Dear School of Information Studies Community,

We are delighted to present the Winter issue of our quarterly newsletter, showcasing the latest news, events, and achievements of our students, faculty, and staff.

As the weather gets colder, our academic and research programs continue to heat up, with innovative initiatives and exciting new projects taking shape. In this issue, you will find articles highlighting the recent successes of our faculty, the accomplishments of our students, and the impact of our programs on the broader community.

We hope you will find this edition informative and engaging, and we invite you to stay connected with us throughout the year by visiting our website, following us on social media, and attending our events.

Thank you for your continued support of the School of Information Studies at Dominican University in Chicago.

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Greetings, SOIS Friends, this time from a warm human being.

Given the buzz around ChatGPT since its launch in November 2022—and yes, it has been only ten weeks or so—I couldn't resist trying it to introduce our Winter issue of *Off the Shelf*, my first as SOIS director. I am excited to succeed Kate Marek, who led SOIS for over nine years through significant changes for the school and university and built a larger, stronger, more diverse, and more relevant program for people interested in information work of all kinds. I am also happy that Kate is still working full-time for SOIS, having returned to faculty, and available for my frequent questions about SOIS operations.

While new in the role of director, I am not new to the school. Since coming to Dominican in 2009, I have had faculty and administrative roles as director of the School Library Media Program and founding director of the BS in Informatics. In my prior life, I was a high school teacher and librarian in schools around Houston and Austin in Texas, my home state. I got here as fast as I could.

and why, amid disruption, we instill in our students and advocate in our profession adherence to core

Miriam Rosen (MLIS 2004; PhD 2022) presented a poster, "Taking the initiative: A mixed methods

PhD student **Rebekah McFarland** successfully defended her dissertation proposal "Stories at the Intersection: A Phenomenological and Intersectional Investigation into the Experiences of Black Archivists and Memory Workers Collecting Oral Histories" in February 2023.

PhD student **Faith Rice** successfully defended her dissertation proposal "The Information-Seeking Behavior of African American Teens: A Case Study of Sociocultural Factors in Information-Seeking" in December 2022.

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