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Beta Phi Mu Award recipient named

Kathryn Luther Henderson, professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is the 1993 recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) Beta Phi Mu Award.

The award, \$500 and a citation donated by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society, is for distinguished service in library education.

"Professor Henderson was selected because of her outstanding service to education for librarianship and in recognition of her distinguished record of teaching and service," said Mimi Penchansky, chair of the Beta Phi Mu Award Committee. "She has defined an uncommon level of excellence and has challenged and inspired a generation of librarians and library educators."

Henderson is noted as a "master teacher who is student-centered with a passion for currency." As early as 1971, she introduced students to instructional modules that required the use of computers. Henderson continued to incorporate new technologies into her courses while at the same time imparting to students an understanding of the history, procedures and goals of cataloging, classification, technical services and preservation.

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She has worked as a serial cataloger and clerical assistant in the Catalog Department at the University of Illinois Library and as head cataloger and circulation librarian at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

An ALA member since 1950, Henderson is also a member of the Illinois Library Association, the American Association of University Professors, the American Theological Library Association, the American Society for Information Science and the Association for Library and Information Science Education. She also serves on the Editorial Board of Cataloging & Classification Quarterly.

Henderson was a founding member of Beta Phi Mu and served as the first national secretary. She was honored by the entire faculty and student body at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching in 1991. Henderson has appeared on the university's list of teachers ranked excellent by their students 32 times in the last decade.

She has bachelor's and master's degrees in library science from the University of Illinois.

The award will be presented at the Inaugural Banquet during the 1993 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 24-July 1.