



Dear SOIS Friends,

Greetings from the School of Information Studies at Dominican University! We are just beginning to feel the cool fall weather here in River Forest. The leaves are turning colors at their edges, and as each day goes by there are fewer moments of daylight. Growing up in Texas, I rarely experienced the seasonal cycles that we have

changes also make me reflect on the passage of time. At the end of
I will have been the administrative head of our SOIS for nine and a
started as GSLIS Dean in July of 2013. In th

Study work
associated with the AmSOIS Director at the end of 2022, returning to faculty for the Spring semester, and
retiring in May 2023.

Working with the outstanding faculty, staff, students, Advisory Board, and Alumni Council of SOIS has been an amazing privilege as well as a joyful professional and personal experience. Many thanks to each of you for your ongoing support of our programs and the information professions more broadly.

Warm wishes to you all!

Kate Marek
Director and Professor



WELCOME NEW SOIS DIRECTOR DR. DON HAMERLY

Welcome to Dr. Don Hamerly as the new Director of SOIS, effective January 2023. Don comes to this position having served as the director of the School Library Media Program since 2009 and as the founding director of the undergraduate Informatics program since 2015. During his thirteen years in the School of Information Studies, Don has taught courses in school librarianship, web design, informatics, research methods, and writing, and he has published in the areas of school librarianship, professionalism, and library history. "I am excited to step into the role of director and serve our students alongside my amazing colleagues in this time of challenge, change, and opportunity for our profession."

ACCREDITATION VISITING PANEL – Please Join Us

Please consider participating in a social evening on campus with our External Review Panel for MLIS degree continued ALA accreditation. We are inviting Advisory Board members, alumni, adjunct instructors, and employers in the area to join us on campus on Sunday afternoon, October 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to meet

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FOLLETT CHAIR DR. CUTCHA RISLING BALDY

This year's Follett Chair, Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy, will be in residence at Dominican

Kristen Gravelin (MLIS 2018) is now Associate Archivist at the Claretian Missionaries Archives USA - Canada.

Heidi Knuth (MLIS 2012) was spotlighted in The Illinois Library Association's Newsletter on August 22, 2022. Hei

what they do and strategize potential new ways to address divides.

Todd and students James Simon and Breshayia Kelly went beyond the requirements of the course to commit to sustained work toward addressing divides in Chicago. James, a current MLIS student, attended a Chicago Digital Equity Council community conversation in Garfield Park and has plans to continue his relationship with the Chicago Area Broadband Initiative and the Quilt Corporation to help with digital divide mitigation efforts in the Chicago Lawndale neighborhood. Breshayia Kelly, an undergraduate informatics major, has challenged her church, Apostolic Faith Church of Chicago, to start a digital literacy program for the community it serves.

STUDENT FEATURE: EILIS CORCORAN

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Current MLIS/MAYL Dual Degree Student



What got you interested in the dual MLIS/MAYL?

I worked as Professor Del Negro's graduate assistant in 2019 and 2020 and helped research to prepare the proposal for the program. I had also been interested in MAYL programs when initially applying for my MLIS but chose Dominican knowing there wasn't a program at the time. So, it worked out well for me!

Do you see it helping you in your future work?

Other than the obvious benefits with readers advisory and collection development, there are also benefits should I decide to pursue reviewing, awards committees, or something similar in the future.

Any new directions you see open to you with the MAYL focus?

At this time, I'm still going to be working as a youth librarian but might try to take on some reviewing or similar projects as well. In the future though, I'd be interested in pursuing future research or other academic pursuits.

