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School of Information & Library Studies



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Generous Donation Received from the H.W. Wilson Foundation



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The H.W. Wilson Foundation has pledged a generous multi-year gift to the school. The gift, €10,000 per year for three years, will be used to fund academic staff-student collaborative research. Involving students in research projects in collaboration with academic staff provides students with valuable and unique learning opportunities, enabling them to learn by doing and by apprenticeship. At the same time it helps academic staff complete research projects, contributing to the growth of knowledge in library and information science.

Founded in 1898 The H.W. Wilson Company is dedicated to providing its customers and their patrons with the highest quality information to support today's research needs. More than 60 H.W. Wilson databases—indexes, abstracts, full text resources, plus the unique Index Retrospective Collection are available on WilsonWeb, the powerful Internet-based information retrieval system. "The breadth and depth of indexing coverage, and precise subject access in all the Wilson databases reflect an ongoing commitment to quality in keeping with the Wilson tradition," said Deborah Loeding, Vice-President, Sales & Marketing.

Since 1994 the HW Wilson Foundation has funded two Wilson Foundation Awards given each year to SILS students who graduate with the highest grade point average in a Master's of Library and Information Studies and Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies.

James Matarazzo, secretary of the H.W. Wilson Foundation commented, "The H.W. Wilson Foundation is pleased to be able to support the UCD School of Information and Library Studies. The School uniquely supports and advances the discipline in Ireland and beyond through its teaching, research and service."

The School of Information and Library Studies (SILS) is indebted to the H.W. Wilson Foundation, including Michael Heelan, Director Abstracting Services, HW Wilson Company, Dublin, for their support.

Staff Activities & Accomplishments

Jessica Bates' Ph.D. dissertation, *The everyday information needs and information seeking behaviour of individuals living in a low-income neighbourhood in Dublin*, was Highly Commended in the recent Emerald/EFMD Doctoral Dissertation Research Awards. Jessica completed the dissertation in 2008, and is on unpaid leave during 2011.



Crystal Fulton attended an UCD Teaching & Learning seminar titled Engaging and empowering students with their assessment.

Andrea Johnson and Clare Thornley, along with co-authors Alan Smeaton and Hyowon Lee at Dublin City University, recently published a paper in the *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (JASIS&T)*. The paper, titled “The scholarly impact of TREC Vid (2003-2009)”, appeared in Volume 62, Issue 4, pp. 613-627.



Lee Komito's research on social media and migration was featured in the Irish and Northern Ireland editions of the *Sunday Times* on March 20th. The title of the article is: “Virtual friends prevent migrants mixing.” Lee was also featured in an interview conducted March 26 by *Nasz Gtos*, the largest Polish newspaper in Ireland.

Lee's paper, “Social media and migration: Virtual Community 2.0,” has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (JASIS&T)*. The paper is available online in the “early view” section of the journal at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/asi.21517/pdf>. *JASIS&T* has recently been hailed as the top-ranked journal in information and library science based on new bibliometric data.

Claire McGuinness gave an invited presentation at the recent Academic and National Library Training Co-operative (ANLTC) seminar titled, “The Librarian as Academic Writer.”



Diane H. Sonnenwald was invited to serve on the editorial board of the open access journal, *Journal of Library and Information Science*, published by National Taiwan University. Diane is also teaching a course, Theory Development, via video-conferencing to graduate students at the National Taiwan Normal University. In January Diane presented an overview of the SILS programmes in information and library studies to the Education Committee of the Library Association of Ireland.

Maria Souden is giving a workshop at the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) and Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) Ireland Joint Annual Conference. The workshop, *Professional Development 2.0*, focuses on how professionals can use



reflective practice, action research, social media and ePortfolios to stay fresh, think outside the box and raise their professional profile. Maria is also giving a talk and presenting a poster on her research at the UCD Festival of Research and Innovation: Health and Healthcare Delivery Symposium taking place 20 April. The talk is titled: “Mind the Gap: Representations of Chronic Illness in Patient Narratives and the Electronic Health Record”. The poster is titled: “Narrowing the gap: Chronic illness information as experienced in everyday life and healthcare contexts.”



Norman Su recently gave two research presentations. One presentation, titled “Doing Business with Theory: Communities of Practice in Knowledge Management,” was given at the UCD Centre for Innovation, Technology & Organisation. A second talk, titled “Car Dashboard Design: History Lessons for Ubiquitous Computing,” was given at the Department of Sociology Research Seminar Series, Trinity College Dublin.

Judith Wusteman recently launched Ojax++, a new virtual research environment (VRE). Ojax++ enables researchers to use multiple online tools, such as GoogleDocs, Delicious, My Experiment and Twitter. Ojax++ then aggregates the output from those tools so that, regardless of which web applications researchers use to conduct their research, they can organise their work and collaborate on that work in one place, using Ojax++. This research has been funded by Science Foundation Ireland. For more information, see <http://www.ucd.ie/ojax/>.



Undergraduate and Graduate Student Awards

SILS students have recently received numerous awards for their academic achievements. Congratulations from all in SILS go to **Colm Talbot** (MLIS 2010) and **Francis Callaghan** (Grad Dip LIS 2010) who received a Wilson Foundation Award. These are awarded annually to students who earned the overall highest grade point averages in the Master’s of Library and Information Studies and Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies.

Congratulations also go to **Deirdre O’Neill** (MLIS 2010) who received the John Dean Medal. This medal, named after former Head of School Professor John Dean, is awarded each year to the graduate student over the age of thirty-five who has obtained the highest grade point average, and who has not received any other medal.



Prof. Diane H. Sonnenwald congratulates Ann Walsh, Terence Parkes and Colm Talbot at the recent UCD Awards Ceremony.

Ann Walsh (MLIS 2010) is the second recipient of the Public Libraries Research Programme (PRLP) Medal. The medal is funded by the PLRP, which is co-funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Library Authorities, and is managed by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. The medal promotes research of relevance to public libraries and to recognise the research achievements of those undertaking Masters programmes at SILS.



Petra Skyvova (pictured left) is the first recipient of the Michael Casey Medal. The medal recognises the undergraduate student who achieved the highest final year grade point average in any undergraduate degree offered by SILS. The medal was funded through the generosity of Michael Casey, Professor Emeritus. Petra also received a UCD Postgraduate Scholarship from the College of Arts and Celtic Studies and College of Human Sciences. Congratulations on this double achievement Petra.

Terence Parkes and **Siobhan Roseler**, who are doing a joint major with us, received a UCD Undergraduate Scholarship for their achievements in Stage 2 of the BA degree programme. The BA programme is the largest undergraduate programme at UCD and only twenty-nine such scholarships were awarded.



Petra Skyvova, Prof. Diane H. Sonnenwald and Terence Parkes at the UCD Award Ceremony 4 March 2011.

The School sends congratulations to all our recent award winners, and thanks the individuals and organizations that make these awards possible.

Opportunity to update your higher diploma or graduate diploma degree to a Master's (MLIS)

For the first time SILS is offering a mechanism by which professionals who previously earned a higher diploma or graduate diploma in information and library studies can “upgrade” their degree to a MLIS degree.

If you received a higher diploma or graduate diploma in Information and Library Studies at UCD, you now have the opportunity to apply your prior course work towards a Master's in Information and Library Studies (MLIS) degree.

If you successfully passed your higher diploma or graduate diploma courses, you need only complete 15 credits of course work and a 30 credit capstone project to earn a MLIS. The course work may include two 7.5 credit courses in research methods, or another combination of courses. We are planning to offer one research method course each semester during late afternoons, one afternoon per week. You can do this as a part-time student over the course of 12 months.

The application process has two steps:

- (1) Apply online to the MLIS part time programme through the UCD online system at <http://www.ucd.ie/apply>. Please indicate in application that you wish to be a part-time MLIS student upgrading from a higher or graduate diploma to a MLIS.
- (2) Complete the Accreditation of Prior Learning: Certificated Learning Application Form available at <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/pol.htm>
This form should be sent to Claire Nolan, SILS school administrator at claire.nolan@ucd.ie or Claire Nolan, UCD School of Information and Library Studies, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4.

Both steps must be completed no later than July 1 each year. *However please note that SILS accepts students on a first-come, first-served basis until all places in our MLIS programme are full.*

After you are offered a place in the MLIS part-time programme you will be required to pay a €500 deposit to hold your place in the programme. You will officially be granted credit for your higher or graduate diploma courses after you register as a student in the autumn semester.

The MLIS degree is the most widely recognised professional degree in information and library science. Our MLIS degree is accredited by the Library Association Ireland with reciprocal accreditation by other professional library associations globally.

New Career Planning Undergraduate Course



In collaboration with the UCD Career Planning Office, SILS is pleased to offer a new career planning undergraduate course in the Autumn 2011.

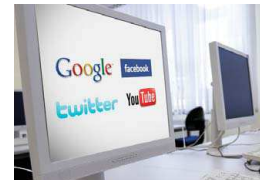
Engagement in continuing professional development is a prerequisite for career success. This course is designed for students who are

interested in pro-actively preparing and planning for future professional careers. The course will provide students' with opportunities to better understand their personal performance and self-management, develop effective career plans and appreciate the role played by staff appraisal and continuous professional development in the graduate workplace. Use will be made of a learning journal and/or e-portfolio to assist students in recording, reflecting and planning ahead. The topics covered during the semester will include self-assessment, team work skills, leadership, networking for career success, developing self-reflective skills and practices, personality traits and work and career development learning.

Dr. David Foster, Director of the UCD Career and Development Centre, and Sorcha Mulcahy, Career Development Advisor, (pictured above) are designing this new course.

Opportunity to Audit Courses @ SILS

In 2011-2012 there will again be opportunities to audit courses at SILS. Auditing courses provides a unique opportunity to obtain new knowledge and skills without a large cost. Auditing can be ideal if you are:



- a professional who wishes to participate in continuing professional education, learning about current state-of-the-art and future developments in particular topic areas;
- an individual who is considering a career change and wants to explore a new subject; or
- a person who wishes to learn about social media, and how to find, create and/or share digital information effectively.

When auditing a course you have the opportunity to attend all course lectures and any labs and/or tutorials offered in conjunction with lectures. Typically each course meets for two hours per week, for 12 weeks. This coming autumn we are offering more master level courses late afternoons to help accommodate individuals who are working.

All master's and undergraduate courses offered by SILS can be audited. The cost is only €190 per course - less than €8 per hour of course lecture. Of course, you can still also take courses for university credit as an occasional student. Courses planned for the upcoming 2011 Autumn Semester include:

Master level courses:

- IS40030: Information Behaviour in the 21st Century, Thurs. 4:00-6:00 (will primarily be offered online)
- IS40060: Research Methods I, Mon. 3:00-5:00
- IS40370: Management for Information Professionals, Tues. 4:00-6:00
- IS40490: Theory in Action, Tues. 1:00-3:00
- IS40500: Systems Analysis & Design, Tues. 10:00-12:00
- IS40530: Information & Reference Services, Wed. 1:00-3:00pm

Undergraduate level courses

- IS10010: Introduction to Information and Social Computing, Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-10:00
- IS10020: Introduction to Information Skills & Strategies, Thurs. 1:00-2:00 & Fri. 2:00-3:00
- IS20010: Advanced Information Skills for Problem-solving, Wed. 10:00-11:00 & Fri. 9:00-10:00
- IS20020: Organisation & Retrieval of Information, Mon. 11:00-12:00 & Wed. 12:00-1:00
- IS20100: Career Personal Development, Wed. 3:00-4:00
- IS30020: Web Publishing, Mon. 11:00-1:00
- IS30070: Cypersociety? Technology, Culture, Communications, Tues. 4:00-5:00 & Thurs. 4:00-5:00

The autumn semester begins 12 September and ends 2 December. The above courses and times are subject to revision. For further information regarding when these courses will be offered will soon be made available at: <http://www.ucd.ie/sils/graduatestudents/occasionalstudents/>. You can also contact the SILS school administrator, Claire Nolan, at 01 716 7055 and Claire.nolan@ucd.ie.



Hope you can join us for a course this autumn!

Applying to SILS

We are accepting applications to our Master's, Graduate Diploma and PhD programmes for entry September 2011. Applications to the Masters and Graduate Diploma programmes must be made using UCD's online application system. Full details of how to apply online, including FAQs, can be found at <http://www.ucd.ie/apply/>.

To apply to the PhD programme, please follow the instructions at: <http://www.ucd.ie/sils/graduatestudents/phdmlittma/phdmlittprogrammedetails/>

New Scholar to join SILS, Summer 2011



Kalpana Shankar, an award-winning teacher and scholar, will be joining SILS as a lecturer this July. Kalpana received an ALISE Doctoral Dissertation Award, two university teaching awards, and has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on 12 grants, and has authored or co-authored 20 refereed publications.

Kalpana's research focuses on the uses of data and information (digital and otherwise) in the life sciences, pervasive technology, and personal health. Her work draws on theory and method from archival and information science as well as science, technology, and society (STS) studies. Previous appointments include a faculty position in the School of

Informatics and Computing at Indiana University-Bloomington and a postdoctoral research position at the Center for Embedded Networked Sensing at the University of California, Los Angeles. She received her Ph.D. in library and information science from the University of California, Los Angeles. This autumn Kalpana will be teaching IS40060, Research Methods I, and IS20020, Organisation and Retrieval of Information.

SILS Alumni Association Gala Kick-Off Event, 25 May, 6:00-7:30

As announced previously a number of alumni are working with SILS to establish a SILS Alumni Association. We are planning a gala kick-off event to take place May 25, 6:00-7:30 at the National Library. Please hold the date in your calendar. Invitations along with membership application forms will be sent out shortly.

