

## BETA PHI MU

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# The Pipeline



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## From the President

The four-year contract with Drexel University for hosting the Beta Phi Mu (BPM) Headquarters is drawing to an end on July 31, 2016. The issue of a hosting change was raised at the June 2015 board meeting in San Francisco. Alison Lewis, BPM Executive Director, reported that Drexel would not be renewing the contract to host BPM Headquarters. Several options were presented to the board for consideration: 1) Find a new host institution; 2) Move to a paid Executive Director position, which would essentially perform the duties of the current Executive Director and the Program Director; 3) Contract with an Association Management firm; or 4) Dissolve the organization.

It was decided at the board meeting that options 1 and 4 would be removed from consideration. The current hosting system did not seem viable because of the changing focus of many LIS programs and the increased demands on the time of LIS faculty. It also seemed premature to consider dissolving the organization. It was noted in the discussion that BPM's income model of a one-time "lifetime membership" fee, instead of annual dues, is somewhat non-standard and increases the economic vulnerability of the organization. Declining enrollment in LIS programs has meant fewer new members

and thus declining income. We understood that this factor might make the organization less appealing to association management firms, which are used to dealing with a steadier and more predictable flow of income through annual membership renewals.

Past President Eileen Abels, Vice President/President Elect Linda Smith and myself, President Charles McElroy, began the task of researching management options in July 2015. Seven association management firms were contacted and invited to learn more about our organization and to submit proposals for the management of Beta Phi Mu. Five firms responded that Beta Phi Mu was not a fit for the scope of their services after reviewing the documentation provided. Another firm never responded; the seventh submitted a proposal but had an imperfect understanding of the needs of our organization. Alison Lewis, our current Executive Director, submitted a proposal from her business, Parlew Associates, and Alison also submitted a second proposal that would have kept the organization at Drexel for another two years in a similar holding pattern.

Eileen, Linda and I reviewed the submitted proposals and thought the stand-alone management offer from Alison/Parlew Associates was the one that would work best for the future of BPM. The proposals

and our recommendation were shared with the rest of the board, and the decision was made to award the contract to Parlew Associates.

Alison has managed BPM in an exemplary manner since taking over from Florida State University in 2012 and she has worked well under pressure since Program Director, Isabel Gray, left the part-time position last fall. Alison knows the inner workings and structure of BPM management and the areas that need more attention. We look forward to working with Alison to offer new opportunities within Beta Phi Mu and keep the organization relevant, robust and viable for our current and future members. We welcome involvement from all of our members and any suggestions that will help Beta Phi Mu continue to strengthen and grow.

~ Charles McElroy,  
Beta Phi Mu President



## Beta Phi Mu and Social Media

As many of you are aware, you can connect to Beta Phi Mu on social media! We're currently on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. You can find icons for our social media presence on our website (<http://beta-phi-mu.org/>) which you can click to be taken to our publically available information or choose to "Follow," "Like," or "Connect" to us via your own account. Social media has proven to be a good way of staying in touch with some of our many members, not all of whom may be regularly connected to our society through their home chapter. Following is a brief run-down of some of the basics and tips for best connecting with us.

### Twitter

The 140-character limit of Twitter messages means it works best for brief announcements and links to other sources (such as our website) that can provide more information in greater detail. We also retweet messages our members may be interested in. Feel free to retweet our messages to your own followers!

Include us (@betaphimu) or use the hashtag #betaphimu. We love to see what our chapters and members are up to! We currently have 271 followers on Twitter.

### Facebook

Facebook allows for longer postings than Twitter, so more information can be shared directly along with links back to our website. Facebook allows you to comment on our posts and to share them with your own connections. You can also send us a message or find our contact information there. 1,224 people currently "Like" our page on Facebook.

### LinkedIn

LinkedIn continues to be our major way of connecting with members via social media. Unlike Twitter or Facebook, both of which tend to blend the personal and professional in sometimes uncomfortable ways, LinkedIn is more specifically designed to serve as a professional networking site. Beta Phi Mu exists as a "Group" within LinkedIn; members receive notifications of

postings, and can start conversations within the group and even post job listings. Due to spamming, Beta Phi Mu is a "closed" group on LinkedIn and you must be approved to join. Our group currently has 2,079 members.

Here are some "pro tips" for connecting with us on LinkedIn: Ask to join the group after you've developed your own profile and started to build your connections. Spam accounts tend to have "bare bones" profiles and few connections – requestors fitting this description tend to be denied and blocked. Make it easy for us to approve your request by adding Beta Phi Mu to your LinkedIn profile! There are two ways to do this, either 1) List Beta Phi Mu as one of your "Activities and Societies" associated with your degree in the "Education" section of your profile, or 2) List Beta Phi Mu in the separate "Organizations" section or "Honors and Awards" section (preferred). This presents your achievement to those who view your profile and shows your pride-in-membership in our society!

## Featured Beta Phi Mu Café Press Item — Insignia Mug

Show your pride in your honor society as you wake up in the morning! This handy mug features the official insignia of the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society, the dolphin and anchor mark of the Venetian printer Aldus Manutius.

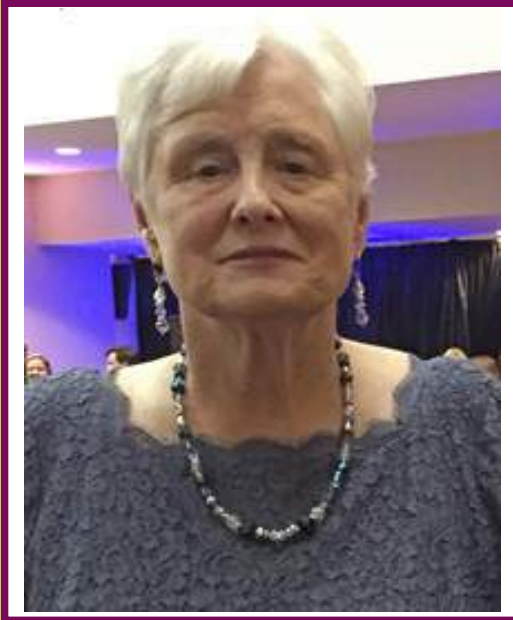
The mug is suitable for hot or cold beverages and is microwave safe. The standard mug holds 11 oz. and is available in white or "black magic" (heat induced design reveal). A 20 oz. "mega" mug is also available in white. These mugs make great "thank you" gifts or a way to treat yourself.

Visit the Beta Phi Mu Café Press Store to order this or other great BPM branded items!

<http://www.cafepress.com/betaphimuhq>



## Dr. Annabel Stephens Wins 2016 Beta Phi Mu Award



Dr. Annabel K. Stephens, associate professor emerita of the School of Library and Information Science at The University of Alabama, has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Beta Phi Mu Award.

Stephens received a B.A. from Mississippi State College for Women, an M.L.S. from the George Peabody College and a D.L.S. from Columbia University.

She held professional positions at the Union County Library System in New Albany, Mississippi, the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library system and the Muscle Shoals Regional Library in North Alabama before joining the faculty at The University of Alabama in 1984 through her retirement in 2007, and subsequent appointment as an adjunct faculty member.

The recipient of numerous distinguished honors, Stephens was inducted into the 2015 University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences Hall of Fame. In 2007, the same body awarded her its Knox Hagood Award. The award is given annually to those who go beyond typical responsibilities of their positions and contribute to the development of the College's academic and professional image in an outstanding manner.

In 2006, Stephens was awarded the annual Eminent Librarian award and an award for Lifetime Achievement from the Alabama Library Association. The Eminent Librarian award is given annually to someone who has made an exceptional and enduring contribution toward the development of library service within Alabama.

This annual award, consisting of \$1,000 and a 24k gold-framed citation of achievement, is given to a library school faculty member or individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship. It will be presented to Stephens at the 2016 ALA Awards Ceremony in Orlando, by Beta Phi Mu President Charles McElroy and ALA President Sari Feldman.

## Executive Director's Column

I'm very honored to have been asked by the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board to continue my role as Executive Director of your honor society — and mine.

I'm very grateful for the support of Drexel University's College of Computing and Informatics (formerly the College of Information Science and Technology/Drexel's iSchool) for serving as host to the Beta Phi Mu Headquarters for the past four years, providing office space, technology support, and staff assistance.

The months following ALA Annual Meeting will be a time of transition for the Beta Phi Mu Headquarters office. Please bear with us for any delays or problems during this time! We'll be moving to new physical office space and new virtual web space. The URL of the Beta Phi Mu website should remain the same — <http://beta-phi-mu.org/> — but we'll have a new look and the HQ mailing address, phone number, and email address will be changing. Check the "Contact" page of the website to keep apprised of these changes — we'll announce them as well.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board, as well as the BPM chapter leadership and members. I hope to see many of you in Orlando!



Alison M. Lewis

## Chapter News

### Beta Lambda Chapter — Texas Woman's University

It was a busy year for our Beta Lambda Board in Denton! New this year, [Beta Phi Mu, Beta Lambda Chapter Spring 2016, Induction Ceremony](#) was streamed live on Google Hangouts. The [archived version](#) can now be viewed on our [YouTube Channel](#). The idea to have the virtual induction was to try to offer an option for online students who might not be able to attend a ceremony in Denton. After some welcoming on campus guests and troubleshooting, Board Members Lilly Ramin and Greg Hardin read the induction text to the nominees.

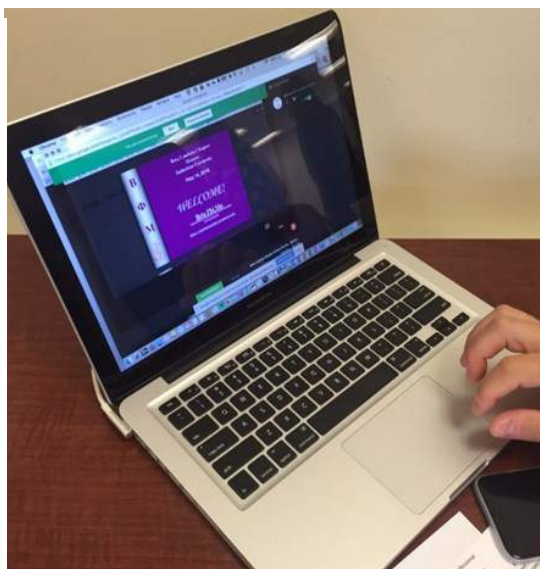
There was also an induction on the TWU campus, which faculty were also invited to attend. Dr. Gretchen Hoffman, Beta Lambda Advisor, helped facilitate the on campus induction activities, such as cording, and Dr. Vardell (TWU) offered professional encouragement. There was also a welcome slide from President Kimberly Michelle Gay (Prairie View A&M University).

In other news, there is now an option to sign up and pay for Chapter Membership on our blog with PayPal or a credit card). This is an added service for future chapter members and special thanks goes to Greg Hardin for taking this on. ~ Lilly Ramin (More about our chapter at: <https://bpmbetalambda.wordpress.com>)



Lilly Ramin @lillylibrarian

Congratulations @betaphimu Beta Lambda chapter inductees! ~ Board members: Dr. Hoffman, @lillylibrarian, @ghardin #TWU



## Lambda Chapter — University of Oklahoma



The Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu gathered on the evening of March 31, 2016, in the South Oklahoma Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the venue of the 2016 Oklahoma Library Association Conference. The evening included the Beta Phi Mu Initiation and business meeting, and a conference plenary speaker co-sponsored by OU-SLIS and BPM, Ms. Cheptoo Kositney-Buckner, executive director of the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City and former Deputy Director

of the Kansas City Public Library spoke on the subject of digital libraries and the digital divide. The evening concluded with the OU-SLIS Alumni Reception and Awards, at which the Irma Tomberlin Scholarship was presented to Caitlin Corbett.

Lambda Chapter was delighted to welcome the initiates who attended this year's ceremony: Alexandra Brackett, Shaun Klee, Tara Malone, Rebecca Spence, Kelly Sitzman, Leah Weyand, Gavin Woltjer. Lyssa Prince was inducted in absentia. Following the initiation ceremony, a candle was lit to the memory of Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown, who was inducted in absentia in 2015 and passed away soon thereafter.

Beginning in June 2016, the Chapter's faculty sponsorship shifts from Dr. Kelvin White and interim sponsor Dr. Cecelia Brown to Dr. Betsy Van Der Meer Martens.

Lambda Chapter emphasizes and encourages service projects among its members. Shown here are Jerrie Hall, outgoing Lambda Chapter president, and her dog Jake. Jerrie and Jake are a therapy dog team sanctioned by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Among other activities, they are scheduled to work with Melody Palmer, MLIS, Children's Librarian at Sapulpa Public Library for the 2016 Summer Reading Program. Melody is also a member of Lambda Chapter BPM.

## Beta Beta Theta Chapter — University of Iowa

In Memorium:  
Robert A. McCown, 1939-2015

Bob McCown was a charter member of the Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, based at the University of Iowa. He earned his M.S. in L.S. from the University of Illinois and joined the staff of the University of Iowa Libraries as Manuscripts Librarian in the Special Collections department in 1970. Bob was head of the department from 1986 to 1997; he retired in 2001.

Memorial donations may be directed to the University of Iowa Foundation in support of The University of Iowa Libraries - Iowa Women's Archives or to Iowa City Hospice.

<http://www.lensingfuneral.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obld=467434#/obituaryInfo>

<https://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/iwa/2015/11/19/remembering-bob-mccown/>



### Gamma Chapter — Florida State University

Gamma Chapter welcomes three new members for 2016: Wonchan Choi, John Miers, and Janet DeVries Naughton. Kelly Glaze took over as the new secretary/treasurer in January, replacing former treasurer, Nicole Alemanne and former secretary, Charles McElroy. Gamma's faculty advisor Dr. Gary Burnett will take on a new adventure in the next year while he's on sabbatical. He'll be teaching one semester with FSU School of Information's sister school Sungkyunkwan

University in Seoul, South Korea. He will also travel throughout Asia to visit other LIS programs and conduct interviews in countries including China, Japan, India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Gamma's major efforts this year will focus on cleaning up and digitizing our chapter records and revitalizing and energizing the chapter. We hope to increase awareness and relevance with our new and potential members and create a stronger network of

communication for BPM alum. We are definitely looking forward to seeing everyone at ALA Annual in Orlando!



### Xi Chapter — University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Beta Phi Mu's southernmost and furthest West Chapter, Xi Chapter (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa) inducted the following members in May 2016: C. Engle, W. Fairchild, J. Fuchikami, G. Holt, S. Lencinas, J. Losalio, and L. Nakamoto. The Xi Chapter also awarded our annual scholarship to G. Bopp. We are planning to again participate in our annual service project with the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i, which supports public library programming and student scholarships. We wish everyone a summer full of Aloha and service.



Dr. Wertheimer presents BPM Scholarship certificate to Gailyn Bopp

Congratulations to the new Xi Chapter initiates!

## Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter — Syracuse University

**Spring 2016 Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University** (aka the only college sending both Men's and Women's teams to this year's basketball Final Four!)

We have a new Executive Board this Spring, as several members departed to new jobs and responsibilities and a former member re-joined us. See our website: [bpm.syr.edu/](http://bpm.syr.edu/)

Our current Executive Board members are: President Pro Tem Carole Kupelian, retired NYLA Board member and retired school librarian; Past-President Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; VP and President-Elect Ellen Owens, Crouse Hospital Librarian; Recording Secretary Nicole Dittrich, SU Libraries; Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, retired school librarian; Treasurer Suzanne Preate, SU Libraries; Membership Chair Christine Demetros, SU College of Law Library; Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi, retired health sciences librarian, and Valarie

Massulik, Onondaga County Public Library; at-large Board members Jennifer Huzenitza, Northern Onondaga Public Library; Vanessa St. Oegger-Menn, SU Libraries; Amy Slutsky, Upstate Medical Center Librarian; and Robert Weiner, SU College of Law Library. Together, we manage the Chapter's mission of extending financial support to the most academically-gifted yet challenged iSchool students in the Library and Information Science graduate degree program. iSchool Advisor is Blythe Bennett, Program Manager, LIS/School Media degree.

The 2015 Winner of our Dosa Scholarship was Kathleen Swingly. VanHoesen Awards went to Izabel Gronski, Alexandra Heidler, Hannah Nast, and Kenneth Roman.

This year we will hold our 57<sup>th</sup> Initiation and Luncheon as an affiliate of BPM on May 14, prior to the iSchool Graduate Convocation. It will also be our 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting as the oldest honor society Chapter in the US. Our speaker will

be Chuck D'Imperio, a well-known award-winning local radio broadcaster and prolific author of many books on local history and culture.

Current and former Board members in library news this winter and spring are: Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, SU Librarian, as an organizer of the third annual "Human Library" event, where "books" are "people" willing to share their personal stories with "readers," resulting in a wide variety of cultural backgrounds, areas of expertise, and life experiences. Anne Rauh, SU Librarian for Science and Engineering, received a professional development award from the Eastern NY Chapter-Association of College and Research Libraries. Barbara Opar, SU Librarian for Architecture, French Language/Literature, Judaic Studies/Religion, helped the American Institute of Architecture Students organize a book club of mutual interests. ASIS also organized an evening of sharing with retiring architecture professors and guest speakers to pass on their shared knowledge to new students and younger staff. Former Board President Linda Galloway is now Health Sciences Librarian at the Rinker Campus of Chapman University in Irvine, CA.

We again pass on our "vinyl cling" sticker idea for cars, office doors, etc., for other Chapters to adopt and adapt for their own use. We have used it as both fund-raiser and publicity. Arrangements were through [printingblue.com](http://printingblue.com), which provides free design and shipping too.

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Pi Lambda Sigma out-going President Linda Galloway, holding our traditional departing gift.

### Sigma Chapter — Drexel University

Sigma welcomes a new member to our Board of Directors, Caitlin Angelone. Caitlin graduated from Drexel with her MSLIS in 2015 and works in archives at the Historical Medical Library, College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

We've had a couple of events to connect with members and current LIS students. In April, we took a tour of the Historical Medical Library at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia to see their incunables and rare books. In May, we had "Librarian Speed Dating," a career networking event for students, new grads, and seasoned professionals. Participants joined us in-person or through online video conferencing. Students and alumni

asked questions and shared experiences about their careers.

The chapter held its 2015 initiation ceremony in December. Professor Alex Poole (College of Computing and Informatics, Drexel University) spoke about the intersection of archives, libraries, and social change.

Congratulations to our new initiates on their achievements!

- Caitlin Elizabeth Angelone
- Mark Bilby
- Mairead Browne
- Marie Bruggeman
- Jennifer Lynn Carson
- Tabitha Jean Cary
- Kristen Chelmw
- Deirdre Crandall
- Marjorie Ann Fuller

- Lauren Catherine Krystaf
- Kimi Martin
- Erica Megan McCreary
- Franca McGowan
- Karen Orzechowski
- Jessica Lea Richmond
- Heather Susan Soltroff
- Teresa Zaffarano



Sigma Board member Caitlin Angelone shares a rare book at the College of Physicians Library tour



New Sigma Chapter initiates and chapter leadership



## Beta Epsilon Chapter — Emporia State University



From left to right, Jan Brooks, Beta Epsilon President; Dr. Matthew Griffis, Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, School of Library and Information Science, event speaker; and Heather Braum, Beta Epsilon Vice-President, at the SLIM Symposium.

In past years, Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Phi Mu has sponsored a virtual speaker to present a topic of interest following our annual Online Business Meeting. This year we broke with tradition for a face-to-face presentation. In celebration of National Library Week in April, Beta Epsilon Chapter was excited to partner with Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management [SLIM] to present the annual School of Library and Information Symposium on the ESU campus. Dr. Matthew Griffis, Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, School of Library and Information Science, presented "Town and Gown: Celebrating the Carnegie Libraries of Emporia, Kansas." Dr. Griffis shared his expertise with library buildings as social architecture, rural and public libraries as community space, and his knowledge of the history of Carnegie libraries in North America and Emporia, KS specifically. The link to a recording of Dr. Griffis' informative program has been made available on the Beta Epsilon blog as well as the SLIM website.

Our Online Business Meeting took place on May 5, 2016, during which we conducted a Virtual Initiation Ceremony for our eleven new members and introduced and elected officers. Our 2016-17 elected officers are: President Jan Brooks, Johnson County Community College Library; Vice-President Heather Braum, Northeast Kansas Library System; Secretary Kate Skarbek, City of Westminster, CO; and Treasurer Laura DeBaun, Northeast Kansas Library System.

Our faculty sponsor is Dr. Mirah Dow, Professor and Director of SLIM's PhD program, as well as current Interim Dean of SLIM. The Beta Epsilon Chapter Executive Committee plans to continue to explore new ways to bring Beta Phi Mu news to our members throughout the coming year, using both new technologies and face-to-face meetings.



## Initiation of New Members

Great Roll of Beta Epsilon Chapter,  
Beta Phi Mu

Beta Epsilon Chapter's Great Scroll at their Virtual Initiation Ceremony

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### *Aliis inserviando consumor*

Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Our name comes from the initials of the Greek words *Bibliothekarios philax mathesis*, meaning “librarians are the guardians of knowledge.” The insignia of Beta Phi Mu is the dolphin and anchor, mark of the Venetian printer Aldus Manutius. The motto, *Aliis inserviando consumor*, meaning “Consumed in the service of others” was selected by the founders based on the concept of the dedication of librarians and other information professionals to the service of others. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from institutions where the American Library Association, or other recognized accrediting agency approved by the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board, has accredited or recognized a professional degree program.

## Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars

### Beta Phi Mu at ALA 2016



**What:** Beta Phi Mu Business Meeting and Member Reception (formerly the Beta Phi Mu G-ALA)

**When:** Saturday, June 25th, from 1:00-2:30pm

**Where:** The Rosen Centre Hotel, Salon 01/02. Please note that there are two “Rosen” hotels in the Orlando conference center area — the Rosen Plaza Hotel and the Rosen Centre Hotel, which is one of the Co-HQ hotels for the conference. Our event is at the latter.

**Agenda:** Join us for:

- News and updates from Beta Phi Mu leadership
- Election of new Beta Phi Mu Executive Board Directors
- Welcoming a new Beta Phi Mu chapter!
- Initiation of new Beta Phi Mu members
- Chapter reports and updates
- Time for networking and mingling!

Please rsvp to [betaphimu@drexel.edu](mailto:betaphimu@drexel.edu) if you'll be representing your chapter and giving a report, or if you are a new member wishing to participate in initiation.