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ANN ARBOR: 'Places & Spaces: Mapping Science' opens March 7 at U of M Library

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The University of Michigan Library will host the exhibit "Places & Spaces: Mapping Science" March 7 through May 24 at the Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery.

An opening reception will be held March 10 in the Library Gallery, with guest speaker Katy Börner.

Are you interested in seeing science from above, curious to see what impact one single person or invention can have or keen to find pockets of innovation? Are you desperate for better tools to manage the information flood, or are you simply fascinated by maps?

"The Places & Spaces: Mapping Science" exhibit was created to demonstrate the power of maps to navigate and manage not only physical places but also abstract topic spaces. It introduces knowledge mapping techniques to the general public.

The exhibit is meant to inspire cross-disciplinary discussion on how to best track and communicate human activity and scientific progress on a global scale.

Several University of Michigan faculty created maps included in the exhibit: Santiago Schnell, molecular and integrative physiology; Lada Adamic, school of information; M.E.J. Newman, physics; Jeff Horon, medical school; Helena Buhr, Natalie Cotton and Jason Owen-Smith, sociology and organizational studies.

March 7 through May 24, the Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery will display the exhibit, which features more than 60 maps, interactive globes, illuminated diagrams, hands-on activities for children and adults and a wealth of information for researchers and map enthusiasts.

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. March 10 in the Library Gallery. Börner, the curator of the "Places & Spaces" exhibit and a professor with the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University, Bloomington, will speak from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. Both the exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://scimaps.org>.

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