

SLAIS News: See you at the conference

By Michelle Mallette.

SLAIS is expanding its presence at the BCLA Conference this year with a booth in the Exhibitor Tradeshow. This is an opportunity for SLAIS Alumni and professionals to find out what is happening at SLAIS, what SLAIS students have to offer and how to get involved at SLAIS.

Mentor and be mentored

Experiential learning is a cornerstone of the SLAIS educational philosophy. Here is an opportunity for you to give time back to SLAIS, and benefit from hosting a student. Consider offering a two-week practicum in your library or information centre. Or host a student for a professional experience, which matches skilled SLAIS students with projects in the field. Students have worked on web page redesign, user needs analysis, literacy projects, collection analyses, original cataloguing, database design, reference service projects and more. They bring up-to-date skills, energy and enthusiasm, a commitment to learning and a desire to make a difference. You'll benefit not only from bringing a project to fruition, but from working with new professionals who are excited and well-grounded in theory and new technology. We call that reverse mentoring. For more information, visit our booth at the Conference for more information, contact Michelle by email, or visit: <http://www.slais.ubc.ca/COURSES/arstlibr596/>

Where our students are going

Spring is a busy time for placements. This year, SLAIS students are doing two-week practicum placements all around the world. Placements have been arranged at the University of California Berkeley, Saskatoon Public Library, the British Library in London, the Pier 21 Immigration Museum in Halifax, and even Bilgi University Library in Istanbul as well as the Berlin State Library in Germany. Closer to home, students are being hosted at Vancouver Public Library, the Legislative Library, BCIT Library and the BC Cancer Research Agency, among many others. These students gain tremendously from these experiences, which influence the final term or year of their studies before they join you in the professions. Ask them about these activities, and consider adding to them as well.



SLAIS enjoys high visibility in its top floor location in the architecturally spectacular Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

Lazerow Lecture

The Thomson Scientific Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture will be held April 23. Our esteemed guest speaker this year is Prof. Micheline Beaulieu from the University of Sheffield, UK. Her topic is "Evaluating Interactive Information Systems in Context: A Unifying Paradigm." The lecture will be 4-5 p.m. in the Dodson Room of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall on the UBC Campus. For more information, contact slais@interchange.ubc.ca.

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