

New Officers and Directors Join ASIS&T Board

Every year at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, a new administrative year begins, and the first official order of business is the introduction of new faces to the ASIS&T Board of Directors.

In October in Columbus, the annual changing of the guard took place, and new officers and directors took their seats.

Each of the positions filled through recent balloting is for a three-year term. Those elected to the Board are **Gary Marchionini**, president-elect; and **Debbie Barreau** and **Peter Morville**, directors-at-large. In addition, **Amy Wallace** joined the Board as Chapter Assembly Director as a result of balloting conducted among chapter representatives.

As the new members took their seats, **Donald Case**, elected last year as president-elect, assumed the presidency from **Nancy Roderer**, who remains on the Board as past president for one year.

Gary Marchionini, professor of information science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has served ASIS&T in numerous ways, including on the Board of Directors; on various standing and ad hoc committees; and on the editorial board of *JASIST*.

In his position statement issued in the ballot materials, Marchionini focused on the importance of



Gary



Donald Case



Debbie Barreau



Peter Morville

growing the ASIS&T membership and in strengthening ASIS&T's role and participation in summits and meetings devoted to significant topics in information science.

Deborah Barreau, associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been active in ASIS&T chapters and SIGs since joining in 1988. She has served on numerous committees and awards juries and has worked on ASIS&T annual meetings. In 2002 she received the ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Award. Her election platform and position statement focused primarily on increasing membership, including student membership, and engaging more members in the life of the association.

Peter Morville is widely recognized as a founder of the information architecture field. His best-selling books include *Information Architecture for the World Wide Web*, co-authored with Louis Rosenfeld, and *Ambient Findability*. He is called upon to deliver seminars and speeches at conferences and leading institutions throughout the world. Morville's position statement emphasized the importance of

maintaining a strong, enduring relationship between ASIS&T and the information architecture community. ■

ASIS&T 2008 Annual Meeting Coverage

As this issue of the *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* is being prepared for online access, members of ASIS&T gathered in Columbus for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Complete coverage of the meeting will be included in the February/March 2009 issue of the *Bulletin*. To provide a brief glimpse of meeting coverage for those who didn't attend the meeting, here are the winners of the 2008 ASIS&T Awards. More details will be provided next issue.

- Award of Merit – Clifford A. Lynch**
- Watson Davis Award – Samantha Hastings**
- Thomson ISI/ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award – Eileen Abels**
- Best Information Science Book Award –**
Scholarship in the Digital Age: Information, Infrastructure, and the Internet, by **Christine L. Borgman** (published by MIT Press)
- John Wiley & Sons Best JASIST Paper Award –**
Teresa M. Harrison, Theresa Pardo, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, Fiona Thompson and Dubravka Juraga for "Geographic Information Technologies, Structuration Theory, and the World Trade Center Crisis," *JASIST*, 58(14), pp. 2240-2254
- James M. Cretsos Leadership Award –**
Elise Lewis and Phillip M. Edwards
- Pratt-Severn Best Student Research Paper Award – Ann Irvine** for "Natural Language Processing and Temporal Information Extraction in Emergency Department Triage Notes"

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Don Kraft Named Editor Emeritus of *JASIST*

At the meeting of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST)*, incoming editor Blaise Cronin announced that Donald Kraft has been named editor emeritus of the *Journal*. Kraft retires as editor-in-chief after 24 years of service on January 1, 2009. Cronin was named as his replacement in June.

Kraft's numerous accolades from both ASIS&T and the information profession include the 2007 ASIS&T Award of Merit, recognizing his contributions to *JASIST*, among other achievements. In the words of the citation:

That *JASIST* continues to reign as a top-ranked journal in quantitative and qualitative assessments is a tribute to Dr. Kraft's leadership. He has steered the *Journal* into electronic publication and more than doubled the number of issues and quadrupled the number of pages published each year. Dr. Kraft's editorship has been characterized by expanded international reach and receptivity to new approaches and areas of research.

Throughout his editorship, Dr. Kraft has had the vision to recognize these trends and encourage a very wide range of authors from many fields to publish in the *Journal*. He has thus promoted the formation, clarification and extension of the field of information science as we move through times of rapid and profound social and technological transformation. As a consequence of his leadership and considerable people skills, the *Journal* has grown

substantially under his direction, bringing a wider understanding of the field to the discipline of information science.

On accepting the editorship, Cronin also paid tribute to Kraft's tenure:

JASIST is the preeminent journal of its kind in the world, and the enduring record of our field's intellectual focus and evolution. Under Don Kraft's editorship *JASIST* has flourished, growing in terms of size, number of annual issues and breadth of subject coverage. The institutional, geographic and disciplinary affiliations of contributing authors are more varied than ever, reflecting the internationalizing of interest in information science and also the perceived attractiveness of *JASIST* as a publication outlet of first, not last, resort. In short, the maturation of our field, both scholastically and professionally, is mirrored in the pages of the journal. ■



Flanking new *JASIST* editor-for-life Don Kraft at the recent *JASIST* Advisory Board meeting are, left to right, Katherine McCain, Carol Barry, Linda Schamber, Kraft, Nancy Roderer and Blaise Cronin, new editor of ASIS&T's flagship publication.

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Thomson ISI Citation Analysis Research Grant – Isola Ajiferuke and Dietmar Wolfram for *Citer Analysis as a Measure of Research Impact*

ProQuest/ASIS&T Doctoral Dissertation Award – Eric Meyer for *Socio-Technical Perspectives on Digital Photography: Scientific Digital Photography Use by Marine Mammal Researchers*

Chapter-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T (LACASIS)

Student Chapter-of-the-Year – University of Washington Information School Student Chapter and the European Student Chapter

Chapter Member of the Year – Rachael Green Clemens, Carolinas Chapter, Christine Quirion, New England, and Bo-Gay Salvador, Los Angeles

Chapter Event-of-the-Year – Working Together, Working Differently: How Millennials Are Changing the Way Other Generations Learn, Interact and Do Commerce, Potomac Valley Chapter, and Tag You're It: A Dialog Between Social Tagging and Traditional Classification, Los Angeles Chapter

Chapter Innovation-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter of ASIS&T for its wiki

Chapter Publication-of-the-Year – Los Angeles Chapter's *Observation of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*

SIG-of-the-Year – SIG/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and SIG/Information Needs, Seeking & Use (SIG/USE)

SIG Member-of-the-Year – Karen Fisher, SIG/USE

SIG Publication-of-the-Year – *Information and Emotion: The Emergent Affective Paradigm in Information Behavior Research and Theory*, SIG/USE ■

The International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (<http://icisc.neasist.org/>) is a nonprofit collaboration between the Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and the European (ASIST/EC) and New England (NEASIST) chapters of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, with the additional support of Haworth Press.

Call for Papers for 2009 ASIS&T Annual Meeting
Thriving on Diversity – Information Opportunities in a Pluralistic World
 November 6-11, 2009 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

We live in a culture where countries, organizations and individuals have never been so closely linked politically, economically and socially, linkages that are founded on rapid and efficient information transfer and access. Yet we also co-exist in a world that displays its rich cultural diversity and relies upon information sharing to reinforce its plurality. ASIS&T 2009 offers participants the opportunity to explore how information research and practice can promote global communication while maintaining diversity.

Submissions by researchers and practitioners are sought across the spectrum of information science and technology. Possible topics include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Individual identities and how they are transformed by the impact of information technologies
- The societal archive – is it disappearing and/or being marginalized?
- Societal attentions and how emphasis on information technology either allows or hinders these
- Openness, access and privacy issues
- Generational, economic and socio-cultural dimensions of the impact of information on people’s lives
- Cognitive and emotional aspects of interactions with information

- Reshaping the boundary between personal and public information space
- The effect of collective information creation on authority and trust
- Information by the people for the people
- Role of information in connecting people and community building

Types of Submissions

The program committee will accept the following types of submissions:

Contributed papers present original, unpublished papers reporting on research projects, theoretical developments or innovative practical applications are invited. These papers should be reports of completed or well-developed projects on topics suitable for publication in scholarly and professional journals.

Contributed posters may be of either of two types: contributed research posters presenting new and promising work or preliminary results of research projects or contributed “best practices” posters presenting the results of design projects, practical implementations of an organization’s practices or industry innovations.

Technical sessions and panels present topics for discussion such as cutting-edge research and design, analyses of emerging trends, opinions on controversial issues, reports by practitioners on current

2009 AM Conference Committee

The following people are serving ASIS&T as members of the 2009 AM Conference Committee:

Andrew Large, McGill University, chair; **France Bouthillier**, McGill University, and **Corinne Jorgensen**, Florida State University, contributed papers co-chairs; **KT Vaughan**, University of North Carolina, and **Pascal Calarco**, University of Notre Dame, panels and technical sessions co-chairs; **Heidi Julien**, University of Alberta, and **Valerie Nettet**, State University of New York at Buffalo, posters co-chairs; and **Karen Fisher**, University of Washington; **Grant Campbell**, University of Western Ontario; **June Abbas**, University of Oklahoma; **Luanne Freund**, University of British Columbia; **Sandra Hirsh**, Microsoft Corporation; and **Tao Jin**, Louisiana State University.

information science and technology projects, and contrasting viewpoints from experts in complementary professional areas. Innovative formats that involve audience participation are encouraged. **Pre-conference sessions** present topics such as theoretical research, management strategies and new and innovative systems or products, typically for purposes of concept development or continuing education.

For more information, including submission guidelines and deadlines, please see the complete Call for Papers at <http://www.asis.org/conferences/am09/am09cfp.html> ■

News about ASIS&T Chapters

The Northern Ohio ASIS&T chapter (NORASIST) featured **Ed Dale**, who runs the Ernst & Young intranet, at its annual meeting in October. Dale spoke about information retrieval in an intranet environment and the specific challenges the technology presents.

News about ASIS&T Members

Don Kraft, outgoing editor of the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* has been named an ACM Distinguished Scientist for 2008, an ACM membership level recognizing members who have achieved significant accomplishments or have made a significant impact on the computing field.

Amanda Spink, professor at the Queensland University of Technology Faculty of Science and Information Technology, has been appointed associate editor of the Elsevier journal *Information Sciences*. The journal publishes basic investigations in the areas of information science focusing on informatics and computer science, Information technologies, intelligent systems and applications. ■

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