Annual Report 2004
ARLIS/ Midstates Chapter

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Chapter website: http://php.indiana.edu/~edowell/midstates/home.html

Chapter minutes are available at: http://php.indiana.edu/~edowell/midstates/news.html

Meetings:

The Chapter's spring meeting took place during the Annual ARLIS/NA conference in New York City. Nineteen members attended. The chapter presented its first William Bunce Travel Award to Kathleen Lonbom, a graduate student at Illinois State University. The award was given in honor of longtime Midstates and ARLIS/NA member Bill Bunce, who was the librarian at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Kohler Art Library. Jane Devine-Mejia, University of Notre Dame, gave an update on a donation of books to Kosovo. The books were returned, and suggestions for new donation sites were taken. Jane will investigate. The proposal to bring the ARLIS/NA conference to Indianapolis was discussed, and attendees unanimously agreed that the Chapter should proceed with submitting a proposal.

The fall meeting was at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, hosted by B.J. Irvine and Eileen Fry. Seventeen members attended. In the morning, we toured the Kinsey Institute of Sex, Gender and Reproduction, focusing on the art collection. In the afternoon, curator Nan Brewer gave a tour of the IU Art Museum exhibit “Pressure Points: Recent Prints from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer…”
During the business meeting, the nominating committee presented their recommendations for next year's leadership and opened the floor to any other nominations. Alba Fernandez-Keys, and Sonja Staum volunteered for the travel award committee. Bethany Sewell (Indiana University) volunteered to host and maintain the chapter’s web site. The majority of the meeting was devoted to discussions of the 2008 ARLIS/NA conference, to be hosted by the chapter in Indianapolis. Several chapter members have already volunteered for conference planning positions, and volunteers for other positions will be solicited.

Marsha Stevens from the University of Notre Dame announced that the University will advertise the position of Art and Architecture Librarian beginning in January for hiring by July 1st 2005 (to replace Jane Devine.) Amy Trendler announced that Elizabeth Schmoefer is very excited to host the chapter’s Fall 2005 meeting at the Milwaukee Art Museum. There will be a curator’s tour of the exhibition of artworks from the Viennese Albertina Museum, and a tour of the new museum building.

Other activities:

The highlight of the chapter’s year was the successful bid to host the annual ARLIS/NA conference in Indianapolis in 2008. A conference planning committee is already in the works.

Membership— In an effort to reach out to students in regional LIS programs, emails were sent to schools that offer a degree in Library Science, advertising our meeting and inviting any interested students to attend the Fall meeting. Several email responses were received, and a few students joined us for the meeting.

Issues for the Board:

The chapter voted to donate $400 to the welcome party in Houston.