BARBARA BURNS MORAN, class of 1966, today we honor your teaching and scholarship in the field of academic library leadership.

At Mount Holyoke, you majored in English literature. Your education continued at Emory University, where you earned a master's degree in librarianship. In 1982, you earned a Ph.D. in library science from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

In 1981, you were hired as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Information and Library Science. You quickly established yourself not only as a gifted teacher, but also as a leader in the burgeoning field of library and information center management. Between 1990 and 1998, you served as dean of the School of Information and Library Science and, during your tenure, you added an undergraduate minor program, increased graduate enrollment by 32 percent, and doubled the school’s endowment. In 2000, you stepped forward to assume the position of interim dean during an important transition period for the school. Last year, you were appointed its first Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor.

Over the years, you have garnered other prestigious honors. In 1996, the Association for Library and Information Science Education named you its H. W. Wilson Scholar. As such, you traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, to work with the State Academy of Culture. A decade later, you were named a Fulbright Senior Specialist and participated in a project at the Institute for Library and Information Studies at Charles University in Prague.

An active scholar, you have penned more than seventy journal articles and book chapters. You are the coauthor of Library and Information Center Management, a textbook now in its seventh edition. Used by library science programs worldwide, it has been translated into Romanian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. Your recent research examines the evolution of library management through an in-depth case study of the Bodleian Library at Oxford University.

Your commitment to your field is exemplary and includes serving on boards and committees for the American Library Association, the Library Research Round Table, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Association of Library and Information Science Education. Likewise, you have consistently reached out to support public libraries, book groups, and literacy initiatives, both in Chapel Hill and throughout the state.

Over the course of your illustrious career, you have educated and inspired future generations of library professionals—in turn, all of us are the beneficiaries of your life’s work. In recognition of your exceptional teaching and scholarship, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present you with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award.

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