

Browser Briefs

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Meet the SLAIS Grads

The SLAIS Alumni Association and the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies: The iSchool at The University of British Columbia are pleased to announce the 2012 Meet the SLAIS Grads Event.

This year's event will take place at the Alice McKay Room, lower level VPL Central Branch, 350 West Georgia St. in Vancouver, on Friday March 30th from 5:30-8 pm.

Alumni and Friends of SLAIS are invited to celebrate our newest colleagues by buying a ticket that pays for them and one or more graduates; those who cannot attend can choose to sponsor graduates' tickets.

This is a terrific opportunity to meet the new SLAIS graduates and welcome them as our colleagues. This year's pricing system has been change to encourage recent graduates to participate, and allow established alumni to sponsor more than one new graduate.

- 2012 graduates are hosted with a free ticket including a complimentary drink ticket
- Recent graduates early in their careers pay \$30 for themselves, with part of that helping to sponsor a new graduate
- Alumni pay \$45 for their own ticket and one new graduate, and may add more new graduates for \$25 each.
- Alumni unable to attend can sponsor a grad for \$25.

More information is available at the new SLAIS Alumni Association Blog, <http://blogs.ubc.ca/slaisalumni/>. A registration link will be available shortly, so sign up for an alert via the RSS feed.

Submitted by the SLAIS Alumni Association.

SFU names New Associate University Librarian

Natalie Gick has been selected as the new Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services at Simon Fraser University.

After receiving her MLS from UBC, Natalie began her library career as a reference librarian at the Coquitlam Public and Burnaby Public Libraries. She

then worked as a Science and Technology librarian at Vancouver Public Library, and was later hired as a Liaison Librarian at Simon Fraser University. In 2002 she was appointed first head of the Fraser Library at the new SFU Surrey campus.

Natalie is widely recognized for her qualities as a leader and innovator. At the SFU Surrey she led in planning for and development of the Fraser Library facility, as well as in the establishment of the Student Learning Commons, a gaming room and equipment lending program.

Natalie is not new to the role of Associate University Librarian – she served one year as interim AUL for Collection Services 2008-2009. In her new permanent role as Associate University Librarian she will be responsible for finance, personnel, and facilities services and will be leading several initiatives outlined in the SFU Library Strategic Plan 2011-2016.

*Submitted by Charles Eckman,
University Librarian and Dean of Library Services,
Simon Fraser University.*



Natalie Gick

Margaret Friesen retires from UBC Library

Margaret Friesen retired from the University of British Columbia Library on Dec. 31, 2011.

Margaret was the Assessment Librarian at UBC Library from 2007 to 2011, and held a number of positions during her 41 plus years at the UBC Library, including:

- Head, Interlibrary Loan, 1970-1994
- Manager, BC Post-Secondary Interlibrary Loan Network, 1977-1995

- Staff Training and Development Coordinator, 1994-2007
- Library Statistics Program Coordinator, 2001-2011
- Collections Reorganization Project Coordinator, 1994-98
- Head, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2002-2006



Margaret Friesen

Community service included:

- BCLA President, 1983-1985 (two terms) and
- Librarians' Representative to Senate, UBC Vancouver, 2001-2011

Recent publications (selective):

- "Towards democratizing library data: data management and sharing in the institutional repository," in Proceedings of the Library Assessment Conference, October 2010, Baltimore, MD. (Washington, DC: Association of Research Libraries, 2011).

- "Applying ATLAS.ti and Nesstar WebView to the LibQUAL+R results at UBC Library" in Proceedings of the Library Assessment Conference, August 2008, Seattle, WA. (Washington, DC: Association of Research Libraries, 2009), 449-455.
- <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/23040>

Institutional repository documents (selective):

- Good assessment starts before you begin (Presentation notes and slides, ALPS, BCLA, Dec. 2, 2011) <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/39822>
- Staff Training and Development Program, 1991-2007, UBC Library <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/25780>
- UBC Authors and Their Works Program, 1991-2006 <http://circle.library/handle/2429/25415>

Some earlier publications (selective):

- "Investing in human resources: staff training and development at the University of British Columbia Library," in *Advances in Library Administration and Organization*, v. 14, 1996, p. 63-94.
- *Interlibrary Loan in Canada: a report of a survey*. 1975. Co-author.

Margaret plans to spend time with family and friends, pursue piano studies, continue garden design, gardening, and photography, edit family history documents, and start volunteer work.

Submitted by Margaret Friesen, UBC Library.