



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
School of Information Studies

Off the *Shelf*



Dear School of Information Studies Community,

Greetings from our [busy and beautiful](#) River Forest campus, one of two now in Chicagoland with the addition of the [Chicago Campus](#) in Pilsen. SOIS is proud to support the Chicago Campus through the cybersecurity pathway in Informatics. Helping establish the new campus and new associate's degree and workforce development certificates there is just one of the many efforts that have kept us busy this academic year. The hard work of faculty seeking outside support is paying off. We're excited to announce that Dr. Cecilia Salvatore and Dr. Tony Dunbar received a \$750,000 Mellon Foundation grant to develop curriculum and provide student internships for cultural heritage preservation work with regional partners. See more in Faculty News below. We're waiting to hear about two more grant efforts. We've also begun work on a museum studies certificate and, in partnership with our sister School of Social Work, on a certificate for library social work. We are also in the midst of developing our new

strategic plan for SOIS, which we'll share with the community this fall.

The hard work is paying off in numbers, as well. Our degree programs are going strong. Enrollments are up 20% this summer and are already up 51% for fall with new applications coming in nearly every day. We are far exceeding our targets, which is testament to the incredible work of our enrollment management team but also to the great work of our faculty and staff and to you, our supportive alumni. Our incoming Follett Chair, Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, remarked to me that with the news of her taking on the Follett Chair came excited congratulations from GSLIS/SOIS alumni who welcomed her and warned her that the work is serious, that our alumni do not mess around!

The amplified thrum of the early cicada broods triggered something in our psyches this spring and summer, surely, but the greater buzz has come from local and world events and an impending election that inspire us to focus even more intently on our work. We are called to prepare our students well and fully to promote the ethics of our profession and fight for intellectual freedom and freedom from manipulation. We appreciate your support in that effort and welcome your feedback on how we're doing. Please enjoy this spring/summer issue of *Off the Shelf*.

Wishing you peace this summer,

Don Hamerly

Director and Professor

Alumni News

We welcome our newest alumnae/i, all Summer/Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 graduates:

Angelica Azzarello

Victoria Berg

George Brosnan

Margaret Balwierz

Natalie Bobrowska

Harrison Bruch

Gina Barboza

Cayla Broseus

Connor Burns

Grace Cerra

Breshayia Kelly

Jennifer Pontrelli

Jeanine Clinton

Leah Kirchhoff

Fernando Ramirez

Eric Colon

Br. Albert Klotz OSB

Megan Ramirez

Claire Cornelius

Katherine Kozlowski

Amy Reed

Sarah Dick

Joseph Kubelka

Kalon Ridley

Kimberly Diebold

Rowan La Barbera

Allison Riley

Jacob Dotson

Jordan LaMont

De'Andrea Robinson

Allison Dussias	Nora Laudie	Connor Rohrs
Michaela Dwyer	Han Le	Michelle Garay
Laura Egan	Alex Lorenz	Mary Salata
Katherine Flisk	MyLeah Marks	Johnny Sarabia Jr.
Kelly Fojtik	Larissa Martinez	Isabel Schauer
Xochitl Garcia Guillen	Yujay Masah	Darlene Sepulveda
Molly Gautier	Sarah McCarthy	Latesha Simmons
Lauren Gehant	Brandon McGhee	Remy Sinn
Kelsey Gibson	Courtney McGinn	Julia Slominski
Maria Gonzalez	John McIntyre	Megan Smith
Jennifer Gunn	Essie McMahan	Leonardo Soto
Timothy Guratowski	Michelle McMillan	Robert Stec
Kevin Halpin	Jessa Mae Mendiola	Katie Steffensen
Sarah Hawkinson	Benjamin Moeckler	Karen Steiger

Jeffrey Hester	Adam Moliwell	Diba Tannazi
Megan Hoppe	Tacoma Monroe	Srinitya Tripuraneni
Jane Huh	Alexandra Morelli	Jennifer Van Vegten
Kira Hyde	Neelam Negi	Jason Waclawik
Tony Jacob	Ella Omi	Madison Wagner
Terra Jacobson	Lauren O'Neill	Meredith Wahl-Jones
Trixi Jimenez	Lena Parsons	Reilly Waters
Tamquita Johnson	Jessica Perez	Michelle Wilkes
Jacob Jones	Evelina Podkowa	Amy Wilson
Lorena Juarez	Matthew Pollacci	

Kalon Ridley (MLIS 2024) is now Adult Services Librarian at the Columbus (OH) Metropolitan Library.

Karen Steiger (MLIS 2024) [published](#) “Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education and Academic Libraries: A Literature Review” in *The Journal of the New Members Round Table* published by the American Library Association.

Andrew Barron (MLIS 2023) is now Information Services Librarian at the Lansing (IL) Public Library.

Jameson Ghalioungui (MLIS 2023) [published](#) “Deprofessionalism at the Reference Desk: Validating Room for the New and Evolving Roles of the Information Professional” in *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Todd Miller (MLIS 2023) published "Weighing the Merits of AI for Information Access" in *Computers in Libraries*, March 2024, Volume 44, Number 2.

Rachel Wright (MLIS 2023) is now librarian at the John F. Germany Public Library in Tampa, Florida.

Samantha Armijo (BS Data Science & Informatics 2022) completed a Masters in Data Science at Vanderbilt University and will join Deloitte this August as part of the Audit & Assurance Analytics team.

Annette Bochenek (PhD 2019) presented research in two sessions at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in January: “Integrating

intercultural competencies in an introductory business information literacy course” and “Management and information strategies: Promoting information literacy through Self-Determination Theory among undergraduate business students.”

Donna Edgar (MLIS 2018) is now Archivist II for the [Johnson Publishing Company Archive](#) at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles.

Carlinthia Cox (MLIS 2017) is now an Archivist for Records Administration and Information Management at the Archives of the Episcopal Church, New York City.

Becca (Butler) Yowler (MLIS 2013) is the new Unit Lead for Arts and Humanities in the Research and Instruction department at Iowa State University's Parks Library.

Laura Frost (MLIS 2012) is the interim director of the JKM Library at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Allison Shein (MLIS 2012) is now Director, Archives and Rights Management, for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Julie Wroblewski (MLIS 2011), Head of Collections for the Chicago History Museum, was selected by the American Association for State and Local History for an [intense residency](#) in the 2024 History Leadership Institute in Indianapolis.

Katy Hite (MLIS 2010) recently [joined the staff](#) of the State Library of Ohio as Library Consultant for Adult Services.

Melissa Bernasek (MLIS 2006) accepted a Committee Associate appointment for ALA's Information Technology Advisory Committee for a term from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Melissa Gardner (MLIS 2004) is the new executive director of the Palatine Public Library District. Melissa has also served as president of the Illinois Library Association and last year was named president of the Palatine Rotary Club.

Stephanie Bonjack (MLIS 2002) was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she is Head of the Howard B. Waltz Music Library.

Ron Pauli (MLIS 2001) is the new interim director of Poplar Creek Public Library District.

Spotlight

[Read about](#) **Erin Bauer (MLIS 1996)**, an Entomology Lecturer and Center for Transformative Teaching Ambassador in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Kathy Parker (MLIS 1995) is the interim director of the Riverdale Public Library District.

Faculty News



[Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#) will join the faculty for the 2024-2025 academic year as our [Follett Chair](#). Kendrick's research on low-morale experiences in library workplaces has been recognized as groundbreaking and validating for library employees at all levels. She is sought after for combining empathy, scholarship, and praxis to surface accountability, promote workplace belonging, and encourage well-being for improved organizational culture in libraries and archives.

Kendrick earned her MSLS from the historic Clark Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies before practicing academic librarianship and library/archives administration in the southeastern United States. In 2019, the Association of College and Research Libraries named Kendrick the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year.

Dr. Bill Crowley [published](#) “Socially Just Library Management in Conservative America” in *The Political Librarian*.

Dr. Janice Del Negro [is receiving](#) the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award from The National Storytelling Network.

Dr. Tony Dunbar [published](#) “CRITICAL Race Information Theory as Innovative Pedagogy, Act One: Harder Than You Think, It's a Beautiful Thing” in the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science* with PhD student Rebekah McFarland and MLIS alumna (2023) Liz Grauel.

Dr. Yijun Gao and Mr. Yong Jiang presented at the [2024 iConference](#) in Changchun, China on Generative AI and GIS for Social Good.

Dr. Todd Kleine, Dominican's Chief Information Officer and adjunct instructor for the School of Information Studies, was elected to the Board of Regents for the Institute of Certified Records Managers.

Dr. Kara Malenfant co-edited the January 2024 [topical issue](#) of *College & Research Libraries* on open and equitable scholarly communications.

The Mellon Foundation granted **Dr. Cecilia Salvatore and Dr. Tony Dunbar** \$750,000 for FOCAS: Faculty Organizing for Community Archives Support, which includes curriculum development and student internships in community archives work for preserving, digitizing, and exhibiting site records to tell the story, history, culture, and heritage of five diverse regional sites.

Dr. Karen Snow [published](#) *A Practical Guide to Dewey Decimal Classification*.

STUDENT NEWS

PhD student **Katie Clausen** presented her paper "Hunger Pangs and Poisoned Apples: Female Appetite from Classic Fairy Tales to Contemporary Children's Literature" at the 50th Children's Literature Association Conference in Madison.

MAYL/MLIS student **Aron Ryan**, KidSpace Library Associate at Gail Borden Public Library, is the 2024-2025 Elgin [Poet Laureate](#).

PhD student **Austin Stroud** [published](#) "A Snapshot of Staff Development Preferences of Public Library Workers Post-Pandemic" in *Public Library Quarterly*.

PhD student **Sarah Voels**, director of Vogel Library and a faculty member at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, [published](#) "Admit One (Librarian): Current LIS Master's Admission Requirements from ALA-Accredited Programs" in the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a great way to connect with us and each other. If you want to know more about School of Information Studies events, follow our social

media pages. We post on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) every Tuesday and Thursday at noon and on [LinkedIn](#) every Wednesday and Friday at noon.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

We can only report in *Off the Shelf* what we know. Please send news for future *Off the Shelf* newsletters to sois@dom.edu.



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

Dominican University
7900 Division Street
River Forest, Illinois 60305 USA

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Dominican University](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)