FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


IN THE NEWS

The Visual Information Systems Center (VISC) is pleased to announce that it has been featured in an article in the March 15, 2004, edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: “Pitt Researchers’ System Used to Analyze Impact of Proposed City School Closing” (available on-line at http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/04075/285987.stm). The article discusses the VIPER Project, a collaboration between Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) and VISC. VIPER is aimed at using visualization techniques to research critical impact factors for learning. VISC is hosting two PPS employees, Glenn Ponas, Project Director, and Chris Temple, GIS Consultant. Bob Regan, Matt Kelley and Dave Perini of VISC were all quoted in the article. Interested parties should contact Assistant Professor and VISC Director Kenneth M. Sochats (412.624.9416) or Glenn Ponas (412.624.9416) at VISC for information.
FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

On February 26 and 27, 2004, Associate Professor Ellen Detlefsen gave two workshops entitled “The Psychiatrist and the Internet: Searching the Literature (Intermediate)” and “The Psychiatrist and the Internet: Searching the Literature (Advanced)” for physicians in attendance at the annual meeting of the American College of Psychiatrists in Bal Harbour, Florida. This is a Continuing Medical Education activity fully accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Professor Richard J. Cox has been invited to speak at a conference, “Unleashing the Archive,” at University College London in November of 2004.

The Visual Information Systems Center (VISC) is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has appointed Assistant Professor and VISC Director Kenneth M. Sochats to its Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) working group. PIMS is the envisioned next generation information system for the Department of Education. Interested parties should contact Ken Sochats at VISC (412.624.9416) for information.

SIS Research Associate Dr. Aisha White presented her dissertation research, “The Information Use Environment Within a Women’s Correctional Facility: An Instrumental Case Study,” at the 69th Annual Conference of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, March 12, 2004. The Conference theme was “Globalization: Reexamining Political, Social and Economic Issues of the New World Order”.

A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce.
— James Madison, 1751-1836, quoted in 1822