Greetings all,

I want to keep you informed of all the exciting things happening at SLIS. This is our inaugural eNewsletter. These will be sent monthly during the school year with updates regarding SLIS events, faculty & alumni news, and program updates.

This past fall we welcomed Dr. Seungwon Yang to our faculty. He has a joint appointment with SLIS and the Center for Computation and Technology. Dr. Yang will be teaching courses in digital and data curation, as well as social media analysis.

The SLIS faculty continue to update the curriculum to meet the needs of current students and future professionals. We recently began offering a graduate certificate in School Librarianship. The 18-hour, online certificate meets Louisiana State Department of Education requirements for add-on certification. For details, see lsu.edu/slis_csl. We plan on offering several more certificates in areas such as Records Information Management and Archival Studies.

This upcoming fall marks the 85th anniversary of SLIS, and we are planning several celebrations throughout the year. Information about specific dates and events will be forthcoming.

**SLIS Events**
Dr. Rebecka Sheffield, Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives Executive Director/Archives Manager speaks at LSU [http://slis.lsu.edu/lgbtg](http://slis.lsu.edu/lgbtg)

*The Daily Reveille: Expert visits University to share histories of LGBT individuals*

YouTube: [Recorded Lecture: Social Justice Struggles for Rights, Equality & Identity: The Role of LGBTQ Archives](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)  

**Faculty News**
Drs. J. Brenton Stewart & Seungwon Yang receive [ORED Summer Stipends](http://www.ORED.com)

Dr. Yejun Wu publishes book on [Oil Spill Incidents](http://www.louisiana.gov)

*The Daily Reveille: Professor Benoit works to preserve memories of military members*
Dr. Edward Benoit, III launches **Virtual Footlocker Project**

**Alumni News**
Wendy McLain Announced as Alumna of Distinction for *LSU College of Human Sciences & Education 2016 Hall of Distinction*

SLIS Alumna Louise Hilton profiled in *The Advocate*: “*From Louisiana to the Hollywood Lights*”

*The Advocate*: SLIS Alumnus “*Ben Bell teams up with Fugitive Poets to create musical versatility*”

SLIS Alumna, Kara Davis Youngblood, was recently featured in the *Nashville Public Library Annual Board Report*.

**Upcoming Events**
- March 30, 2016: Beta Phi Mu Reception
- April 1, 2016: LSU College of Human Sciences & Education 2016 Hall of Distinction
- April 14, 2016: Research Presentation by Dr. Larry Smolinsky (Dept. of Mathematics)
- May 13, 2016: LSU College of Human Sciences & Education Diploma Ceremony
- July 16, 2016: Storytelling Festival

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If you have changed your email address or moved, please consider updating your information with our alumni office by completing the form at: [http://www.lsu.edu/chse/alumni/update.php](http://www.lsu.edu/chse/alumni/update.php)

Best to you all, and keep in touch!