

# Information Studies Student Association

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

7:15 pm

Information Studies Student Lounge in Draper Hall

1. Welcome – officer introductions
2. What is ISSA?
3. RGSO update
- 4a. [www.howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com](http://www.howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com)
- 4b. We need content!
5. ISSA Webmaster
6. Volunteering (Book and Bake Sale, Librarian Panel, November food drive, Library Programs<sup>2</sup> Symposium, NYLA con, Teen Reader Con)
7. General announcements

## Upcoming fall events:

Geoff Kirkpatrick will attend the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to talk about NYLA conference and civil service

Special meeting on NYLA Con October 6<sup>th</sup>

Movie Night October 20<sup>th</sup>

Librarian Panel first week of November – what specialty librarians would you like to speak to?

Food drive beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bake & Book Sale - November 17-19

End of semester party Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

## Let us know:

- If you have events that would be of interest to ISSA members
- If you have an idea for an ISSA event or workshop (we love when people want to share their knowledge!)
- If you have items that concern the MSIS program that you like to discuss in future meetings
- If you have ANY items you would like to discuss in future meetings

## Fall 2015 Meeting Dates:

September 8

September 15

October 6

October 20

November 3

November 17

December 1

All meetings are on Tuesday Nights at 7:15pm in the Student Lounge

## ISSA Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015—First General Meeting (20 in attendance + CAG)

- Welcome—Officer Introductions
- What is ISSA?
- RGOS (Registered Graduate Student Organization) Update
  - Laurie, Kim, Nora, and Stephanie feel it's not the best option due to the number of requirements and the fact that we as a group do not need the large amount of money to function
  - ASIS&T is not an RGSO (so that they can involve undergraduates)
- [www.howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com](http://www.howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com)
  - We need content: posts about classes, internships, experience, etc.
  - Website is running
  - Guidelines are posted online
- ISSA Webmaster
  - Will has volunteered, but we can still fill this position
  - Responsible for keeping track of passwords, consolidating web presence, and updated/monitoring Facebook, Twitter, and the website
- Volunteering
  - Book and Bake Sale—Nov. 17-19
  - Librarian Panel
    - Look into Outreach Librarian (Colonie) and Prison Librarian
  - November Food Drive to donate to a regional food bank—Nov. → Thanksgiving
  - Library Programs Squared—Oct. 16
  - NYLA Conference—Oct. 22-24
    - Volunteering can be done before the conference
    - Contact Lois Powell
  - Teen Reader Con—Oct. 17
- General Announcements
  - Conferences
    - NYLA Conference will be in Saratoga next year
    - ALA Midwinter—Boston
    - Mid Atlantic Regional Archives Conference in Spring—Boston
    - New York Archives Conference—June at SUNY Plattsburgh
    - SSL:NYAL (Section of School Librarians)—Spring in Albany
  - ASIS&T
    - Info Tech Club
    - Hosts technology workshops (take student suggestions)
    - Google NY Trip
    - Meet bi-weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm on the Uptown Campus
    - Open Source Festival
    - CCI Day
    - 3D printing workshop
  - Book Binding Workshop
    - Oct. 7 on the Uptown Campus

- \$100 per participant
- Deadline to sign up is soon
- Capitol Area Archivists Diner
  - Oct. 1 Upper Hudson Valley Beer
  - \$35 per plate
- Rensselaer County Historical Society
  - Free lecture Sept. 12 in Troy
  - “Gender and the Archives”
- Albany History Race
  - Contact Laurie about setting up a team (ISSA or otherwise) if interested
- Albany Public Library Spelling Bee
- ISSA contact info: [infostudiessa@gmail.com](mailto:infostudiessa@gmail.com)

Next Meeting: Sept. 15 @ 7:15

Geoff Kirkpatrick to speak about Civil Service and NYLA Conference

## ADVICE AND WISDOM FOR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

From Jill Hurst-Wahl's Facebook Friends

September 3, 2015

Question: If you went to grad school, what advice or words or wisdom - do you wish you had received during your first week?

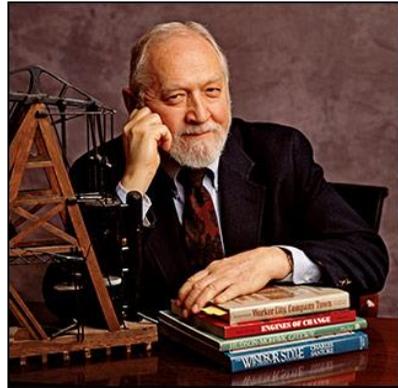
The answers below were received from more than 25 people, who attended a variety of different graduate programs in the U.S. and Canada. Most of the responses are from people with an MSLIS degree. The answers have been minimally edited.

- Work smarter, not harder. Find out where you have blocks of uninterrupted time, and use them most effectively.
- Gain as much practical experience as you can. Network, network, network. Take advantage of conference & association student rates. Don't forget to practice self-care – give yourself a break sometimes, even if you have to actually mark it on your calendar.
- You may well end up as a manager and leader sooner than you think! Take some relevant courses or training in those areas. (I see management as the processes and tools-like budgets, Gantt charts; and leadership as the people side.).
- Be an active learner.
- Your professors are people, usually not that different from you. It's OK to talk to them.
- Don't over-extend yourself.
- Buy a parking pass as soon as you can.
- If you're going to grad school for the grades, you're going for the wrong reasons. You get out of grad school what you put into it and the letter grades will reflect on your effort.
- Perseverance is more important than intelligence.
- Embrace group work when you are given the choice. It is great practice for in person and distance collaboration in the professional world. Your LIS classmates are smart people from a variety of interesting and varied backgrounds – they have much to teach you and you have much to share with them.
- Ask questions when you have them. Don't hesitate because people might think you're stupid. You'll never know the answer unless you ask and it could open up a whole new career path.
- Don't just be friends with those people in your field or concentration. One of the greatest experiences as a graduate student and later on as a professional, is that those outside your field or concentration inform your practice in ways you will never expect. Build those relationships now.
- Time management is extremely important. I also treated grad school as my main job every day. Get a life partner who will keep you on track and on task. Take classes and special seminars in intersessions. Seek out internships or part library work.
- Take opportunities to learn from other allied disciplines such as business and technology. Read outside the library and information science field. Most MLIS's end up in management these

days, so learn about budgeting, personnel and HR, advocacy and marketing, planning and evaluation, operations analysis and other business management practices as much as you can.

- Read ahead. Way ahead. Start projects early - as soon as you know about them.
- Professors in higher education do not coordinate their assignment workloads among each other. It is like having three or four separate employers who don't confer, and moreover, don't care if you already have two papers and a project due, or you'd previously agreed to a social event on what you thought was your own time on a weekend.
- Your grad experience will be as rich as the effort you put into it. You are in charge: make this experience a good one that you will value for years to come.
- Do meet one on one with the professor, if possible, even in this online age.
- Visit your professors during their office hours. They are teaching a subject they love to talk about and they wrote the assignments. If you have a question, they have the answers. And they need to know you care about your work.
- You are an information specialist. That means if you do not know something find it out using your search skills.
- Cut out things that exhaust you and waste your time so you can step up and say yes to the opportunities that pop up, academic and professional.
- Be weird, it's awesome.
- Start the networking with your classmates. They'll be your future colleagues at some point. Also, make yourself available for opportunity (easier for students who are on-campus, but it can be done by anyone).
- Network, don't be shy. Volunteer. Be active in any of the out of classroom activities.
- Stand your ground. Be honest and true to yourself and your limits.
- Speak candidly and openly with your teachers. Challenge your teachers, they are also continually learning.
- What you start out thinking you want to do in the profession may be very different from where your interests are when you finish. Take classes that pique your curiosity or sound fun, not just the ones you think will be 'most useful.' Find a meetup or group outside your school/info circles. Sometimes those are the most useful connections once you graduate.
- Focus on the learning opportunities and don't agonize about the grades too much. As a grad student, accept that you have proved yourself as a good student already. It's much more valuable to look back and say "I'm so glad I learned about ..." whatever, than to stress over an A vs. an A-.
- Have a learning orientation instead of a grade orientation. It makes a difference and it generally results in better grades, as well.
- Ask for help when you need it. No one wants to see you fail or have any fear of failure.

## The Thomas Phelan Endowed Lecture Series



In 1997, RCHS established the Thomas Phelan Endowed Lecture Series in recognition of Rev. Thomas Phelan's longtime preservation efforts and support of the educational and cultural vitality of Rensselaer County. Prominent speakers are invited to lecture on topics relating to Phelan's areas of study as Institute Dean and Institute Historian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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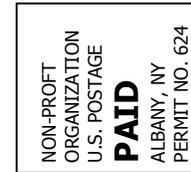
**Karen Mahar, Ph.D.**  
Professor of History,  
Siena College,  
Loudonville, NY

Dr. Mahar has a doctorate in American History and a certificate in Feminist Studies from the University of Southern California, and has been teaching at Siena College since 1998. She is currently the chair of the History Department and co-chair of the American Studies Program. Her first book was a study of the gendering of the American film industry, *Women Filmmakers in Early Hollywood* (2006), and she is one of the co-authors, with Dr. Wendy Pojmann and Dr. Reeves-Ellington, of *Doing History: An Introduction to the Historian's Craft, with Workbook Activities*, Oxford University Press, 2015.



**Joshua Hauck-Wheaton**  
Archivist, Dudley  
Observatory and the  
Museum of Innovation  
and Science

Mr. Hauck-Wheaton has a MSIS with a focus in Archives and a MA in Public History, both from the University at Albany. He has worked at archives, museums and historic sites throughout the capital region. He now works with the extensive GE collection in the archives at the Museum of Innovation and Science (MiSci) and with 160 years of astronomical history housed in the Dudley Observatory archives.



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The Rensselaer County  
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The Thomas Phelan  
Endowed Lecture Series

***Gender in the Archives***



Cluett, Peabody & Co. circa 1890  
RCHS Collection

**Presentation & Workshop**

September 12, 2015

Bush Memorial Hall, Sage Campus  
&  
The Rensselaer County  
Historical Society

# The Thomas Phelan Endowed Lecture – Saturday September 12, 2015

**Sign up today!**

## Morning Lectures Gender in the Archives

### Dr. Karen W. Mahar

*"Tailor-Made Men: Menswear and the Rise of Corporate Masculinity"*

Dr. Mahar is interested in the social and cultural construction of the American business executive as white, male, and elite. Worried that it appeared they did no "real" work and exhibited no traditionally masculine skills, Mahar finds that early executives crafted and defended their public status largely through appearance, including, of course, the popular detachable white collar. Her research at RCHS focuses on the Cluett, Peabody & Co., the company that created the famous Arrow shirt collars and shirts. Her work juxtaposes the reality of gender in the workplace and the fantasy of the modern business executive created by both advertising and the executives themselves.

### Joshua Hauck-Wheaton

*"A Scientific Sweatshop: The Industrialization of American Science and the Women of Dudley Observatory"*

In the early part of the twentieth century, a small independent observatory undertook a scientific task that would have challenged much larger institutions: to create a catalogue recording the infinitesimal motions of the stars in the sky. Under the leadership of Lewis Boss, the Dudley Observatory succeeded in fixing the positions of over 30,000 stars, requiring the use of a very special telescope, a great deal of Carnegie money and the largest crew of young women in American astronomy.

**10:00am – 11:30am**

Free and open to the public  
Bush Memorial Hall, Sage Campus

## Luncheon & Workshop Demystifying the Archives

Have you ever wondered what you can find in the archives? Conquer your fears and get ready for an interesting and informative afternoon devoted to demystifying the archives!



**Dudley Observatory Staff, 1915**  
Dudley Observatory Archives

Archives hold many kinds of unique materials - photographs, diaries, maps, business records, and rare items documenting every conceivable human activity. Using RCHS collections as a model, a team of historians, archivists, museum staff, and researchers will animate the archives with an overview of archival procedures, open discussions of featured documents, and behind-the-scenes tours of the RCHS library and archival storage area. So come join us for a light lunch and an enlightening afternoon.

Registration is limited, so please sign up early to guarantee a spot.

**12:00pm-2:00pm**

Rensselaer County Historical Society  
57 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Troy, New York

## The Rensselaer County Historical Society

RCHS is a dynamic not-for-profit educational organization established in 1927 to connect local history and heritage with contemporary life. Situated in the downtown Second Street Historic District in Troy, New York, the museum fulfills its mission from two adjacent 19th century townhouses — the historic and architecturally significant Hart-Cluett House, which serves as a house museum, and the Carr Building, which houses exhibits, programs, and a research library.



**The Hart Cluett House & The Carr Building**

## RCHS MISSION

*We enrich the present and advocate for the future by bringing the region's past to life, recognizing every face and every story. In pursuit of this mission, we collect, preserve, study, interpret and make accessible a broad variety of objects and documents, and conduct educational programs to inspire public enthusiasm for the past*

**Registration Deadline  
September 4th**

Lecture Only	FREE
Luncheon & Workshop	\$25 Non-Members \$15 RCHS members \$10 Students

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University at Albany, Student Chapter

The Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) is an international professional association that covers the entire scope of the Information Sciences.

**Classification/categorization**

**Controlled vocabularies**

**Cross-language retrieval**

**Data and text mining**

**Database design**

**Digital libraries**

**Indexing**

**Informatics**

**Information privacy**

**Information retrieval**

**Interface design**

**Knowledge management**

**Metadata**

**Multimedia retrieval**

**Research methodologies**

**Scholarly communication**

**Search strategies**

**Taxonomies**

**Usability and user studies**

**Visualization**

**Web information architecture**

Membership is open to all UAlbany students who have an interest in participating in workshops, field trips, & networking with people with similar interests.

We welcome ideas, suggestions and new members! This student chapter exists to add value to your experience as student at UAlbany - so let us know what events and activities you would like us to hold.

Interested in **leadership opportunities**? We have officer positions open for the Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 school year.

**Come to a meeting to see what we are all about!**

**Check out our student chapter website:** <http://ualbanyasist.com/>

**Join us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ualbanyasist/>

**Official ASIS&T website:** <https://www.asist.org/>

**For more information email us at:** [ualbanyasist@gmail.com](mailto:ualbanyasist@gmail.com)

Second Annual



Once again, the Library Programs Squared Symposium will be connecting professional staff from libraries, archives, schools, and other social groups together with people offering valuable educational, social, and cultural programs.

When: October 16, 2015

Time: 12 to 2 pm

Where: SUNY Albany Uptown Campus Center

This **FREE** event is a great place to find creative programs your community wants.

Check out our website at <https://libraryprogramssquared.wordpress.com/>

Find this event on Facebook: Library Programs Squared Symposium

Light Refreshments will be provided!

# The Albany History Race



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[www.albanypubliclibrary.org](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org)

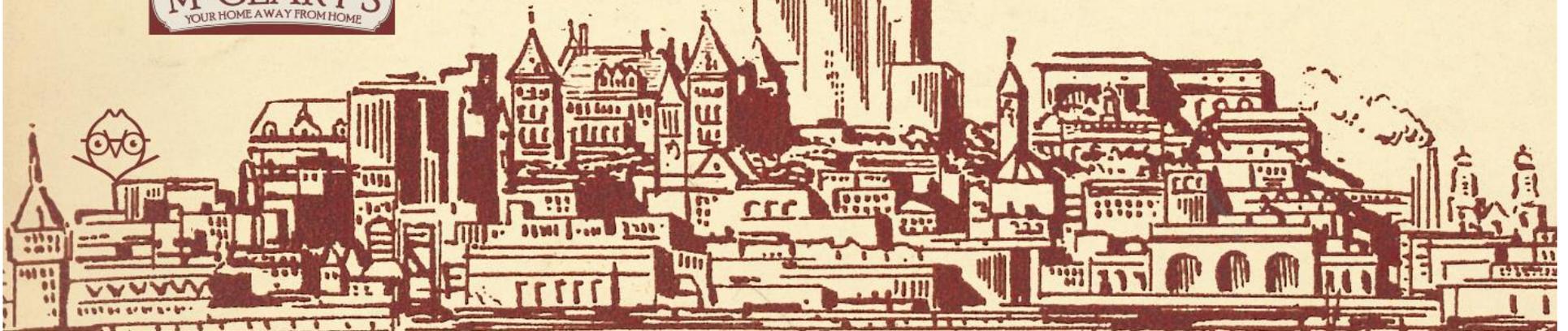


## SATURDAY SEPT. 26 1PM

**Albany Public Library  
161 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12210**

**Gather a team & compete in this Amazing Race  
style history scavenger hunt followed by  
prizes and discounted food & drink at  
McGeary's Pub!**

**For more details and to sign up, visit the  
[albanypubliclibrary.org](http://albanypubliclibrary.org) events calendar.**



## **Posting Standards for ISSA Blog**

- ISSA Editors will review blog submissions before posting
- ISSA Editors will moderate comments
- ISSA will not allow comments/posts that contain abusive, vulgar, offensive, threatening or harassing language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive terms that target specific individuals or groups.
- Links to sites are viewed as spam and may result in the comment being removed.
- NARA does not discriminate against any views, but reserves the right not to post comments that do not adhere to these standards.

## **Guest author guidelines for posting to How-To Library School**

- Stay on topic and keep your posts appropriate to both this website and the Information Studies department at SUNY Albany.
- All users should remain respectful.
- Keep your details private. No personal information should be included in the blog.
- If you are writing a post about an internship or interviewing an information professional be sure to get their permission, or the permission of the institution, before posting the blog on our site.
- All users should be careful and conscious about what they write as this blog is a public area.
- All writing should be respectful as well as grammatically correct.
- Please be sure to cite any sources you may have used for your posts.
- Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the loss of guest author status.
- Blog editors have the right to delete any posts that are inappropriate or off task.