nguessan (MSI ’04) no doubt has his hands full these days. He’s head of library and academic technology; assistant professor of library and information science; digital applications and systems librarian; and communications, arts and humanities librarian at Governors State University in Illinois.

Fortunately, the School of Information prepared him well. “I wanted a program with a reputation and a program that is multidisciplinary. The SI program is the multidisciplinary program par excellence. I was also interested in the information technology component of the SI program. This allowed me to brush up old skills and develop new ones for my current responsibilities.”

Although SI helped him on his career path, it’s clear Nguessan came to SI up to the challenge. He arrived with a bachelor’s degree in literature, a master’s and a doctorate in linguistics, and a master’s in software engineering to his credit. He had also worked as a translator, a software engineer, and a project analyst for different companies in the United States and Canada.

“My education at the SI was the key for landing my current job,” Nguessan says. Michel needed a program strong in library science, and he chose the MSI with a specialization in Library and Information Services. “My education at SI helped me develop and strengthen skills that are critical for my job.”

While at SI, he says, “I enjoyed all the courses and the class projects. The most memorable experiences were my participation in the Internet Public Library and my internship as a digital librarian at the Windsor Public Library in Ontario, Canada.”

Sara Ulius-Sabel

The Experience to Know Which Buttons to Push

Sara Ulius-Sabel (MSI’03) isn’t someone you’d expect to find in your kitchen or laundry room, but she might be there — not in person, but through her work.

Ulius-Sabel is metrics manager in the Global Consumer Interaction program, as it was a wonderful hybrid of many of my passions — technology, psychology, and design. It really was a perfect fit for me, in terms of synthesizing my undergraduate studies, work experiences, and interests into a cohesive program. Ulius-Sabel came to SI with a bachelor’s degree in applied social psychology and a minor in art and design from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. “Originally, I began my undergraduate career as an architecture major, but switched majors in my sophomore year once I realized that architecture, as both a career field and academic discipline, was not as collaborative as I had hoped. Psychology was far more collaborative and cooperative, and appealed to me for that reason.”

In the mix is experience in librarianship. She worked in the Cal Poly library’s architecture collection. “I helped them build a digital database of their 150,000-item slide collection,” she says, “and I also worked with instructors to better use the Web as a teaching tool.”

She says her SI education provided her with a strong foundation in information design and management. “I am constantly aware of the need to think about how information is organized and presented is often as important as the content. Well-designed information has helped me to captivate the attention of senior leaders within the company,” she adds.

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Alumni! We Want to Keep in Touch!

The Office of Alumni Relations, in conjunction with the SI Alumni Society Board, wants to help you keep in touch with your SI cohort and develop awareness of, as well as contacts with, the larger SI alumni network. Here’s how:

Try Our New SI Alumni Group on LinkedIn

The SI Alumni Board and Karen Jordan, alumni relations officer, have created an alumni group in LinkedIn. LinkedIn is a social networking site that has emerged from the crowd of similar sites, and we think it will be useful to SI alumni. We hope that by piggy-backing on the functionality and success of LinkedIn, we will provide opportunities for professional networking, as well as for developing and maintaining connections with the SI alumni network.

Sign up through the E-mail link we’ve sent you or log into the SI alumni page (si.umich.edu/alumni/connections.htm) and click the LinkedIn invitation. Please contact Jordan (kjordan@umich.edu) if you experience difficulty joining. Through our members-only group, you can:

• Leverage the power of the SI network to connect with SI alumni and their non-SI contacts.
• Search LinkedIn’s jobs database, then connect with an SI alumna or alumnus at a given company, even though you may not have a direct connection with that person.
• Accelerate your career through referrals from SI alumni.
• Limit your LinkedIn searches to other SI alumni only, or open them up to all LinkedIn members.

Make Your Alumni Connection

Keeping your contact information up to date through the Alumni Connections page on the SI Web site is important. Why? If we have your current address, we can invite you to receptions and other events in your area, and keep you informed about clubs and activities of all kinds.

Having your current E-mail address is important, too, to let you know about new features like LinkedIn. And if you’ve joined the Student-Alumni Network, current students won’t be able to reach you if your address is out of date.

Remember, you can use our Alumni Connections opt-in directory on the SI Web site to:

• Register your interest in a local alumni club, and see who else in your area has expressed interest
• Upload a photo of yourself
• Submit news items for SI@umich
• Post your contact information for fellow alumni
• Find contact information for fellow alumni who have joined
• Exchange news with alumni colleagues
• Register with the Student-Alumni Network (see below)

Be Part of the Student-Alumni Network

Speaking of the Student-Alumni Network, it introduces SI students to the strong network of SI alumni before they’ve even graduated.

You could, for example, volunteer to communicate with students who may have questions about your field, the job search process, your organization, and more. To join, simply log in to Alumni Connections and check the “Make my profile searchable by current SI students’” box. You can also add a comment targeted at interested SI students and specify how they can contact you.

Alumni may also lend insight regarding the city they live in and note other contacts in their industry. The SI Student-Alumni Network is an excellent place to start networking! *

Lasting Legacies

Yaney/Longon/Wetherell Family Scholarship

Barbara Palmer (AMLS ’68) knows firsthand how students benefit from the generosity of others. When she was a student at Michigan, the support of others who had given to the University made it possible for her to continue her education.

Now, Palmer has established an endowed scholarship that will assist School of Information students for generations to come.

The fund, called the Yaney/Longon/Wetherell Family Scholarship Fund, recognizes her parents Jean Wetherell Longon and J. Russell Longon, her grandmother, Clifford T. Wetherell, and Joseph P. Yaney. While Palmer was a student at Michigan earning her master’s degree and during the ensuing 25 years of her career as a K-12 school teacher and librarian, she was known as Barbara Yaney.

In creating the endowed scholarship, Palmer said she hopes her gift will inspire fellow alumni to make a similar commitment to the School. “I sincerely hope this happens, so that other alumni can have the privilege to ‘give back’ as others have given to us,” she said.

The scholarship will support students who are interested in pursuing careers in K-12 school media, which is a track within the Library and Information Services specialization. Palmer, who also holds a bachelor’s degree in education from the U-M, remains committed to seeing the school media field evolve and change forms, just as it had during her career.

One of the joys of Palmer’s life has been seeing her own daughter, Monica Tolva, become a school librarian in Vernon Hills, Illinois. “What greater affirmation could a mother receive than to have her daughter follow her career path,” she said. “Such blessings need to be shared.”

Palmer and her husband Roger live in suburban Chicago. *

Phelix B. Hanible Scholarship

The children of the late Phelix B. Hanible (AMLS ’84) have created a permanent memorial to their mother through an endowed scholarship.

Daughter Sana and son Khary created the Phelix B. Hanible Scholarship by combining their own gifts with memorial contributions given by their mother’s friends and colleagues.

At University Microfilms International, Phelix B. Hanible started her career as a catalog librarian for the research collection, a manager of cataloging operations, and later an editor for student reference projects.

She joined the U-M staff as head of the original cataloging unit, and later served as assistant to the dean for strategic planning and total quality management. She left U-M to take positions at the University of Southern California and the University of Massachusetts Amherst Library, but returned to U-M in 2003 as associate librarian for technical and access services.

Mrs. Hanible’s contributions to the University included an extensive list of articles, presentations, and consulting activities. She was active in the American Library Association and represented the U-M Library on several state-level committees.

Mrs. Hanible’s commitment to the University inspired her children and her colleagues, as evidenced by their immediate, thoughtful, and generous contributions following her death in 2005.

The Hanible children hope friends of their mother will join them in honoring her memory by making gifts into the endowment. *
MSI Expands; Six New Specializations

A rapid response to changes in the information professions is evident with the introduction by the School of Information of six new specializations in the Master of Science in Information program.

With nine specializations total in the MSI program, SI — the School of the University of Michigan — is unique in preparing informationists for careers in such a broad range of long-established and newly emerging fields.

“Our specializations give students more choice and more flexibility than ever before,” says Judy Lawson, director of academic and career services.

They also respond to the needs of organizations in hot fields like social computing. Employers want graduates with a deep understanding of how to manage information and at the same time make it easily accessible to users. SI is staying ahead of the curve.”

The six new specializations are all areas in which the School has built expertise and curriculum for a number of years. They are as follows:

- **Social Computing** — The force behind Web 2.0, Social Computing analyzes online social interactions and recognizes opportunities in social computing technologies.
- **Incentive-Centered Design** — Teaches the art of designing systems or institutions to align individual incentives with overall organizational goals. It draws deeply from economics, psychology, and sociology, with computer science as a unifying thread.
- **Community Informatics** — Prepares students for positions as public interest information professionals and technical leaders for nonprofit organizations, government agencies, community development agencies, and entrepreneurial social ventures.
- **Information Analysis and Retrieval** — Teaches how information is stored in computer systems, how it is searched and analyzed, and how humans access it.
- **Preservation of Information** — Identifies preservation challenges and standards-based preservation practices and responds to the urgent need for expertise in preservation, digital curation, and Web archiving.
- **Information Policy** — Prepares students for analysis and design of information policy, both at the organizational and general public policy level.

The School continues to offer specializations in:

- **Library and Information Services** — Prepares students for all aspects of librarianship. Students may also choose a track for careers in K-12 school media.
- **Archives and Records Management** — Teaches concepts and techniques to manage historical materials as well as methods that can be applied in information systems design to support integrity, authenticity, access, and long-term preservation of records.
- **Human-Computer Interaction** — Educates the professional who designs and develops technologies that fit the organization and work practices, the work to be done, and the capabilities of the user.

The Information Economics, Management and Policy specialization has evolved into distinct areas. Information Policy is now separate, and information economics is a primary focus of Incentive-Centered Design.

Information management is an area SI has deemed central to the skill set of all informationists and has incorporated as a core component of the entire MSI program.

“The evolution of these new specializations at SI marks the evolution of the information field as a whole,” says Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Judah S. Olson. “It validates the trail we have blazed for more than a decade now as the School of Information.”

**MSI Student Lends a Hand to State Archives Update**

If you visit the Archives of Michigan online collections, you’ll see the work of MSI student Cathie Toshach.

Toshach helped create the look of the new site. She is an accomplished photographer and Web designer, having studied photography and graphic design at Columbia College in Chicago before coming to SI.

The new Web site is at [haldigitalcollections.cdhost.com](http://haldigitalcollections.cdhost.com), and her personal work is at [www.cathiet.com](http://www.cathiet.com).

**SI Participates in Regional Program for Stronger LIS**

Interim Dean C. Olivia Frost is actively representing the School of Information in the LIS Access Midwest Program (LAMP), an effort by regional academic libraries and information science schools covering 12 states to promote careers within the library science field.

LAMP targets promising undergraduate students at its member institutions to participate in activities and events designed to increase their awareness of the profession and to provide support for subsequent graduate studies in LIS.

Among the activities that LAMP encourages are institutes, peer and professional mentorships and guidance, and financial assistance for the master’s degree. LAMP scholars receive one year of scholarship funding.

**SI Places First at CHI**

An SI team competing in an international design competition aimed at designing a service to promote or encourage the use of public transit has walked away with first-place honors, and another student won first-place awards for a research paper and an essay.

The team behind “altVerto: Using Intervention and Community to Promote Alternative Transportation” competed again 11 other finalists on May 2 at the annual Computer-Human Interaction 2007 conference in San Jose, California.

Martha Gukeisen, David Hutchful, Pieter Kleyneer, and Sean Munson — all master’s students this past academic year — received certificates and $1,000 for their winning entry. The altVerto project was among 54 entered in the competition from around the world. SI was represented with altVerto and two other projects among the 12 finalists.

In addition, an SI student Satyendra Kumar Nainwal won the Student Research Competition for his paper, “An Interface to Aid Rural Health Workers in the Preliminary Diagnosis of Cataract at the Slat Lamp Using LOCIS III.” He wrote the paper while an undergraduate at the Indian Institute of Technology in Guwahati. The award cites research and development in computer science and was sponsored by Microsoft Research. Nainwal also won the CHI essay-writing contest.
Elaine Didier knew the call would come, given that former President Gerald R. Ford was 93 years old and in failing health. Still, even before the initial shock wore off the night of December 26, Didier was thinking about putting “the plan” in motion. In this case, it was the well-orchestrated funeral of a former president, something that had been officially prepared, as for all presidents, since the day he took office.

Didier (AMLS ’71, Ph.D. ’82), director of the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum, called her staff, and within hours the library on the U-M North Campus was transformed from its display of holiday decorations to a more somber reflection of photos and mementos. Likewise in Grand Rapids, where the museum sits along the banks of the Grand River, staff prepared for reporters, government dignitaries, and others who would attend a public viewing and a private interment.

When Mr. Ford died, more than 350 pages of prearranged details were followed closely. The library and museum staffs handled such arrangements as notifying hundreds of invited dignitaries to the funeral, answering reporters’ questions, and assisting in arranging the president’s final service and burial on the museum grounds. ‘Overall, it was a 10-day event for us because it didn’t end until the family left the day after the funeral in Grand Rapids,’ Didier noted.

Once Didier started calling the museum staff after receiving notice of Mr. Ford’s death, “they came in literally at midnight” to prepare. Within hours, the public started coming by to sign condolence books.

Following official services in Washington, D.C., at the National Cathedral, the president’s body was flown to Grand Rapids, where the Michigan Marching Band awaited at the airport. From that point on, Mr. Ford was in his native Grand Rapids for a public viewing of his casket before the funeral at the museum.

“My most vivid memory will be the people coming to the repose in Grand Rapids,” Didier remarked. “Sixty-two thousand people through the night, standing four and six abreast, standing in the cold.”

Didier said that she and her staff at both locations felt a strong personal association with the Ford family, having spent years reading and cataloging the many papers and mementos of his presidency.

In the weeks and months following the funeral, the library and museum staffs had more work to do. Mr. Ford’s White House photographer, David Hume Kennerly, took more than 2,200 photos at both private and public events. Condolence books from around the world poured in, from ordinary funeral homes in small towns to embassies.

Despite the worldwide press coverage, Didier and her staff didn’t see much of it as events unfolded. They were working nearly around the clock to ensure everything went smoothly. “I’m very humbled, very honored, very amazed to have been a part of it,” she said, “and I say that for our whole staff.”

For Didier, it was also the loss of someone whom she respected for his candor and desire to see his library and museum be special places for the public.

Upon her appointment in 2005 to the job, the president called her and said, “I stand ready to assist you in any way,” she remembered. Now she and her staff have returned the favor.*

Jones Family Honors Parents Through Scholarship

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individuals whose pioneering contributions have been outstanding and unique, and whose efforts have “blazed a trail” in the profession.

Before coming to Michigan, Jones attended Milwaukee State Teachers College in 1930. She graduated from Spelman College in 1934. Before moving on to Detroit, she was a librarian at Dillard University in New Orleans after marrying Albert Jones.

“I made it my business to try to meet her again and show her some courtesies,” Albert Jones said in an interview with Contemporary Black Biography (CBB). “We ended up courting through the mail and once by telephone each year. Can you imagine lovers planning to get married and we only spoke once a year? We made great preparation for that one phone call! For a while we didn’t know what to talk about, but we finally got it together.”

Before moving to Detroit, she was associate librarian of Southern University. In 1944, she moved to Detroit and accepted a position at the Detroit Public Library. In 1970, she became the first African-American and first female director of that library.

Her appointment created controversy, however, and many in Detroit wanted her out as director. A coalition of progressive business people, labor leaders, community leaders, and educators stood by her. Two library board members and the acting director quit immediately when the rest of the board sided with Jones.

Through the years, Jones helped develop branch libraries and created outreach programs to give access to citizens who never used libraries. Many Detroiters had come from the South and were used to institutions like libraries being reserved for whites only.

To empower the community by using the library, she spoke at churches, schools, and community centers. She used the media to tell the story of what the library could do for Detroiters.

A high point for Jones was a speech she to the American Library Association Annual Conference on “Reflections on Library Service to the Disadvantaged.” That speech was published in pamphlet form.

Her accomplishments were recognized by the School in 1971 when she was selected for the Alumni-in-Residence program.*

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A Time to Recognize Student Achievement and Donors

Scholarship donors met many of the students who benefit directly from their generosity at the annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in April.

Students told about the importance of their scholarship in making it possible for them to attend the School of Information. For many, without the scholarship they would have had to choose another university because of cost.

A highlight for both student recipients and scholarship donors was the opportunity to meet each other, often for the first time. This year, 29 named scholarships were presented to students for the 2006-07 academic year.

Alumni are welcome to donate to established scholarship funds or to create a new scholarship. For details, contact Karen Jordan, alumni relations officer, at kjordan@umich.edu.

ALA Recognizes Work of 3 Alumnae

Grace York (AMLS '69) and Anne K. Beaubien (AMLS '70), both of the University of Michigan, and Anne M. Casey (AMLS '81) of Central Michigan University are the best at what they do, says the American Library Association.

York is a librarian and coordinator of the U-M Library Center. She received the 2006 James Bennett Stone and Lifetime Achievement Awards (Government Documents Round Table). York's Web site, launched in April 1995, receives more than 40 million hits per year. Center staff members routinely answer e-mail messages generated by the Web site from people and organizations around the world.

York is a previous recipient of the Paul W. Thurston and Lifetime Achievement Awards (Government Documents Round Table of Michigan), Documents to the People Award (ALA Government Documents Round Table), and Marta Lange Award (ALA Law and Political Science Round Table).

Two other graduates from the School of Information have been given this prestigious award: Francis J. Buckley, Jr. (AMLS '05) and Lois Mills (AMLS '02).

Beaubien, director of cooperative access services and grants officer, will receive the 2007 Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished Interlibrary Loan Librarian Award. The award recognizes and honors a librarian for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to interlibrary loan and document delivery.

The award is named for Virginia Boucher, professor emeritus at the university of Colorado-Boulder, whose significant contributions and leadership enhanced the field of interlibrary loan. The $2,000 award and citation are donated by OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center.

The award is presented through the Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section (STARS) of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association.

Casey, associate dean of libraries at Central Michigan University, will receive the Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award. It is presented by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance Learning Section. The award includes a $1,200 stipend and a plaque.

The annual award honors an ACRL member working in the field of, or contributing to the success of, distance-learning librarianship or related library service in higher education.

Beaubien and Casey’s awards will be presented during the ALA Annual Conference in June in Washington, D.C. 
Alumni Researchers Share in Awards, Fellowships

A current doctoral student at the School of Information and two alumnus were cited by the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) at the organization’s annual conference in Seattle.

Maria Souden (MSI ’04), a current doctoral student, received a $500 travel grant from ALISE to attend the conference. The award made it possible for Souden to gain an understanding of how ALISE serves its members. Also, Kate Williams (Ph.D. ’05) received the Eugene Garfield-ALISE Doctoral Dissertation Award for work she completed while at SI. She is now an assistant professor at Dominican University. Her dissertation was on “Using ICTs in Manchester, England: Social Networks and Socially Excluded Communities.”

Lorri Mon (MLS ’98) an assistant professor at the Florida State University College of Information, received the ALISE Research Grant. The award supports Mon’s research related to education for library and information science. Her research interests are E-government, digital reference, and computer-mediated communication. While a student at SI, Mon was instrumental in developing the Internet Public Library and was a volunteer digital reference administrator.

Meanwhile, three other doctoral students have received fellowships as a result of their SI research. Cory Knobel (MSI ’04) received a renewable IBM Ph.D fellowship, which carries a $17,500 stipend. He will conduct research under the mentorship of Paul Maglio at the T.J. Watson Research Center.

Marianne Ryan (MSI ’03) has been accepted to the Information Ethics Fellows Program at the Center for Information Policy Research at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the 2007-08 academic year. Ryan will spend four or five days in residence at the Center for Information Policy Research. In addition, she will contribute to colloquia series, give guest lectures, and write a paper for the CIPR Occasional Paper Series. The fellowship carries a $2,000 stipend.

Also, Jiuhyun Kim (MSI ’02) has received the 2007 Association of College and Research Libraries Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for her proposal, “Faculty Self-Archiving Behavior: Methods and Factors Affecting the Decision to Self-Archive.” The $1,500 fellowship and a plaque will be presented during the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Kim’s research interests are digital library and archives use affected by interactions of social and technical factors.

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Liu will study the design and structure of the postgraduate degree in management of digital resources at CLAEH and the information literacy program at the British Schools. She will also give seminars on topics focusing on digital libraries and information literacy to an audience of postgraduate students, librarians, information technology specialists, and educators.

Liu is one of more than 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. The program, created in 2000 to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, provides short-term academic opportunities (two to six weeks) to prominent U.S. faculty and professionals.

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