

# Josephine Riss Fang

## Endowed Scholarship Fund Brunch

*April 17, 2024*

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# The Josephine Riss Fang Endowed Scholarship

*For generations to come, the Josephine Riss Fang Endowed Scholarship will continue to inspire and support Simmons University students who share her passion for library and information science. Her scholarship is specifically intended for “students seeking to earn a doctorate or master’s degree with a focus on international librarianship or preservation and conservation.”*



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*During her distinguished two-decade career at Simmons (1968-1989), Dr. Fang taught and pursued research at the School of Library and Information Science, where she was the first woman promoted to full professor. The many courses she taught included cataloguing, preservation, and international librarianship, among others. Professor Fang also advanced her field through active participation in many professional organizations including the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, and the Women's National Book Association, which she served as president of the Boston chapter.*



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Created through a broad-based community effort, the fund includes more than 80 donors who were connected to Dr. Josephine Riss Fang in a variety of ways.





# Scholarship Recipients

'15 Carrie L. McNeal  
'16-17 Jenny Rae Bailey  
'17-18 India Pasiuk  
'19 Taelour Cornett  
'19 Kayla Cottingham  
'19 Christina Galanti  
'19 Jennifer Jordan  
'20 Ruby T. O'Connor  
'20-21 Jossel Kay M. Franco  
'21-22 Carolyn J. Polis

'22 Rowan Lowell  
'22-23 Brigidh G. Duffey  
'22-23 Erin Hopkins  
'22-'23 Haley A. Schmidt  
'23 Hannah Garrod  
'23 Mikaela Hamilton  
'24 Chloe-Marie Cabaret-Salameh  
'24 Sarah Y. Chen  
'24 Eli L. Levine  
'24 Isabella M. Rodrigues





***Eli Levine***

Graduate Student Library and Information Science  
Archives Management

“The classes I have taken so far made more affordable by my Fang Scholarship, have already broadened my knowledge as it relates to collections building, development, policy, and other key concepts ... Thank you so much for your generosity, it made my decision to attend Simmons easier. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. Your contribution is making a significant difference in my life and future prospects.”





***Sarah Chen***

Graduate Student Library and Information Science  
School Library Teacher

“The Fang scholarship has been instrumental in alleviating a significant financial burden for me and my family, allowing me to pursue my academic and professional aspirations with greater focus and determination. Your generosity has not only lightened our financial load but has also instilled a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation within us. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity you have provided me and am committed to making the most of it as I work towards achieving my goals. Thank you for believing in me and investing in my future.”



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***Chloé-Marie Cabaret-Salameh***

Graduate Student Library and Information Science  
Cultural Heritage Informatics

“With the Fang scholarship, I have been able to pursue my studies at Simmons without this kind of worry and the sadness that it entails. Being able to receive an education is so special to me, a gift in any context, and I am grateful beyond words for this gift, which has helped me pursue my education and is setting me on a solid path toward a future career that will allow me to find and give joy. A simple ‘thank you’ doesn’t feel sufficient, but I hope that I have been able to express my gratitude.”



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***Isabella Rodrigues***

Graduate Student Library and Information Science  
Archive Concentration

“Simmons provides an incredible hands-on experience! I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to my donor! Without the donors and the Fang Scholarship, none of this would be possible. I intend to carry on their goodwill as I give back to my community!”







*“Ich habe immer nicht so sehr in der Gegenwart gelebt  
sondern habe immer in die Zukunft geschaut. Ich war immer  
einen Schritt voraus.”*

“I have always lived not so  
much in the present but  
have always looked towards  
the future. I always was one  
step ahead.”





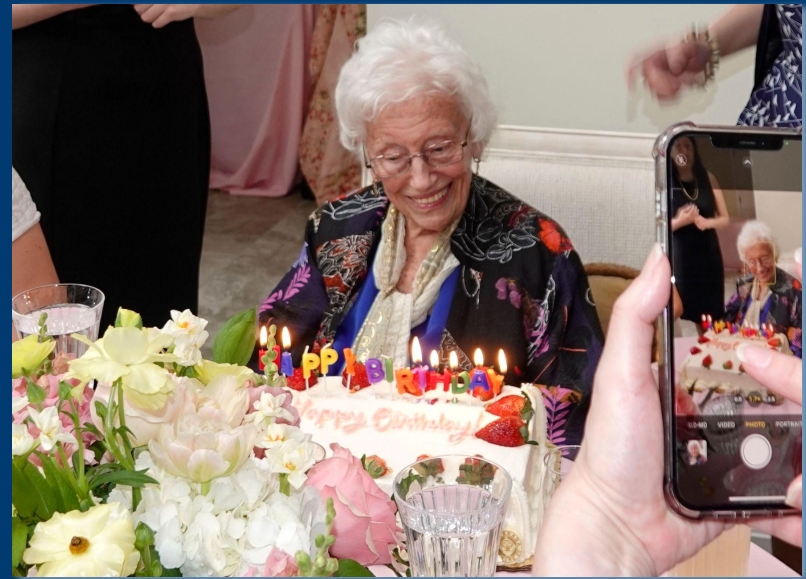
“The War brought bombing and that was perhaps the worst experience in my life. To be in the confines of an air raid shelter or several stories underground, completely helpless and hearing the thuds of the falling bombs sounding closer and closer, is an unforgettable and frightening experience. I vowed then that I would never complain of anything in life, if I only get out alive and I have kept this promise throughout my life.”

-Josephine Riss Fang

*“My dream was to go to America to study there. The first time I applied I was rejected and advised to finish my studies. I was crestfallen, but it was the best thing that happened to me, for without a PhD I would not have been able to have my career here.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang







*“As I was engaged I could have come to America as a war bride, but it was important for me to come on my own to see America. I received a postgraduate scholarship to the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and came in 1950.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang





*“My dissertation was approved and I passed the oral exams. The graduation I consider a highlight in my life. This is an achievement due to your own persistent work and research and nothing equals it. Most of all, it made my mother very happy.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang









*“I was very fortunate that I was able to have a great family and also a very rewarding career. This is also thanks to all their hard work and the example of Paul, who has always supported me professionally and set an example to share in the work that has to be done.”*

**-Josephine Riss Fang**





*“I went through the American school system through my children. I have always appreciated how much I learned from my children, having entered American education at the graduate studies level.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang

*“Teaching, research and involvement in professional organizations were most rewarding, especially the contact with our very intelligent and motivated students. I am very grateful for the patience and understanding of my family, when our huge dining room table was covered with papers, galley and page proofs of my publications, so that eating was relegated to the kitchen for some time.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang







*“Being internationally involved helped me being a better teacher and gave me an opportunity to meet colleagues from many countries, some of whom became lifelong friends. In this respect, Paul and I gave each other much space and encouraged each other professionally.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang





Red crosses: IFLA trips – Purple crosses: other trips

#### International Trips

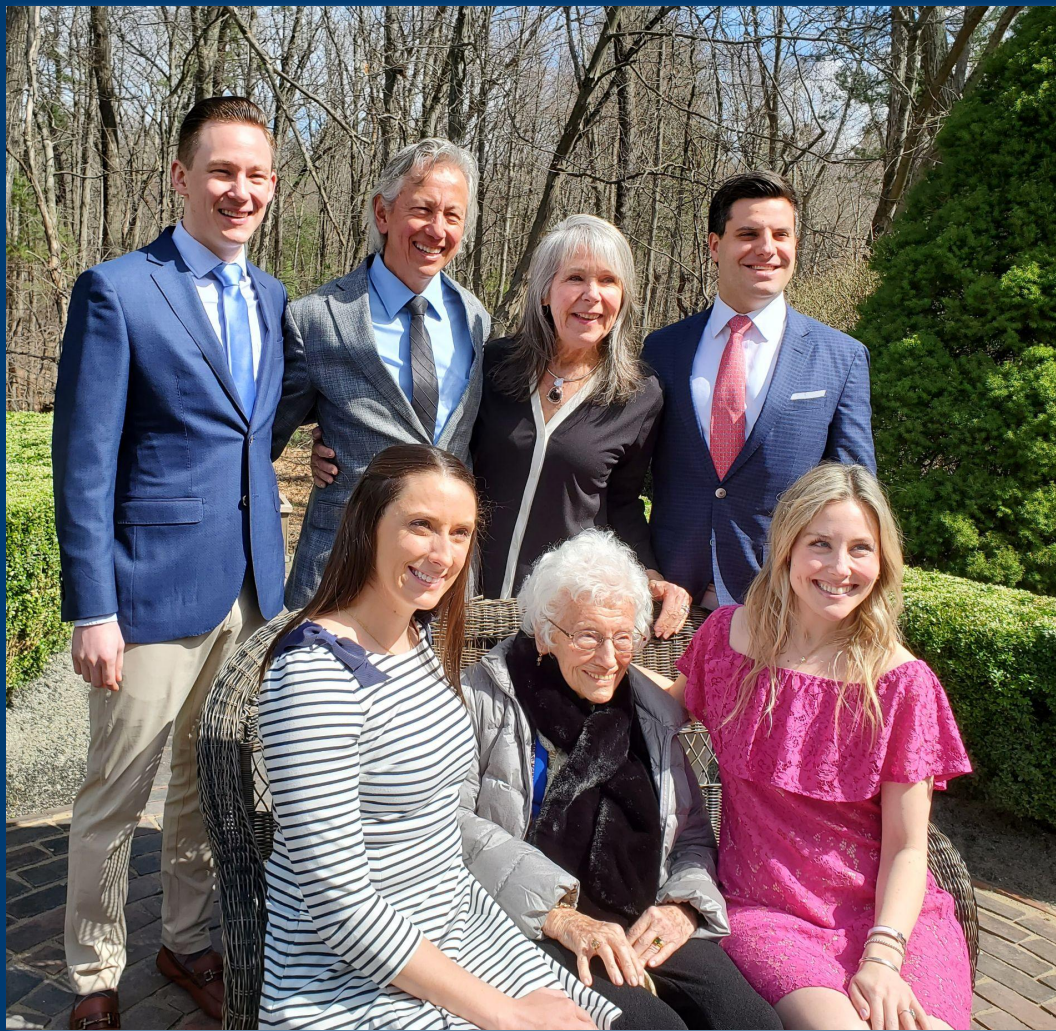
Austria	17	Japan	2
Western Europe	18	Philippines	1
Eastern Europe	6	Australia	1
Russia	1	Kenya	1
China	11	Brazil	1

**over 671,000 miles!**

Professor Fang's  
Global  
Travel for the  
International  
Federation of  
Library  
Associations  
and Institutions







*“At Simmons I was able to introduce new courses that were of great interest to me and I believed to be relevant today. Among them, International Librarianship and Preservation Management. I am very grateful to my children, who established a Scholarship in these areas under my name and I wish to thank those who made a contribution to this lasting memorial. I also appreciate the support of Dean Emeritus Robert Stueart and Dean Michele Cloonan, who is an expert in the field of preservation.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang









*“Throughout my life I had the benefit of mentors and friends who deserve my deep gratitude.”*

-Josephine Riss Fang

*“Life is a continuous learning experience and the older I get the more I realize how little one knows and how much there is still to learn! Life itself is a great gift, it is beautiful, be grateful for family and friends and count your blessings; above all, don’t lose your sense of humor!”*

-Josephine Riss Fang





