

Dear School of Information Studies Community,

Greetings from our [busy and beautiful](#) River Forest campus, one of two now in Chicagoland with the addition of the [Chicago Campus](#) in Pilsen.

SOIS is proud to support the Chicago Campus through the cybersecurity pathway in Informatics. Helping establish the new campus and new associate's degree and workforc

strategic plan for SOIS, which we'll share with the community this fall.

The hard work is paying off in numbers, as well. Our degree programs are going strong. Enrollments are up 20% this summer and are already up 51% for fall with new applications coming in nearly every day. We are far exceeding our targets, which is testament to the incredible work of our enrollment management team but also to the great work of our faculty and staff and to you, our supportive alumni. Our incoming Follett Chair, Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, remarked to me that with the news of her taking on the Follett Chair came excited congratulations from GSLIS/SOIS alumni who welcomed her and warned her that the work is serious, that our alumni do not mess around!

The amplified thrum of the early cicada broods triggered something in our psyches this spring and summer, surely, but the greater buzz has come from local and world events and an impending election that inspire us to focus even more intently on our work. We are called to prepare our students well and fully to promote the ethics of our profession and fight for intellectual freedom and freedom from manipulation. We appreciate your support in that effort and welcome your feedback on how we're doing. Please enjoy this spring/summer issue of *Off the Shelf*.

Wishing you peace this summer,



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intercultural competencies in an introductory business information literacy course" and " Management and information strategies: Promoting information literacy through SelfDetermination Theory among undergraduate business students."

is now Archivist II for the [Johnson Publishing Company Archive](#) at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles.

is now an Archivist for Records Administration and Information Management at the Archives of the Episcopal Church, New York City.

is the new Unit Lead for Arts and

, Head of Collections for the Chicago History Museum, was selected by the American Association for State and Local History for an [intense residency](#) in the 2024 History Leadership Institute in Indianapolis.


recently [joined the staff](#) of the State Library of Ohio as Library Consultant for Adult Services.

accepted a Committee Associate appointment for ALA's Information Technology Advisory Committee for a term from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

is the new executive director of the Palatine Public Library District. Melissa has also served as president of the Illinois Library Association and last year was named president of the Palatine Rotary Club.

was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she is Head of the Howard B. Waltz Music Library.

is the interim director of the Riverdale Public Library District.



[Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#) will join the faculty for the 2024-2025 academic year as our [Follett Chair](#). Kendrick's research on low-morale experiences in library workplaces has been recognized as groundbreaking and validating for library employees at all levels. She is sought after for combining empathy, scholarship, and praxis to surface accountability, promote workplace belonging, and encourage well-being for improved organizational culture in libraries and archives.

Kendrick earned her MSLS from the historic Clark Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies before practicing academic librarianship and library/archives administration in the southeastern United States. In 2019, the Association of College and Research Libraries named Kendrick the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year.

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, Dominican's Chief Information Officer and adjunct instructor for the School of Information Studies, was elected to the Board of Regents for the Institute of Certified Records Managers.

co-edited the January 2024 [topical issue](#) of *College & Research Libraries* on open and equitable scholarly communications.

The Mellon Foundation granted \$750,000 for FOCAS: Faculty Organizing for Community Archives Support, which includes curriculum development and student internships in community archives work for preserving, digitizing, and exhibiting site records to tell the story, history, culture, and heritage of five diverse regional sites.

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