Faculty News – Spring 2010 Alumni Magazine

SLIS faculty members are actively involved with research, teaching, conference work, and publications. The Spring 2010 issue of SLIS Network (the SLIS Alumni Magazine) highlights Faculty News for the approximate period of June 1 to November 30, 2009 - see below:

Rachel Applegate, assistant professor, published three articles: "Resumes and Cover Letters" 28(2) in Indiana Libraries; "Who Benefits? Unionization and Academic Libraries and Librarians" 79(4) in Library Quarterly; and "The Library Is for Studying: Student Preferences for Study Space" 33(4) in the Journal of Academic Librarianship. She met with the Indiana Library Federation Professional Development Committee to review proposed activities for LEU credits. At the October Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, IN, she gave three presentations: “Hearing from your users: thinking about surveys and other options,” “Designing and analyzing surveys: the details,” and “Whose decline? Where are reference transactions decreasing in academic libraries?” She gave an in-house workshop on Shaping Outcomes for staff of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Gross Pointe Shores, MI in October, and a program planning workshop for Minnesota librarians at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, MN in August. She also was part of the on-site visit team for the institutional accreditation of the University of Michigan in Flint, MI in October.

Katy Börner, Victor H. Yngve Professor of Information Science and Director of the Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center and Information Visualization Lab, gave a talk titled “STEM: Individual, Local, and Global Flows and Activity Patterns” as an invited speaker at a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) workshop at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. in October. She was the plenary speaker at the Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems (NICO) Conference at Northwestern University in Illinois in September, and was an invited speaker at the Visualization in Science and Education Gordon Research Conference held at Magdalen College, Oxford University in Oxford, England in July. She gave presentations at the International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) 2009 Conference in Ottawa, Canada, and the IU Showcase and Mapping Science exhibit at the North American Conference on Computing and Philosophy (NACAP) in Bloomington, IN, in June and July. She was co-organizer of the Workshop on Modelling Science – Understanding, Forecasting, and Visualizing Science System at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences headquarters and the International Institute of Social History, both in Amsterdam in October; the NSF/JSMF Workshop on How to Measure, Map, and Dramatize Science at the New York Hall of Science in Queens, NY in October; and the NSF/JSMF Workshop on Mapping the History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University in Bloomington in June. She served on the NSF, CISE, and SBE AC Subcommittee on Discovery in a Research Portfolio Tools for Structuring, Analyzing, Visualizing and Interacting with Proposal and Award Portfolios Workshop in Washington, DC in September. She was featured with Ying Ding in a press release from the Indiana University News Room for participation in a National Institutes of Health research collaboration, and was one of the leaders for a Media X Vanguard Visualization Collaboratory, held at Stanford University in August.

Hsin-Liang (Oliver) Chen, assistant professor, attended the ED-MEDIA World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications in Waikiki, HI in June and presented: "Refining an E-course Usability Evaluation tool" and "The Use of Media Objects in E-Learning: A Genre Analysis of Eight Online Boating Education Websites." He presented "Analyzing Users' Retrieval Behaviors and Image Queries of a Photojournalism Image Database and Beyond" at the IUPUI School of Informatics Colloquium in October. He also attended the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, participating in the panel "The Ethics of Studying Online Communities: Challenges to Research Design and Data Collection" and presenting two posters: "An Analysis of Users' Image Queries of a Photojournalism Image Database: A Web Analytics Approach" and "The Use of Media Objects in E-Learning: A Genre Analysis of Eight Online Boating Instruction Websites." He has published three papers: "An analysis of undergraduate students' search behaviors in an information literacy class" in The Journal of Web Librarianship, 3(4), 333-347; "The use and sharing of information from Wikipedia by high-tech professionals for work purposes" in The Electronic Library, 27(6), 893-905; and "Pedagogical design for an online information literacy course: students' learning experience with multi-modal objects" in The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Science, 33(1/2), 1-37 (with J. P. Williams). He was also awarded (with Barbara Albee) the 2009 OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant for his proposal entitled, "Impact of Open Source Library Automation System on Public Library Users."

Blaise Cronin, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science and Rudy Professor of Information Science, gave a keynote speech at the Online Information 2009 Conference titled "E pluribus unum? The paradox of a postmodern profession." He released a new book titled Stickmen: Reflections on the Goalie's Eccentric Art. He also published "Receiving the French: A bibliometric snapshot of the impact of 'French theory' on information studies" (with L. Meho) 35(4) in the Journal of Information Science, and acted as Editor for the 44th Volume of the Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST). He gave a presentation at the School of Library and...
Information Science at IUPUI entitled "Ostriches and Opportunists: The Implications of Post-professionalism" in October. In December he gave a talk on research evaluation at Napier University, Edinburgh.

Ron Day, associate professor, presented a paper "Examining together social and technological research in Library and Information Science" with SLIS doctoral student Lai Ma and took part in a panel on the "Discipline of Philosophy discipline in iSchools" at the 4th Annual iConference at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in February. He presented the paper "Technology, Organization and Materiality: Reflections of "Harshness of Inequality" with Howard Rosenbaum and Lai Ma at the Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS) in San Francisco in August. He participated in the Critical Internet Theory panel for the 10th Annual Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) in Milwaukee in October.

Ying Ding, assistant professor, published "Perspectives on social tagging" in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, 60(12): 2388-2401, with E. Jacob, Z. Zhang, S. Foo, E. Yan, N. George and L. Guo. She published a paper in "ranking authors in co-citation network" in JASIST, 60(11), 2229-2243, with A. Yan, A. Frazho, and J. Caverlee, and "Applying centrality measures to impact analysis: A coauthorship network analysis" in JASIST 60(10), 2107-2118, with E. Yan. She published "Profiling Social Networks: A Social Tagging Perspective" in DLib in March with E. Jacob, J. Caverlee, M. Fried and Z. Zhang. With A. Gomez-Perez, and Y. Yong, Ding was a co-editor of The Semantic Web - Proceeding of the Fourth Asian Semantic Web Conference; she was also a program co-chair of this conference.


Noriko Hara, associate professor, published "Online communities of practice typology revisited" in the Journal of Information Science, 35(6), 740-757 with Pnina Shachaf and S. Stoerger. She is a co-PI in the second year of a three year NSF-funded project MOD & Transmission of Tacit Skills in East Asian Graduate Science Programs." In May, she gave two presentations "Social Informatics informs Systems Design" at the National Chiao Tung University and "Research on Knowledge Sharing from a Social Informatics Perspective" at National Taiwan University both in Taiwan. She also spoke on "Peer-to-peer learning and informal knowledge sharing" at The Graduate University of Advanced Studies SokenDai in Japan in June. She also gave two presentations and talks: "Cross-cultural analysis of the Wikipedia community" (with P. Shachaf) at the Americas Conference on Information Systems in San Francisco in August with Pnina Shachaf and "Information and Communication Technology-facilitated Social Movements" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science in Washington, D.C. in October.

Susan Herring, professor, published "Symbolic capital in a virtual heterosexual market: Abbreviation and insertion in Italian iTV SMS" in Written Communication, 26(1), 5-31 with A. Zelenkauskaitė. She also published a book chapter "Web content analysis: Expanding the paradigm" in The International Handbook of Internet Research. She presented three papers "Fast talking, fast shooting: Text chat in an online game" with D. Kutz, John Paolillo, and A. Zelenkauskaitė, "Beyond microblogging: Conversation and collaboration via Twitter" with C. Honeycutt and "Temporal patterns in student-advisor instant messaging exchanges: Individual variation and accommodation" with A. de Siqueira, all at the 42nd Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences in January. At Internet Research 10.0 in Milwaukee, she was the organizer and a presenter on the panel on Convergent Media Computer-Mediated Communication and presented two papers: "Cultural bias in Wikipedia content on famous persons" with E. Callahan, and "Nonstandard typography and the virtual marketplace: Gender expression in Italian iTV SMS" with A. Zelenkauskaitė. She gave two talks: "Gender Preferences in mate Selection in Lithuanian iTV SMS Personal Ads" to the Department of Communication at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in July, and "New Analytical Lenses for New Media: Web 2.0 and CMCMC" at the Syracuse University School of Information Studies in Syracuse, NY in November. She was also quoted in the article "Innovation: The Psychology of Google Wave" by Tom Simonite in the New Scientist in October.
Marilyn Irwin, Executive Associate Dean (IUPUI) and associate professor, is serving on the Schneider Family Book Award Jury—an ALA committee for youth book awards—this year term from 2009 to 2011. At the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in July she attended the Education Assembly meeting and the SLIS reunion. She also gave a report to the board of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies. In November, she gave two presentations at the Indiana Library Federation Conference: Challenges to Children’s and Youth Resources in Public Libraries and Media Centers and Indiana’s MLS Diversity Fellowship Project.

Elin Jacob, associate professor, published “Perspectives on social tagging” in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, 60(12): 2388-2401, with Ying Ding, Z. Zhang, S. Foo, E. Yan, N. George and L. Guo and Profiling Social Networks: A Social Tagging Perspective” in DLib in March with Ying Ding, J. Caverlee, M. Fried and Z. Zhang. She published two book chapters: “Information architecture” in the Annual review of information science and technology, vol. 43 (pp. 147-186) with A. Loehrlein and “Context and boundedness: the contribution of place to the development of information environments” in Exploration of space, technology and spatiality: Interdisciplinary perspectives. She was the co-chair of the North American Symposium on Knowledge Organization (NASKO 2009) at the Syracuse University School of Information Studies in June. She was the 2009 recipient of the Trustees’ Teaching Excellence Recognition Award. She attended the dissertation defense of Nisachol Chamnongsri at Khon Kaen University in Khon Kaen, Thailand in June.

Andrea Japzon, assistant professor, presented research from her dissertation, “Information shared is information valued: Stewardship of personal digital information,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology in Vancouver, Canada, November 9, 2009. This presentation was part of the panel discussion, “Shared personal space: Meeting the needs of multiple users and multiple purposes,” with Deborah Barreau, William Jones, and Jamie Teevan.

Staša Milojević, assistant professor, joined the SLIS faculty in September 2009 after completing her dissertation at UCLA in the spring. She published “Libraries, archives and museums” in the new (3rd) edition of the Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science. She presented “ Preferential attachment in the evolution of the network of scientific collaboration in nanotechnology” at the International Sunbelt Social Network Conference XXIX in San Diego and a poster, “ Evolution of the social structure of nanotechnology,” at the annual iConference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She attended an NSF Workshop on Scholarly Evaluation Metrics: Opportunities and Challenges in Washington DC in December. She is on the advisory board of the IU Office for Women’s Affairs Women in Science Program


Jean Preer, traveled to Kenya from July to August on the Fulbright-Hays Group Project trip, “Understanding Kenya through Service and Partnership,” with IUPUI faculty, students, and IPS teachers. For her service placement, she worked in the Eldoret branch of the Kenya National Library Service, the city’s public library. She was featured in the August/September 2009 issue of American Libraries (p. 68) in the article “Best of ALA 2009” for her prize-winning book, Library Ethics. In September she attended the meetings of the ALISE Board and the Diversity Advisory Council for Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity and was an invited panelist at the conference of the Association of Specialized & Professional Accreditors. In October she conducted a teaching workshop for faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies and in November appeared on a panel at ASIS&T, chaired by SLIS faculty colleague Oliver Chen, on the ethics of studying online communities.

Alice Robbin is an associate professor and co-director of the Rob Kling Center for Social Informatics with Alan Dennis. She presented a paper “A Preliminary Inquiry into the Methodologies Employed in Research on ICTs and Society: Prologue (An Alternate View of Knowledge Negotiation)” and was the invited chair for the panel “Life Role and ICT Skills and Competencies” at the IADIS ICTs and Society conference in Portugal in June. She gave two invited talks “Information Behaviour: Debates, Theory and Methodology” at the University of Udine and “Social Informatics” at the University of Trento, both in Italy.

Howard Rosenbaum, Associate Dean and associate professor, published “Social Informatics” in the Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science. He presented a paper “Online social reference: A research agenda through a STIN framework” at the 4th annual iConference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in February, with Phina Shachaf. He gave the keynote address “The importance of accessibility and usability in the future” for the CIC IT Accessibility and Usability Working Group in June. He presented the paper “Technology, Organization and Materiality: Reflections on the Problem of Agency” with Ron Day and Lai Ma at the Americas Conference on Information Systems in August in San Francisco, CA. He was a co-chair for the Philosophical Aspects of Information Systems track, with L. Brooks and R.
Brandtschneider and co-chair of the Social Theory in Information Systems minitrack at the 15th America's Conference on Information Systems in August with Pnina Shachaf. He was also the co-organizer and moderator for the 5th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium at the 27th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science and Technology in Vancouver, Canada in October with Elisabeth Davenport, K. Shankar, and Pnina Shachaf. He is chair of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, Special Interest Group – Social Informatics. He received an IU Scholarship of Teaching and Learning grant for “An investigation of the effects of the creation and use of a student-generated podcasting knowledge base on learning, teaching and technical support” with SLIS Director of Information Technology Mark Napier (MIS’00) and participated in a panel on “Social networking: Teaching & Learning Uses for Social Networking Technologies” at the 14th Annual Indiana University Statewide IT Conference, also with Mark Napier, at the University Place Conference Center, IUPUI in October.

Pnina Shachaf, assistant professor, published “The paradox of expertise: Is the Wikipedia reference desk as good as your library?” in the Journal of Documentation 65(6) and “Online communities of practice: Typology revisited” in the Journal of Information Science, 35(6), 740-757, with Noriko Hara and S. Stoerger. She organized and presented at a panel “Social Reference and Digital Reference: Online question answering practices in two diverse communities” at the 72nd Annual Conference of the ASIS&T in Vancouver, Canada in November. At that same conference, she also co-organized the 5th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium at the 72nd ASIS&T Annual Meetings in Vancouver in November, with Elisabeth Davenport, K. Shankar, and Howard Rosenbaum. She presented the papers “Answer quality on the Wikipedia reference desk” at the 4th International Conference on Communities and Technologies in University Park, PA in June, and “Cross-cultural analysis of the Wikipedia community” with Noriko Hara at the 15th Americas Conference on Information Systems in San Francisco, CA in August. She was also the co-chair of the Social Theory in Information Systems minitrack at the 15th America’s Conference on Information Systems in August with Howard Rosenbaum, and she presented “Social Reference and Library Reference Services” at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Satellite Pre-Conference in Florence, Italy, and at the 75th General Conference and Assembly in Milan, Italy, in August. She organized and presented at a panel “Online social reference: A research agenda through a STIN framework” at the 4th Annual iConference, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in February, with Howard Rosenbaum.

Debora Shaw, professor, attended the Annual Meeting of ASIS&T in Vancouver, Canada, in October. She is also the associate editor of Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology and the Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST).

John Walsh, assistant professor, published a book chapter, “Quivering Web of Living Thought’: Conceptual Networks in Swinburne’s Songs of the Springtides” in A. C. Swinburne and the Singing World: New Perspectives on the Mature Work. He is currently releasing a new version (2.0) of the "The Algernon Charles Swinburne Project." He was featured in the Indiana University Press article “One image, too much information: TILE grant will bring documents, knowledge together” in October. He attended the Digital Humanities 2009 Conference at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD, where he presented a poster on the Text-Image Linking Environment Project (TILE), and where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Association for Computers and the Humanities and a two day meeting for TILE project participants. He presented a paper on the Swinburne Project at the Swinburne Centenary Conference at the Senate House, University of London in July, and a paper on the TILE project (with D. Porter and D. Reside) at Queens University in Belfast, Ireland, in September.


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