

SIS Board of Visitors

Dean's Update

November 2013



Highlights since April

- Marketing & communications contract awarded to Elliance (Provost funded, faculty engaged in selection)
- IT server infrastructure brought into compliance with new campus standards
- Prof. Karimi reaching out to industry and greater neighborhood to advance location-based services
- Four new faculty
- MLIS unconditional accreditation by ALA
- Housing guarantees extended to SIS transfer students
- Repurposed 8th floor opened to Ph.D. students
- Visits to six leading Chinese universities
- Hosted Pitt alumni events in Beijing and Taipei
- Participating in “Committee on Coherence at Scale for Higher Education” sponsored by CLIR and Vanderbilt
- Preparing grant proposal to A.W. Mellon Foundation for “iFellows” to support Coherence at Scale research



Highlights, cont'd

- Certificates of Advanced Studies (CAS) proposed
 - Big Data Analytics (post-bac & graduate)
 - Information Security
- Christine Borgman (UCLA), Cynthia Richey, Tom Reinsel, Hilda Fu honored with Pitt 225 medallions
- Faculty recruitment underway for Archives & Information Science (AIS) and Doreen E. Boyce Chair (endowed)
- Liz Lyon (UKOLN* Director) to join faculty as visiting professor
- Peter Brusilovsky named Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies at the Helsinki Institute of Information, the University of Helsinki and the Aalto University in Finland
- 20 i3 Scholars in 2013 cohort (11 states + Puerto Rico)
- Michael Spring elected president of University Senate
- Martin Weiss promoted to Full Professor



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* United Kingdom Office for Library and Information Networking, University of Bath

External Funding Update

- \$819K award from the A.W. Mellon Foundation to sustain the i3 diversity program for an additional 3 years
- \$99K award from NIST to develop a curriculum for technical standards in information technology
 - “Standards: People, Process, Products, and Productivity: Focus on Information Technology Standards” (Spring, Weiss, Joshi & Krishnamurthy)
- Seed funding for start-up projects
 - “Information Needs in the Local Nonprofit Sector: The Challenge of Measuring and Reporting Impact” (Beaton & Farzan)
 - Cultures of crowd-sourcing (Beaton)
 - DIY/Maker Spaces to engage young people with consequences of technology design on their lives (Bowler)
- Cancellation of \$514K DARPA subcontract as consequence of federal budget sequester (Druzdzal)
- 17 proposals submitted since July 1, 2013

China Itinerary

- Tongji University (Shanghai)
 - Exploratory visit
- Nanjing University
 - Signed MOU
- Nanjing University of Science & Technology
 - Signed MOU
 - Invited to keynote and co-sponsor 2014 workshop on Information Behavior in Big Data Environments
 - Invited to partner in joint research laboratory for big data computing
 - Prof. Zhang now a visiting scholar at SIS
- Wuhan University
 - Existing MOU
 - Progress on 3+2 program
 - 10 students anticipated to come to Pitt in fall 2014
- Beijing Institute of Technology
 - Existing MOU
 - Courtesy visit
- Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
 - Exploratory visit
 - Dominant school in Telecommunications & Networking in China
 - Their students do very well in the SIS TeleNet program
 - Interested in joint workshops and summer programs



Interests of Chinese Universities

- Student exchange
 - 2+2, 3+2, 4+1 degree granting programs
 - Workshops
 - Summer schools (2 – 4 week) in May / June
- Chinese government funds special events
- Seek “tuition waivers” for students coming to US
- Focus topics
 - Big Data
 - Information Behavior
 - Social Media
 - Collaborative research in virtual laboratory

MOU Signing - Nanjing



First International Visitor to Wuhan's New iSchool Home



Taiwan Pitt Club

Operating Team Members:

- President: Yvonne Chen, SIS `94
- Vice President and Recording Secretary: Eugene Chen, KGSB `88
- Vice Recording Secretary: Anna Maio, KGSB `11
- Treasury: Melinda Wang, SIS `94
- Team Member: Marty Wu, SIS `09
- Team Member: Alex Huang, KGSB `10



Committee on Coherence at Scale for Higher Education

The Committee on Coherence at Scale, sponsored by CLIR and Vanderbilt University, analyzes emerging national-scale digital projects and their potential to help transform higher education in terms of scholarly productivity, teaching, cost-efficiency, and sustainability.



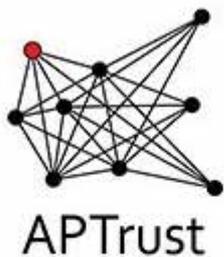
Mission and Goals



CLIR and Vanderbilt University created the **Committee on Coherence at Scale** to foster strategic thinking about how to more rigorously manage the transition from analog to digital in higher education. The Committee aims to ensure the programmatic, concerted, and efficient development of large-scale projects that, if built as coherent elements of an emerging digital environment, will significantly enhance scholarly productivity and enrich teaching. The Committee will produce a blueprint for this new environment that is cost effective and sustainable by focusing on the following activities:

- research and analysis of key large projects and the technology requisite for their correlation
- business plans necessary for a coherent, sustainable digital ecology of enormous scale in service to education and the public good
- return on investment, that is, the benefits and transformational aspects of such an undertaking.

Sample of Projects of Interest



APTrust



ArchivesSpace



Blacklight



Digital Public Library of America



DMPTool



Fedora



HathiTrust



Hydra

Committee Members



Edward Ayers, president and professor of history, University of Richmond

Molly Corbett Broad, president, American Council on Education

Dan Cohen, founding executive director, Digital Public Library of America

Paul Courant, Arthur F. Thurnau professor, Harold T. Shapiro collegiate professor of public policy, professor of economics and of information, faculty associate in the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Connie Vinita Dowell, dean of libraries, Vanderbilt University

Rachel Frick, director, Digital Library Federation program, Council on Library and Information Resources

David Head, analyst, Global Endowment Management

Chuck Henry, president, Council on Library and Information Resources

Geneva Henry, university librarian and vice provost for libraries, George Washington University

James Hilton, dean of libraries and university librarian, professor in the School of Information, University of Michigan

Michael Keller, university librarian, publisher of Stanford University Press, publisher of HighWire Press, director of academic information resources, Stanford University

W. Joseph King, distinguished fellow, National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education

Rick Luce, dean, University Libraries, professor and Peggy V. Helmerich chair, associate vice president for research, University of Oklahoma, Norman campus

Clifford Lynch, executive director, Coalition for Networked Information

Richard McCarty, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Vanderbilt University

Jere W. Morehead, president, University of Georgia

Diana Oblinger, president and CEO, EDUCAUSE

Bernard F. Reilly, president, Center for Research Libraries

Elliott Shore, executive director, Association of Research Libraries

Joan Hinde Stewart, president and professor of French, Hamilton College

John C. Vaughn, executive vice president, Association of American Universities

Scott L. Waugh, executive vice chancellor and provost, University of California, Los Angeles

Brad Wheeler, vice president for information technology and chief information officer, professor of information systems, Indiana University

Current Committee Activities



- Chuck Henry (CLIR) drafting grant proposal to A.W. Mellon Foundation to support the work of the Committee on Coherence at Scale through May 2015
- SIS drafting grant proposal for ten \$50K fellowships for iSchools Ph.D. students conducting research relevant to the activities of the Committee (not exclusively Pitt students)
- Committee representatives to meet with iSchool Deans at iConference workshop

International Students/Alumni

- Current Students
 - 685
 - 409 from the US
 - 276 from outside the US
- Alumni with known coordinates
 - 11,868
 - 11,295 in the US
 - 573 outside of the US

Students by Country & Program

Country	Total Students	BSIS	MSIS	MST	MST-AC	LIS	NCDEG-ND	PhD
US	409	152	54	10	1	161	5	9 (IS); 2 (TELE); 15 (LIS)
China	158	1	129	9		5		4 (IS); 8 (TELE); 2 (LIS)
India	48		17	31				
Taiwan	15		6			1		6 (IS); 2 (LIS)
Saudi Arabia	10		2			1		2 (IS); 5 (TELE)
Thailand	10		2	3				4 (IS); 1 (TELE)

Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) and SIS exploring international collaborative opportunities for students (e.g., international internships)

Students from Other Countries

Number of Alumni	Countries
3 or less	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Macao, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Poland, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam

Alumni by Country & Program

Country	Total Alumni	BLS	BSIS	DCLS	MSIS	MST	LIS	PhD	Unknown
US*	11,295	34	2328	36	1,954	429	6,295	308	70
Taiwan	84		1		46	14	18	5	
China	75		2		53	10	5	5	
Thailand	53				22	10	9	12	
India	37		3		15	15	2	2	
Saudi Arabia*	27		1		8	5	6	8	
Nigeria	25				4		17	4	
Norway	22				14	4	1	3	
Canada*	21		4		3	1	11	3	

* Dual degrees represented, except for PhD

Alumni by Country & Program, cont'd

Country	Total Alumni	BLS	BSIS	DCLS	MSIS	MST	LIS	PhD	Unknown
Japan	19		4		6	1	7	1	
Korea	18		1		5	7	3	2	
Malaysia	13		3		2	2	3	3	
Virgin Islands	11						11		
Trinidad & Tobago	10						10		
Indonesia*	9		1		4	3	2		
United Kingdom	9		1		2		5	1	
Hong Kong	7				3	1	3	0	
Jordan	6					1	2	3	
Kuwait	6						3	3	
Libya	6					1	5		

* Dual degrees represented, except for PhD

Alumni: Additional Countries Represented

Number of Alumni	Countries
5 or less	Afghanistan, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, St. Lucia, Serbia & Montenegro, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

