

## **Essay Questions (Spring 2014)**

Answer one question below. Your essay will demonstrate proficiency in at least three of the six LIS competency areas. In grading the exam, the faculty looks for an understanding of core concepts, adequate knowledge of facts, and the application of principles and problem-solving skills in the library and information science field and the profession.

### **Question 1**

Draw on the LIS literature and your course work to prepare a paper that describes and analyzes changes digital convergence has brought to an information environment of your choice. In your discussion include the implications of such changes for information services and information professionals.

### **Question 2**

Choose one type of library or information center. Draw on the values and philosophy of the Library and Information Science profession to discuss why it is important to build engagement between the library or information center and the community. Citing examples from the literature, discuss the benefits and challenges of building engagement between the library and the community, including policies and services, as well as specific outcomes and impacts that may be achieved. Describe in detail two strategies that have been used successfully to build community involvement.