

SLAIS News: New Year Brings New Look

By Michelle Mallette.

The New Year brought a fresh new look to the SLAIS website at www.slais.ubc.ca. The new modern design makes it easier for both new and regular visitors to find the information they are seeking.

Prospective students have a new portal giving quick access to information on our graduate programs, admissions and application information and the opportunities students have to fund their graduate studies at SLAIS

Friends and alumni will appreciate the quick link via the Support SLAIS button right on the home page - it takes you to a section that explains how to contribute time, experience and/or financially to making sure SLAIS stays vibrant and connected. Changes to our research page give greater emphasis to the research work and projects of our award-winning faculty. It's now easier to learn more about the faculty and their work, too.

Finally, new and changing photos give you a new look on every visit. See it at www.slais.ubc.ca.

Summer Co-op Students Ready for Hire

SLAIS has a number of students ready to accept co-op work placements for the summer months, May-August. Some are looking for the longer eight-month placements as well. Employers benefit from highly motivated, enthusiastic graduate level students studying the most recent techniques in the library, information management, and archival fields. If a summer position is not possible, some students are seeking employment for Fall 2010 as well. To post a job or find out more information about the SLAIS Co-op program, contact SLAIS Co-op Coordinator Anna Jubilo, MLIS, at anna.jubilo@ubc.ca, or visit the UBC Arts Co-op webpage for employers interested in hiring SLAIS students at <http://co-op.arts.ubc.ca/employers/slais-co-op/>.

Visit SLAIS at PLA in Portland

For the first time, SLAIS will have a booth at the **Public Library (PLA) Conference** in Portland, OR. Stop by our booth (#852) to learn more about our programs, co-op and other activities. BCLA Members who mention the Browser will receive a special gift. The Trade Show hours are 4-6:30 on March 24, 9:30-5 on March 25 and 9:30-4 on March 26. See you there!



Aaron Loehrlein

SLAIS welcomes new faculty member

SLAIS is pleased to welcome its newest faculty member, **Aaron Loehrlein**. Aaron's first day at SLAIS, January 4, coincided with Orientation for new students, and he taught his first class the very next day. Aaron is completing his Ph.D. from Indiana University in Bloomington, in both Information Science and Cognitive Science. His dissertation explores the ways in which a person's conceptual structures influence information-seeking behavior. In addition to conducting research, Aaron will be teaching knowledge management courses at SLAIS, including resource description and access, cataloguing and others.

Engaging in Informative Lunchtime Colloquia

SLAIS is again offering professionals the opportunity to join students, faculty and other information professionals in a series of lunchtime colloquia. These events are held at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre on the UBC Campus. Topics range from "Archivists and the Call for Justice" to "Open Access and Academic Libraries." These are informal presentations that offer participants a chance to learn about new topics, trends and issues, with a question and answer session to ensure full participation. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on times and location, visit www.slais.ubc.ca/news/colloquia.htm.

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