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30TH ANNUAL STONE LECTURE

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DR. TREVOR OWENS: CARING FOR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

The craft of digital preservation and digital collections care is anchored in the past. It builds off the records, files, and works of those who came before us and those who designed and set up the systems that enable the creation, transmission, and rendering of their work. At the same time, the craft of digital preservation is also the work of a futurist. We must look to the past trends in the ebb and flow of the development of digital media and hedge our bets on how digital technologies of the future will play out. This talk explores key issues for exploring and imagining that future. We start with consideration of some key emerging technologies relevant to digital collections and then zoom out to consider the future of digital collections in the context of technologies of surveillance, precarity of both cultural heritage institutions and cultural heritage workers in the context of neoliberalism, and then explore the broad set of challenges facing the future of collections stemming from the increasing effects of anthropogenic climate change. Drawing on frameworks for maintenance, care, and repair this talk concludes with an opportunity to reflect on and consider how memory and information workers should approach the digital present and future of our institutions and professions.

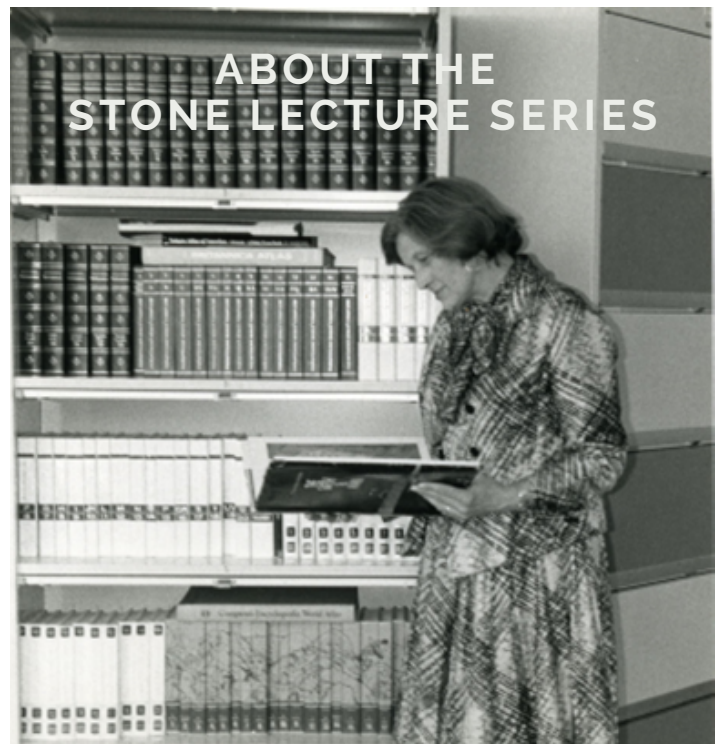


DR. ELIZABETH W. STONE

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Elizabeth W. Stone was educated as a historian at Stanford University, where she earned her B.A. in 1937 and M.A. in 1938. After holding a variety of library positions, she earned her M.S.L.S. degree from The Catholic University of America in 1961 and joined the faculty of the Department of Library Science. She earned a doctorate in public administration from American University in 1968, and was named chair of CUA's Department of Library Science in 1972. Under her leadership, the department added "Information" to its name and became the School of Library and Information Science in 1981. She served as Dean until 1983.

Dr. Stone is known for her writing, particularly in the areas of literacy, continuing professional education, and library service for persons with disabilities. Her many publications include the landmark *American Library Development 1600-1899*. As president of the American Library Association in 1982, she was responsible for the first U.S. postage stamp dedicated to libraries. After her retirement in 1983, she worked two days a week as the librarian and archivist of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Stone died in 2002, but continues to be remembered in the library profession as the librarian responsible for the first U.S. postage stamp dedicated to libraries; as the instigator of the Universal Library Symbol; and as the provider of ginger snaps, coffee, and a warm welcome to her office anytime, day or night.



Established in 1990, the Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture Series honors Dr. Elizabeth W. Stone, Dean Emerita of the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), for her service to the school and the library profession. Dr. Stone (M.S.L.S. '61) joined the LIS faculty in 1961 and was named chair of the Department of Library Science in 1972. Under her leadership, the department became the School of Library and Information Science in 1981 and she served as Dean until 1983. The Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture series is held each spring.

The speakers, who are invited by the Alumni Association, include esteemed librarians, university presidents, journalists, members of professional associations, and government representatives. The 13th Annual Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture included a special remembrance of Dr. Stone, who passed away on March 6, 2002, at the age of 83. Her presence throughout the years gave the school a sense of continuity, connecting students with the larger Catholic University library and information science community of alumni. This lecture series strives to bring innovators in the library profession to Catholic University that demonstrate Dr. Stone's commitment to the life-long development of librarians. To continue Dr. Stone's legacy, donations will be accepted for the Elizabeth W. Stone Scholarship Fund. Please call 202-319-6926 for further information.

RAYMOND VON DRAN MEMORIAL AWARD

The Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award is an award open to Catholic University School of Library and Information Science/Department of Library and Information Science alumni, instituted in the memory of Raymond Von Dran, who served as the second dean of the school (1983-87). Von Dran's final position was Dean of the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. This award honors alumni who, through their contributions to the library and information science profession, have exhibited the qualities Von Dran was noted for throughout his career: innovation, collaboration, and leadership.

2021 VON DRAN AWARD RECIPIENT: LAURIE BEYER HALL, M.S.L.S. 1983



Ms. Hall currently serves as both the Superintendent of Documents for the Federal Depository Library Program and as Managing Director of Library Services and Content Management at the Government Publishing Office. In these positions, she works to ensure the public accessibility of government information published by the U.S. Congress, and oversees several major Congressionally-mandated programs. In her recent testimony before the Committee on House Administration, Ms. Hall advocated for one of these programs, the Federal Depository Library Program, urging the committee to preserve the program as a free public resource, and to implement improvements to aid accessibility, ensure patron privacy, and preserve collections for future generations.

Throughout her work, Ms. Hall exhibits outstanding innovation, collaboration, and leadership. Furthermore, she has shown true dedication to fostering positive relations within the LIS community. In nominating Ms. Hall for this award, one of her colleagues noted how she makes sure to know each of her coworkers by name, and does all she can to make new employees feel particularly welcome and appreciated.

Congratulations, Laurie, and thank you for your contributions to the Library and Information Science field!

PAST VON DRAN AWARD WINNERS

2019 - Janet L. Crowther, Assistant Library Director, Williamsburg Regional Library

2018 - Kent Boese, Manager Library Services Wiley Rein, LLP

2017 - Mary Augusta Thomas, Deputy Director, Smithsonian Institution Libraries

2016 - Barry Trott, Special Projects Director, Williamsburg Regional Library

2015 - Richard James King, Chief, Information Resources and Services Branch and Information Architect, National Institutes of Health

2014 - Barrie L. Howard, Information Technology Specialist, Library of Congress

2013 - Martin Kalfatovic, Associate Director of Digital Services, Smithsonian Institution Libraries and Program Director, Biodiversity Heritage Library

2012 - James Patrick Timony, Adaptive Technology Librarian, Adaptive Services Division, DC Public Library

2011 - Lea J. Uhre, Director, Executive Office of the President Library

2010 - Barbara L. Post, Manager of Information Services, Transportation Research Board

2009 - Lynn Scott Cochrane, Director, Denison University Library

2008 - Kimberly Ferguson, Head of Information Services, U.S. Senate Library

PAST ELIZABETH W. STONE LECTURE SPEAKERS

2020

The 2020 Stone Lecture was cancelled due to COVID-19.

2019 - [Kate Zwaard](#)

Digital Strategy Director of the Library of Congress
"Innovation and Digital Strategy at the Library of Congress"

2018 - [Professor Dave Shumaker](#)

Clinical Associate Professor at the Department of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America
"How to Predict the Future"

2017 - [Melanie Townsend Diggs](#)

Manager of the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Recipient of the 2016 Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity
"Being a 'Beacon of Light' in the Face of Adversity"

2016 - [Don Collins](#)

Oceanographer and archivist at NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information
"An Oceanographer's Voyage Into Librarianship"

2015 - [Linda Ueki Absher](#)

Author, Blogger (The Lipstick Librarian!), Humanities Librarian, Portland State University

2014 - [Barbara Stripling](#)

President of the American Library Association
"Demanding our Right to Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges"

2013 - [Blane Dessy](#)

Executive Director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK), Library of Congress
"The Federal Government's Information Sphere & The Myth of Federal Information Policy"

2012 - [Deanna Marcum, Ph.D.](#)

Managing Director of Ithaka S+R, former Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America
"Leadership for the Digital Age"

2011 - [Elizabeth Aversa](#)

Director of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Alabama and former Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America
"A Passion for Libraries—or—Why We Do What We Do"

2010 - [Clifford Lynch](#)

Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information
"Scholarship, Cultural Memory and Libraries in the 21st Century"

2009 - [Camile Alire](#)

President of the American Library Association (2009-2010)
"Issues and Trends in American Libraries"

2008 - [Andrew Pace](#)

Director of Networked Services, OCLC
"From SLIS to OCLC: An Alumnus Reflects on His Career and the Evolving Profession"

2007 - [Deanna Marcum](#)

Associate Librarian for Library Services at the Library of Congress
"Culture Shock: The Changing Nature of Library Science Education"

2006

The 2006 lecture was replaced by the SLIS 25th Anniversary Celebration.

2005 - [Richard Baker](#)

Historian of the Senate
"History on the Hill: From Gunpowder Paste to the Nuclear Option"

PAST ELIZABETH W. STONE LECTURE SPEAKERS

2004 - Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan

Director of the undergraduate program in Communication Studies in Culture and Communication at New York University.

"The Anarchist in the Library"

2003 - Sanford Berman

Catholic University SLIS alumnus and author who has written extensively and especially on increasing access to libraries via attention to subject cataloging and collection development.

"Not in My Library: Issues of Workplace Speech and Governance"

2002 - Duane E. Webster

Executive Director for Association of Research Libraries (ARL)

"Reflections on the Future of Scholarly Communications"

2001 - Nancy Kranich

President of the American Library Association

"Why Do We Still Need Libraries?"

2000 - Dr. John Cole

Director of the Center for the Book, Library of Congress

"Bicentennial of the Library of Congress"

1999 - Dr. Carla Hayden

Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore

"Institutional Change in a Traditional Library"

1998 - Kurt Cylke

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress

"That All May Read"

1997 - Henriette Avram

Library of Congress, Retired

"On the Fourth Decade of the MARC Format"

1996 - Dr. Mathilde V. Rovelstad

Professor Emerita, School of Library and Information Science, CUA

"Temples of Wisdom and Faith: The Picture World of Monastic Libraries of the Baroque Period"

1995 - Jeanne Hurley Simon

Chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

"The Role of the National Commission in American Library Development"

1994 - Eileen D. Cooke

Director of the American Library Association, Washington Office

"Lobbying for Libraries: Thirty Years on Capitol Hill"

1993 - Hardy R. Franklin, Ph.D.

Director of the The District of Columbia Public Library and President of the American Library Association

"Customer Service and the Library: The Crucial Link"

1992 - Rev. William J. Byron, S.M.

President of The Catholic University of America

"Library Support for Community Service"

1991 - Sheilah Kast

Network Journalist, ABC News

"The Public's Right to Know in the Information Age"

1990 - Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J.

President of the New York Public Library

"The Role of the Public Library in a Democratic Society"

JOIN THE ALUMNI BOARD

The CUA LIS Alumni Board, which has been around since at least 2005, is looking for new members to join us and help grow a strong network of alumni who are professionals in the library and information field. We meet virtually once a month to learn about what is going on with the Department and current LIS students, discuss upcoming activities such as the Stone Lecture, and work on ways we can build a community of support for our colleagues.

This year, the Alumni Board's events and activities included:

- The inauguration of a mentor/mentee program that has fostered relationships between students and working professionals,
- Multiple discussion events with library professionals and associations,
- Working with CUA's Alumni Association to organize and facilitate this Stone Lecture virtually.
- Regularly posting job announcements to our LinkedIn group (CatholicU Library & Information Science Alumni & Community) to help alumni and students find job openings.

If you are interested in learning more about the Alumni Board or in speaking to our students, please reach out to us through our LinkedIn group or at cualisalumniboard@gmail.com.

PROFILE OF ALUMNI BOARD VOLUNTEER: JEAN LEE, M.S.L.S. 1992



Jean Lee joined the CUA LIS board as a volunteer about ten years ago when she attended several LIS events such as the Stone Lecture, LIS alumni/new students summer picnic and the holiday party. She enjoyed attending these events and was encouraged by several board members to consider joining the alumni board. She thought it was time to give back to the LIS school after the great experience she had as a student with supportive teachers and students. She assisted at some of the events such as helping with registration check-in and some basic events planning and occasionally took the Minutes at the meetings. She was also invited to write the text for the 2020 CUA LIS holiday card. Joining the board could perhaps help alumni discover new talents. She's very thankful for the dedicated board members who are innovative and spend countless hours planning events to keep the alumni connected especially during these challenging times.
