FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor Ellen G. Detlefsen published "Internet Resources: Late-Life Depression Resources for Patients and Their Caregivers." Medical Library Association News, 360.10 (Oct. 2003). Ellen can supply print copies of the article; it is also available electronically to members of the Medical Library Association at http://www.mlanet.org.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Visual Information Systems Center (VISC) is pleased to announce that it will be part of the special series on research in Pennsylvania on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). The show will feature a number of people from VISC as well as Senator Jack Wagner, Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus. Interested parties should contact Ken Sochats in the VISC lab.
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The Visual Information Systems Center (VISC) is pleased to announce that it will be part of the special series on research excellence in next month's Pitt chronicle published next Monday (December 1). The topic featured next month will be Homeland Security. Interested parties should contact Ken Sochats in the VISC lab.

The Visual Information Systems Center (VISC) is pleased to announce that it will host a visit by the Intel Corporation on December 3-4. In addition to the visit to the VISC Lab, VISC will host a presentation of new Intel wireless technologies in 2P56 of Posvar Hall at 1:00 on December 4th. A limited number of seats remain for this presentation. Interested parties should contact Ken Sochats in the VISC Lab.

NSF awarded Peter Brusilovsky, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Science and Telecommunications, $13,220 to defray the cost of attendance for 10 graduate students at the User Modeling '03 Conference. Brusilovsky chaired the 9th International Conference on User Modeling from June 22 to 26 in the conference center at the University of Pittsburgh's Johnstown Campus. The conference provided a forum in which academic and industrial researchers could exchange complementary insights on user modeling issues.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Professor Richard J. Cox is included as part of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Commonwealth Speakers program for 2004-05, a program endeavoring to bring humanities and other scholars into local regions of the state to "increase public understanding and appreciation of the arts, history, and the ideas that have shaped the United States as a nation." The two topics for Dr. Cox include "Can Everything Be Saved?: Challenges Facing Today's Archivists" and "Flowers After the Funeral: The Implications of 9/11 for Libraries, Archives, and Museums."

Professor Emeritus E. J. Josey was a guest speaker at the University of Illinois Library Colloquium on Friday, October 24, 2003. Professor Josey's lecture was a part of the University of Illinois' Brown v. Board of Education Jubilee Commemoration. He addressed the topic "The Impact of the 1954 United States Supreme Court decision on Libraries."

Professor Toni Carbo has been invited to serve on the Faculty Advisory Board of the Center for West European Studies/European Union Center. Founded in 1984, the CWES is one of only eleven centers for West European/European Studies so designated by the U.S. Department of Education and funded under Title VI of the Higher Education Act. Established with the original cohort of centers in 1998, the EUC is one of only fifteen centers so designated and partially funded by the European Commission.

Professor Toni Carbo has become a member of the Legal Services Corporation’s Technology Advisory Board (TAB). LSC has established the TAB in order to explore ways to use technology to better meet the legal needs of the poor. Microsoft, LexisNexis, eBay, the Center for Democracy and Technology, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the American Library Association have all agreed to become members of the TAB.

Professor Toni Carbo served as a juror for the 9th Annual Heinz Awards program, as a member of the Technology, the Economy and Employment panel. These five Awards, which honor the late Senator John Heinz, provide recognition and a $250,000 award to the recipients.
Professor Richard J. Cox and Assistant Professor Karen Gracy attended a meeting at the Society of American Archivists in Chicago on November 14-16 to plan for the first nationwide census of archivists in the United States. Supported by a grant from the IMLS, this project aims to collect demographic and other information on all individuals, paid and volunteer, working as archivists. Dr. Cox was one of a group of graduate archival educators and Dr. Gracy represented the Association of Moving Image Archivists.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

Mark Vrabel (now Director of the Library at the Oncology Nursing Society in Greentree) was elected a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Rebecca Abromitis and Barbara Folb, graduates of Pitt’s MLIS program, published the following article with E. Saghafi: “Assessing the Information Needs of Psychiatric Residents.” Academic Psychiatry 27.2 (Summer 2003): 100-3.

Nancy Sakino-Spears (now Director of the Library at the Rehabilitation Institute in Squirrel Hill) was elected a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Mary Joan (MJ) Tooey (now Deputy Director/Director Designate of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland-Baltimore) is a candidate for the office of President-elect of the Medical Library Association. She is currently chair of the National Program Committee for the 2004 Annual Meeting of the MLA, to be held in Washington DC in May 2004.

Holly Harden (a Highmark Fellow, now a librarian at the Welch Medical Library of Johns Hopkins University) published an article on “Wireless Security 101,” in the November/December 2003 issue of the Medical Library Association News.