Dear Graduates and Friends

I have, this year, the great pleasure of writing in the newsletter as the Acting Director. You will, I’m sure, want to join me to congratulate the former director, my colleague Jamshid Beheshti, who was appointed Associate Dean (Administration) in the Faculty of Education last June. Consequently, I have the privilege of directing the School until a new director is formally appointed. These organizational changes took place in the midst of a very busy year for the School, that was marked by the celebrations of our Centenary.

The celebrations ended last May with a colloquium involving a panel of experts and a great dinner reception. Both events were attended by more than a hundred graduates and friends of the School who came to celebrate with us and, as you can see in the next few pages, helped us create good memories at the beginning of the School’s second century. On behalf of my predecessor and GSLIS staff, I would like to thank all the attendees, and all the others who could not be with us but offer their support to the School in so many ways.

In July 2004, we welcomed a new Assistant Professor, Dr. Joan Bartlett, who recently finished her doctoral degree. Joan specializes in bioinformatics and will teach in the area of health sciences information, reference and information literacy. For the last three years, the School has been able to hire new professors, and a fourth position of assistant professor should be filled within the next twelve months. This is, without a doubt, an exciting period for the School! With new staff, new teaching and research areas are developed to better respond to the challenges faced by today’s library and information professionals.

We were also thrilled to see the accomplishments of three students being rewarded. One of our MLIS students, Ms. Jannah McCarville, won the Canadian Library Association 20th Student Article Contest, and another MLIS student, Ms. Daniela Serban, won the Prix d’Excellence from the Bibliothèque nationale du Québec for the best paper. In addition, one of our PhD candidates, Ms. Erica Wiseman, received two fellowships to pursue her doctoral studies. On the research front, Professor Dalkir and Professors Beheshti and Large received new research grants. As the President of the Canadian Association for Information Science, I was very proud to see an important delegation from the School at the CAIS Conference in Winnipeg, where a significant number of papers were presented by our doctoral students and professors.

Next year should be also marked by positive developments. A strategic workshop involving our constituencies is planned in September and should help us to identify future directions for the School. I wish you all success in your professional lives and I look forward to hearing your ideas and comments.

France Bouthillier, PhD
Acting Director
Highlights of the Year

New Faculty

Dr. Joan Bartlett joined GSLIS in July 2004 in the rank of tenure-track assistant professor. Dr. Bartlett recently completed her doctoral degree at the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto. Her thesis was titled Capturing, modeling and utilizing the research processes of bioinformatics experts. She holds a Master of Library Science and a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Genetics and Molecular Biology, with a Minor in French Studies. She has won several awards, including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, the American Society for Information Science and Technology Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Award, and the Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana Decker Research Paper Prize. Dr. Bartlett will be teaching in the areas of health and information literacy.

SSHRC and FQRSC Fellowships

Erica Wiseman, BA ’99, recently received doctoral fellowships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC). Erica is in her second year of the ad hoc PhD program in the School. She is studying the processes of organizational learning in the institutionalization of sustainable development under the supervision of Dr. Kim Dalkir.

Faculty Grants

Jamshid Beheshti and Andy Large have obtained an SSHRC grant of $135,900 to develop an interface for children’s web portals. In this new research, the investigators will experiment with a new approach that relies upon a virtual rather than a conventional interface for a children’s web portal. This three-dimensional interface will enable children to find information by navigating (browsing) through a “virtual library,” much as they navigate through games on their computers. The library will have corridors and bookshelves, and information will be stored on the shelves as books. These books can be taken down from the shelf and opened to reveal the actual information. There will also be a library catalogue where books on particular subjects are listed according to their placement on the virtual shelves. In a broader context, researchers hope to learn more about designing virtual realities, and about how children respond to such designs, in order to understand better how this approach might be applied to tasks other than web portals.

Prof. Kimiz Dalkir, Research Project on Human-Knowledge Interaction (HKI)

$93,000 for 2003-2005

Prof. Dalkir presented a proposal to study human-knowledge interactions in virtual communities of practice to Heritage Canada and Industry Canada. These organizations helped broker agreements with four partners who would provide the test bed for the proposed research. Heritage Canada and Industry Canada suggested RDEE Canada, based in Ottawa, the Société de Développement de la Baie Acadienne, based in Prince Edward Island, MC, based in Montreal, and the Société Développement Économique de la Colombie-Britannique, based in British Columbia.

Knowledge management (KM) is an emerging discipline that systematizes the capture, codification, sharing and dissemination of knowledge, in order to leverage individual, group and organizational intellectual capital. Yet little is known about what conditions facilitate the free flow of knowledge to achieve goals such as learning and innovation. It does appear, however, that individual knowledge worker differences, the nature of the knowledge to be shared and the type of knowledge-sharing channels they use play important roles in determining the success of knowledge sharing. The proposed HKI model addresses the factors influencing knowledge sharing at three levels: organization, community of practice and individual. This project focuses on the community level to identify enablers and obstacles to successful knowledge sharing in virtual communities to foster innovation and economic development best practices.

The test beds for this research are part of the Comité national de développement des ressources humaines de la francophonie canadienne, which was founded three years ago with a mandate including, but not limited to, addressing the digital divide that leaves the Acadian and Francophone communities outside Quebec disadvantaged when it comes to sustainable regional development. Over 100 agents are tasked with coordinating regional plans for the community, mobilizing them to promote economic development in such areas as tourism, youth initiatives, rural area development and the creation of a knowledge-based economy. These agents are highly mobile, as they serve a large number of scattered communities across Canada. As such, they constitute a virtual community linked by information and communication technologies.

This research is expected to contribute to the successful nurturing and support of virtual communities in order to promote economic growth as well as to contribute to a more solid sense of identity, linguistic vitality and belonging among the Acadian and French-speaking peoples outside Quebec. It is expected that the key technological enablers identified in this research will serve to “de-ghettoize” the isolated members as well as create a channel...
for the sharing of lessons learned, best practices and innovations for any virtual community.

**STUDENT AWARD**

One of our MLIS students, **Jannah McCarville**, has won the Canadian Library Association (CLA) 20th Student Article Contest for her article "Balancing Access and Privacy in Archives." In addition to the publication of the winning paper in *Feliciter*, the only national magazine dedicated to serving the Canadian library and information services community, she received $150 and free registration, accommodation and transportation to attend the joint Canadian Library Association/British Columbia Library Association conference. The conference was held in Victoria, British Columbia, June 16-19, 2004.

**INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES**

GSLIS continues its involvement in the Indonesia Social Equity Project. Two Indonesian students graduated in 2004 and two are currently enrolled in the MLIS program. **Professor Jamshid Beheshti** visited Indonesia in May to consult with faculty members and to plan the introduction of a new teacher-librarian undergraduate program in the Islamic Institutes in Jakarta and Yogyakarta. The recent MLIS graduates will oversee the implementation of this new initiative.

**FRANCE BOUTHILLIER WINS COMPETIA AWARD**

Just before going to press, we heard that **France Bouthillier**, Acting Director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, has been honoured with a prestigious International Competia Award for 2004. This Award honours professionals excelling in the fields of Competitive Intelligence and Strategic Planning, and recognizes the exceptional dedication, hard work and ingenuity of all professionals working in the field.

Four outstanding professionals and companies were selected by an independent judging panel comprised solely of practitioners in companies. Competia is North America’s leading community portal and magazine in the fields of Competitive Intelligence and Strategic Planning.

*For further information on this award, please go to www.competia.com.*
On May 15, 2004, GSLIS celebrated 100 years of library education at McGill University. The first formal library education program in Canada began in the summer of 1904, with the launching of a summer course by McGill. The program has been continuously accredited by the American Library Association since 1927.

The centenary celebrations began with a keynote speech by Dr. Joanne Gard Marshall, MLS’68, Dean of the School of Information and Library Science and Alumni Distinguished Professor of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, followed by a forum with Professor Peter McNally, Director of the History of McGill Project, Madame Lise Bissonnette, Chief Executive Officer, Bibliothèque nationale du Québec, and Dr. Anthony Masi, Deputy Provost and CIO, McGill University. The guest of honour was the Honourable Member of the Quebec National Assembly, Fatima Houda-Pepin, MLS’81, Distinguished Alumna and Liberal Member for Lapinière. More than 100 alumni and former faculty members attended the celebrations.

In celebrating its 100th year of library education, GSLIS has established a Centenary Scholarship Fund. This fund will enable the School to provide recruitment scholarships to deserving students. To date, we have received $53,000 and are anticipating that alumni contributions to the Fund will reach $100,000 by 2005. If you wish to contribute to the Fund, please make your cheque payable to McGill University and note on the cheque that it is for the GSLIS Centenary Scholarship Fund.

Please mail to:
McGill Alma Mater Fund
McGill University Development Office
1430 Peel Street
Montreal, QC H3A 9Z9
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IN MEMORIAM

Bonney, Frances, MLS’46, at Vancouver, B.C., on February 13, 2004.
Creelman, Margaret W., BLS’32, at Vancouver, B.C., on July 19, 2003.
Carrick, R. Bruce, BLS’36, at Blaine, Wash., on December 28, 2002.
Farmer, Margaret (Bickley), BLS’54, at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., on May 19, 2003.
Field, Stephen, MLIS’87, at St. John’s, Nfld., on October 5, 2003.
Glazer (Guttman), Davida, MLIS’90, on December 30, 2003.
Jiang, Xiao-LLing, MLS’96, on January 5, 2004.
Macdonald, Sara Marion, BLS’52, at Toronto, Ont., on February 15, 2003.
Scheffer (Thomas), E. Claire, BLS’61, at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on February 24, 2003.

Sonia Proudian (1922-2004)

Graduates and friends of the School will be saddened to hear of the death on January 18 of Miss Proudian. Sonia came to Canada in 1961/62 from Egypt, where her family had resettled following the Armenian expulsion from Anatolia. She learned office procedures while working for international agencies in Cairo and Alexandria, and upon arriving in Montreal worked briefly in the Graduate Faculty office, before coming to the School as Administrative Assistant. Until her retirement in 1986, she played a crucial role in the School’s operation, during an era of great change and upheaval. Her efficiency and competence were always appreciated. Even more appreciated were her warm personality, spontaneous sense of humour, and shrewd analysis of people and situations. Lucie Sonia Proudian will long be remembered for the positive role she played in the School over many years.

Peter F. McNally

States to the Great Lakes and, eventually, out their boat from Florida, up the Intracoastal Waterway on the eastern coast of the United States, and then out to B.C. Apart from sailing, Carol’s interests include genealogy, travel, camping and skiing. She feels librarianship has served her well as it gave her an elastic career that adapted to whatever locale she chose to live in.

Tenenbaum, Jeffrey M., MLS’68, retired on December 31, 2003, from his position as Reference Librarian after 31 years of service at the University Library of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Tudor, Dean, MLS’67, is Ryerson University Journalism Professor Emeritus among many other things. In Canada, he has published with the Canadian Library Association, Peter Martin Associates, McClelland & Stewart, Bar Magazine, the International Wine and Food Society, The Downtown, Wine Tidings, Sympatico.ca, and Toronto Life. Dean is also the Founding Editor of Canadian Book Review Annual, a music author with 30 volumes to his credit, and Informatics Consultant-Writer with SOURCES since 1983. He has won over a dozen unsolicited awards, and you can see his entry in Canadian Who’s Who (University of Toronto Press, 1983*). Dean produces his World Wine Watch Online at www.deantudor.com, covering hospitality trade events, news, food and wine books.

Lochhead, Douglas G., MLS’51, has had a very extensive library career. Starting off at Victoria College at the University of Toronto as a librarian in 1951, he went to Dalhousie, and was then appointed University Librarian and Assistant Professor of English at Massey College, York University. He was the Founding Librarian at the University of Toronto, as well as a Professor of English at U of T’s University College. From 1975-1987, he was Davidson Professor of Canadian Studies and Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University, where he was also Writer in Residence from 1987 to 1990. Douglas has published more than 20 volumes of poetry, the most recent being Midgic: a place, a poem, and was appointed as Poet Laureate for Sackville, New Brunswick in 2003.

Vespy, Arthur, MLS’58, is pleased to announce that his daughter M. Anne Vespy has com-

completed a degree at King’s College (Halifax) and working towards a career in acting.

Funke, Betty Gordon, MLS’47, released a book, Tweed Curtain Pioneers, in September 2004. Betty has enjoyed doing research, which took a few years, and she will soon be working on another book.

de Stricker, Ulla, MLS’77, explains what she’s doing at www.destricker.com.

Lambert, Deborah (Berenbaum), MLS’73, is currently, and has been for the past eight years, the Manager of Library Services at the Scarborough Hospital in Toronto. She and her husband have just returned home from a Baltic Cruise — her passion for traveling is as strong as when she was in library school. Deborah has one daughter working on a PhD in Psychology, and another who has just graduated with her Bachelor of Education from Queen’s University. She still loves her work but looks forward to early retirement. She still chuckles every now and then when she thinks of library school, where she and many of her classmates would be crocheting in class!

Vanherzeel, Brigitte, MLS’77, after spending some 20 years as a cataloguer at the National Library of Canada, is now an acquisition librarian there, responsible for the legal deposit of English monographs. Brigitte loves Montreal and is always happy to come back for a visit several times a year.

Wilson, Cairine, MLS’77, has traveled a very different road than expected since graduating in 1977. She completed her MBA at Queen’s University in 1980, moved to Toronto and has lived there ever since while pursuing a career in marketing and communications. Cairine has worked at a number of companies and organizations, including Braun, Gilbey, the Financial Post newspaper, and the Canadian Automobile Association. She is currently VP (Member Services) at the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, and publisher of CA Magazine. Cairine and her husband have recently restored a large Arts and Crafts house west of the city. She would love to hear from her colleagues and catch up and can be reached via email at cairine.wilson@cica.ca.

Jacquard, Sylvia (Newcome), MLS’85, her husband Stillman, and children Lindsay and Alexander will be spending a year in British Columbia. Stillman is doing his doctorate in psychology and Sylvia is looking for a library job that will put her 18 years as a school

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Lochhead, Douglas G., MLS’51,

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Goodger-Hill, Carol, MLS’63,

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Cheung, Cheuk, MLS’72,

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Jacquard, Sylvia (Newcome), MLS’85,
librarian to good use. The family moved from Nova Scotia to UBC student housing at the end of July and are enjoying Vancouver. Sylvia would love to hear from any Vancouver area classmates. Her email address is sjacquar@staf.ednet.ns.ca.

Kiddell, Dawn, MLS’89, is currently Chief Librarian of the Cornwall Public Library in Ontario. She is married with two daughters, Sophie, 8, and Chloe, 12. Dawn has taken up marathon running and is currently looking forward to running the New York City Marathon in November.

Paris, André, MLS’84, started his career at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, at the Jean-Léon Allie Library, in October 1986. André has been Chief Librarian there since July 1, 2003.

Simard, Claire, MLS’87, worked as a Business Librarian for many years in Montreal. She mostly worked part time, while she raised her four children. In 1999 her husband was posted to Tokyo, Japan, where they still live with three of their children. The fourth started her BSc at McGill last year. Claire worked in Tokyo for two years, in an international school as a Teacher-Librarian, with children from 30 different nationalities. She loved it! Claire is now a member of the Association of Librarians in Tokyo, where she is learning a lot about information science in Japan. She is also an active member of the College Women Association in Japan. Claire is always happy to spend some time in Montreal during the summer, and enjoys browsing in the McGill Bookstore when she’s here.

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Boyle, Christina-Anne, MLS’92, now lives in Ottawa, Ontario, and is the Collection Development Librarian for the Courts Administration Service.

Burpee, K. Jane, MLS’97, is the Manager of Reference and Information Literacy at the University of Guelph, and she loves it! Jane also continues to teach courses at Lakehead University through distance education.

Calarco, Pascal, MLS’95, and Mary Hormann, MLS’96, moved to South Bend, Ind., in July 2004, from Richmond, Va. Pascal started working at the University of Notre Dame as Head of Library Systems for Notre Dame and three smaller private colleges in the area on July 1. Pascal and Mary are also happy to belatedly announce that their second child, Pascal John Calarco, was born on May 17, 2004. PJ is doing well, along with his older sister, Christina, and both are enjoying their proximity to the local zoo two blocks away. Mary has been a “stay-at-home mom” since November 2002, and is enjoying that role, as well as curating the sizeable and expanding online photo albums they continue to amass. Pascal and Mary would love to hear from old McGill friends, and can be reached at pcalarco@nd.edu (Pascal) and mary.horman@sbcglobal.net (Mary).

Chen, Huiyuan, MLS’97, is doing very well at Queens Library in New York as a Children’s Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager.

Cox, Ann, MLS’92, continues to work at the Environmental Commissioner’s Office. Last summer she published a paper entitled “Curse of the Mummy” in Lancet. She has finally learned to drive and is looking forward to her upcoming holiday in Israel and Egypt.

Figueira, Kim, MLS’99, is an Electronic Resources Librarian with the Government of Canada in Ottawa.

Manion, Kevin, MLS’97, was promoted to Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Information Services at Consumers Union/Consumer Reports in New York, in November 2003. Kevin has been with Consumers Union since May 2000, as Manager of the Information Centre. This new position brings together all research functions at C/UCR. Kevin has a staff of over 20 with responsibilities that include archives, records management and connecting content research with competitive intelligence and strategic planning. Kevin has also been active in SLA in New York and was a member of a panel at the Nashville Conference in June 2004. His talk was entitled “The Three Pillars of an Information Center: Research, Records, and Archives.” At the June conference, he took over the role of Secretary of the Business and Finance Division - SLA’s largest division.

Ogilvie, Michel, MLS’95, is the librarian at the American School of Bangkok’s Bangna campus.

Romeltl, Ann, MLS’92, is the Library Bibliographic Training Coordinator with the Morisset Library at the University of Ottawa.

Tredwell, Susannah (Hough), MLS’95, is now working as a law librarian in Vancouver.

Troide, Teresa, MLS’90, has been an Information Specialist at Canadian National Railway for the past six years. Job sharing gave her time to spend with her family and to enjoy her hobbies of gardening and tennis in the summer, and skiing and badminton in the winter. Since she and her husband moved from Pointe Claire, Quebec, to Apple Hill, Ontario, Teresa has been acquainting herself with local history and attractions in Eastern Ontario and Ottawa, where her son lives. In the near future Teresa hopes to travel more.

Van Lith, Yvonne, MLS’92, is currently the Coordinator of the Sunnyside Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. She performs public service, current and retrospective collection development and branch administrative duties as well as personnel administrative duties. From 1992 to 2001, Yvonne resided in the US, thanks to the free trade agreement, working in a variety of different librarian positions. She moved back to Canada in January 2001 to work as a Branch Manager with the Markham Public Library. In May 2002 she received her Advanced Graduate Diploma in Management (AGDM) from the Centre for Innovative Management at the University of Athabasca (via online). Yvonne hopes to return to her studies this year and complete an MBA. Since moving to Ottawa in February 2002, she has been able to spend more time with her wonderful son, who is starting grade one this year.

Whattam, Marie, MLS’94, is the Program Officer of the Employment Equity Branch for the Public Service-Human Resource Management Agency of Canada. Fellow grads can reach her at: whattam.marie@hmc-aghr.gc.ca.

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Abramovitch, Tanya, MLS’00, is the Section Head of Public Services for the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Library.
Baker, Matthew, MLIS’03, began working as head of technical services at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2004. Matthew and his wife Karin are proud to announce the birth of Chloé Elizabeth Baker, on October 14 at Sainte-Croix hospital in Metz, France.

Bromby, Daniel, MLIS’00, has been hired as Reference Librarian (tenure stream) at Bishop’s University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Canuel, Robin, MLIS’02, is the Librarian/Administrative Technician at the Centre for Nursing Research, Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital.

Cohen, Leah, MLIS’01, has been working as a cataloguer at Library and Archives Canada since November 2001, and specializes in Judaica. Leah recently wrote an article for the LAC Bulletin on Prof. Mary Jane Edwards, a researcher who has been an intense user of Judaica. Leah recently wrote an article for the Judaica. Leah recently wrote an article for the Judaica.

Coombs, Jon, MLIS’04, is a Digital Archives Information Specialist with CISTI-NRC and is a member of the CLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Edwards, Brendan Frederick R., MLIS’00, is a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at the University of Saskatchewan. Brendan has a forthcoming book to be published with Scarecrow Press on matters relating to libraries, entitled Paper Talk: Print Culture and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada before 1960.

Guo, Rulling, MLIS’03, is a Health Sciences Librarian working at the Eli M. Oboler Library at Idaho State University.

Herrick, Fritz, MLIS’01, was the reference intern at the International Labour Organization Library in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2003. He is currently working as a Technical Services Librarian at New Brunswick Public Library Services in Fredericton.

Kim, Hana, MLIS’03, is a Korean Studies Librarian at the University of Toronto’s Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library.

Lynch, Monica, MLS’02, is living in Stockholm, Sweden, with her husband Christian, where she is employed by the Nobel Museum. In May 2004 she welcomed the arrival of her daughter Kate and is enjoying a year-long maternity leave.

Minor, Carolyn, MLIS’04, showed up in Winnipeg on blind faith and within two weeks had found a temporary reference position at the University of Manitoba and been offered the Information Literacy Internship at the University of Winnipeg. In addition to the information literacy instruction she will be doing, she may be involved in maintaining the library’s website and managing electronic resources. Fellow grads can reach her at c.minor@uwinnipeg.ca.

Morrone, Melissa, MLIS’02, has been working at the Brooklyn Heights branch of the Brooklyn (NY) Public Library since October 2002. She has been volunteering with Books through Bars, a group that sends requested books to people incarcerated throughout the U.S.A. Melissa lives in the rocking borough of Brooklyn.

Quinta, Ana, MLIS’02, spent the two months following graduation in Europe. She feels very fortunate to be working at the Library of Parliament in Ottawa, a great environment with plenty of action and wonderful colleagues. The latest news for Ana is that she and Fred were engaged last December. Fellow grads can reach Ana by emailing her at a_quinta@yahoo.es.

Rader, Conrad, MLIS’00, joined the team at the Niles District Library in Niles, Mich., as the manager of the Adult Services Department in August 2003. He married Heidi Ardizzone, a professor at Notre Dame University, in May 2004.

Serban, Daniela, MLIS’03, is working as an indexer for Micromedia ProQuest, where she has many responsibilities, including appraising, selecting and indexing English and French articles from medical, technical and scientific journals, newspapers and magazines for Canada’s premier database — Canadian Business & Current Affairs. On a more personal note, Daniela is enjoying her new house and has fallen in love with gardening.

Thorneloe, Karen, MLIS’04, has been hired as a tenure-stream, full-time Reference Librarian at Bishop’s University. She will also continue to catalogue music (scores, sound recordings) and videos as part of her job.

Willis, Helen, MLIS’03, is a Donor Research Associate with McGill’s Development and Alumni Relations Office.

Wong, Ming, MLIS’00, and her husband Tim Ralston are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Addison Cain Ralston was born on May 29, 2003, at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, DC. Addison was 6 lbs, 4 oz. and 19 inches long at birth, and he’s now a happy, bouncing baby boy who keeps his mom and dad very busy. He likes visiting Canada, even in the winter!

Zhang, Xiaohong, MLIS’03, started working right after graduation, as a GIS/Map Librarian in Minneapolis, a job which she enjoys very much. Her baby, William, who was born seven days before the 2003 convocation, has turned into a talkative toddler. Xiaohong would like to share her family’s joy with her fellow MLIS alumni.