

SLAIS news: New look for iSchool website

By Michelle Mallette.

This summer saw the launch of a brand-new design for the website of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, informally known as the iSchool at the University of British Columbia. Our new design incorporates our new identity as an iSchool, promotes upcoming events, and alerts our community to news from the iSchool. At the same time, it continues to provide access to all the important information needed by students, applicants, faculty and alumni. Finally, the site boasts a clean and elegant look with better functionality, using the UBC-wide drop-down menus as well as quick links on inside pages. Incorporating the UBC branding into the iSchool site reminds visitors that we are located in a world-renowned research institution. Check out the site at slais.ubc.ca.

Students Win National, International Awards

UBC iSchool students are distinguishing themselves as scholars on the national and international stage, earning several awards for academic promise and excellence. **Scott Owens**, **Erin Peters** and **Isabel Taylor** have all won Canada Graduate Scholarships at the master's level from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council this year – fewer than 65 were given to UBC students in all. Seven students — **Kane Klemic**, **Valérie Léveillé**, **Lara Mancuso**, **Victoria Ostrzenski**, **Kevin Owen**, **Joy Rowe**, and **Isabel Taylor** — have won awards from the ARMA International Educational Foundation. Finally, two students, **Ebony Magnus** and **Amber Saundry**, were selected as Diversity Scholars under the Association of Research Libraries' Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce. Congratulations are in order for all the winners, as these achievements attest to the continuing high quality of students and graduates from the School in all programs.

School Wins Inaugural Education Award

The Master of Archival Studies program at SLAIS has been awarded the inaugural Award for Academic Excellence in Records and Information Management Education by the ARMA International Educational Foundation. The award was presented June 5 to Dr. **Luciana Duranti**, chair of the MAS program, who accepted the award on the School's behalf at the ARMA Canada 28th Annual Conference held in Nanaimo. In making the award, trustee Christine



Ardern said the award recognizes "outstanding teaching, outstanding research accomplishments, and outstanding contribution to the university and college communities, governments, the private sector, and the global citizenry as a whole."

Two Defend Children's Literature Master's Theses

Master of Arts in Children's Literature students **Lara LeMoal** and **Karen Taylor** have successfully defended their theses. Lara defended her thesis, "Rendering the Visible World: A Critical Examination of Internationalization, Representation, Order, and Naming in a Selection of Contemporary Metafictional Alphabet Picturebooks." Karen defended her thesis, "'Her Knowledge of Flora and Fauna Came Mostly from Fiction': The Adolescent as Green Subject in Three Canadian Young Adult Novels." Lara's work was supervised by **Judith Saltman**, with **Theresa Rogers** as thesis committee member. Karen's work was supervised by **Judy Brown** with **Margot Filipenko** as thesis committee member. Both theses are available on the UBC Institutional Repository, cIRcle, at <https://circle.ubc.ca/>.

Alexandra Bradley Named ARMA Fellow

Long-time iSchool adjunct faculty member **Alexandra "Sandie" Bradley** has been named to the ARMA International Company of Fellows. She is only the fourth Canadian and the 47th person to receive this distinction, the highest honour in the records management profession. Created in 1990, the award honours "outstanding achievements and contributions in records and information management as well as noteworthy accomplishments in all levels of the association." Only members with a reputation for ethical integrity, professional responsibility and a high attention to professional standards are considered for the award. More at arma.org/myarma/awards/fellows.cfm.

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