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Faculty in Action

Rebecca Marrall, Editor

Recently, one among our LIS faculty set a shining example of education in action by giving back to Ma'ili Elementary School in Wai'anae. **Dr. Luz M. Quiroga** worked with the Mānoa College of Education Director of Technology and Distance Programs, Paul McKimmy, and several other professionals in November 2008 to rebuild 22 laptops once designated for eWaste – a type of electronic disposal.



Dr. Quiroga, seated on the left in the first row, and other volunteers created “new again” computers for Ma'ili Elementary School. (*Malamalama Staff* photo)

The Ma'ili Elementary School had no computer lab prior to November 2008. In effort to help Ma'ili bridge the digital divide, Paul McKimmy and many more volunteered to set up the lab, with the renovated laptops and even going as far routing the wiring. The rebuilt laptops function through a central server donated by the Pan-Pacific Distance Learning Association. The students also enjoy a free Linux operating system, and open source office/educational software, the latter coming from the Hawai'i Open Source Education Foundation.

The participants and the recipients alike were thrilled with the success of the venture. However, other schools can benefit from the same opportunity. If any Library & Information Science students are interested in participating in future volunteer projects, or would like to volunteer as a lab assistant at Ma'ili, please contact Dr. Luz M Quiroga at lquiroga@hawaii.edu.

Paul McKimmy and Dr. Quiroga's efforts were also recognized by the UH magazine *Malamalama*. Please visit the article here, located on page 6:
<http://www.hawaii.edu/malamalama/archive/downloads/0903all.pdf>

In additional faculty news, **Dr. Andrew Wertheimer**, **Dr. Violet Harada**, and **Dr. Noriko Asato** attended the Third Asia-Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education and Practice from March 6-8, 2009, located in Tsukuba, Japan.

While attending the conference, Dr. Wertheimer presented a panel entitled “Decolonizing the East-West Information Flow in Library and Information Studies.” In keeping with her focus, Dr. Harada presented a panel called “Establishing Communities of Practice: A Practice-Based Model of Continuing Education for School Librarians and Teachers.” And Dr. Asato led a panel entitled “LIS Education and the Changing Face of East Asian Librarianship.”

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Congratulations to Library & Information Science Graduates!

Rebecca Marrall, Editor

Please join *The Basement Blotter* Staff as we take a moment to recognize our Spring and Summer 2009 Graduates. Congratulations — you are full-fledged librarians! We wish everyone the very best in their future endeavors. The following are our fabulous graduates:



Spring 2009 Graduates:

C. Hanalei Abbott
Frans Jozef V. Albarillo
Tara Bagoyo
Brett W. Bodemer
Jennifer Crowther
Christina Davidenas
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Faye Tanaka-Kubo
Georgina Tom
Joshua Walters
David G. Yukimura
Tamara Zielinski

Summer 2009 Graduates:

Diane F. Frake
Jenny R. F. Fujinaka
Donna Mae Maemori
Shelley Shimoda
Simi Singh
Elizabeth Torres



Once again, congratulations to you all!

Congratulations to New LIS Executive Officers!

Rebecca Marrall, Editor

With the close of another academic year, elections for Library & Information Science Organizations are everywhere. We at *The Basement Blotter* would like to congratulate the following new officers for the student organizations of the American Library Association, Hui Dui, and Society for American Archivists, and welcome the new Graduate Student Organization Representative!

American Library Association:

Mary Kate Durkee, President
Ryan Lammers, Vice President
Marcella Bighill, Secretary
Peter Kanehiro, Treasurer

Hui Dui:

Maggie Simpson, President
Evan Smith, Vice President
Sasha Kinoshita, Secretary
Danielle Fujii, Treasurer

Society for American Archivists:

Kim Okahara, Vice President
Karen Brown, Secretary & Treasurer
Rachel Rozdial, Public Relations Officer

New LIS Representative for the Graduate Student Organization:

Karin Kuchler



LIS School Library Media Specialization Recognized

Shelley Shimoda

The LIS school library media specialization was ranked eighth in the top ten programs nationally by the *U.S. News and World Report* in its "America's Best Graduate Schools 2010." This distinction was based solely on nominations by program deans, program directors, and a senior faculty member at each program. This is the third consecutive year that the University of Hawaii LIS program has been noted for excellence in this specialty area.

Congratulations to the LIS faculty and alumni who have been instrumental in the continuous success of the program!

For more information on the U.S. News and World Report rankings of America's Best Graduate Schools, visit www.usnews.com/grad

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If you would like to read the papers presented to the A-LIEP Conference, please follow the links given below:

Dr. Drew: <http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/proceedings/Papers/a62.pdf>

Dr. Harada: <http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/proceedings/Papers/a36.pdf>

Dr. Asato: <http://a-liep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/proceedings/Papers/a40.pdf>

Congratulations and Mahalo to our entire faculty for their hard work and accomplishments!

Call for Basement Blotter Editor and Contributors!

Rebecca Marrall, Editor

Aloha LIS Students,

Are you interested in keeping up with library news in Manoa and Hawai'i? Do to like to you write? Then you're in luck! *The Basement Blotter*, the American Library Association Student Chapter publication, is looking for editor(s) and contributors for the 2009-2010 academic year.

There are three main roles for the Blotter: Editor, Contributor, and Design. The Editor proof-reads materials, and asks for submissions. Contributors are the authors who pen the articles, and the Design person creates the *Blotter* issue using Microsoft Publisher software (a really accessible program).

Both our Editor and Design people are resigning and/or graduating this year, so feel free to pursue these positions if you're interested in them. These positions are volunteer opportunities. Creating and editing *The Blotter* offers considerable artistic and literary freedom, and students can have much fun with publication! If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Rebecca Marrall at rmarrall@hawaii.edu.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa Mid-Year Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 16, 2009
Undergraduate Degree Ceremony 9:00am
Advanced Degree Ceremony 3:00pm

ALA 2009 Annual Conference www.ala.org/annual

