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More Choices, More Opportunities



The School of Library, Archival and Information Studies has enjoyed a remarkable few years.

MAS

The SLAIS Master of Archival Studies program received international recognition from the Society of American Archivists as an exemplary program making outstanding contributions to the

discipline and the profession. This was the first time the SAA Distinguished Service Award was given to an education program, and the first time the award was given outside the United States. The faculty has also led an international research team with funding from many different countries and agencies to examine the authenticity and reliability of electronic records.

MLIS

The SLAIS Master of Library and Information Studies program received from the American Library Association the full seven years of re-accreditation with many specific commendations. We continue to improve the program through more flexible curriculum delivery, including entry three times a year for both full- and part-time students and new contracts to deliver courses through distance education. Our First Nations concentration is bringing educators from outside the country to examine our program and curriculum and our Visiting Scholar for the coming year will be a professor specializing in this area. Funded research includes investigation of public library effectiveness, barriers to access to electronic information and Internet use. A new required course in collaborative research has resulted in student teams working with faculty on critical projects to advance the profession.



The new SLAIS sign in front of the Main Library with students from Professor Lynne Lighthall's 1999 class on Cataloguing of Special Materials (a.k.a. Cruel and Unusual Materials). From left, front row: Kathy Bossort, Katia Strieck, Christy MacKinnon, Shana Bystrom; back row: Toby Willis-Camp, May Chan, Caroline Hyslop, Lynne Lighthall, Mimi Doyle-Waters.

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Judith Saltman Receives Major Grant for Children's Literature Study

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada awarded a \$62,000 grant to SLAIS Associate Professor Judith Saltman for a study of Canadian children's illustrated books in English. Professor Saltman's proposal was ranked ninth of 82 in Education, Archival Studies and Library and Information Studies in the country; 35% were funded overall. Co-investigator in the research project will be Gail Edwards, a graduate of SLAIS in the M.L.S. program, and a current doctoral student. The purpose of the research will be to examine the historical context and development of Canadian children's illustrated books, along with the contemporary state of writing, illustration and publishing in this area. The project uses an interdisciplinary approach, drawing from the discipline areas of children's literature, art history, publishing studies, the history of the book, and socio-cultural history. The research will result in the first definitive monograph on the topic.



Professor Judith Saltman, Chair,
Master of Arts in Children's Literature Program

How Do You Know It's the Real Thing?

How Do You Know It's the Real Thing? Authentic Records in the Electronic Age was the title of a highly successful international symposium held in February. The symposium focused on the InterPARES research project headed by SLAIS faculty member Dr. Luciana

Duranti. Held at UBC's Chan Centre, the symposium featured speakers from many countries, including Canada, The United States, Italy, Sweden, Portugal, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and France.

The InterPARES project is addressing four basic questions about electronic records:

- What is required to prove their authenticity?
- How are electronic records selected for preservation?
- How are they preserved?
- What policies, strategies and standards will protect the authenticity of electronic records over time?

The Symposium was co-sponsored by the UBC Institute for European Studies, the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Vancouver, and the InterPARES Project.



Dr. Luciana Duranti, Head, InterPARES Project

Dr. Lotsee Patterson Named Visiting Scholar 2000 - 2001

Dr. Lotsee Patterson, internationally recognized scholar in Native American library services, was named Visiting Scholar to SLAIS for the academic year 2000 - 2001. Dr. Patterson will be in residence at SLAIS September to December and will work with faculty, students and the community to enhance the unique First Nations Concentration of the School in Library, Archival and Information Studies. She also will offer LIBR 593A: Seminar in Library and Information Services for First Nations Peoples of British Columbia. Dr. Patterson is Professor of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma.