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**NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY SIMMONS  
GRADUTE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

BOSTON (Oct. 2, 2009) – The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) in Boston announces the appointment of four new faculty members.

The new faculty are Naresh Agarwal, a specialist in information seeking behavior and context; Mary Wilkins Jordan, a specialist in management and international and cross-cultural perspectives; Katherine Wisser, a specialist in archives and information organization; and Fran Zilonis, a specialist in school libraries and instructional technology. Agarwal, Wilkins Jordan, and Wisser join GSLIS as assistant professors. Zilonis is a visiting faculty member.

Agarwal is completing his Ph.D at the National University of Singapore's School of Computing. From 2007 to 2009, Agarwal served as chairman of the Association of Pacific-Rim Universities Doctoral Students' Network (APRU DSN), comprised of Ph.D. students from 42 leading research universities. Prior to entering the Ph.D. program, he worked for six years in the voice-over-IP, bioinformatics, and digital cinema industries.

Wilkins Jordan comes from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she is completing the doctoral program in its school of information and library science. Prior to teaching in management and international and cross-cultural perspectives at UNC, she served as the library director at the North Chicago (Ill.) Public Library and the head of administrative services at the Kenosha (Wisc.) Public Library. She has published articles in *Public Libraries* and *Public Library Quarterly*, and has had chapters accepted for inclusion in two textbooks. Wilkins Jordan holds a J.D. from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and worked as an attorney before earning her master's in library science from the University of Wisconsin.

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Wisser also comes from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she earned her Ph.D. and her master's in library and information science. She also holds a master's degree in early American history from the University of New Hampshire. Wisser previously served as the metadata coordinator for North Carolina ECHO, a statewide program supporting the use of appropriate metadata by member institutions to ensure online access to cultural heritage information facilitation, workshop instruction, and individual institutional consultation. Wisser's articles have been published in journals including *Library HiTech* and *Library Resources and Technical Services*. She currently sits on the editorial board of the *Journal of Library Metadata*.

Zilonis, who was named one of the library field's most innovative and influential thinkers by *School Library Journal* in 2005, has more than 30 years of experience in school libraries and instructional technology. She has held positions as director of information technology for the Newton Public Schools, and professor and chair of secondary education and professional programs at Bridgewater State College. Most recently, she served as the vice principal of academic affairs at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Mass. Zilonis received her M.Ed. in school librarianship from Bridgewater State College, and her Ed.D. in educational media and technology from Boston University.

The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science ([www.simmons.edu/gslis](http://www.simmons.edu/gslis)) is one of the oldest and largest library and information science programs in the nation. GSLIS is ranked among the nation's top 10 schools of library and information studies by *U.S. News & World Report*. Founded in 1899, Simmons College ([www.simmons.edu](http://www.simmons.edu)) is a nationally recognized university located in the heart of Boston.

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