

UBC SLAIS news: Faculty & staff changes

By Michelle Mallette.

There are a number of role changes at The School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, the iSchool at The University of British Columbia.

Helene Høyrup Ph.D., of the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Denmark, joins the School this month as the inaugural Dodson Visiting Professor. She is in the position February to April 2013, and will be teaching two classes as well as making public presentations on her research. Of interest to the BCLA community will be her lunchtime colloquium talk on Wednesday, March 20: "Literature between Bookspace and New Literacy Space: Towards a Connective Ethnography of Children's Literature and Digital Media." This free talk will be given in the Dodson Room, on the third floor of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Registration not required.

She will also speak at a symposium on the late children's author Maurice Sendak, organized by the students in the Master of Arts in Children's Literature program. That event will be held Friday, March 1st, 3:30-6:30 pm, also in the Dodson Room. Dr. Høyrup will address "Maurice Sendak's Modernism for Children: A Celebration of the Signifier?" This event is also free, but registration will be required. Watch for details at www.slais.ubc.ca.

Dr. Heather O'Brien, assistant professor, returns to the School after a year's leave of absence, and is teaching two courses this term, Understanding Information Users in Diverse Environments, and Collection Management. **Dr. Rafa Absar**, who taught Dr. O'Brien courses during her absence in 2012, remains with the iSchool as a Postdoctoral Researcher, working on research in user behaviour with Dr. O'Brien. She joins **Dr. Michael Huggett**, who is a postdoctoral researcher working with **Dr. Edie Rasmussen**.

Heather Shand is serving as the school's Acting Student Services Coordinator, while a search is in process to replace **Michelle Mallette** who has taken a new position as Director of Student Academic Services with the Faculty of Science. Also in the office are temporary staff members **Aoife Ní Dhubhlaioich**



and **Connie Wintels**. (Please note: office email addresses remain unchanged.)

UBC iSchool Plans 2013 Research Day

Research Day this year is on Friday, March 8 – this is a terrific opportunity to find out what we are thinking about! Faculty and students in both doctoral and master's studies present on their research at this open event to which the public is welcome. Keynote speaker for the event is Jack Lohman, Chief Executive Officer for the Royal BC Museum in Victoria. Watch for details at www.slais.ubc.ca.

Winter Colloquia Series Announced

In addition to the March 20 talk by Dr. Helene Høyrup, several other speakers have been organized for the winter colloquia talks. **Anatoliy Gruz** of Dalhousie University speaks Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 4-5 p.m. on "Automated Discovery and Visualization of Communication Networks from Social Media."

Anabel Quan-Haase of the University of Western Ontario will address "Serendipity Models: How We Encounter Information and People in Digital Environments" when she speaks 12-1 p.m. on Wednesday Feb. 27.

William Wong of University College London will speak on his research on Friday March 1, also 12-1 p.m., and **Paul Marty** of Florida State University will give his talk on Wednesday March 12, also 12-1 p.m. Details on these talks will be announced soon.

Find out more about colloquia events at <http://www.slais.ubc.ca/news/colloquia.htm>.

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