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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



There have been a number of significant events at the School of Information Management since the last edition of *Inform*. The Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program is undergoing an intensive review by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association. A detailed program presentation was submitted to the Committee in October 2012. SIM welcomed the External Review Panel on October 15-16, 2012. I will be meeting with the Committee on January 26, 2013. Stay tuned for more news.

The Master of Information Management (MIM) Program welcomed its largest incoming class since the start of the program in 2008. Enrolment has been tracking upwards each year, and we look forward to welcoming more students in January. Our incoming Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) students are engaging, enthusiastic, and a wonderful asset to the School. I would like to extend my congratulations to the MLIS and MIM students who received their respective degrees in the October Convocation ceremonies.

A number of our part-time faculty have achieved significant milestones. Dr. Joyline Makani (MLIS alumna) was awarded her Interdisciplinary PhD in October, and has been appointed acting Killam Librarian at Dalhousie. Paul McKenna is guest editor of a special edition of the journal *Canadian Public Administration*. James Boxall (MLIS alumnus), director of the GISciences Centre at Dalhousie, has won a prestigious Special Achievement Award in GIS from ESRI. James was awarded also the 2012 Literacy Award by The Royal Canadian Geographic Society.

On October 4, 2012, SIM and our Alumni Association honoured the 2012 alumnus of the year, Patrick Ellis, director of Dalhousie's Kellogg Library. This year's Alumni reception was particularly noteworthy in that it featured a video presentation by Jessica Babineau, the Associated Alumni Chair, who could not attend in person. Video conferencing is making it increasingly possible for alumni outside of Nova Scotia to serve on the Associated Alumni Board. Of particular note was the very touching video tribute paid by Jenn Reid to Stephanie Downs, a SIM MLIS graduate (2006) who was diagnosed with cervical cancer at the end of her last year at SIM, and

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who passed away in 2007. Jenn encouraged all SIM alumni to contribute to the Stephanie Downs Memorial Award. You can watch Jenn's video tribute [here](#).

The Social Media Lab at Dalhousie University, led by Dr. Anatoliy Gruzd organized the [International Symposium & Workshop on Measuring Influence on Social Media](#) (#Influence12) at Dalhousie on September 28-29, 2012. This event brought together experts in social media and online social networks from the academic and business worlds to share ideas on how to study the impact of social media on our society.

SIM students are busy planning the 2013 [Information Without Borders](#) conference, to be held on February 7, 2013. This year's theme is *Evolving professionals: Working within the information economy*. Stephen Abram will be the Keynote Speaker and will discuss *Working in the information future: FrankenLibraries or librarytopia*. Mr. Abram has served as president of the Special Libraries Association, and the Ontario and Canadian Library Associations. Mr. Abram worked for the SirsiDynix Institute, where he served as Vice-President of Innovation, and is the Vice-President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets for Cengage Learning (Gale).

I hope you had a happy and relaxing Holiday season with your friends and family, and wish you the very best for 2013.

I am very pleased to report that Dr. Fiona Black has been promoted to the rank of Professor, an honour that comes as no surprise to those of us who have been fortunate to work with Fiona. Read the many congratulatory [comments](#) on our blog. I wish all our friends and alumni a happy summer; I was pleased to see many of you at the alumni meeting at the Canadian Library Association 2012 Conference in Ottawa.

Louise Spiteri
Director of SIM

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DISCOVERING NEW DIMENSIONS

3D Printing and Scanning at the Dalhousie Libraries

With the help of Dalhousie Libraries, the School of Information Management, and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, my colleague Riel Gallant and I were given the opportunity to attend the Access Conference in Montreal, where we presented our research into 3D printing and scanning technologies and how they can be used to enhance library services.

After a thirteen-hour drive to Montreal in a rental car, Riel and I met up with Marc Comeau, Dalhousie Libraries Director of IT, who was presenting with us. As much as the three of us wanted to go out and enjoy Montreal, we spent most of the weekend working on our presentation, which happened to be one of the last presentations scheduled.

Of all the presentations Riel and I saw at the conferences, the ones that stand out for us were Art Rhyno's discussion of his OCR project at the University of Windsor, Alistair Croll's dynamic take on big data, and Lisa Goddard's insights into linked data. The theme for the conference was discovery, and this seemed to fit the conference well. Overall the presentations at the conference were all very well done, interesting, and informative.

Outside of the main presentation stage, Riel and I used the 3D printer to print example models all day Saturday for conference attendees. We both spent a lot of time talking to interested librarians, and a few engineers who had come over from McGill University.

Our presentation went very well. It was a little stressful finding time to put everything together halfway through our third semester of Dalhousie's MLIS program, but we think everything came together nicely. Overall it was a great experience that really helped develop both our professional skills and career connections, and we would not hesitate to participate again.

Submitted by
Michael Groenendyk, MLIS 2013

SUMMER AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Our professors aren't kidding when they talk about the exciting opportunities an MLIS can bring us.

This summer, I spent four months working as an intern at the United Nations Photo Library in New York City. The collection's 800,000 photos chronicle the visual history of the UN and its activities around the world.

Although I felt a bit intimidated when I first arrived, the staff at the photo library all took an

active role in making my experience both fun and educational and it didn't take me long to feel at home there. I was responsible for updating the collection records, weeding the photo print collection, promoting the library through social media, and providing customer service to clients. I also got to attend policy meetings, news briefings, employment workshops, and networking events with UN staff and interns from around the world.

When I wasn't working, I was busy taking in as much of New York as I could. The city's proximity to Halifax meant that it was easy for some of my SIM classmates to visit, and I have fond memories of strolling through Chelsea with Ruth Collings and eating lunch at the Guggenheim with Amanda Fullerton.

When I was attending Orientation Week last September, I never imagined I could have such an amazing summer experience. This program truly opens doors you never knew existed, and I encourage anyone from this year's incoming class to consider the UN as a summer internship option.

Submitted by
Jane Willwerth, MLIS 2013



Jane Willwerth (4th from left, front row)
Photo credit: UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe

COMMITTEE NEWS

SIMSA: SIMSA has been busy this term. Orientation week was fun and had Co-Chairs Amy and Alan cooking up burgers for the incoming students, SIM faculty and staff on the lawn outside the Killam Library. We were thrilled to welcome students from near and far, all of whom were good sports - attending campus tours in the rain and going on a boat cruise of Halifax Harbour on one of the windiest days of the fall! SIMSA welcomed three new executive members to the team in September, Danielle Appleby and James Ross from the incoming cohort, and Danielle Hubbard, representing the returning students.

Nancy and Amanda have been working hard and making fun library school themed buttons as a SIMSA fundraiser! The I Heart Metadata design has been particularly popular in the SIM hallways. Keep on the lookout for a new set in December!

Wishing You All a Happy New Year! 2012-2013 SIMSA Executive

ACA: The Student Chapter of the Association of Canadian Archivists has had an exciting year thus far, helping out with SIM events and planning tours for the winter term. In October, we welcomed a new member to our executive—incoming student Karen Vermeulen as Co-Chair. Karen comes to us from Manitoba and has a background in music. We are looking forward to the winter term when we will be hosting and helping out with more events. On March 4th, we will be coordinating a tour of the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives, followed by a taping of *This Hour has 22 Minutes* at the CBC. A book sale fundraiser will be held in Winter: Funds raised go towards supporting other associations like Information Without Borders, as well as students who wish to attend the June 2013 ACA conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Best Regards and Happy New Year from the Student Chapter of the ACA

LWB: Librarians Without Borders hit the ground running this year with a successful bake sale fundraiser. This annual tradition was held on Halloween and included some delicious spooky-themed treats. This year's sale was the most successful yet. Proceeds will go towards future Librarians Without Borders projects. We are in the early stages of developing partnerships with some literary initiatives. Additionally, we are in the planning stages for some exciting future events to raise

money and awareness within the School of Information Management and the greater Halifax community.

LWB strives to improve access to information resources, regardless of language, geography, or religion, by forming partnerships with community organizations in developing regions.

DJIM: The Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management has had a very exciting six months. Over the summer, we developed a new look and feel for our website, including a new logo. We also launched a new blog, which features updates on our publication process, Executive, authors, and events. Each of our Executive members is profiled on the blog and in January we will launch a series of posts written by authors who have been published in DJIM. To read our blog and see our updated look and website, visit djim.management.dal.ca.



In October, in collaboration with SIMSA and Halifax Library Association, DJIM presented a grant-writing workshop where students and community members received great advice from experienced grant writers, such as Dalhousie's University Archivist Michael Moosberger and SIM's Dr. Bertrum MacDonald. The workshop followed the launch of our latest publication, where Executive members and authors spoke about their involvement with DJIM and their articles. Available on our website, Vol. 8, No. 2 features six articles that cover a wide-range of management topics. This fall, we added five new Executive members from the Schools of Information Management, Public Administration, and Resource and Environmental Studies. We're all very excited to work together on Vol. 9 and to increase DJIM's reach. We will be accepting submissions for publication in Vol. 9 until January 13, 2013. For any questions or comments, please contact us at djim@dal.ca.

To keep up with DJIM in 2013, follow us on Twitter @DalhousieDJIM, Like us on [Facebook](#), connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), and check out our [blog](#).

SLA: Dalhousie's chapter of the Special Libraries Association aims to connect SIM students to special libraries in the community and provide opportunities for professional development. As part of this effort, we organized two tours of special libraries in Halifax. In early November, we toured the Health Sciences Library and the Family Resource Library at the IWK Health Centre. We wrapped up the semester with a tour of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Both tours were interesting and educational, and we are looking forward to organizing more tours in 2013.

To celebrate the holidays, SLA organized the Holiday Raffle Fundraiser, and contributed a gift basket of special-library-themed holiday goodies. SLA's portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Information Without Borders conference, which we all look forward to attending next year, and to purchase SLA professional development tools for the school, such as the Salary Survey and Online Salary Calculator.

This fall, SLA Dalhousie elected three new students to our executive, and re-shuffled some of our existing executive into new positions. We are pleased to announce our 2012-2013 executive:

Co-Chairs: Sarah Visintini and Karen Vermeylen

External Relations Coordinators: Amy Lorencz and Pia Dewar

Internal Relations Coordinators: Nancy McPhee and Nicole Bloudoff

Secretary: Laura Thorne

Treasurer: Danika Kowpak

Website Administrators: Michael Groenendyk and Nicole Bloudoff

Stay tuned for more fun tours and events next semester!

STUDENT NEWS

NANCY MCPHEE: Catherine McGoveran, Nancy McPhee, and Laura Thorne are heading the Institutional Repository project organized through the Dalhousie University Libraries and hosted on DalSpace. View the [School of Information Management profiles](#).

Nancy McPhee had a solo art exhibition at the [Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives](#) in Toronto entitled *Libraries* from October 26 to December 3, 2012. Nancy also initiated and is organizing the Killam Library Artist Residency, which is a joint effort with the Dalhousie Art Gallery, and will take place in the winter of 2013. This initiative will encourage cross pollination among disciplines by presenting and situating the residency within the inherently interdisciplinary space of a library, and through recognizing research as an iterative and creative process that can take many forms. A core belief of both the Killam Library and the Dalhousie Art Gallery is the importance of breaking through silos that divide disciplines, and of developing relations between academia and the community. Funding is graciously provided by HRM Community and Recreation Services.

SIM AA FALL UPDATE

Patrick Ellis Wins Outstanding Alumni Award

The Dalhousie School of Information Management (SIM) Associated Alumni (AA) was delighted to present Patrick Ellis (MLIS 1988) with the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award on October 4th, 2012 at SIM. The reception was well attended and was a great opportunity for Alumni to reunite and celebrate Patrick's outstanding career.

Mr. Ellis has been the Director of Dalhousie University's Kellogg Health Sciences Library for the past 8 years, and has worked with the Kellogg Health Sciences Library for 33 years. Prior to his current position, he held roles such as Head of Access Services, Coordinator of Reference Services, and Dental Librarian.

Patrick was honoured and humbled to accept the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Patrick is a natural leader, recognized for his excellent management ability and his personable, collaborative approach to librarianship by colleagues in the Dalhousie Library system, the Novanet consortium and affiliated health institutions. His commitment to health libraries and librarianship is most evident from his committee work. Accepting leadership at all levels, he has chaired and sat on numerous boards and executives, including Canadian Health Library Association (CHLA), the Atlantic Health Knowledge Partnership (AHKP), and the Maritime Health Libraries Association (MHLA), in addition to a multitude of Dalhousie and Novanet Committees.

Patrick is an advocate for universal access to health information. Evidence of this is his role in bringing access to the Cochrane Library (a major evidence-based health care database) to all Nova Scotians, and his work with the Virtual Health library of Nova Scotia.



Louise Spiteri presents Patrick with his award
Photo credit: Marlo MacKay

Mr. Ellis has held an outstanding leadership role in the development of the National Network of Libraries for Health (NNLH), where he has worked to establish the Canadian Virtual Health Library. The goal of the Canadian Virtual Health Library is to bring equitable access to high-quality health information to all Canadian health professionals as a means to improve health outcomes and patient safety for Canadians. Patrick was Principal Investigator on a Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) grant for the project's implementation. He now serves as a member on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Virtual Health Library. (<http://cvhl.ca/en>)

Patrick is described as a genuinely wonderful person: very affable, friendly and full of fun. Nominators also boast of his musical talents - Patrick has been a professional drummer and singer since 1969. One nominator states: "On top of all his accomplishments, Patrick is a great guy!"

Congratulations, Patrick!

We're making changes!

The SIM AA Executive has been planning some major changes to the association's website, to concur with web upgrades at Dalhousie University. When these changes are completed, the website will be much more interactive. The goal is for all alumni to feel much more involved with the association. Stay tuned!

Submitted by
Jessica Babineau
Chair, SIM AA

SOCIAL MEDIA LAB

Researchers Gather at Dalhousie to Discuss Measuring Influence on Social Media



The Social Media Lab at SIM, led by Anatoliy Gruzd, organized the first International Symposium & Workshop on Measuring Influence on Social Media (#Influence12) at Dalhousie University on September 28-29, 2012.

This event brought together experts in social media and online social networks from both the academic and business worlds to share ideas on how best to study the impact of social media on our society, and specifically how to measure influence on social media. The event featured a [keynote talk by Gilad Lotan](#), VP of Research & Development at Socialflow.com. The event attracted a capacity crowd of about 100 attendees from 10 different countries and over 40 universities and organizations, including University of Oxford (UK), Ruppin Academic Center (Israel), Charles Sturt University (Australia), National Research University (Russia), University of Toronto (Canada), Stanford University (USA), Syracuse University (USA), and San Diego State University (USA). Some of the companies and non-academic organizations that were represented at this event included Socialflow, MITRE, PurpleForge, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, CommandN.tv, CGI, DeepMile Networks, and Equal6.

For a recap of the event, here are some event-related links:

- The [Storify of tweets](#) from the event and photos taken during the events
- The [Online Program](#) with links to the full-text position papers

This event was made possible in part by grants from GRAND, MITACS, and SSHRC.

Visiting Researchers at the Social Media Lab

This fall, the Social Media Lab hosted four visiting researchers from Canada, the UK, and Russia:

- Lisa Lynch, Assistant Professor at the Department of Journalism at Concordia University, who is doing research on Wikileaks.
- Carolyn Hank, Assistant Professor at the School of Information Studies at McGill University, who is doing research on Facebook and scholarly blogs.
- Elizabeth Dubois, Doctoral Student at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, who is studying online citizen political engagement.
- Alexandra Tcareva, Doctoral Student at the new Centre for Sociological Internet Studies at St. Petersburg State University in Russia. Alexandra came to learn more about our Lab's research initiatives and ways to organize and situate the new Centre. During her two weeks at Dalhousie, Alexandra helped us to test Netlytic, a web-based social media analytical tool that we are developing at the Lab, to determine whether it can be used to analyze Russian online discourse.



Lisa Lynch presented at a SIM Public Lecture

During their visit, all four visitors presented their research work at SIM and met with faculty and students. They also met with the Lab's researchers and students to explore possible collaborative projects with the Social Media Lab.

PUTTING DAL ON THE MAP

SIM Alumnus and Lecturer is putting Dalhousie on the Map

As many current and past SIM students know, James Boxall (2006) has been teaching the Geospatial Information Management course for several years; a course he developed to fill demands from students and to meet growing needs for teaching and research in geography, GIS and GIScience at Dalhousie. What most people didn't know is the impact of his work since coming to Dalhousie 20 years ago, eventually leading to the creation the GIScience Centre in the Killam Library. Nor would most people know the amount of work he has done to support the profession and teaching of geography. This year James was presented the Special Achievement Award in GIS from Jack Dangermond, Founder of Esri, at a ceremony in San Diego. This award is given to people and organizations who have shown leadership and innovation over many years, and the pool of nominees comes from over 100,000 groups and institutions worldwide. The award recognizes James' efforts to establish a unique model of GIS research and teaching collaboration within a library system, and for his influence on Dalhousie and the external community.



Jack Dangermond (L)
James Boxall (R)

This past fall, James was also named the recipient of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Education Medal for his efforts over the past twenty-five years in supporting geographic education in schools and universities in Canada. James was instrumental in proposing the development of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education (launched in Halifax in 1993). James has served on this Council, the Canadian Association of Geographers, and as president of the Canadian Cartographic Association and the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, and led the Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia for many years. James' efforts to enhance geographic literacy, and the use of GIS in schools, universities and the public domain, was recognized at the RCGS Fellows Dinner in Ottawa this past November. James, who was previously elected to the College of Fellows for the RCGS, and is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society (with the Institute of British Geographers), is using part of his award to start a foundation to conduct workshops and online support for teachers wishing to learn how to use GIS at any grade level.

FACULTY NEWS

CREIGHTON BARRETT

The past six months, I've been working on a development project at the Dalhousie University Archives. We have been migrating our legacy finding aids and accession records to a new archives management system that is giving us greater control over the collections and significantly improved search capabilities. The final phase of this project involves getting the finding aids online. We hope to launch a brand-new discovery tool in the summer of 2013. I am also serving as chair of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives (CNSA) Archway Committee, which is involved with a similar project to redesign the provincial database of archival materials. I recently joined the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) Digital Preservation and Stewardship Committee, which is conducting an inventory of digital preservation activities at CAUL libraries and assessing current digital preservation standards. My current research interests involve the provenance of intangible cultural heritage and the application of traditional archival theory to ethnographic archival materials. I am also working with Bertrum MacDonald on a research project involving a 19th century Presbyterian hymn book called "The Choir." We presented our initial work at a symposium in the Spring and are working to develop another conference presentation and journal article.



FIONA BLACK

The roles of information managers in supporting information infrastructures have been on my mind these last months. First, I am a member of the Council of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, whose president, Dr Janet Friskney, has done [spectacular work](#) in supporting professionals' and scholars' concerns about the funding cuts at Library and Archives Canada. Second, part of my research this year involves working with a group of scholars interested in opportunities for mapping elements of the literary history of Canada. These scholars are all connected to the major project led by Dr Susan Brown (Universities of Guelph and Alberta), the [Canadian Writing Research Collaboratory](#).

These have been exciting months for the MLIS program, with a highly engaged team visiting with us concerning the intensive accreditation review. This year it is my pleasure to chair the MLIS Curriculum and Continuing Education Committee. Part of our review is a detailed analysis of how, and in which courses, we teach management

competencies, especially those favoured by employers for entry level positions; this relates to SIM's placement within the Faculty of Management. My work as director of academic planning also offers benefits to the three programs we deliver or co-deliver: The university has launched an initiative around [academic innovation](#) and funding is available to programs wishing to experiment with new courses or delivery methods. Both the MIM and MLIS programs have long drawn on multi-media tools and recordings as part of our pedagogy; now we have access to additional funding to try more new methods with the goal of improving the learning experience for our students.



ANATOLIY GRUZD

These past 6 months were very busy and productive for me professionally. I had a chance to present my social media-related research at a number of research and professional meetings including *NSF Workshop on Mapping Ideas: Discovering and Information Landscapes* (San Diego, USA), *NSERC Internetworked Systems Security Network Summer School* (Halifax, NS), *Conference on Internet, Politics, Policy 2012: Big Data, Big Challenges?* (Oxford, UK), *#Influence12 Symposium* (Halifax, NS), *Annual Meeting of Canadian Network For Observational Drug Effect Studies* (Halifax, NS), *ARMA Newfoundland Chapter Conference* (St. John's, NL).

Also, this past September, I was invited to give a presentation on *Automated Analysis of Information and Social Networks from Social Media Data* at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford. The video of this talk is available [online](#).

My work on scholarly use of social media with SIM graduates (Katheen Staves, Amanda Wilk, and Melissa Goertzen) and a study about online reading practices with my colleague Dr. DeNel Rehberg Sedo have recently appeared in high-impact peer-reviewed [publications](#).



Finally, this fall, I was promoted by the Board of Directors of GRAND (Graphics, Animation and New Media Canada) Network of Centers of Excellence to the status of

Principal Network Investigator within the GRAND, elected as Chair for the Special Interest Group for International Information Issues (SIG/III) at the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), and joined the Board of Advisors for LeadSift, a Halifax-based social media start-up (co-founded by one of my thesis students, Sreejata Chatterjee).



KEITH LAWSON

Do you ever think when you walk along Hollis Street that the foundation stones of some of the old buildings were taken from the walls of Louisburg? Or have you ever wondered where in Point Pleasant Park Joseph Howe fought his duel in 1840? I have. And partly for this reason, I am beginning work on a project for a psychogeographical interface for Thomas Raddall's Halifax Warden of the North. Working with the Dalhousie Archives and with the GIS centre as well as an MLIS student, I hope that together we can create a way for the streets of Halifax to become an entry way into Raddall's text and into the history of the city.

This research has been inspired by a number of things, including the Dalhousie Art Gallery exhibit this summer, "Place Markers: Mapping Locations And Probing Boundaries." As well, I have been reading about urban space, including works by Guy Debord and the Situationists, but also including works by contemporary British writers, Will Self, Iain Sinclair and Peter Ackroyd, who categorize themselves as psychogeographers.

Will Self refers to psychographers as "really only local historians with an attitude problem." And he notes that real local historians regard them as "insufferably bogus." In any case, I would love to hear from anyone who is interested or who has a personal spot in the city that feels connected to a specific moment in history.



JACKIE MACDONALD

I had an interesting summer that started with my 9th year working at McMaster University's annual [Teaching Evidence Based Practice workshop](#). The following week I gave a CE workshop in workplace bullying at the Canadian Health Libraries Association conference.

My husband and I won top prize for sheep fleece at the All Canada Classic Sheep Sale; we held a farm open house and wool washing day in July, and offered a workshop on needle felting with [Laurie Veinotte](#).

Also in July, Neera Bhnatagar (McMaster) and I gave a continuing education workshop on "Teaching Evidence Based Clinical Practice" to BC health librarians in Vancouver. I then worked at the University of Sheffield iSchool for a month setting up an open access journal and developing new course content in information behaviour and health informatics.

This fall I have worked with three SIM reading course students to address real health system problems. All three are performing systematic, structured searches of multiple databases and grey literature. Look for their academic poster presentations at the Information Without Borders conference:

- Stephanie Woods designed a model corporate records management system for Annapolis Valley Health using SharePoint 2010 in place of a records management utility.
- Ryan Dyck conducted interviews as part of jurisdictional reviews; he explored patient education information management practices (Canada, USA, UK) for Michelle Helliwell to inform service planning for Annapolis Valley Health, South Shore Health and South West Health.
- Sarah Visintini also conducted interviews; she explored collaborative pediatric community-based services to inform design of an evaluation framework for Dr. Heather Rose, IWK.



PAUL MCKENNA

Recently I've been excited to work toward the completion of a manuscript for McGraw-Hill Ryerson, along with two colleagues, for a textbook on the Canadian criminal justice system. This work is expected to be published in early 2014. Also, I'm extremely gratified to have been invited to serve as one of the moderators for a major event planned for January 2013. This will be a Federal/Provincial/Territorial gathering of elected officials, senior police

leaders, academics and others to explore the future of policing in Canada. This *Summit on the Economics of Policing: Strengthening Canada's Policing Advantage* will take place in Ottawa and will result in a forward agenda. Finally, it's exciting to contemplate another offering of the course on Legal Literature & Librarianship at SIM, including some extremely interesting guest speakers.



LOUISE SPITERI

My primary focus over the past few months has been to work with SIM colleagues, students, and alumni to write the MLIS Program Presentation and prepare for the visit of the External Review Panel as part of the re-accreditation of the MLIS Program by the Committee on Accreditation. We enjoyed welcoming the Panel members to the School and to Halifax, and appreciate their hard work and contributions to this important part of the accreditation process. I provide my thanks to the SIM team [here](#). I look forward to meeting with the Committee on Accreditation in Seattle on January 26, 2013, after which a decision will be made. I am enjoying teaching the basic-level cataloguing and classification class this term, and have been blessed with a class of enthusiastic and dedicated students who appear to love metadata as much as I do. On the research front, I am working with a colleague at Wayne State University to examine the contributions of social discovery tools to readers' advisory (RA) work in public libraries. Specifically, we are looking at: a) what information about books users share in social discovery systems; b) how this shared information reflects the principles and themes of RA; c) how social catalogues are used as RA tools by users and librarians; and d) what, if any, social connections are evident for reading purposes in social catalogues. I am also investigating the increasing use of cloud computing in libraries, in particular how we will create, manage, and govern metadata that is shared across a variety of sources, including libraries, vendors, and user-generated content.



LAUREL TARULLI

I am fortunate to have been given a variety of opportunities within the past six months. In August, Louise Spiteri and I published two articles in *Library Trends* (Issue 61/6). The first examines the use of social catalogues in public libraries and the potential these innovative catalogues may have

on staff collaboration and the enhancement of services to the public. The second provides an exploration of our collaborative research, in particular, the use of social features in library catalogues within two Canadian public libraries.

I contributed chapters to two publications for 2013. *Using Social Media in Libraries: Best Practices* invited practicing professionals to share their experiences with recent social media projects that have been implemented within libraries. My chapter, “*Social Catalogs: Implementing an Online Social Community as an Extension to Our Physical Libraries*” examines the implementation of AquaBrowser, a social discovery overlay (social catalogue). I was also invited to contribute to *Rethinking Collection Development and Management*, a publication focusing on collection development, where I explore the relationship between frontline and backroom staff in public libraries.

Finally, and perhaps most exciting, was the offer to teach part-time at SIM. On the verge of completing my first semester teaching and looking forward to Cataloguing & Classification II in the winter, I feel fortunate to be working at such a fine institution, surrounded by a group of accomplished and dedicated professionals. I’ve been fortunate to meet many talented incoming students and am looking forward to meeting the returning students next semester.



SANDRA TOZE

As I write this I am just returning from [ARMA NCR IM Days 2012](#); I was on the steering committee for the conference. Dr. Ian E. Wilson was entertaining and thought provoking with his presentation on “Information Management- the Key to Government Transformation”. Linking productivity to the effective use of information, Dr. Wilson provided a clear rallying cry for information professionals. We need to be on the forefront of changing information culture. As an example of what can be done, Nancy Isozaki (City Clerk's Office, Toronto) spoke on Open Data to Open Government: An IM view on transforming culture. In this case study Information Management underpins the changes being made. In addition to inspiring speakers I was happy to connect with SIM Alumni from our MLIS and MIM programs. Current student Céline Beauregard, from the Canada School of Public Service was part of a Keynote panel: A Path to the Effective Adoption of GCDOCS.

I was also very excited to catch up with SIM alumni as guests in my courses this fall. Visiting our Knowledge Management (INFO 6400) class via Skype [Daniel Lee](#) gave us an overview of his role as Knowledge Manager Global Healthcare at KPMG. We had a spirited discussion about how knowledge management initiatives can be measured and managed. In Information Sources and Retrieval (INFO 5530) Erin O'Halloran ([CloudScout](#)) returned to talk about setting up your own information business, and both Ken Williment (look for his book - [Developing Community-Led Public Libraries](#)) and [Smitty Miller](#) talked about their initiatives around community led development. It is great to see SIM alumni so engaged in their careers and their communities. Congratulations to our recent MLIS and MIM graduates and best wishes for your future.

DAL LIBRARIES NEWS

Ian Colford's New Novel

In October, Ian Colford launched his new novel, *The Crimes of Hector Tomás*. Described as an “epic novel about disappearance and deception,” the book is set in an undisclosed South American country, revolving around a family and their secrets.

Since the launch of the book, Ian has completed a three-stop tour of the Maritimes and readings in Toronto and Calgary. A recent review in *The Chronicle Herald* called it “a novel from which we can’t look away.”

At 414 pages, it’s a hefty debut novel. “The book took eight years to write. I completed the writing in 2010 and then came the edits,” says Ian. Ian’s first book, *Evidence*, a collection of short stories, was published in 2008. It won the Margaret & John Savage First Book Award and was shortlisted for the Danuta Gleed Literary Award, The Thomas Head Raddall Atlantic Fiction Prize and the ReLit Award.

Ian’s first book was also highly praised by reviewers. *The Globe and Mail* called it, “a rich, shadowed, mind-tweaking puzzle.” *The Danforth Review* said, “These stories explode in vivid detail, amazing breadth of characterization and geography, and stunning displays of conflict and emotional upheaval.”

“I think people are going to be surprised,” says Ian. “This novel is not typical CanLit. I’m grateful to Freehand Books for taking this risk.”



Author and librarian Ian Colford

Introducing Dr. Joyline Makani



Dr. Joyline Makani

2012 has been an outstanding year for Joyline Makani. In early September, she became the acting head of the Killam Library. In October, she received her doctorate in knowledge management.

In addition to her PhD, Joyline holds MLIS and MBA degrees, all from Dalhousie. A well-known and highly respected colleague in the Dalhousie Libraries and the Faculty of Management, Joyline also teaches management courses at the Dalhousie School of Information Management.

Management & Economics Librarian Heather MacFadyen

In September, Heather MacFadyen began a ten-month term as the management and economics librarian at the Killam Library. She is not a new face at the Killam though, having just spent 15 months doing an internship which included providing research assistance, conducting web usability studies, and helping to build the scholarly communication infrastructure for online journals being published at Dalhousie.



Heather MacFadyen

Heather has a PhD in English literature from the University of Ottawa. She has worked in the telecommunications industry in a variety of communication and information management roles, producing everything from technical manuals to comics. She also managed projects in sales and employee communication units which provided up-to-date information to support the efforts of marketing and sales teams.

She returned home to study at Dalhousie and completed her MLIS at the School of Information Management this summer.

“September has always felt like the beginning of the year to me and I’m very happy to be starting my career as a librarian at Dalhousie this fall. Finding information to solve all sorts of problems was always one of the most enjoyable parts of my previous jobs. I’m very much looking forward to helping students find the information they need to support their learning,” says Heather.

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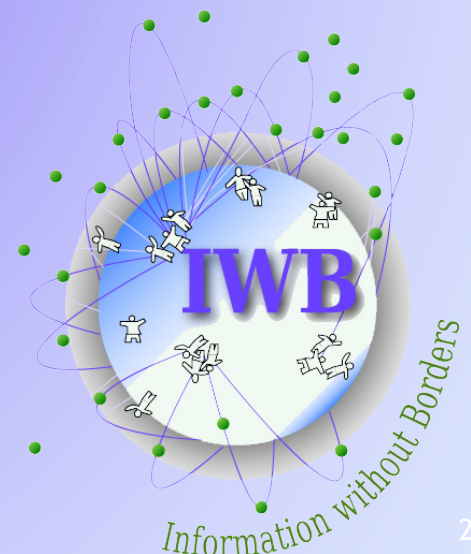
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2010-2012



STEPHANIE (WINSTON) DAVIS (2012) is a Knowledge Management Specialist at Deloitte in Toronto, ON. She works in the Knowledge Management Office and provides KM nationally for Enterprise Risk Services.

JACKIE PHINNEY (2012) is Information Services Librarian with the University of New Brunswick in her hometown of Saint John, NB. Jackie's primary focus is on medical education, as her job is to liaise with the students and faculty of the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick program. Jackie continues to work with the Atlantic Centre for Transplantation Research at Dalhousie as a Research Consultant; they are about to wrap up a systematic review that she's been a part of for over a year.

PHIL TABER (2012) has been hired as the Evening Supervisor of the University of King's College Library.

BARBARA HILL-TAYLOR (2011) has completed a one year contract as the Knowledge Translation Coordinator with the Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES). This year she was a co-author on several publications and a poster presentation.

ERIN (O'HALLORAN) TRIPP (2011) presented to the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages at one of its hearings on the topic of social media in bilingual jurisdictions. Erin studied and wrote a paper on this topic while at SIM. The work of the Committee resulted in publishing of a report called "[Internet, New Media and Social Media: Respect for Language Rights!](#)" Erin's paper and her presentation were cited as sources.

HILLARY WEBB (2011) has accepted a position as Systems and Technical Services Librarian at Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver. Stay in touch with her at hillarywebb@ecuad.ca.

ROBIN PARKER (2010) has accepted a position as Information Services Librarian at the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library. Robin supports undergraduate and postgraduate programs for Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine as well as evidence-based practice and systematic reviews for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Professions.

2000-2009

KATHLEEN GADD (2009) moved from her position with Dal Med NB in Saint John back to her hometown of Miramichi NB, to accept a position as a hospital librarian with Horizon Health Network.

SUZANNE VAN DEN HOOGEN (2009) signed a permanent contract with StFX as an academic librarian. She and Denise Parrott have published an article with *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, v:38, Issue 6, November 2012, entitled: "Communication, Collaboration and Cooperation: An Evaluation of Nova Scotia's Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere (BARA) Multi-type Library Initiative".

LENARD LAWLESS (2008) continues as the Science and Kinesiology Librarian at the University of Winnipeg. Lenard has also become Head of InterLibrary Loan and Reserves.

HEATHER BUZZELL (2007) has been appointed to the Chief Librarian position at the Penticton Public Library in British Columbia.

REBECCA BARTLETT (2006) returned to full-time studies in 2011 and earned an Advanced Diploma in Geographic Information System (GIS) Technologies from NBCC Moncton. She has since accepted the position of GIS and Digital Resources Librarian at Carleton University, which she began in November 2012.

AMY DIETRICH (2006) accepted a position as Research Analyst at Morrison & Foerster LLP and began work in New York on November 1, 2012.

KEN WILLIMENT (2006) co-authored a book entitled, [Developing Community-Led Public Libraries: Evidence for the UK and Canada](#), which will be released in April 2013.

JULIE LAVIGNE (2003) is, as of December 1, 2012, the Legal Studies Librarian at Carleton University in Ottawa.

KIRA MCGANN (2002) has been involved in a fund-raising project for the Massachusetts Library Association and was one of sixteen Youth Services Librarians selected from across Massachusetts to model for a tattooed youth librarian calendar 2013-2014. Since the calendar's release in mid-November, each librarian has been interviewed and featured in local and statewide newspapers, local radio stations, Public Access Television, in *Library Journal*, and on the ALA website. Monies made from the sale of the calendar go towards funding the Youth Services Section of the Massachusetts Library Association. The calendar is available for sale through the [Massachusetts Library Association](#).

1980-1989

IAN COLFORD (1985) published a new novel, *The Crimes of Hector Tomás* (Freehand Books of Calgary). Set in an undisclosed South American country, the story revolves around a family and their secrets. More information is available on the [Freehand Books website](#).

EDWIN QOBOSE (1983) attended and presented a paper entitled *The Learning Commons at the University of Botswana: Does the New Infrastructure Signal Re-birth of Learning and Research Support by the Library* at the 6th Shanghai International library forum. Edwin also attended and participated in *The Memory of the World in the Digital Age: Digitization and Preservation* an international conference on the permanent access to the digital documentary in Vancouver, BC.

1971-1979

ED COLLISTER (1979) was accepted into the master's program in ethics at the Université du Québec à Rimousk beginning in January. Ed was also recently appointed as a member of the Academic Accrediting Council of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy which means that he is called upon to participate in the evaluation of graduate programs in occupational therapy. Ed continues to cycle long distances; this year, he ran the Montréal marathon and completed the half-marathon in Amsterdam, crossing the finish line in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Stadium with 15,000 runners.

JOAN DAWSON (1971) wrote a book, *Nova Scotia's Historic Rivers: the Waterways that Shaped the Province* which was published this fall by Nimbus Publications. This book is a companion to her *Nova Scotia's Lost Highways* (Nimbus, 2009).

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The learning experience for MLIS students continues to be enriched by the generosity of many alumni and friends. Funds designated for scholarships, prizes and bursaries are of great importance for incoming and graduating students. The Annual Fund monies for the MLIS program provide funding for student assistantships and for conference travel for selected students. Computing hardware and software, specific to the needs of our students, is also supported by these funds. All of these are critical aspects of our students' experiences in the program and in the life of the School.

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