Alumni Reunion Slated for October
Event Part of ixChange Series of Lectures, Fun

It’s an information exchange of major proportions, and alumni are invited to head back to Ann Arbor to be part of it.

The School of Information is presenting the ixChange, an ambitious series of events from Friday, October 13 through Tuesday, October 17:

➤ **Friday, October 13** — The third John Scely Brown Symposium on Technology and Society features author Steven Johnson (Everything Bad is Good for You: How Today’s Popular Culture is Actually Making Us Smarter).

➤ **Saturday, October 14** — The Alumni Society Board meeting at 10 a.m. begins a daylong focus on alumni events. The meeting, open to all alumni, will be in the Ehrlicher Room, 411 West Hall.

➤ **Saturday, October 14** — Community Information Corps alumni gather to update each other on their jobs and best practices.

➤ **Saturday, October 14** — Members of the 1996-2006 graduating classes take center stage at a gala 10th Anniversary Celebration reunion. Believe it or not, we’ll even have a “prom.”

➤ **Sunday, October 15** — The second i-Conference of the iSchools Project begins and continues through Tuesday, October 17.

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SI Changes Leadership

Leadership changes at the School of Information have been made, following the promotion of Dean **John L. King** on June 1 to vice provost for academic information for the University.

King had served as professor and dean since January 2000. In his new position, King is involved directly in the governance of many of U-M’s primary information technology operations, including Information Technology Central Services, the IT Commons, and the Digital Media Commons.

He also works closely with the University Library in its leadership role within the University and beyond. A key part of his responsibility is mobilizing the U-M to serve as a model of the transformation of higher education enabled by information infrastructure.

The following appointments have also been made:

➤ **C. Olivia Frost**, professor and associate dean for academic affairs, as interim dean. She has been a faculty member at Michigan since 1977. During Frost’s tenure as associate dean, she has been part of the creation of the new School of Information and has worked with the school to help realize its vision to bring together multidisciplinary faculty and students with a common commitment to provide leadership in professional education and research related to information. She served as acting dean in 2005.

➤ **Thomas Finholt**, research associate professor, as associate dean for research and innovation. Finholt also serves as director of the Collaboratory for Research on Electronic Work and the Center for Information Technology Integration, and is in charge of several SI-based enterprises for the University, including M-GRID and the Connection Project. Finholt has played important roles in major national collaborative efforts, such as the National Science Foundation’s George E. Brown, Jr., Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation.

➤ **Judith S. Olson**, Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Human Computer Interaction, as associate dean for academic affairs. Originally joining U-M as a faculty member in business and psychology, she became a member of the SI faculty in 1996 and has served as director of the doctoral program. Her scholarship and contributions to the field of human-computer interaction were recognized in March with the CHI Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Computing Machinery.

An advisory committee has been appointed by the Office of the Provost to assist in a national search for a new dean. The committee will deliver an unranked slate of final candidates to Provost **Teresa Sullivan** early in the winter term of 2007. See letter to alumni on the back cover for more on the dean search process.

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Q u o t a b l e …

“We’re working with the 14 partners to form virtual teams and relationships around the many facets of the IPL.”

— Maurita Holland

Describing the new consortium of information schools that has agreed to fund and manage the Internet Public Library. For more, see page 7.

N o t a b l e …

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Fang-Yu Lin
Museums Showcase HCI Grad's Art Talents

Fang-Yu (Frank) Lin (MSI ’01), in addition to being an interaction designer/artist for R/GA, a multimedia advertising agency in New York City, is the creator of work on display in two museums.

“My new Net art project commissioned by the Tate (UK) and Whitney Museum (New York) has been launched,” he says. Links to his exhibit are available from his Web site at www.computation.com.

Lin has a background in media, having earned a bachelor’s degree in advertising before coming to SI. After earning his MSI with a specialization in Human-Computer Interaction, Lin went on to complete an MFA in design and technology from the Parsons School of Design.

In his job at R/GA, Lin is breaking new ground. “Interaction design — also called experience design — is a crucial discipline for the new wave of marketing/advertising/design firms. Interactive agencies or boutiques, or the old guards attempting to transform, are aggressively pursuing candidates who possess a thorough understanding of user behaviors and the ability to apply that knowledge to formulating and executing communication objectives,” Lin says.

His preparation at SI, with courses in information visualization, interface design, and programming, helped him advance quickly in his career. Friends may write to him at frank@computation.com.
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Reunion Time

Alumni Invited to Ann Arbor to Celebrate Past 10 Years

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Here's an in-depth look at what's on tap for the events surrounding ExChange.

Prominent Author to Speak on Gaming

The free John Seely Brown Symposium will be at 2 p.m. Friday, October 13 in the auditorium of the new Biomedical Science Research Building on Central Campus (Huron and Glen). The theme of this year's symposium is "Gaming and Learning." Johnson will address the broader significance of electronic games, the gaming culture, and how the principles of creating games that people want to play over and over can apply to the learning process in general.

Bring Wrinkle Cream: Your Friends Will Be Here

The Anniversary Celebration promises to be big, with a 2 p.m. Saturday, October 14 program featuring previous deans, recognition of the graduating classes of the past decade, the announcement of major gifts to the School, and a reception. All alumni are invited to share in the event and hear about the growth of the School of Information.

At 8 p.m. at the Michigan Union Kuenzel Room, the spirit of "proms" past will be resurrected for returning alumni for socializing with friends.

You can RSVP online at SI.U-MICH.EDU/REUNION and check for reunion room locations. You're also welcome to write to KARENJORDAN@UMICH.EDU if you have questions about any of the events.

Everywhere You Go at CHI, You Find Someone from SI

The School of Information was well-represented at the largest-ever world-wide gathering of researchers, educators, students, and professionals from the field of human-computer interaction during the Association for Computing Machinery CHI Conference in Montreal.

The April event was chaired by Gary M. Olson, Paul M. Fitts Collegiate Professor of Human-Computer Interaction. He and Judy S. Olson, Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Human Computer Interaction, received the CHI Lifetime Achievement Award. She is also associate dean for academic affairs.

In addition, four then-master's students took third place in an international design competition that showcased skills in human-computer interaction. Noor Ali-Hasan, Matthew Raw, Diana Gavales, and Andrew Peterson presented Fitster, a course project for SI 649: "Information Visualization." The four won in a competition that started with entries from 48 college and university programs.

Details about SI participation at the conference are available at SI.UMICH.EDU/NEWS.

CIC Grads to Swap Info, Adventure Stories

Plans are in the works for the CIC gathering that will run both Saturday and Sunday, October 14-15. CIC participants are, of course, invited to the general School celebration. This year's focus for the CIC program is ICT4D (Internet and communications technologies for development). On Sunday, CIC alumni can participate in a community informatics forum featuring leading researchers from the U.S. and Canada.

SI to Host National Conference of iSchools

The i-Conference will draw representatives of the 19 North American college and university programs in the information school movement. The public is invited to hear four speakers at no charge: U-M Co-Interim University Librarian John Wilkin, speaking on the U-M/Google digitization project, at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 15, John Seely Brown at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 15, Chris Anderson of Wired magazine at 9 a.m. Monday, October 16, and Christine Borgman of UCLA at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 17. Details are at ICONFERENCE.SI.UMICH.EDU

To find details and contact information about these and all other SI events for alumni, visit SI.U-MICH.EDU/EVENTS.

SI Cites Alumni at Dinner

Three alumni were honored by faculty and guests in April for their contributions to the School, to fellow alumni, and to the information professions in general.

Margaret Taylor, Benjamin Bunnell, and Ruth J. Person

Make Plans for the Football Tailgate — and Party with the SI Contingent

Need tickets to the U-M homecoming football game with Northwestern University on Saturday, October 28? You're in luck, because we have some. While you're here, you can also attend the U-M Alumni Association's 50th annual pre-game Tailgate at Elbel Field. This year SI will have its own area for alumni to meet and mingle. Call Kelly at (734) 763-2281 to reserve your game ticket now, and go to alumni.umich.edu/events to sign up for the Tailgate party. Please let Kelly know if you plan to attend the Tailgate (to help us with planning) by dropping her a line at KKRZYZAN@UMICH.EDU.
Archival Expert Paul Conway Joins SI Faculty

Paul Conway (Ph.D. ’91), who has extensive teaching and administrative experience in the archives and preservation professions, will join the School of Information faculty this fall as an associate professor.

For the past five years, Conway has served as director for information technology services and director for digital asset initiatives at Duke University. Conway also holds a master’s in history (1980) from the U-M.

Conway is an experienced educator whose courses will strengthen and extend SI’s nationally ranked specialization in Archives and Records Management. He joins Associate Professor Margaret Hedstrom, Associate Professor Elizabeth Yakel, Professor Francis X. Blouin, and Lecturer David Wallace (also returning to the faculty this year) to make up the core instructors in the ARM specialization. Blouin is also director of the Bentley Historical Library on the U-M North Campus.

Over the past decade, Conway has developed and taught courses on preservation management, archival approaches to digital content management, and digital preservation, as well as dozens of specialized workshops and seminars on information technology issues.

Conway has made major contributions over the past 30 years to the literature on archival users and use, preservation management, and digital imaging technologies. Prior to his appointment at Duke, Conway headed the Preservation Department at Yale University Library for nine years. He is an accomplished leader in the fields of archives and preservation and has held positions at the National Archives and Records Administration and the Society of American Archivists.

He began his career as an archivist at the Gerald R. Ford Library on the U-M North Campus.

The new faculty member recently completed the First Research Libraries Leadership Fellowship program, developed by the Association of Research Libraries. In 2005, Conway received the American Library Association’s Paul Banks and Carolyn Harris Preservation Award for his contributions to the preservation field. He currently serves on the Editorial Board of American Archivist and on the Preservation Advisory Committee of the Council on Library and Information Resources.

Spring Grads Ready to Make Their Mark

School of Information degree candidates were recognized before faculty, friends, and family at spring commencement ceremonies on Friday, April 28 at the Mendelssohn Theatre.

John L. King spoke for the final time as dean, noting that many came to the School with questions about just what such a constantly evolving institution had to offer. The answer, he said, was graduates who are ready to go out and change the world in the information professions.

The event also included the presentation of awards to students and alumni. Erin Matas received the Edmon Low Award. The award recognizes a student who embodies dedicated service to the information professions, empathy for people, the ability to inspire confidence and trust, industry, political shrewdness, responsibility, and a good sense of humor.

Also receiving awards were Maurice Solomon and Erika Doyle. They shared the Margaret Mann Award, which was established in 1948 by the University of Michigan Library Science Alumni Society in honor of Associate Professor Margaret Mann upon her retirement.

The School made a surprise award, to Sylvie Williams, who received a certificate from Professor C. Olivia Frost in recognition of her numerous contributions to the betterment of student life at SI and her leadership within the student association.

Two students earned the Doctor of Information: Clifford Lample, now an assistant professor in the Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies & Media at Michigan State University, and Jahna Otterbacher, a visiting professor at the University of Cyprus.

Many of the students obtained jobs before graduation. Among the positions accepted that have been reported to SI Career Services: youth services librarian, Ann Arbor District Library; user-experience researcher, Microsoft; archivist, Keweenaw National Historical Park; information policy analyst, Presidential Management Fellow, U.S. Office of Management & Budget; quantitative programmer, Bear Stearns Asset Management; media specialist, Grand
Google Searches, Finds Ann Arbor

Opportunities for School of Information students and graduates at Google, Inc., are sure to grow as the online search firm expands into Ann Arbor.

Google has announced it will create up to 1,000 jobs in Ann Arbor as it develops an office for its AdWords business unit. AdWords are “pay-per-click” ads activated at the time a Google user searches for key words. The average salary for new hires is expected to be $47,000 a year, according to news reports.

According to the Detroit Free Press, David Fischer, Google’s director of online sales and operations, said the company’s focus is on hiring bright, motivated people. “We worry less about experience than raw talent. We’ve had tremendous success hiring people straight out of universities, with majors from engineering to art history.”

Another 1,200 jobs related to Google’s presence could spring up in the Ann Arbor area, Ann Arbor civic leaders have predicted, making Ann Arbor the epicenter of Michigan’s new economy.

SI is a natural fit for Google. Already recent graduates, including David Choi (MSI ’06) and Ben Bunnell (MSI ’98), work for Google in its California offices. In addition, the School’s Center for Information Technology Integration (CITI) has a history of involvement with Google. CITI staff and students have given talks at Google and have served internships there, and students who have been involved with the CITI initiative have moved on to full-time jobs at Google.

SI’s Office of Academic and Career Services is actively developing internship opportunities at Google and will continue to strengthen relationships with Google to help place graduates. This past summer alone, three students worked at Google as interns: two in usability and design and one in the Google Library Book Search Group.

“The AdSense business model of Google is a prime example of information economics in practice. Managing large quantities of data is a challenge for any organization, but especially so for one that serves its customers seven million times an hour. SI graduates will be well positioned with programs in Archives and Records Management. Associate Professors Margaret Hedstrom and Elizabeth Yakel are experts on digitization and digital preservation and have been involved in many of the digital library initiatives at U-M that laid the groundwork for the Google/U-M alliance.”

Google has other relationships with the U-M already, including an ambitious plan to add the seven million volumes in the University of Michigan Library to the Google search engine. That project came about in part because of the work of alumnus Bunnell. SI continues to develop opportunities for year-round, credit-based fieldwork for students.

SAA Cites SI Student Lanell James

Master’s student Lanell E. James received the Harold T. Pinkney Minority Student Award in August from the Society of American Archivists at its annual conference in Washington, D.C.

James is the third winner from Michigan. Other Michigan recipients were Kathryn M. Neal (MILS ’94), the first recipient of the award itself, and Josue Hurtado (MSI ’04).

The award honors archival pioneer Harold T. Pinkney, the first African American to be appointed an archivist at the National Archives, where he served for more than 55 years. He was editor of American Archivist from 1968-71.

A s s i s t a n t P r o f e s s o r s

Linda Adamic and Suresh Bhavnani received a grant from Microsoft Research to build a tool that will visualize the online search process. The Microsoft grant was one of only 12 awarded out of a pool of 182 proposals from 36 countries.

The funded project brings together Adamic’s research on networks with Bhavnani’s research on information scatter in the Web environment. “The exciting part of the grant is that Microsoft recognizes that both have to come together in important ways,” says Bhavnani.

The researchers will develop an online tool that will analyze a select subset of 15 million queries from the MSN search engine and will create a visualization that shows 1) the behavior of users as they search for information about a topic, 2) the scatter or distribution of information about that topic, and 3) the results the search engine provides for the topic.

Bhavnani points out that the tool will “graphically represent relationships between people (in terms of user search behavior), information (in terms of information scatter), and technology (in terms of results returned from the search engine)—three key dimensions of interest to schools.”

Adamic and Bhavnani hope such a tool will contribute to a better understanding of information-seeking behavior and help search engine developers and Web site designers pinpoint the difficulties users have in finding comprehensive information. The researchers expect to make the visualization tool available online in mid-2007.

Adjunct Lecturer Peter Morville (MILS ’93) gave a presentation on his new book, Ambient Findability, published by O’Reilly, at the Library of Congress. The book is “a safari of how people search for information, and how they now find their way through a world of information overload.” He is also president and founder of Semantic Studios, a consulting firm.

Christine Di Bella (MSI ’00) is an archivist and project director for the PACSCL Consortial Survey Initiative at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. PACSCL is the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries.

Margot J. Lyon (MSI ’01) is director of business development for the American Theological Library Association in Chicago.

Megan Kinney (MSI ’02) is a senior librarian for the Denver (Colorado) Public Library Ford-Warren Branch.

C. Andrew Larrick (MSI ’02) is director of public services for the Arthur W. Diamond Law Library at Columbia University.

Marcos Vera (MSI ’02) is a database librarian for EW.com in Brooklyn, New York.

Laura Barrett (MSI ’03) is an under-graduate services librarian/psychology librarian at the Odegaard Undergraduate Library at the University of Washington.

Peter Bogaty (MSI ’03) is director of usability services for Corporate eBusiness in Jersey City, New York.

Bill Chang (MSI ’03) is the lead information technology human-factors engineer for the Asia region for Intel Corp.

Carrie Hamerman (MSI ’03) is a policy associate for the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce in Ann Arbor.

Julia Gardner (MSI ’04) reference/instruction librarian at the University of Chicago Library in the Special Collections Research Center.

Mark Matienzo (MSI ’04) is an assistant archivist for the American Institute of Physics in College Park, Maryland. Part of his job includes responsibility for implementing emerging collaborative technologies. Previously he worked as a project archivist at the National Anthropological Archives of the Smithsonian Institution in Suitland, Maryland.

Sara Naab (MSI ’04) is a knowledge manager for Freedom from Hunger in Davis, California, an international development organization that focuses on learning and microfinances. She just completed a year in Benin, working for Catholic Relief Services.

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Kelly Tyler (MSI ’04) is young adult librarian at the year-old Westbrook Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. “As the young adult librarian, I enjoy the challenges and rewards of working with teens,” she writes, “I never would have anticipated this career when I came to SI, but I left with the necessary tools to get a job in nearly any kind of library or related field.” ktyler@lapl.org

Melanie Anderson (MSI ’05) is a librarian for the Sunnyvale (California) Public Library. melanieanderson@gmail.com

Asif Baki (MSI ’05) is a usability engineer with Microsoft Corporation. “Since graduating from SI, I’ve worked on many products for the upcoming Windows Vista operating system. You can see some of my work in the latest beta version of Windows Media Player (11). I’m still growing and still learning — using skills that I gained at SI every day.” asifbaki@microsoft.com

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Professor’s Testimony Aids Native American Tribes

Assistant Professor Gavin Clarkson testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee this spring as an expert witness on the regulation of tax-exempt municipal bonds issued by Native American Indian tribes.

Clarkson, who has faculty appointments in SI, the Law School, and the Native American Studies Program, spoke of the need to recast federal legislation that severely restricts the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds issued by Indian tribes as compared to those issued by towns, cities, counties, and states.

“There’s $50 billion of unmet capital need that goes unfunded each year in Indian Country,” Clarkson testified. As an example, he pointed to the fact that 20 percent of Indian Country does not have running water or plumbing facilities. He blamed these unmet needs on a restriction in the U.S. tax code that applies an “essential government function” test to tribal applications for tax-exempt status for their municipal bonds.

“The essential government function test is a test that only applies to tribes,” Clarkson testified.

The Road Beckons Ph.D. Student

It’s not a stretch to say that Kevin Yamami is willing to go to the ends of the world to help others.

Yamami, an SI doctoral student, is taking a year off from his studies starting this fall to help the people of Uzbekistan develop information and communication technologies.

The former Soviet republic is growing rapidly in terms of technology, but is still far behind when judged by the widespread nature of cell phones, the Internet, and other technologies considered common in most developed countries.

Yamami has received a Boren Graduate Fellowship from the National Security Education Program that will make his trip possible. The fellowship is awarded to approximately 100 students to allow them to study language and culture.

In his role in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Yamami will assist with policy briefings for government officials, offer guidance for business development, and even appear on television to help educate citizens about the value of technology.

“It’s a technology environment that’s primitive by our standards,” Yamami says. “But there’s much more opportunity to affect any given stage of development.”

Thanks to globalization and educational exchanges, countries like Uzbekistan can leapfrog to new technology standards. “Ten years ago, many parts of Uzbekistan would have been 50 years behind U.S. standards,” Yamami says.

The desire to travel and help others is seemingly in Yamami’s blood. He has packed in enough adventure to satisfy most people for a lifetime. He served a little more than a year as a Peace Corps business education and development volunteer during his first trip to Tashkent, but that trip was cut short following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Then in 2002, it was off to Afghanistan as the country director for the Project for Economic Reform and Development in Central Asia.

Yamami taught computer information systems in Beijing in 2004, and then it was home for a master’s degree at Carnegie Mellon University.

Afterward, he accepted a position in Bosnia-Herzegovina, working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as an information technology consultant intern. Finally, he came to Ann Arbor.

Yamami isn’t sure what he wants to do after he earns his doctorate. “I know it will help me in the development field, and solidify what I want to do in the field,” he says.

If it’s Tuesday, This Must be the Netherlands

T. Charles Yun (MSI ’99), a member of the Alumni Society Board of Directors, and his wife Kristine (Palmaquis) Yun (MSI ’99) have packed up and moved out.

Out, as in out of the country and to the Netherlands. There, they’ll work together with a group of astrophysicists in Dwingeloo, a town east of Amsterdam.

The scientists that Charles and Kristine will work with have been part of the broader Internet2 community. Charles will lend his expertise in matters related to security and Kristine will serve as public outreach officer.

Until recently, Charles worked for the Internet2 consortium in Ann Arbor, a project headed by SI Professor Douglas Van Houweling. Most recently, Kristine has been an information and special projects manager for Swall Times, a publication that covers the micro- and nanotechnology industries.

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IPL Enters into Cost-Sharing Consortium

A consortium of 14 universities with academic programs in the information professions will govern the Internet Public Library (IPL), one of the most popular sources of authoritative information available on the Web.

Since the IPLs founding in 1995 at SI, its content has been generated and maintained almost exclusively by graduate students. Now, 14 universities across the United States and Canada have agreed to share the IPL's operating cost and give students and faculty the responsibility of helping the IPL grow. Each university will decide how it wishes to incorporate the IPL into its own curriculum.

Joining Michigan in the consortium are Drexel University, Florida State University, Penn State University, Rutgers University, Syracuse University, University of California-Irvine, University of California Los Angeles, University of Illinois, University of Maryland, University of Pittsburgh, University of Toronto, University of California-Los Angeles, University of Texas, University of Toronto, and University of Washington.

SLA Cites Field

Judith J. Field (AMLS '65) has received the John Cotton Dana Award from the Special Libraries Association in recognition of her commitment throughout her career to both the SLA and the library and information science profession. Field is a senior lecturer on the Wayne State University information science faculty.

Faculty Take the Prize

Associate Professor Dragomir Radev was one of the authors of a paper awarded the Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology. The annual prize from the Society for Political Methodology recognizes the best work in political methodology. The Society for Political Methodology is part of the American Political Science Association.

The winning paper was "An Automated Method of Topic-Coding Web technology, e.g., librarian is a user-interaction professional for Google, Inc., in Mountain View, California."

STIET Program Wows 'em at ACM Conference

The Socio-Technical Infrastructure for Electronic Transactions (STIET) Program hosted the seventh ACM Conference on Electronic Commerce (EC '06) in June.

STIET is a multidisciplinary doctoral training program that includes the School of Information. SI Professor Jeff MacKie-Mason heads STIET and will be the general chair of next year's conference.

Since 1999 the ACM Special Interest Group on Electronic Commerce (SIGECOM) has sponsored the leading scientific conference on advances in theory, systems, and applications for electronic commerce. This year, 174 registrants attended from 11 countries, more than double previous years.

The most popular sessions included workshops on the Economics of Networked Systems (NetEcon) and Alternative Solution Concepts for Mechanism Design. Drew Fudenberg from Harvard University gave a keynote address on "Superstition and Multi-Agent Learning" and Hal Varian from the University of California-Berkeley gave an address on "Online Ad Auctions."

The well-attended conference banquet took place in the U-M Exhibit Museum surrounded by exhibits on prehistoric life, including the imposing dinosaur displays. Attendees rated the conference and location an unqualified success and EC '06 proved to be a opportunity to advantageously highlight the research and programs of STIET and the University of Michigan.

Book Learnin': It Sticks with You for a Lifetime

Courses at Michigan about the history of printing had a lasting impression on Tyrus G. Harmsen (ABLS '48), who now lives in Pasadena, California. A working lifetime in libraries, with an emphasis on rare books, culminated in Harmsen and Stephen Tabor writing a book, The Plantin Press of Saul & Eillian Marks, A Bibliography, that was published in 2005.

After Harmsen graduated, he moved to San Marino, California, where he became a cataloger in the Department of Manuscripts at the Henry E. Huntington Library. "I was responsible for the literary manuscripts, and British historical materials from the 18th Century to the present," he says. "Personal interests, developed in my college years, included a love of reading and book collecting."

Achievers

Sharon Smith (MSI '05) is an office/program manager for First Voice International in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Aaron Stark (MSI '05) is Web technical coordinator with the U-M Michigan Administrative Information Services.

Rebecca Tremaglio (MSI '05) is a user-interaction professional for Hewlett-Packard in the Knowledge & Intranet Management Group.

Allison Walker (MSI '05) is a human-factors engineer for Lexmark International in Lexington, Kentucky. "Our team evaluates various aspects of the products based on usability principles (i.e., competitive evaluations, heuristic evaluations, usability tests). We are also involved in the development of the user-interface (e.g., menus, hardware, firmware) for new and existing products," she writes.

Joshua Wilson (MSI '05) is a librarian at North Carolina State University.

Eric Frierson (MSI '06) is an instructional technology librarian at the Hatcher Graduate Library at the University of Michigan.

Kelly Garrett (Ph.D '06) received the Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award from the National Communication Association, the oldest and largest national scholarly society that promotes communication scholarship and education.

Diana Gavales (MSI '06) is a human-factors design engineer at St. Jude Medical, Inc., in Los Angeles. The company specializes in medical device technology and services. She had been a high-tech anthropologist for Merilo Innovations in Ann Arbor.

In Memoriam

Lucy Schiller (MSI '00), 57, of Ann Arbor, died Saturday, July 22. She was a pediatric research resource librarian at the U-M. Previously, she was a teacher and the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Midland and Caro, Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Storiederma Foundation or the Washtenaw County (Michigan) Human Society.
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Don’t Forget These Big Events!

October 13
John Seely Brown Symposium on Technology and Society with author Steven Johnson, 2 p.m., 1020 Biomedical Research Building. See si.umich.edu/events for more.

October 14
School of Information Alumni Society Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Ehrlicher Room, 411 West Hall. Open to all alumni.

October 14
School of Information Anniversary Celebration to mark the 10th year of the School of Information. All alumni are invited. Special recognition will be given to graduates of the 1996-2006 classes. In addition, Community Information Corps alumni will gather for a two-day reunion. See si.umich.edu/events.

October 15-17
Four free public lectures are part of the i-Conference of the iSchools Project in Ann Arbor. Come hear John Wilkin at 1 p.m. Sunday, John Seely Brown at 7 p.m. Sunday, Chris Anderson of Wired magazine at 9 a.m. Monday, and Christine Borgman at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Details at iconference.si.umich.edu.

October 28
Return to campus and feel young again — without the guilt — at the U-M homecoming Tailgate. The U-M Alumni Association is sponsoring its 30th annual pre-game Tailgate at Elbel Field, and this year SI will have its own area for alumni to meet and mingle. A limited supply of tickets to the football game with Northwestern University is also available. Call Kelly at (734) 763-2281 to reserve your ticket now. Go to alumni.umich.edu/events for more.

It May be Time to Change Your Password!

If you haven’t changed your U-M Kerberos login password since the Clinton Administration (December 1998, to be exact), it will no longer work. The Kerberos login password gives you access to SI’s Alumni Connections directory and the SI Alumni Blog, in addition to a range of University sponsored computing services. Update your password online (HTTPS://ACCOUNTS.I.TCS.UMICH.EDU/KPASSWD). You will need to remember your uniqname and your old password to use this page.

Forgot that info? Rereauthenticate yourself at U-M’s Uniqname Sign-Up site (HTTPS://ACCOUNTS.WWW.UMICH.EDU/CREATE/ALUMMIREC). You’ll need either your alumni ID (10 digits, on your SI@umich mailing label), your U-M ID (the eight-digit number on your old U-M ID card), or your Social Security number. Once authenticated, you can create a new Kerberos password.

Information is also available through the above links for those who wish to take advantage of the free E-mail forwarding service. For example, by using your UNIQNAME@UMICH.EDU address, all mail sent to you at your U-M name can be forwarded to whatever account you select, such as bigdog1523@doggieville.com.

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Web: si.umich.edu/alumni/update.htm

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Dear Alumni:

John King, who had served as dean of the School of Information since January 2000, recently moved into a new position at the University as vice provost for academic information. Olivia Frost (known to many of you as Carolyn O. Frost) has stepped in as interim dean while we search for a permanent replacement for Dean King. The provost has asked me to serve as chair of the Search Advisory Committee. The full membership of this committee is shown below. A copy of the job announcement is posted on the SI Web site. We will be working hard this summer and fall to find a superb leader for this most important position.

We value the views, expertise, and support of our alumni in all aspects of SI planning, and would welcome hearing from you regarding the dean search. Please feel free to drop me a note by e-mail at gmo@umich.edu. Meanwhile, we will keep you informed about the progress of our search through the SI@umich newsletter and postings to the SI Web site at si.umich.edu/deansearch.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Olson

Paul M. Fitts Collegiate Professor of Human-Computer Interaction
Chair, School of Information
Dean Search Advisory Committee

Dean Search Advisory Committee members are:

Laurie Alexander, senior associate librarian, U-M Library; Jane Dutton, professor of management and organizations, professor of psychology, and William Russell Kelly Professor of Business Administration; Margaret Hedstrom, associate professor of information; Libby Hemphill, SI doctoral student; Judy Lawson, SI director of academic and career services; Jeffrey Mackie-Mason, professor of information and Arthur W. Burks Collegiate Professor of Information and Computer Science; Paul Resnick, professor of information...