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Places & Spaces Exhibit at The New York Public Library



Places & Spaces: Mapping Science is the title of an exhibit that is by SLIS faculty member, **Katy Börner**, and Deborah MacPherson, Accuracy&Aesthetics. The exhibit will be in the Science, Industry and Library, Healy Hall of The New York Public Library (NYPL) - 188 Madis at 34th Street, New York, NY. The exhibition advisor is John Ganly, As Director for Collections, NYPL.

Places & Spaces: Mapping Science uses maps, diagrams, and globe create a navigable landscape tracing and charting developments in science.

The Opening Reception is on April 3, 2006, 6:00-7:30 p.m. with the exhibit continuing through 31, 2006. Indiana University SLIS students and staff attending the opening with Dr. Börner incl Herr (software developer), John Burgoon (Master of Information Science student), and Todd Hc (Computer Science Ph.D. student).

A printable brochure about the exhibit is available on the **New York Public Library website**.

A quote from the brochure highlights a need that the exhibit is trying to address:

Today, mankind's scholarly knowledge is stored in an exponentially increasing number papers, books, emails, and other formats. Neither man nor machine can process this enormous amount of data. Hence, most knowledge gets reinvented, is duplicated across sciences, or is simply lost forever after a short period of time. To survive as a species, need to utilize our collective knowledge to preserve our planet. Our aim beyond survival should be to enable every human being to live a healthy, productive, and fulfilling life.

The online version of the exhibit with detailed descriptions of many more maps and their maker schedule of showings, and a listing of the exhibit's advisory board is at <http://vw.indiana.edu/places&spaces/>

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