

Shaena Engle, engle@gseis.ucla.edu
(310) 206-5951

For Immediate Use
Sept. 21, 2005

UCLA Alumnus Offers Challenge to Other Library and Information Science Graduates

Kenneth Karmiole, proprietor of Kenneth Karmiole, Bookseller Inc., has pledged a gift of up to \$40,000 to the Library and Information Science Alumni Association Fellowship at UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, as a match to gifts received by Dec. 31. Karmiole received his master's of library science from the School of Library Service in 1971.

"The program provides a comprehensive field of study in information, covering how it is created, identified, managed, structured, accessed and preserved," Karmiole said. "Additionally, it allows students to obtain an extensive understanding of a specialized field, enabling them to pursue a career which fits their individual interests. I created the challenge to encourage others to contribute and promote this outstanding program."

The Karmiole Fellowship, endowed by Karmiole in 2002, supports one student each year in the field of rare books and manuscripts.

"The support of our alumni is vital to maintaining our leading role in training top information professionals," said UCLA professor Anne Gilliland, information studies chair. "Generous gifts such as these truly make a difference, both in the lives of our students and the communities that they will serve upon graduation."

Successful completion of Karmiole's challenge gift will increase the association fellowship's annual award to five times its current amount.

Gifts should be made payable to: The UCLA Foundation, Fund No. 9236, and can be sent to the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies Development Office at P.O. Box 24209, Los Angeles, CA 90099.

For more information on the Library and Information Science Alumni Association Fellowship, call (310) 206-0375.

About the school

One of 11 professional schools at UCLA, the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies consists of two academic departments, the department of education and the

2-2-2 Library & Information Science

department of information studies. The Graduate School of Education was founded in 1939 and was UCLA's first professional school. The School of Library Service was founded in 1958. The two schools merged in 1994, forming the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

UCLA is the only major research university in the country that combines departments of education and information studies. The school shares its findings with practicing educators and information professionals through classes, seminars and workshops offered at UCLA and in the community, and through reports, studies and articles featured in publications nationwide.

The school is home to the highly respected nationwide survey of college freshmen, the CIRP (Cooperative Institutional Research Program), published annually in mid-January; and the Corinne A. Seeds University Elementary School, the only university-based pre-kindergarten through sixth grade laboratory school in the country.

The Graduate School of Education & Information Studies is the No. 1-ranked public graduate school of education in the nation (No. 2 overall, following Harvard), according to U.S. News & World Report's 2005 survey.

-UCLA-

SE439