



# Social Science Division BULLETIN

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## From the Chair Linda Richer

### GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR: PLANNING FOR BALTIMORE

I hope to see all of you at the SLA conference in Baltimore, June 11-14. The many fine programs, continuing education courses, vendor exhibits, and other activities will be well worth your time. In addition, the city of Baltimore is an attractive site with many wonderful places to explore. For more information on this great city, see the article about the Social Science Division programs.



In our profession, some of the best learning environments are major conferences such as the SLA annual gathering. The conferences bring together energetic information professionals in a variety of settings that encourage learning and the exchange of ideas and knowledge. It is difficult to strive for excellence in our work environments when most of us interact so infrequently with others in our profession. These conference settings are vital to our growth and to the health of our organizations. Convince administrators at your organization to support your attendance. The SLA "Performance Highlights" document from December 31, 2005 is a persuasive brochure that may help to convince a skeptical supervisor.

<http://www.sla.org/PDFs/performanceview05.pdf>

The Social Science Division programs will be highlighted throughout this issue of the Bulletin. Please plan to attend as many as possible. In addition to regular programs, several receptions and evening events are planned. Be sure to attend the **Social Science Division Annual Business Meeting** and breakfast on Tuesday, June 13 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. This is a good time to learn of the work of the Division, to enjoy the presentation of awards, and to meet others in the Division during breakfast conversation. This is a ticketed event, so be certain to sign up during the registration process.

Those of you new to the Division in the past year are welcome to attend "**Breakfast with the Chair**" on Monday, June 12 at 7:30. Past-chairs and the Chair-Elect of the Division host this event and try to meet all of the attendees. It's a great way to learn about the Division and to learn how to become involved. Some of the persons attending last year are now officers in the Division. If you are new, here is a place to find a warm welcome.

When you attend the Opening General Session of the conference on Sunday, June 11, at 6:30, two of our Division members will be honored along with other recipients of major SLA awards. Please join me in congratulating Ann Sweeney and Pamela Osborne. Past-Chair **Ann Sweeney** received a Member Achievement Award for always urging SLA to focus on international issues. She was recognized for

organizing the International Reception at the conference for so many years. This reception honors those who work and act for global understanding. **Pam Osborne** received the SLA Professional Award for her work in developing a digital library for Mercy Corps, an international relief and development organization that supports relief workers around the world. Please cheer for these achievers at the Opening Session! (See SLA's press release at <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/2006prelease/pr2607.cfm>)

We should all extend thanks to three persons who worked very hard to plan and organize the programs for the Baltimore conference. **Terry Hill** (Program Planner) and **Jim Gillespie** (Program Planner Elect) both spent a great deal of time and energy organizing the event. **Nancy Minter** (Past Chair and Fund Raiser) diligently worked to find sponsorships for our programming which will provide fine programming this year as well as ensure stable programming in the future. Our section leaders, **Vanette Schwartz**, **Karen Shaines**, **Melanie Sciochetti**, and **Elana Broch**, all provided the content and planning for the section programs. Thanks to the whole group for the excellent work.

It will be a pleasure to see all of you at the conference in June.

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## **Social Science Division Members Win SLA Awards**

### **SLA MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



#### **Ann Sweeney, MLS**

A member of SLA for 12 years, Ann works at the offices of the European Commission Delegation to the United States in Washington, DC. She has served as an active member of the SLA Public Relations Committee and was the chair of the SLA President's Task Force on Global Strategy. But her role in the SLA Social Sciences Division, where she served as chair in 2002-2003, is where her leadership has shined. Ann has been the driving force behind the SLA International Reception, which is hosted by the Division at the Association's Annual Conference. While the conference itself has evolved to take on a truly international flavor, the International Reception was, for quite some time, the only SLA event that reflected a focus on globalization of the profession. We all have Ann to thank for maintaining focus on such a critical topic. For inspiring us all to think and act globally, Ann Sweeney is very deserving of this award.

We've all enjoyed the International Reception at the conference each year. For a reminder of how wonderful this event was in Toronto, go to

<http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/Bulletins/Spring2005/index-print.htm#intl>

### **SLA PROFESSIONAL AWARD, PRESENTED BY SPRINGER**



#### **Pam Osborne, MLS**

Pam was hired by Mercy Corps in 2001 on a two-year grant project. She was charged with developing a digital library to improve the accessibility of internal information for the organization's field personnel. Time zone differences around the world and sketchy internet access in remote places make it difficult for an international relief & development organization to get access to information quickly. In just nine months, she created an online library that is also regularly ported to DVD and distributed to Mercy Corps field offices. The library has grown to 3,500 documents and 3,800 photos; over 2 gigabytes of information were downloaded from it in one month recently. A year ago, representatives from seven major non-governmental organizations were granted money from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to look at ways they could improve their capacity to respond in emergency situations. The group recently identified Mercy Corps' Digital Library as a Best Practice across all their organizations. One of Mercy

Corps' emergency workers said, "Having things all in one place, not only helps our institutional memory but it really helps us move quickly in the field. The less time we spend searching for files or e-mailing people to get old proposals, the more time we have to do the life saving work or get some sleep every once in a while." Pam has earned a great deal of satisfaction that these efforts help in emergency start-ups and gives her organization an edge. She is an integral part of the Organizational Learning Team and is starting to do research for new initiatives. Though she only joined SLA in 2001, she has already served as Oregon Chapter President. She is currently working with her third library intern and accepts volunteers whenever she can from a nearby MLS program.

Pam was the 2005 winner of the DSOC Continuing Education Grant. She attended the program "Building a Knowledge-Exchange Culture" at the conference in Toronto and wrote an extremely informative article about the course for our Winter 2006 *Bulletin*.

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## **UPCOMING VOTE ON NEW SECTION: LABOR ISSUES SECTION**

**Linda Richer**

A new section is forming within the Social Science Division. The Labor Issues Caucus has expressed interest in becoming a section within our Division. This group has been together as a Caucus for many years but finds that the caucus structure no longer supports their programming needs. Thus the Caucus seeks to become attached to a larger entity in order to revitalize its membership through collaboration with others of a similar subject focus.

The scope note for the section is as follows:

### **Labor Issues Section**

This section includes information professionals from labor unions, academic institutions, and research organizations concerned with industrial relations, social issues affecting workers, and broader issues of employment and the workplace around the world. Members have an interest in employment relationship issues, compensation and benefits, family labor issues, work arrangements, and workforce quality. The section provides an opportunity for sharing among those interested in related public policy, research, and legal issues. Members share a deep concern for archiving and preserving the records of the social history of the working person.

The call for signatures from Social Science Division members for the petition to form this new section ended on March 1. Division members were gracious in their support of this new section; forty-two members signed the petition.

In early April the Division will vote to approve the formation of this section. When the ballot comes to your e-mail address, please take a few seconds of your time to approve and affirm this new section.

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## **Continuing Education Grantee Named**

**Lyle Minter**

**Deborah McKinney**, Reference Librarian at the Foundation Center in Washington, DC, has been awarded the Social Science Division Continuing Education Course Grant for 2006. She will be attending the course entitled "Connecting: Building and Using a Human Source Network" on June 10 at the SLA Conference in Baltimore. Deborah has been a member of DSOC since 2003.

At SLA's 2004 annual conference in Nashville, the Social Science Division Board created this grant project to promote professional growth and to assist division members who are able to attend the conference but who might not otherwise be able to take advantage of a continuing education class. The Division seeks to promote continued learning among its members and is pleased to support the cost of registration for this course. Congratulations, Deborah! We look forward to learning about the class.

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## **SLA Leadership Summit Report**

**January 18-21, 2006**  
**Houston, TX**

**Greta D. Ober**  
**Chair-elect, SLA Social Science Division**

The SLA Leadership Conference is designed both as a leadership development program, and a venue for addressing SLA business. The first full day consisted of a morning keynote speaker with a focus on leadership, customer service, and diversity. A training/skill-building workshop filled the afternoon. It was facilitated by consultants who specialize in leadership development, strategic planning, and group teambuilding. The second day began with addresses by SLA President Pam Rollo, and SLA Executive Director Janice Lachance; with an opportunity for questions and comments by SLA Chapter and Division members. Division/Chapter business meetings followed along with sessions on Public Relations and the Value of Membership. Being smaller than the annual June conference, the Leadership Summit allowed more opportunities for Division and Chapter leaders to meet and network. Many of the SLA staff were also in attendance and available to respond to member questions or concerns.



Officers from the Social Science Division in attendance were: **Linda Richer**, Chair; **Nancy Minter**, Past Chair; **Terry Hill**, Program Planning Chair; **Jim Gillespie**, Program Planning Chair-elect; **Vanette Schwartz**, Geography and Map Section Chair; and **Lyle Minter**, Awards Committee Chair.

### **Main Highlight from the Keynote Session Featuring SLA President Pam Rollo and Executive Director Janice Lachance:**



→ Title change of Executive Director position. The Association Office Operations Committee (AOOC) which oversees SLA Headquarters operations and supervises the Executive Director has approved a change in title of the Association's top staff executive from Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer, or CEO. The position will continue to represent Board meetings as a non-voting member. The title change will not result in any Association structural or governance changes. The objective of the title change is to define the Executive Director's role to be more comprehensible, more accessible, and more intuitive to the "outside" world. Over the years, SLA has grown from a small

North American library association into a large, international association that represents a diverse range of professional interests. Thus the role of the Executive Director has grown and evolved also. As an example of outreach and representation to organizations around the world, Janice Lachance had recently returned from Tunisia where she attended the United Nation's World Summit on the Information Society. The Summit brought together Heads of State, Vice-Presidents, and Ministers, as well as high-level representatives from international organizations, and the private sector to find solutions and reach agreements in the field of Internet governance.

Other items: electronic voting approved; SLA Virtual Learning to become part of Click-University; Technology Advisory Group formed in October 2005; incorporated into the 2006 annual conference will be a blog and there will be podcasting of some sessions.

**Opening Keynote Speaker: Doug Lipp** (<http://www.douglipp.com>), former head of training at Disney Studio's Walt Disney University, Author and International Expert on Customer Service and Leadership.

Doug Lipp provided a very informative leadership presentation while entertaining us with lessons learned and real (humorous) examples from his experience at Disney theme parks. He demonstrated a direct correlation between excellent customer service and leadership to Disney's success. Here are some notes: Life on the Highwire: The Balance of Leadership, Teamwork & Service  
Leadership (visionary) vs. Management (applicator) - - When to apply which?  
The amount of leadership and/or management required depends upon the complexity involved and the amount of change required. The more stable the environment, the more management required; the more change in the environment, the more leadership is required.

Four sources of power

**Position** – derived from where we sit in the organization (role, title, "formal" authority)

**Expert** – based on our expertise, knowledge, or information (may be technical, managerial, or organizational), and the ability to communicate and/or demonstrate this expertise.

**Personal** – refers to personal characteristics such as strength or personality, strength of conviction, personal integrity, work ethic, and identity as a role model.

**Relationship** – based on established relationships and our ability to get things done via networks

Among his many ideas and examples of customer service and leadership, Mr. Lipp left us with these "**obstacles**" and "**opportunities**" to think about:

Obstacle #1: Letting the "sacred cow" rule (being stuck in a rut, resistance to change; "what if I fail"; "we've never done it this way before")

Obstacle #2: Relying on past success - - "we're soooo good," – can lead to arrogance, complacency.

Obstacle #3: Everyone else is an enemy/jerk ("it's the other person's fault")

Obstacle #4: Skimping on employee education (give good employees the training they need, otherwise they'll leave and get it elsewhere)

Opportunity #1: Communicate - - words + action = execution (live and communicate the vision, be creative and flexible)

Opportunity #2: Innovation and learning using teamwork - - "2 heads are better than 1" (the best teams are balanced, with different types of people)

Opportunity #3: Create customer loyalty ("Disney Style" – put yourself in their shoes); anticipate needs before being asked; think for your customer, solve their problems, and prove your value - -> "toot your own horn"

Opportunity #4: Aggressively plan for change – be willing to change to remain the same (what are you willing to start, stop, or continue in the short or long-term?)



## Public Relations Committee Update



Public Relations Toolkit for Chapters and Divisions: defines how to promote SLA, its members, and its values.

Goals for 2006:

- Branding – think less about SLA as an association and more about how our profession can be linked to other activities or organizations.
- Rollout new and improved PR Toolkit
- Recognize International Special Librarian's Day (ISLD)

### ISLD Update:

- 2005 – was put on hold
- April 6 2006 – SLA to produce generic press release that all units can use; to include top 10 ideas to promote individual libraries; SLA Headquarters will promote individual/past award winners (will be included as an addendum to the toolkit)

### Toolkit Update:

- Fewer pages (8) with more specific examples
- PR planning (can be used as a benchmark)
- PR tools (brochure, Chapter/Division websites, presentations....)
- Crafting messages (press releases, etc.) – can assist with content/proofreading, what to publicize
- Media contacts & follow-up (identifying possible leads, providing guidelines)

## Social Science Division PR activities

Nancy Minter, Past Division Chair gave an **excellent** presentation sharing some current and ongoing Division PR examples.

Social Science Division Public Relations Committee has set various objectives:

- ❖ defines outreach messages,
- ❖ identifies target audiences (discussion lists, publications, etc.), and media outlets,
- ❖ raises division awareness by promoting members' roles and organizations,
- ❖ honoring of long-term members,
- ❖ Social Science Division pins,
- ❖ member outreach,
- ❖ student essay content,
- ❖ produces a division flyer, and last but not least
- ❖ organizes and hosts the ever popular International Reception held at the SLA annual conference.



## SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION PROGRAMS June 11-14, 2006

For a complete listing of DSOC programs at the annual conference in Baltimore, go to:

[http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/SLA\\_2006\\_DSOC\\_Programs.doc](http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/SLA_2006_DSOC_Programs.doc)

**Here are a couple highlights.** Also see the Section reports following.

### **WHAT DO THEY WANT FROM US?**

Social scientists, medical researchers, scientific researchers, attorneys, engineers: **Donald W. King** has surveyed them all, devoting over 40 years to investigating information services. Since the 1990s, he and colleagues have polled over 30,000 professionals to develop trends in information-seeking behavior. Further, he, José-Marie Griffiths and others are currently examining the use, usefulness and outcomes of the use of the Internet through 6,000 household telephone interviews; the future of librarians in the workforce (including 6,000 surveys of special libraries and 30,000 special library staffers); and taxpayer return-on-investment in public libraries. The SLA Annual Conference program **"What Social, Medical, & Pure Scientists Want in Information" (Tuesday, June 13, 2006, 1:30 – 3 pm)** will help you answer the central question of your professional life.

Ann R. Sweeney

Public Relations Co-Chair

### **UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE... THE LUBUTO LIBRARY PROJECT**

Today, there are more than 43 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa, some 11 million of them orphaned by HIV/AIDS. In 10 sub-Saharan African countries, more than one in five 14-year-olds is an orphan. And this number will continue to grow, according to U.S. government and U.N. estimates, because of the high proportion of sub-Saharan adults already living with HIV/AIDS and the difficulties in expanding access to life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment.

While international relief and development agencies and national governments are working hard to meet the basic needs of food, medical care, and clothing, most of these children do not attend school and face a lifetime of poverty and despair engendered by a lack of education. So how can the world find a way to reach the out-of-school children and offer them an opportunity to learn, to become literate, and to be integrated with society? One very special librarian, Jane Kinney Meyers, has set out to create libraries specifically for them, to welcome them and provide for their special needs, as a way to reach those children that are outside of the institutional framework through which governments and aid agencies operate. The initial plan is to create three model libraries comprised of complete library collections of excellent children's books, already organized. On delivery, an instant library with books covering a wide range of subjects and levels is created.

"Lubuto," in the language of the Bemba people of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, means "enlightenment, knowledge, and light." The goal of this aptly named Lubuto Project libraries is to provide a beacon of hope and learning to children whose futures have been darkened by the AIDS crisis in Africa.

Come learn more about this incredible effort as Jane shares some of her experiences as President of the Lubuto Library Project. The program, "Unto the Least of These: The Lubuto Library Project" is slated for **Wednesday morning, 9:15-10:45**, and is sponsored in part by [Thomson Gale](#).

-- Nancy Minter

### **INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION**

After a LONG, *HOT* first day of intense SLA Annual Conference programming, on Monday evening, June 12, come sample icy sorbets and sip crisp champagne. The annual Reception runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm this year in the Harborview Ballroom, Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel. Mix, mingle, munch, meet the **2006 SLA Europe Information Professional of the Year (EIP) Award** winner and welcome international Conference attendees. Soothe your soul while exercising your networking knack. This stellar event is hosted by members of the Social Science Division, SLA Europe, International Information Exchange Caucus and DC Chapter. Once again, it is most graciously sponsored by [Factiva](#).

Ann Sweeney

Public Relations Chair

## Got Sponsors?

Boy, do we! We're very excited by this year's response from the many corporate sponsors who will be partnering with us to provide excellent programming at this year's annual conference. Those participating include:

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[EOS International](#)  
[Factiva](#)  
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[LexisNexis Academic](#)  
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[Sage Publications](#)  
[Thomson Gale](#)  
[YBP Library Services](#)

Please be sure to allot time in your busy schedule to visit the Info-Expo and thank each of these companies for their support!

### CONSIDERING BALTIMORE 2006...



#### ***Baltimore 2006—Where Tradition and Transformation Converge***

SLA will hold its Annual Conference in **Baltimore, Maryland, June 11-14, 2006** at the Baltimore Convention Center. This is your chance to be in an environment that encourages networking, learning, and sharing among other information professionals. It also is a chance to visit the historic city of Baltimore. These sites may help you make your decision.

#### **General Tourism Sources**

Baltimore Area Convention and Visitor Association <http://www.baltimore.org>  
Official Baltimore City: Visiting Baltimore <http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/visitor>  
Portal to Maryland: Baltimore City <http://www.portaltomaryland.com/baltimore.htm>

#### **Arts and Culture in Baltimore**

Arts and Entertainment InfoCenter from the Baltimore County Public Library <http://www.bcpl.info/info/arts>  
Arts & Culture at Johns Hopkins University [http://webapps.jhu.edu/jhuniverse/arts\\_&\\_culture](http://webapps.jhu.edu/jhuniverse/arts_&_culture)  
Historic Places in Baltimore <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/baltimore/baltlist.htm>



## SECTION NEWS

### Geography and Map Section

Vanette Schwartz

#### Baltimore Conference

The Geography and Map Section invites everyone to join us for some great programs at the annual conference in Baltimore. We will feature a continuing education course on GIS along with three programs and a reception at the Johns Hopkins University Map Collection. The Baltimore conference promises to be a great learning experience and a lot of fun, so please join your colleagues from the Geography and Map section for some fascinating programs.

On Sunday, June 11 from 1:00-5:00 pm, a continuing education course will be offered on **GIS for the Special Librarian: A Hands-on Introduction to Mapping with ArcGIS**. The course provides a foundation for librarians interested in a hands-on orientation to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in library settings. Participants will learn fundamental GIS concepts and do some actual map making using basic ArcGIS software. No previous experience with GIS software is required. Instructors for the course will be Angela Lee (ESRI), Anita Oser (Western Carolina University) and Jim Gillespie (Johns Hopkins University). The course will be held in a GIS classroom at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, about one mile from the convention hotel. Subway and taxi information will be provided to course participants. If you've ever wondered what GIS involves and how it might be useful for your special library, this is the course for you!

On Monday, June 12 from 9:30 – 12 noon, we have a unique opportunity to return to the scene of a library crime. Noted author Miles Harvey will speak on his book, ***The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime***, at the George Peabody Library. Harvey's book is the story of George Bland, a map thief whose crime spree came to an end in 1995 at the Peabody Library. On Monday afternoon from 3:30-5:00 pm, the Mary Murphy Contributed Papers session will focus on historical mapping. Dr. Edward C. Papenfuss, Maryland State Archivist will speak on his book, ***Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland***. Richard Stephenson, author and retired head of the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division Reading Room, will speak on his book, ***Virginia in Maps***.

On Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm, all division members are invited to a reception at the Map Collection of Johns Hopkins University's Eisenhower Library. During the reception, Dr. Peter Peterson, from the School of Professional Studies at Johns Hopkins, will speak on his recent book, ***The Great Baltimore Fire***.

On Wednesday, June 14 from 1:00-2:30 pm the Government Mapping Update will feature the latest cartographic products, geospatial data and mapping services available from various government agencies along with information on Maryland and Baltimore City mapping. Speakers include Dr. John Hebert, Chief of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress, Carol Brandt from the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, and David McQuillan and Anita Oser, IFLA representatives from the Geography and Map section.

The G & M programs offer a wealth of information on many aspects of mapping, both current and historical. Join your division colleagues for some great programs!

### Public Policy Section

Elana Broch

Greetings to all. Spring is in the air and I can picture how beautiful the Inner Harbor of Baltimore will be in June. As I mentioned in the Winter newsletter, I'm the co-organizer for an event that is sure to be very popular at this year's meeting: "Juggling Career and Family." In fact, I'm so excited about it that I wrote an article about it for the April issue of *Information Outlook*.

Pauline Steinhorn, the producer of the documentary, *Juggling Work and Family with Hedrick Smith* will be joining us. We'll watch the video, which aired on PBS, then Pauline will facilitate a discussion about

this important topic. CSA and ProQuest are sponsoring this event, so we can sit back, relax, enjoy a glass of wine, and enjoy a discussion facilitated by the show's producer. Karen Shaines, chair of our International Relations section, will be moderating this event. This session is co-sponsored by the Physics, Astronomy, and Math Section. You can check out the "Juggling" website at <http://www.hedricksmith.com/PBSDoc/jugglingWorkAndFamily.shtml>

Juggling Career and Family will be held Tuesday from 5 – 7. Be sure to read my *Information Outlook* article and learn how you can have a chance to win a copy of "**Keeping the Baby Alive till Your Wife Gets Home**" at this session.

I will also be doing a two-part statistics workshop. The first --on Monday-- is a repeat of the session I presented last year, Taking the Sting out of Statistics (a write-up of that session can be found at <http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/Bulletins/Fall2005/index-print.htm#sting>.) The continuation session, "Does She or Doesn't She? Only Her Statistician Knows for Sure," is an introduction to statistical decision-making. It will be held on Tuesday.

In "Does She or Doesn't She," we'll focus on how you can use information from a sample to make inferences about a population. I'll try to give you an intuitive understanding (no formulas) of confidence intervals and what it means when we say something is "statistically significant." (A prize will be awarded to every attendee who can tell me which product used the slogan "Does She or Doesn't She?".) The first session was very well received last year. Both sessions are designed for people with little or no knowledge of statistics so I hope to see many of you.

One final thought, if you are having second thoughts about coming to Baltimore, be sure to check out my article in the April 2005 *Information Outlook*, which described all the reasons why I think attending the SLA Annual Meeting can be a very positive experience (<http://www.sla.org/pubs/serial/io/2005/apr05/toc.htm>). (And the offer I made in that article about meeting for coffee still holds.)

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## News from SLA/IFLA

### Professional Value Survey

The SLA Task Force on Professional Value is requesting your participation in a survey as we explore the concept of the value of the information professional. The survey includes seven questions that will take approximately five to ten minutes to complete. Questions focus on activities and roles that SLA members do in their jobs to support the success of their clients and organizations. The SLA Task Force for Professional Value member's survey web link is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=901111901330>

The survey results will be a part of a final report that will be available to members in late May and is scheduled to be presented at the annual meeting in Baltimore. Based on the analysis of the survey, task force members will make recommendations to the SLA Board for future actions.

If you have any questions about the SLA Professional Value member survey please contact Karen King at 434-924-7271 or by e-mail at [kingk@darden.virginia.edu](mailto:kingk@darden.virginia.edu)

Thanks in advance for participating in the survey.

### SLA 2006 ONLINE PLANNER NOW AVAILABLE

Alexandria, Virginia USA, 6 February 2006 — The Special Libraries Association (SLA) announces the opening of the online conference planner for its 2006 Annual Conference, which will take place 11-14 June in Baltimore, Maryland USA. Prospective conference participants may access the planner and review the programming schedule at <http://www.sla.org/baltimore2006>. The online planner is made possible through the support of LexisNexis, one of the Major Conference Partners for SLA 2006.

Registration for SLA 2006 is open and, less than one month into the cycle, SLA is about 20% ahead of target for hotel reservations made by conference participants. Some hotels are already sold out, so prospective attendees should make plans now.

"Baltimore is a great conference town, and our conference planners have developed an evolved format that will allow attendees to maximize their time and participate in more sessions and events," said SLA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Janice R. Lachance. "We are very excited about the prospects for a lot of buzz during and after SLA 2006."

SLA 2006 will feature two keynote sessions, the first taking place on Sunday, 11 June at 6:30 pm, featuring political and issues analyst Gwen Ifill, the host of the PBS show "Washington Week" and a regular contributor to the Jim Lehrer Newshour. The second keynote will take place on Wednesday, 14 June at 11:00 am and will feature Walt Mossberg, author of the "Personal Technology" column for the Wall Street Journal.

SLA 2006 will again feature the INFO-EXPO, the largest information management exposition in North America. Already more than 230 exhibitors have contracted for more than 400 booths. INFO-EXPO will feature more than 30 new exhibitors.

For more information about SLA 2006 registration, visit <http://www.sla.org/baltimore2006>.

### **World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council**

Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society  
Seoul, Korea  
August 20-24, 2006

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS: SOCIAL SCIENCE and GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES**

##### **Partnership Building**

Do you know of projects that could be described as government and other social science libraries and NGOs collaborating in the creation of information and datasets that support development?

We hope to find people who have been impressed \* positively and/or negatively \* by projects in which they are not themselves involved, and who are willing to explain their impressions at the congress. Somebody representing the projects will also be invited. We hope for fruitful discussions after short presentations.

Topics to be considered include, but are not limited to, cooperative development of resources concerning:

- health (e.g. AIDS)
- agricultural development
- support for indigenous groups
- information technology development

##### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please e-mail abstracts (maximum 500 words) by 1 MARCH, 2006) to Steve Witt, Standing Committee Chair, [swwitt@uiuc.edu](mailto:swwitt@uiuc.edu), accompanied by the following information:

- Abstract
- Names of presenter(s)
- Position or title of presenter (s)
- Employer or affiliated institution

- Mailing address
- Telephone/fax numbers
- E-mail address
- Short biographical statement and resume

Notifications of abstracts acceptance will be issued by **1 April, 2006**.

The deadline for submission of full papers is **15 May, 2006**.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

Regrettably, no financial support can be provided, but a special invitation can be sent to authors of accepted papers. Abstracts and papers must be submitted in one of the official IFLA languages (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish).

## Some Interesting Websites

### Two New Archives of Historic Material (Free) from NewspaperARCHIVE.com

<http://newspaperarchive.com/DesktopDefault.aspx>

"Since January we've been chronicling a steady stream of **FREE, full text, full image, searchable/browsable newspaper archives** focused on a specific topic from NewspaperARCHIVE.com. The company is part of Heritage Microfilm based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This week the company has released two new archives each containing tens of thousands of newspaper articles from various newspapers. Each article is delivered as a pdf file ready for printing or saving. Kudos to Heritage for offering these databases and underlying content at no charge. Also a great way to see local newspaper coverage."

Source: <http://www.NewspaperARCHIVE.com>. From the 3.30.06 issue of Resource Shelf

### American Women Through Time

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women/wh-timeline.html>

"This site offers two approaches for the study of specific time periods in American women's history. First, a timeline and second, a collection of research resources. Middleton is also the compiler of the award winning, American Women's History: A Research Guide:

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

Source: Ken Middleton, Librarian, Middle Tennessee State University

### The Government Domain: New GPO Catalog of Government Publications

*By Peggy Garvin*

With the release of a completely revamped [Catalog of Government Publications \(CGP\)](#), the [Government Printing Office \(GPO\)](#) has taken a key step away from public web services that were state-of-the-art in 1994 but antiquated by 2004... The Catalog is a searchable catalog of current and historical federal congressional, executive, and judicial publications that are in print, electronic, and other formats.

Source: <http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain14.htm>

### Library & Information Science

[http://www.lib.uci.edu/online/subject/subpage.php?subject=lib\\_info\\_science](http://www.lib.uci.edu/online/subject/subpage.php?subject=lib_info_science)

from UC Irvine Library, a library science subject guide, including: selected library science web sites, including professional associations; how to find books; how to find articles; recommended journals & magazines; sources of employment; library blogs.

### Searching Television News

A new free service from multimedia search engine TVeyes < <http://tveyes.com/> > lets you search each and every word spoken during TV news broadcasts from well-known news organizations.

Source: <http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3582981>

**Electronic Sources for Federal Legislative History Documents With Years/Congresses Available**

<http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/docs/elec-leg-hist-docs.htm>

Source: GovDocs listserv



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