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LIS Dept. to hold first job fair

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Mark your calendars for the first ever University of Hawai'i Library and Information Science Internship & Job Fair on Friday, Feb. 20, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the ground floor of Hamilton Library.

The LIS Internship & Job Fair aims to assist LIS students at all stages of their academic career. "The fair will be useful for graduates who can learn about openings and get job advice, to middle-level students looking for internships, to new students who can make connections and gain an understanding of the market and what employers are looking for," said professor Andrew

Wertheimer, who is chairing the job fair committee.

The first half of event, from 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m., will feature speakers who will share their career experiences. Speakers include Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, the acting dean of RFK Memorial Library at the University of Guam; Christel Olsen, manager of the Manoa Public Library; and Alice E. Witkowski, head of public services at the Hawai'i Medical Library.

The remaining half of the fair, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., will allow individual contact time with exhibitors that are advertising internships and/or job openings. Several of Hawaii's professional

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Johnson to discuss job hunt process

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It's never too early to start thinking about getting a job, and February will bring several opportunities for LIS students to learn more about careers in library and information science.



JOHNSON

First up, Susan Johnson, Hamilton Library's social sciences librarian, will give an informal

Professional Development Brownbag

with Susan Johnson
Wednesday, Feb. 4
noon-12:45 p.m.
Hamilton 4V

talk on seeking a position in an academic library. The ALA-SC sponsors the Professional Development Brownbag on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from noon

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National News



ALA PHOTO

ALA President Carla Hayden was honored as one of 10 Ms. Women of the Year at a National Press Club luncheon in December.

Hayden honored by Ms. Magazine

American Library Association President Carla Hayden was named one of the Ms. Women of the Year for 2003.

Hayden drew national attention last year by voicing ALA's opposition to sections of the USA PATRIOT Act.

In September 2003, Hayden responded forcefully to remarks by Attorney General John Ashcroft calling librarians and other USA PATRIOT Act opponents "hysterical."

The ALA supports legislation that would amend the USA PATRI-

OT Act to protect civil liberties and the privacy of reading records while ensuring law enforcement has the appropriate tools necessary.

"Legislators and the general public can be assured that traditional legal protections extended to library records are not an obstacle to ensuring national security," Hayden said.

Also honored by Ms. Magazine for 2003 were Sima Samar, Martha Burk, Salma Hayek, Joan Blades, Loune Viaud, Pamela Thomas Graham, Niki Caro, Eileen Fisher and Jessica Neuwirth.

"I am very pleased to be in the company of such accomplished women," Hayden said. "What each

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A Message From the Co-Presidents

On behalf of the executive board of the University of Hawaii at Manoa American Library Association student chapter, we would like to welcome new and continuing students to another exciting year of academic and professional excellence in the ever-evolving field of 21st century library and information science. We are especially excited to announce the initial issue of The Basement Blotter, our new ALA-SC newsletter, which promises to be both interesting and informative for all those engaging in the journey towards becoming skilled, knowledgeable and professional leaders in LIS fields. We anticipate that the record enrollment in the LIS program this semester will combine with strong student participation to effectively embody ALA's mission "to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."

The ALA-SC seeks to provide forums and materials to expose students to contemporary and emerging topics in efforts to join academic philosophy with practical expertise. Through planning and sponsoring professional brownbags, events and social networking opportunities, we hope to offer a breadth of unique educational insights to our growing LIS student body. We encourage all students to become involved in the ALA-SC and other student organizations on any level, as this not only develops and reflects sought-after leadership skills, but supports the very foundations of community-based teamwork essential to building and maintaining successful organizations and the students they serve. In this light, we welcome the opportunity to address all questions and suggestions students may offer.

We are also working on developing an ALA-SC Web site to help students keep abreast of current issues and opportunities in the field as well as to network online with other students and professionals! The budding site temporarily resides at <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~wertheim/ALAsc.html>.



Mahate Osborn

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Diane Todd

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and student library associations have co-sponsored the event and will be present to promote membership and provide advice on career/academic plans and resumes. Wertheimer explained that "besides leading to employment, becoming involved in associations is an integral part of the professionalization process." Different areas of specialization will be represented at the fair. Refreshments will be served at

about 1:45 p.m.

Wertheimer hopes the fair will become a regular event, but stressed how student help is necessary for it to become a success. "We're doing this for you, our students," he added, explaining that there are several ways to support the fair, from simply being there to providing assistance with publicity, nametags or refreshments. Students or organizations who are interested in

assisting this year's fair are encouraged to contact Wertheimer at Wertheim@hawaii.edu or by calling 956-5839.

A big mahalo goes out to the LIS Advisory Board, professional associations, and exhibitors for lending their time and expertise. Thanks is also given to the American Library Association-Student Chapter for providing refreshments.

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has done is empower change — something librarians do in communities nationwide every day. Libraries are part of the American Dream — leveling the playing field in the information age. I am proud to accept this honor on behalf of all the library workers who defend Americans' freedom to read freely without government interference."

Bush calls for renewal of Act

In his State of the Union address Jan. 20, President George W. Bush asked Congress to renew several provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act due to expire next year.

Bush claims these provisions are needed to assist federal law enforcement in their fight against international terrorism, but the ALA maintains they infringe civil liberties and privacy rights, and could lead to increased interest in the activities and personal records of library patrons.

"ALA expects our government leaders to continue to

honor and secure the civil liberties and personal freedoms that are the foundation of our democracy," ALA President Carla Hayden said in a press release. "One of the ways that we can ensure such constitutional protections will remain in the future is for our policymakers to not consider extending the USA PATRIOT Act provisions set to expire next year."

The passing of the USA PATRIOT Act expanded the authority of the FBI and law enforcement to gain access to business records, medical records, educational records and library records, including stored electronic data and communications. However, a Department of Justice report on Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act declassified in September 2003 revealed the department had not utilized the provision.

Said Emily Sheketoff, executive director of the ALA's Washington office: "If by the attorney general's own admission certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, like government snooping into personal reading records, have never been used, than why risk the permanent loss of these precious liberties?"

ALA announces award winners

The ALA announced the 2004 award winners at its Midwinter Meeting in early January. These are some of the winners.

Newbery Medal

"The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread"
Kate DiCamillo, author

Caldecott Medal

"The Man Who Walked Between the Towers"
Mordicai Gertein, illustrator, author

Coretta Scott King Awards

"The First Part Last"
Angela Johnson, author
"Beautiful Blackbird"
Ashley Bryan, illustrator, author

Michael L. Printz Award

"The First Part Last"
Angela Johnson, author

Robert F. Sibert Award

"An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793"
Jim Murphy, author

Now On The Shelves

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Student success and library media programs: A systems approach to research and best practice

Lesley S.J. Farmer
Z675.S3 F2375 2003

Library use of e-books: A report from Primary Research Group Inc.

Z675.U5 L54 2003

Beyond the basics: The management guide for library and information professionals

G. Edward Evans and Patricia Layzell Ward
Z678 .E89 2003

Libraries, mission, & marketing: Writing mission statements that work

Linda K. Wallace
Z678 .W327 2004

Putting XML to work in the library: Tools for improving access and management

Dick R. Miller and Kevin S. Clarke
Z678.93.X54 M55 2004

Library history research in America: Essays commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Library History Round Table, American Library Association

Andrew B. Wertheimer and Donald G. Davis, Jr., Editors
Z721 .L6345 2000

Readings in virtual research ethics: Issues and controversies

Elizabeth A. Buchanan, Editor
ZA4228 .R43 2004

Todd picked to participate in ALA program

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ALA-SC co-president Diane Todd will attend the 2004 American Library Association annual conference in Orlando, Fla., as part of the ALA Student-to-Staff program. Todd will receive free lodging, meals and conference registration in exchange for 20 hours of work at the conference.



TODD

"I feel honored that I was selected to participate in the ALA Student-to-Staff program," said Todd. "I look forward to sharing my experience at ALA with other LIS students."

The Student-to-Staff work-study plan was established by the ALA Executive Board in 1972. Participants must be enrolled as a student at a library school with an ALA chapter and student member of ALA.

Sunset meet



PHOTO BY ANDREW WERTHEIMER

Fall 2003 LIS graduate Jennifer Beardsley, LIS student Sunyeen Pai, professor Rebecca Knuth, ALA-SC co-president Diane Todd and Hamilton systems librarian Carol Kellett enjoy the sunset outside the Manele Bay Hotel on Lana'i on Dec. 13, 2003, following Knuth's presentation on the "Destruction of Books and Libraries in Iraq" at the Hawai'i Library Association 2003 Annual Conference.

Johnson

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to 12:45 p.m., in Hamilton 4V.

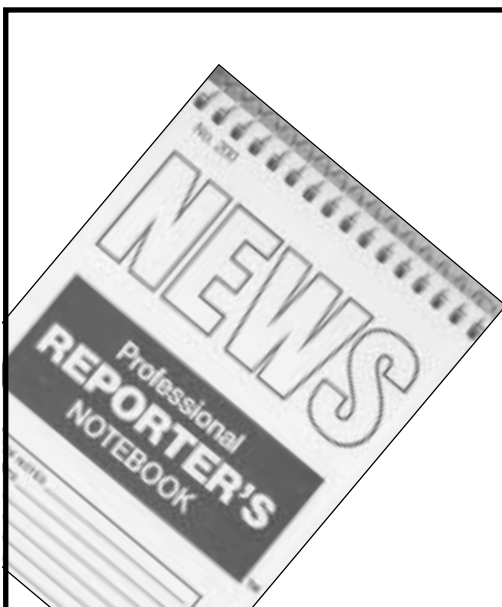
Johnson will tap on her own experience, including her own days as a student in the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Library & Information Science program, to offer useful tips about each stage of the job-seeking process.

"In preparing for my dream job, I got lots of free advice from lots of smart people," said Johnson. "This is my opportunity to pass it along."

Other February ALA-SC Brownbags

Web of Knowledge
with Nobuko Miyairi
Monday, Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m.
Hamilton 2

**Education for Library and
Information Science in Japan**
with Professor Zensei Oshiro
Wednesday, Feb. 11
noon-12:45
Hamilton 4V



Get Involved!

Looking for ways to participate with ALA-SC?

The Basement Blotter

is looking for LIS students to write news articles and book reviews

Become an active member of your student chapter while developing skills you can show a potential employer

Interested? E-mail Isaeki@hawaii.edu for more information