

# News from SLAIS: New Students Welcomed

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The School of Library, Archival & Information Studies (SLAIS) at The University of British Columbia welcomed 37 new students in January. The majority of students (33) are in the Master of Library & Information Studies program; four are students in the joint Master of Archival Studies/ Master of Library & Information Studies. All are studying the MLIS core courses this term, and the joint degree students will begin their archival studies courses in September.

## Student Awards

The School celebrated its student award winners for the 2008/09 academic year with a wine and cheese reception in mid-January. Nearly 40 students were recognized for awards ranging from entrance scholarships to the prestigious Spectrum Scholar diversity program administered by the American Library Association and the Education Foundation Scholarship for graduate students from ARMA International. See our website for photos of the event, at [www.slais.ubc.ca](http://www.slais.ubc.ca).

## Co-op Placements

SLAIS students are now seeking co-op placements for summer and fall 2009. Students can do a co-op work term after completing at least two terms of library or archival studies, or in some cases both. They have a strong grounding in principles and theory and are ready to learn the practical application of their skills and knowledge, and learn from their placements as part of their program of study at SLAIS. Co-op job postings must be full-time and four or eight months in length. For more information, including how to post a co-op job, visit the UBC Arts Co-operative Education page for SLAIS employers at <http://co-op.arts.ubc.ca/employers/slais-co-op/>.

## Colloquia

Alumni and SLAIS friends are cordially invited to participate in our series of professional learning colloquia. The series is continuing for the month of February, and will conclude in early March with a special Celebrate Research Week presentation that highlights the research

and knowledge SLAIS faculty and students contribute to the profession. That presentation will be held on Wednesday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at SLAIS.

On Wednesday February 11, Peter Grant of BC Securities Commission will discuss "Managing Records, Information & Technology: A View from the Bridge." That will be held from 5-6 p.m., with location to be announced. And on Wednesday February 25, Peter Tyrell of Andornot Consulting will present "Adventures in Web Consulting." That will be held 11:45 a.m-12:45 p.m. in the Lillooet Room in the Barber Centre, on the floor below SLAIS.

For more information, visit [www.slais.ubc.ca](http://www.slais.ubc.ca) and click on SLAIS Colloquia from the home page.

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