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# NEMO News

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Comprehensive Exams

#### Summer 2009

If you intend to take Comprehensive Exams in Summer 2009 and have not yet confirmed your intent with Mizzou, please contact Amy Adam [adame@missouri.edu](mailto:adame@missouri.edu) immediately to confirm your participation in the exams.

A pre-Comps meeting will be held via WIMBA voice direct on the Comps Blackboard site on **Friday, April 24 from 3-4pm**. Kayser Hall Room 520 has been reserved for this meeting. Please RSVP to Karen Hein, [khein@omaha.edu](mailto:khein@omaha.edu), if you intended to participate in this meeting at the Kayser Hall location. A follow-up face-to-face comps review will be offered on **Monday, April 27 at 7pm**. Karen Hein and Erin Willis will be facilitating this meeting and will be available to answer all of your questions about the exams.



*The world's favorite season is the spring.  
All things seem possible in May.*

-Edwin Way Teale

### Graduation: May 2009

If you will be graduating this semester, please mark your calendars and begin making plans for attending your graduation ceremony!

#### Graduate School Commencement:

Friday, May 15, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hearnes Center

#### The SISLT Graduation Reception:

Friday, May 15 from 3-4pm in the Townsend Hall Lobby.

**\*Remember to make hotel reservations immediately!!\***

Check [hotels.com](http://hotels.com) for availability information. If there aren't rooms available in Columbia, there are also hotels in Boonville, Jefferson City, and Moberly.

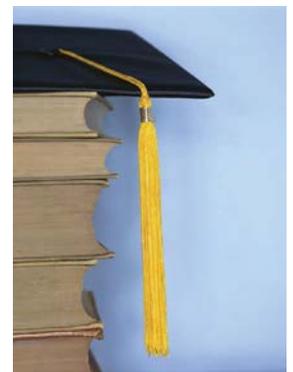
***Congratulations Graduates!***

### Fall Practicums

If you intend to do a fall practicum, you must contact Dr. Pasco immediately to set up a meeting to discuss the your practicum options. You must visit with Dr. Pasco before **May 1, 2009** to discuss this important element of your program!

*All that stands  
between the gradu-  
ate and the top of  
the ladder is the  
ladder!*

-Author Un-  
known



## CONGRATULATIONS to our successful colleagues!

*The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.*

- Jonas Salk

We are very proud to announce the following new jobs and promotions:

**Robin Brooks Clark**, director of Sump Memorial Library in Papillion, was elected as the Recording Secretary for the Mountain Plains Library Association for 2009-2010.

**Willa Garay** is a Library Assistant II to Outreach Services at Lincoln City Libraries.

**Erin Willis** is a Library Assistant II at the South Branch of Lincoln City Libraries.

*Great work and good luck in your new library jobs!*



### Nebraska Library Association Scholarship Opportunities

#### **Louise A. Nixon Scholarship**

Would you like to attend graduate classes or training to increase your library skills? Here's your opportunity to apply for financial assistance. These links include information on the Louise A. Nixon Scholarship (\$1,000.00) and the Duane Munson Scholarship (\$250.00). The application deadline is April 15th of the current year.

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her openminded, conscientious dedication to building library service in this state. When Nixon reflected on her life for the Lincoln Journal, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking." This scholarship was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision. **The application deadline is April 15th** of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May. <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/nixonschol.htm>

#### **Duane Munson Scholarship**

Duane Munson, a well-known bookseller from Columbus, has been a long-time leader and solid supporter of library and educational activity in Nebraska. He desires to share his good fortune jointly with the NLA and NEMA communities. Munson has personally sponsored this scholarship since 1991. **The application deadline is April 15th** of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/munsonschol.htm>

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

It's important for all of our students to keep up with the current library job postings. You never know when your "perfect" job might come along. We regularly send out an email with the current postings. Please read these! Even if you're not looking for a job, you may see something that you want to pass on to a classmate or colleague. In addition to reading these emails, take the initiative to check the website periodically. We only send out Nebraska postings, but you can view regional postings by accessing the website. So set aside 5 minutes every week to visit <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/jobsondcareers.asp> and check out who is looking to hire here in Nebraska and in other states as well.

Directions: Once you access this link, select "view by location", pick your state and then hit "GO". This site provides access to postings in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

## PLAN OF STUDY

If you have taken **four** or more classes and have not yet done so, you must contact Dr. Pasco for a discussion about your plan of study. The University of Missouri Graduate School requires that all students have an approved plan of study on file in order to graduate.

If you have made changes to the curriculum outlined in your plan of study, you must submit a substitution form to your advisor. You can not graduate if you haven't fulfilled the plan outlined in your plan of study. Do not procrastinate as these processes often takes awhile.

The Plan of Study Form (M-1) and the Program of Study Substitution Form can be downloaded from the SISLT website at: [http://education.missouri.edu/SISLT/sisl\\_t\\_forms.php](http://education.missouri.edu/SISLT/sisl_t_forms.php)



## Advice from the Frontlines - Robin Clark Director of Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE

**1. In your capacity as a professional librarian, what aspects of your job bring you the most joy?**

*Customer satisfaction brings me the most joy, and that includes my staff. Seeing what was just a “silly” idea a month ago turn into reality during the next few months. Change. Always.*

**2. Please discuss one personal characteristic that you feel has contributed to your success as an Information Professional.**

*I have a high level of tolerance for change and risk taking. This, combined with my creativity and an uncanny ability for personal time management, has allowed me to grow from a paraprofessional in 2001 to a library director in 2009. I know, that’s four characteristics. I always push the limit. Whoops, there’s five!*

**3. What one issue should future librarians be prepared to address in the workplace?**

*Budgeting on a shoestring. Making more with less (including less staff). Money has always been tight for libraries, but I believe it will be even tighter in the future.*

**4. In our coursework we often discuss the importance of collaboration. Can you share an instance of successful collaboration with a group?**

*Besides the fact that Julee Hector and I made up NEMO on a park bench in Seward, Nebraska one fine spring day years ago . . . My most recent collaboration - The library received a visit from a gentleman from the Omaha Men’s Garden Club. He was soliciting grant proposals. We wrote a small grant to change some of the landscaping at our front door. I decided to include the head of the city public works and the representative from the University of Nebraska Master Gardener’s program, both of whom maintain our grounds, in the grant writing process.*

*After an initial meeting, we realized that the scope of the project was much larger than the grant. The city had received some funding for environmentally green areas, and after a walk around the building, it was decided by all that we should bring in a landscape designer who would look at designing two rain gardens that would take care of water drainage issues on the property and the front door redesign.*

*We then brought together the city, the Master Gardener representative and the landscape designer for another meeting. Everyone was willing to contribute what they could to make this project go forward, including funding. We will have a plan from the designer by the end of the month and are very excited! What started out as a small grant has turned, with collaboration, into a phased re-visioning of the library landscape.*

**5. On a lighter note: When the work day is over, what do you read?**

*I read non-fiction almost exclusively except for book club books. I read a lot of professional journals and books that relate to marketing and management. I like to read cookbooks and I prefer older, community printed ones and gardening books and magazines. I also spend a lot of time on the computer catching up with friends and family.*

*Thank you for your insight, Robin, and for your wonderful influence on NEMO! We are proud to have you as an alumnus!*

## Student Spotlight - Sean Story

### What is your education/library/professional background?

I graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1997, with a BA in English Literature and a minor in Fine Art and Portuguese Language (I had to fight with Wesleyan to give me the minor in Portuguese because they don't actually have any Portuguese classes—long story). I was hired by Lincoln City Libraries in May of 2001 and I worked at the Northeast branches (Anderson and Bethany). At the end of 2001 I was hired to work at Eiseley Library in Lincoln, and was able to help them open their doors to the public in 2002. It was a great experience but a very physically challenging one—for those of you that have unpacked thousands of books and put them on shelves, you know what I'm talking about. In January of 2008 I was hired as the Virtual Services Librarian and moved to the Bennett Martin Library (where I work in the basement—isn't that where all techies are located?).

### What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?

I'm currently on the One Book One Lincoln Selection Committee and enjoying every minute. I'm reading a lot of books quickly and trying to gauge their possible One Book One Lincoln-ness. One book that I've recently enjoyed is a book called *The Speed of Dark*. It's a book about a high-functioning autistic man who is offered a chance to participate in an experimental treatment to reverse the effects of his autism. His dilemma is one of identity. If he participates, does he in fact lose a part of himself, the part that makes him able to appreciate classical music, complex patterns, and an infinitely shaded world? Or, does he become "normal" and risk losing his personality? I feel pretty comfortable recommending just about any genre to customers. I regularly participate in book talks on KFOR, book groups, and podcasts made available on our Web site.

### What professional journal or article have you read and would recommend? Why?

Computers in Libraries is a journal that I try to make a point of reading regularly. It tends to have, as the title makes obvious, a lot on trends and developments in library

related technology. They also have a great conference every year that I'd love to be able to attend in the near future. In addition, I'm a big-time blog reader. I subscribe to a number of feeds from movers and shakers in the library world, like David Lee King, Shifted Librarian, Librarian in Black, ALA Techsource Blog etc, and Michael Sauer's 'Travelin' Librarian.

### What do you do in your "down time"? Your hobbies/recreation, how do you relax?

I'm the first to admit that I'm a huge TV fan, which doesn't necessarily go over well with some of my co-workers. I watch *Lost*, *Top Chef*, *No Reservations*, and a number of other low-brow shows I'd rather not mention. Recently I've tried to get back into homebrewing. I've cranked out some mediocre beers and a pretty good Cream Ale in the last few months. I can hold my own when it comes to hosting barbecues and drinking the homebrewing results. For real relaxation though, it's all about travel. I try to take one big trip every year outside the United States with my wife.

### What deep dark secret would you like to share?

I'm a preacher's kid that exemplified the stereotype.

### Name one of your personal or professional qualities that make you, or will make you, a leader in 21<sup>st</sup> century library and information centers.

I try to be a person that has a strong understanding of almost all areas of librarianship and with that understanding better see what direction the library can take.

### What advice do you have for current Graduate Students?

If you have the luxury of working in a library while taking classes, don't forget to apply what you learn to immediate problems and dilemmas. While you may not have a position of power, your input is the fresh air that a lot of systems need when evaluating how things are done. You are the future—don't forget to visualize yourself there.

### What do you see as key future trends and challenges in LIS?

I think a lot about how technology impacts our customers' daily lives and believe that

we as librarians need to be actively involved in the understanding and utilization of all applicable technologies, so that we can advocate and teach on behalf our customers. We also need to insinuate ourselves into the relevant discussions about the future direction of information access.

### What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?

I think my legacy might be a willingness to adapt and change to the situation or need.

### Any Last Words?

How to Stay Young by LeRoy "Satchel" Paige

1. Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood.
2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts.
3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move.
4. Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in Society. The social ramble ain't restful.
5. Avoid running at all times.
6. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

*Look for a link to Sean's favorite journal on page 5!*

*Thank you for your insight, Sean!*





## Read Professional Journals for Free!



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#### ***The Magazine of the American Libraries Association***

Find full issues of this important journal at  
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### **Collection Management**

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### **College and Research Libraries**

The Journal of the Association of College & Research Libraries, a division of ALA  
 See the current issue and inquire about student rates at:  
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### **Computers in Libraries**

See free features in the current issue at:  
<http://www.infoday.com/cilmag/apr09/index.shtml>

### **D-Lib Magazine**

See full-text issues of the digital libraries journal at:  
<http://www.dlib.org/>

### **Information Technology and Libraries**

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### **Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery and Electronic Reserves**

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### **Public Libraries**

Find free access to past issues of this ALA journal at:  
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See a free sample issue at:  
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### **Serials Review**

Access a free sample issue and extras at:  
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### **Information Services and Use**

See a free sample issue at:  
<http://iospress.metapress.com/content/p4327108w771/>

### *Still not satisfied? Consider these options!*

\*There are many opportunities for student submissions to professional journals. Do you have a great idea, or do you see a need for change? There is probably a journal that wants to hear what you have to say!

\*Some journals provide very affordable subscription rates for students. If there is a journal that you would love to receive regularly, contact them and be ready to negotiate!

\*Visit the Nebraska Library Commission, both online at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/> and in person. They hold many important journal titles and can be a valuable resource for your current and future professional development.

### ***Farewell from Erin Willis, 2008-2009 NEMO Grad Assistant***

Dear Colleagues,

I am very grateful and honored to have had the opportunity to serve as Dr. Pasco's graduate assistant for the 2008-2009 school year. I have particularly enjoyed getting to know so many of you on a personal level, and I am very encouraged by the talent and motivation of our NEMO crew. I am very proud to be a part of this program! I am very grateful to Dr. Pasco, and the opportunities she has given me to participate in so many events and activities that I might not have otherwise noticed or made a point to attend. I have had the unique opportunity to meet some fantastic individuals in our profession, and I have come to really believe in the present and future success of librarianship. We have great leaders paving the way for us!

In the way of parting advice, I would encourage everyone to GET INVOLVED in professional endeavors to the extent to which you are able! We are all busy, and it is often hard to find the motivation to add more to an already busy life, but you and the profession will be rewarded by your efforts! There is so much to learn, and so many people to meet, and you will undoubtedly be gratified by the experiences that you will come away with by embracing all of the opportunities afforded you through this program, in this state, in this country, and in the library profession. I look forward to the next stage of the journey, and I hope that I will continue to see all of you for many years to come!

Gratefully,  
Erin Willis

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***A good book has no ending.***

***~R.D. Cumming***

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### ***Hello from Dr. Pasco's new 2009-2010 NEMO Graduate Assistant: Alyx Knight!***

Hello everyone! I'm Alyx Knight. It is an honor to work with you in the coming months. I have been teaching English and journalism since 1975 in Crete and Lincoln, Nebraska. Like many of you learning this honorable and fun profession, I have a passion to be of service. Of course, love of reading is always high on my list.

I remember one muggy summer day when I was seven years old, the sky turned oddly green. The Lincoln tornado sirens sounded and my parents went to the basement-without me.

My mother called out "Where are you?"

I yelled back "I'm in my bedroom."

She came up after me, worried. "What are you doing? We have to get downstairs."

There was something under my arm. I nodded. "I'm coming. I had to save my library book!"

My main motto is: If I don't know, I will find out-I won't just give you an answer. I'm very proud to be a part of this exceptional program and I look forward to meeting you.

-Alyx