

SLAIS News: New Director Welcomed

By Michelle Mallette

The University of British Columbia's School of Library, Archival & Information Studies welcomed **Caroline Haythornthwaite** as Director of SLAIS for a five-year term beginning August 16, 2010.

Dr. Haythornthwaite received a B.Sc. in Psychology at Trent University, followed by a M.A. in Psychology, plus both M.I.S. and Ph.D. in Information Science from the University of Toronto. Dr. Haythornthwaite was recruited from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she held the position of Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. She spent the last year at the University of London as the 2009/2010 Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Culture and Pedagogy, where she researched, wrote, and presented on Learning Networks, which encompasses overlapping themes of social networks, computer networks, and learning.

Join SLAIS for Its 50th Anniversary Celebration

2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of SLAIS at UBC, so be sure to save the date of our celebration: **April 29-30, 2011.**

We have already begun planning a number of activities designed to encourage all to celebrate from wherever they may be. These include an open house at SLAIS where you can meet our new Director as well as current faculty and students, learn about the research being done at SLAIS, and tour our stunning facilities in the state-of-the-art Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. There will also be a celebration dinner and dance, with guests including a number of honoured SLAIS alumni. Consider nominating an outstanding SLAIS Alum for this award – visit www.slaisalumni.org/ and click on the link to the 50th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni nominations page. Don't delay – nominations close December 1.

For those unable to join us in Vancouver, the SLAIS Alumni Association has developed a Virtual Memory Wall where alumni can reconnect with friends and post memories and photos. Visit slaismemorywall.wordpress.com/. The Alumni Association is also planning a fundraising silent auction, so consider donating an item for the auction. Watch for more details at www.slais.ubc.ca

and www.slaisalumni.org/, and please help spread the word about our anniversary events.



Students enjoy a glorious autumn view while hard at work wirelessly in the SLAIS lounge.

Lunch and Learn with SLAIS Colloquia

SLAIS is again offering the opportunity to join students, faculty and other information professionals in a series of lunchtime colloquia over the winter. These events are held in the Dodson Room, on the third floor of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre on the UBC Campus. These informal presentations offer participants a chance to learn about new topics, trends and issues.

Our featured guest for the month of November is Dr. Eliza Dresang, Beverly Cleary Professor of Children's Literature and Services, from the University of Washington's Information School. Her topic is "Project VIEWS: Early Learning Initiatives That Work Successfully (or Do They?)." She will speak November 17th, 2010 from 12 noon to 1 p.m., and this event is most definitely open to the public. This is a chance to learn in an informal relaxed setting, and light refreshments will be served. For more information about this or other events, visit www.slais.ubc.ca/news/colloquia.htm.

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