

## **Letter from the President**

**May 1, 2011**

Dear InULA members,

Hello everyone! It is hard for me to believe that ten months have gone by in my year as President. It has gone by much too quickly! The InULA Board and all of the InULA Committees have been working very hard this year. They have kept things running smoothly and have moved forward on many projects. Below are some highlights on what we have been doing this year.

Throughout the year, the Scholarship and Grants Committee has been busy reviewing applicants seeking research incentive fund grants and School of Library Science students seeking Julieann V. Nilson Scholarships. For the October 15, 2010 grant cycle, the committee recommended that Angela Courtney and Jo McClamroch receive funding. Angela received funding for a September Digital Resources in the Humanities Conference held in London, England. She joined a colleague in presenting a paper on creation of digital humanities scholarship. Jo received funding for travel to a Charleston Conference in November, where she delivered a presentation on print and electronic journals.

Our annual December luncheon was held on December 10, 2010 at the Neal Marshall Black Culture Center Grand Hall in Bloomington. Our speakers for the December luncheon were Anita Bracalente and Jim Capshew. They talked about the Dunn's Woods restoration project. Named in honor of Moses F. Dunn, an Indiana farmer who sold his land to Indiana University in 1883, Dunn's Woods was described by the Indiana University Board of Trustees at the time, as "a site unsurpassed in the state for its natural beauty and fitness for the purpose."

On February 22, 2011, the Program and Social Committee sponsored a three-session program in Bloomington. The first session entitled, "Creating Accessible Presentations" looked at ways that you can create more accessible presentations, handouts, and other resources. The second session, "Forget the Paper & Pen: Taking Notes Digitally" showed how you can take notes besides Microsoft Word and Google Docs. It covered Evernote and other tools that allow you to easily create and update your "To Do List", take meeting notes, and even save Web pages and attach documents. The third session, "Introduction to the World History in Video Database" allowed students and researchers to explore human history from the earliest civilizations to the late twentieth century. The video content covers Africa and the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle

East, and Oceania. Upon completion, the collection will contain 1,000 hours of streaming video that offers access to more than 1,750 important, critically acclaimed documentaries from filmmakers worldwide.

On March 27, 2011, more than twenty InULA members toured the T.C. Steele State Historic Site, home, and studio in Nashville, Indiana. Sponsored by the Program and Social Committee, InULA members enjoyed the paintings, books, and artifacts of the last home and studio of Indiana artist Theodore Clement Steele (1847-1926) and his wife Selma Neubacher Steele (1870-1945). Steele, a member of the noted "Hoosier Group" of American Impressionist painters, was attracted to Brown County by the scenery he encountered while hiking in the area. The tour featured artifacts from the T.C. Steele collection not typically seen by the public, including pottery, metal work, graphic arts, furniture, and architectural elements.

The next social event is being scheduled for early June, 2011 at Oliver Winery in Bloomington. Oliver Winery started in the 1960's as a hobby in the basement of Indiana University law professor William Oliver. Stay tuned for announcements regarding this InULA-sponsored event.

During April 9-10, 2011, InULA held its annual book sale in the Wells Library, E174. The two-day, event made over \$3,400 in book sales. The success of the amount of the annual sale was the result of volunteers who devoted their time and efforts to making the sale run smoothly. The money will fund SLIS scholarships, professional development programs, and research incentive grants for InULA librarians. The book sale is often scheduled during a busy time of the semester, so it was particularly helpful to have had volunteers willing to devote their time to support InULA and its activities.



*Photos taken from the InULA Annual Book Sale*

After receiving and reviewing many applications, on April 18, 2011, the Scholarship and Grants Committee recommended that Brianna Marshall and Jennifer Ekblaw receive the Julieann V. Nilson Scholarship. As an incoming student, Brianna's application focused on how she can contribute to users and the profession. Brianna sees opportunities for outreach in digitizing special collections, thus, making them more accessible. Working toward a dual library and law degree, Jennifer Ekblaw's focus is on becoming a library director in the future. Her commitment to the profession and users and ability to move the Indiana Law Review from paper to online indicated initiative and skill in technology.

The Board recognizes the need for grants and scholarship forms to be interactive. Scholarship and grant applicants would find it easier to fill out and submit their applications if the forms are made interactive by providing applicants with a fill-in format. The Board has paved the way for the implementation of interactive scholarship and grant forms by the next application cycle in October 2011.

The InULA Web site will undergo review and upgrades over the summer and fall of 2011. An Ad Hoc Committee is being charged to decide how to move forward with the upgrade of the InULA Web site, work on the functional requirements, and decide whom to hire to implement and program these functional requirements. The general review of the content of the site will be

done by the Communications Committee. Every Web page will be scrutinized for functionality before it is migrated into a database-driven site.

This is some of the work that has been happening since July of last year. My next report to InULA members will be made at the annual (May 26, 2011) Business Meeting. I hope you will let me or any other Board member know whether you have any comments, suggestions, or questions about or for the May 26 Business Meeting in the Wells Library, E174, Bloomington. This is your library organization. Please consider becoming more involved in InULA.

As a statewide university library organization of now more than 90 active members, InULA has the unique opportunity to offer, free online educational programs to every InULA library member, grants and scholarships to InULA members and SLIS students of merit, and more low-cost social events for its members.

Best Regards,

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