

Information Link

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Folks on the Move

Gerald Benoit (professor) published three articles this summer. They were: "Properties-based retrieval and user decision states: user control and behavior modeling" in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* (vol. 55); "LOIS: Locally organized information system," a research report for *Information Seeking in Context* (ISIC) in Dublin, Ireland; and "A Communications/Pragmatic Model of Academic Information Services" for Scarecross Press.

Ching-chih Chen (professor) gave several talks in September in China on the Global Memory Net and the China-US Million Book Digital Library Project, both of which she pioneered. She delivered the keynote address at the International Digital Library Conference in Beijing, which was organized by the National Library of China and Ministry of Culture. She also discussed these projects at the following institutions: Beijing Normal University, the Chinese Academy of Sciences Library, Xian Jiaotong University in Xian, Sichuan University in Chengdu, and Jiaotong University in Shanghai. She delivered the first lecture of the celebration lecture series organized by the University Library and the Guangdong Provincial Library Association, speaking on the Global Memory Net and possibilities for international collaboration.

Em Claire Knowles (Assistant Dean for Student Administrative Services) was elected vice chair for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a one-year term.

Jim Matarazzo (Dean and Professor Emeritus) co-authored "Workforce Planning for Library and Information Science," which appeared in *Library and Information Science Researcher*. He also co-authored "You Can Move Fast," in the feedback column of the *Library Journal* (June 15) issue. Matarazzo is a member of the Annual Conference Planning Committee for the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services 47th Annual Conference, to be held February 27–March 1, 2005, in Philadelphia.

Danna Wholley—who became an assistant professor in 2004—is the first African American archivist to hold a faculty position at an American college.

SLT Program Update

Welcome, SLT students! Here are four names you'll need to know this fall. They will be in charge of the program during the fall semester while Jim Baughman, program director, is on sabbatical.

Valerie Diggs (adjunct faculty) will provide career counseling and information about the SLT profession in Massachusetts. Diggs is an adjunct faculty member teaching in the SLT program. Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (P-204A). Telephone: 617-251-2863 or 978-251-5111 x1149. E-mail: valerie.diggs@simmons.edu.

Jerry Miller (professor) can provide information about GSLIS and will help you develop your advising statement. Professor Miller will also supervise SLT practica. Hours: See the sheet of faculty office hours in P111; his office is P205-C. Telephone: 617-521-2809. E-mail: gerald.miller@simmons.edu.

Anne Lawless Croak (adjunct faculty) will supervise SLT practica. Croak is Director of Libraries in the Westwood public schools. Telephone: 508-479-9484. E-mail: acroak@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Christine Sharkey (SLT program assistant) is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. E-mail: sharkey@simmons.edu.