SLIS Faculty News

Gel "Good Experience Live" 2006 in New York City

SLIS faculty member Katy Börner was both a speaker and an exhibit host for the Gel 2006 conference, May 4-5 in New York City. Elisha Hardy, IU Fine Arts major and graphic designer on projects with Katy Börner, attended the conference with Börner as a guest. "Elisha Hardy has done a marvelous job on design work for the Places & Spaces exhibit," stated Börner. The conference website is fun to explore, and showcases a gathering of creative people and ideas.

What is Gel?

"Short for "Good Experience Live", Gel is a conference, and community, exploring good experience in all its forms -- in business, art, society, technology, and life. The goal of the conference is to create an environment that allows our multi-disciplinary community to explore the idea of "good experience" in a variety of contexts." (http://www.gelconference.com/whatis.php)


"Katy Börner of Indiana University is an expert in information visualization, the field of displaying large amounts of data in ways that allow us to unlock the meaning hidden inside. While the web provides an ever-rising flood of information, our brains can't digest it all and our tools, like search engines, are too primitive to grok patterns and trends and outliers in data, or communities within a social network. So her lab is building macroscopic tools to manage the big picture...such as maps not of geospatial spaces, but of semantic spaces. "Imagine a map about nanotechnology, showing how it grew out of different areas of research and how it evolved over time, and how other groups joined." If you think Google changed everything...just think how it would be to layer this on top of it." (Boston Globe, 4/26/06)

Gel Tour of Places & Spaces: Mapping Science Exhibit

"Katy Börner, Associate Professor of Information Science, Indiana University and Brad Paley, interaction designer will take attendees on a tour of the 'Mapping Science' Exhibit at the New York Public Library Science and Business branch. Attendees will learn how the power of maps help us understand, navigate, and manage both physical places and abstract knowledge spaces." (http://www.gelconference.com/c/gel06.php)

The New York Public Library "Places & Spaces" Exhibit has received national press recognition including:

- N.Y. exhibit shows a new take on maps, USA Today, April 9, 2006
- N.Y. Exhibit Shows a New Take on Maps, ABC.com, April 8, 2006
- N.Y. Exhibit Shows a New Take on Maps, YAHOO News, April 8, 2006
- Charting a course into the wilds of science, San Diego Tribune, April 8, 2006
- N.Y. exhibit shows a new take on maps, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 8, 2006

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