

SLAIS News: Celebrating 50 years at UBC

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This month marks a major milestone for SLAIS faculty, alumni, students, staff and friends of SLAIS. The School is celebrating its 50th anniversary, with a series of events and activities over the April 29-30 weekend.

Friday April 29 UBC Reception

The events kick off with a reception for invited guests at UBC, honouring SLAIS' achievements, highlighted by a speech from UBC President Stephen Toope, followed by tours of the facilities and space SLAIS calls home in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

Saturday April 30 Open House

An Open House at SLAIS is planned for 12 noon-2 p.m. Everyone is invited to this event where you can explore our study facilities and spectacular space, enjoy a bite to eat, learn about the research faculty and students are doing, talk with faculty, staff and students, find out about our programs for master's and doctoral study, see photos from our 50 years of teaching and learning, and even more. The Open House is a chance to connect with SLAIS and discover what we are doing today, and our plans for the future. Join us. Here's a [link to a map](#) showing our location.

Saturday April 30 Gala Dinner & Dance

Tickets are now available for the evening gala dinner in Vancouver. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the 2011 SLAIS Alumni Achievement and Leadership Awards, honouring 10 alumni who have made a difference. The award winners are:

- Ann Curry, Master of Library Science
- Elizabeth Denham, Master of Archival Studies
- Sarah Ellis, Master of Library Science
- Dean Giustini, Master of Library Science
- Cate McNeely, Master of Library Science
- Laura Millar, Master of Archival Studies
- Ingrid Parent, Bachelor of Library Science
- Judith Saltman, Bachelor of Library Science
- Shelley Sweeney, Master of Archival Studies and Peter Van Garderen, Master of Archival Studies

Join us in thanking these deserving award winners for their work and dedication, and in celebrating a half-century of achievement at SLAIS. Tickets are available until April 6 and can be purchased by visiting www.slais.ubc.ca/about/SLAIS-50.htm.



A Look Back at Fifty Years. All photos from SLAIS files.

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