



URI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
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## URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies Presents:

### *Now That We Have the Internet, Why Do We Still Need Libraries?*



# ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday, March 26, 2010  
 URI University Club  
 Upper College Road  
 Kingston, RI 02881



### Keynote Speaker

Mr. Howard Boksenbaum

With forty years of experience and a career that has taken him across the world, Howard Boksenbaum is no stranger to the challenges that librarians face daily. With a history of leadership in the areas of access services, technical services, and interlibrary loan, Howard has an outstanding record of moving communities and libraries forward by embracing the technology available to them.

In a time where many people believe the digital age has rendered librarians insignificant, Howard would argue that we are more necessary than ever. Our role may be changing, but that is because our access to information has multiplied exponentially-not because we are unnecessary in today's society.

Howard knows that times are tough for New England libraries right now. Just in his tenure as Chief Library Officer of the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), he has dealt with political hurdles and economic fallout that almost forced Rhode Island libraries to close their doors just when they are needed most. But, he does see hope for the future. And much of that future relies on our successfully integrating the internet into our services and foundation.

Join us for a provocative discussion about Howard's vision for library service in the new millennium.

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## The Program

- 5:00 Beta Phi Mu Initiation  
Reception, with cash bar
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Greeting from the Director  
Graduates of the year:
- Frederick Stielow
  - Aaron Coutu
- Scholarships and awards, including:
- Elizabeth Futas Scholar
  - Stewart P. Schneider Scholar
  - Patricia E. Jensen Scholar
  - Frank Iacono Scholar
  - Mattoon-Kline Scholar
  - RI Coalition of Library Advocates
  - H.W. Wilson Scholars
  - SLA/RI Scholars
- 7:30 Keynote Speaker:  
Howard Boksenbaum  
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## The Committee

Donna Gilton, Faculty, Chair  
Naomi Caldwell, Faculty  
Melissa Chiavaroli, Student  
Gale Eaton, Director

## Directions

**From the north:** Take Exit 9 from Route 95 south to Route 4; it will merge into Route 1. Remain on Route 1 until you see the exit for Route 138 west, URI. Stay on Route 138 for about four miles and turn right onto Upper College Road at the second light.

**From the south:** Take Exit 3A, Kingston, from Route 95 north to Route 138 for about fifteen miles and then take a left at the lights onto Upper College Road.

**Once on campus:** The URI University Club will be on your right, between Chapel Road and Bills Road. There are parking lots off Chapel Road (close), behind the U Club from Bills Road (very close) and behind the Fine Arts Center on Bills Road (large).

**Map:** <http://www.uri.edu/home/campus/>

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## Registration

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Annual Gathering for:

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Name Class year

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E-mail

Current GSLIS students, \$20; alumni, faculty and friends, \$40; adopt a student, \$20 (your donation is tax deductible)

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Student	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
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Please indicate choice(s) of entrée:

Blackened Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Choice New York Sirloin: \_\_\_\_\_

Cranberry Orange Glazed Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Eggplant Parmesan: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees are served with soup or garden salad, potato, vegetable, and bread, and followed by dessert with coffee or tea. Please indicate if you require a vegetarian or non-allergenic alternative.

Checks should be made payable to GSLIS and mailed to GSLIS, University of Rhode Island, Rodman Hall, 94 West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881, by March 12<sup>th</sup>.