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### Stuart Shulman named Director of Sara Fine Institute

The School of Information Sciences is pleased to announce that Stuart Shulman, Associate Professor, is appointed the Director of the Sara Fine Institute (SFI) at the University of Pittsburgh. SFI was founded in honor of Sara Fine, a faculty member at the School of Information Sciences (SIS) for more than 23 years, who conducted groundbreaking research on the impact of technology on interpersonal behavior. The mission of the Institute is to examine the ways in which technology may affect our personal interactions, communications, and relationships with individuals and institutions. SFI will utilize campus-community partnerships to undertake research on the social, political, ethical and educational issues surrounding information technology and interpersonal relations.

Shulman holds a joint appointment in the School of Information Sciences and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He is also a Senior Research Associate at Pitt's University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) and in the Université de Genève-, European University Institute-, and Oxford Internet Institute-based E-Democracy Centre. Shulman teaches graduate-level courses in digital citizenship, digital governance, and research methods in information systems and technology.

Dr. Shulman is the founder (2005) and Director of UCSUR's Qualitative Data Analysis Program (QDAP), which is a fee-for-service coding lab currently working on projects funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other U.S. funding agencies. He has been the leader of several NSF-funded research projects focusing on electronic rulemaking, human language technologies, manual annotation, digital citizenship, and service-learning efforts in the United States.

Dr. Shulman was the organizer and chair for federal agency-level electronic rulemaking workshops funded by the NSF from 2001 through 2004. In November of 2006, he chaired an NSF-funded workshop at the University of Pittsburgh titled "Coding across the Disciplines," which brought social and computer scientists together to discuss annotation science in support of IT-enhanced research.

For three years, Dr. Shulman served on the Program Committee for the NSF's National Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o). In 2006, Shulman was named Editor in Chief of the Journal of Information Technology & Politics, a forum for policymakers, practitioners, and technology industry leaders in addition to academics and researchers. The primary objective of the journal is to promote a better understanding of how evolving information technologies interact with political and governmental processes and outcomes at many levels.

For the Sara Fine Institute, Shulman will be bringing together research partners and teaching faculty from across the University of Pittsburgh to address pilot projects on topics such as human information processing and interpersonal relations in a range of contexts from schools and community centers to institutions of higher education and governments.

Those interested in learning more about the Sara Fine Institute should visit [www.http://www.sarafineinst.pitt.edu/](http://www.sarafineinst.pitt.edu/). For more information about Dr. Shulman's research efforts, please visit [www.http://shulman.ucsur.pitt.edu/](http://shulman.ucsur.pitt.edu/).