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The KMDiary is an electronic newsletter for sharing ideas and information of interest to the University of Toronto's Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) community.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Welcome to the Summer issue of the Diary; a large issue with two months of news and upcoming events. First, thanks to **Susan Hesemeier**, KMDI's administrator, who stepped up to the task of editing this issue while **Elise Chien**, our regular editor, got married. And further thanks to Susan for the lovely shot of Paris where she happily spent a few days this summer.

In this issue we welcome **Jim Slotta** (OISE/UT) to the posts of Deputy Director, KMDI and Director of the Collaborative Program. Jim has been a major contributor to the Institute since he arrived from Berkeley, serving on the Executive Committees of the Institute and Project OS|OA where he has been deeply involved in the highly successful Student Experience Program. Jim has been very popular with our students and he has some wonderful ideas about community building. More in *The Virtual Water Cooler*. Also in that column we feature a piece by **Andrew Clement**, the first director of the CP, as he reflects on his experiences and the rewards and challenges of interdisciplinarity.

As many of you know this is the last year of my term as Director and the standard 5-year review of the Institute will start this fall. We anticipate external assessors will be visiting later this year or in the spring. Your comments and reflections on the past four years are welcome, and I look forward to another lively year.

Bon rentrée and hope to see many of you at Nuit Blanche – KMDI members are actively involved in a number of this year's installations as you'll see below.

Gale Moore
Director

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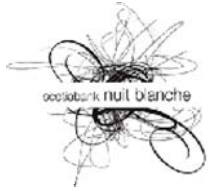
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INAUGURAL LECTURE OF IDENTITY, PRIVACY AND SECURITY INITIATIVE (IPSI) (September 17, 2007, 2:00-3:00 pm, George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place)

In this lecture titled "Privacy by Design—'Build It In': A Crucial Design Principle", Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, will give the inaugural lecture for a new graduate seminar program offered jointly by the Faculties of Applied Science and Engineering, Information Studies and Arts and Science. Dr. Cavoukian will discuss the need to ensure privacy in our new information rich environment by building it in—architecting it directly into the technology. For more information about this initiative or event, contact 416 946 3076 or ipsi@utoronto.ca.

KMDI at NUIT BLANCHE 2007, Sept. 29th



The University of Toronto will again be part of Nuit Blanche, "an all night contemporary art thing" happening in the City of Toronto, Saturday September 29, 2007 from sundown to sunrise (1). KMDI graduate **Henry Moller** is part of the **beatzMASSIVE* project, Life™©**, one of 15 open-call installations curated by the City of Toronto. **beatzMASSIVE** is a Voyage through states of consciousness (2). And, KMDI **Senior Fellow Nina Czegledy** and colleague Greg Judelman have an interactive billboard presentation called **What will you do?** (3). See you there.

(1) <http://www.arts.utoronto.ca/nuitblanche.htm>

(2) http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/nuitblanche/images-media/zone-c/beatz_massive.jpg

(3) http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/nuitblanche/images-media/zone-b/nina_czegledy.jpg

Submission Deadline—October 31, 2007

BELL UNIVERSITY LABORATORIES FALL 2007 FUNDING CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Bell University Laboratories at the University of Toronto is soliciting proposals for new exploratory or mission-oriented projects as well as seed projects from researchers at U of T and the affiliated hospitals. An information session will be held September 6th from 12:00 pm – 1:00 in Room 7256 of the Bahen Centre, 40 St. George Street. For more information, contact the BUL Administrator at bul.admin@utoronto.ca.

U OF T'S NATIONAL GRANTING COUNCIL LEADERS

Meric Gertler, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Research and Stewart Aitchison, Vice-Dean, Research in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering have agreed to serve as the UofT Institutional leaders for SSHRC and NSERC respectively. This will be a point of contact for interactions with the Councils on research trends, emerging issues related to research support, knowledge mobilization, application of new research policies, and to foster collaboration across the Councils as well as with other partners.

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WIKIS AND WEB 2.0: CREATE A MORE EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

(September 6, 2007, 2:00 pm Eastern time)



Webinar Series

CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

If you're using a wiki in your classes this term this "webinar" by social networking expert Howard Rheingold and Boston College's Jerry Kane may be of interest as they share strategies for using wikis and other Web 2.0 technologies to stimulate discussion, capture and share knowledge, and better support students and improve their academic performance (1).

(1) http://www.1105info.com/updamdf_sollnoo.html

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SUN STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Sun is looking for a graduate or senior level student with a strong background in software development/programming to work part time as the Sun Ambassador at UofT. The Sun Campus Ambassador will build communities around Sun's free and open source platforms (OpenSolaris, Open SPARC and Java) and developer tools among academic developers—students, faculty and researchers—at the University of Toronto. The Campus Ambassador must have excellent communication skills and should be comfortable serving as a public speaker. In addition, the Campus Ambassador must be self-motivated, highly organized and able to work independently. Resumes can be sent to Canadian-campus-ambassadors@sun.com. Further information is on the KMDI website and an article on the program is at (1).

(1) <http://www.campustechnology.com/articles/48872/>

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

JIM SLOTTA NEW DIRECTOR OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM IN KNOWLEDGE MEDIA DESIGN (1)



Jim Slotta, associate professor and Canada Research Chair at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) is the new director of KMDI's Collaborative Program and the Deputy Director of the Institute. When asked about his goals for the program, Slotta said, "First, I hope I can manage to keep things running as smoothly as my predecessors!" Slotta's goals for the program include creating an increased sense of identity and more activities for the program students.

"We have the best group of students in KMDI that I have ever seen. It's an incredible resource, for faculty and for the students themselves. We need to find ways to help the students develop a greater sense of community, including online resources, social activities and a meaningful role for KMDI student alumni". In September, Jim will convene a meeting of all KMDI students—members of the collaborative program as well as those who consider themselves to be members of the wider KMDI community. This meeting will open with a discussion about the student experience, followed by a brainstorm of ideas for developing the student community.



A few words about Jim's background and research interests: he received his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, and spent ten years as a professional research and faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley. His previous efforts in the Web-based Inquiry Science Environment (WISE) investigated the challenges of scaffolding teachers' adoption of new inquiry and technology practices. As co-director of the NSF-funded Technology Enhanced Learning in Science (TELS) center, he led the design of a Scalable Architecture for Interactive Learning (SAIL) that will support the development of new interactive learning environments. His current research investigates the interconnection of knowledge building and scripted activities, the design of interoperable learning technologies, and the role of open source and open content development in the learning sciences. Slotta actively collaborates with colleagues in many countries in the development of technology systems and new theoretical models for learning and instruction. We are indeed fortunate to welcome Jim as the Deputy Director of the Institute and Director of our Collaborative Program.

(1) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/graduate/>

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As Andrew Clement completes his term as KMDI's Collaborative Program Director, he reflects on his experiences in the program since it was launched in 2002.



Having just completed my second term as the Director of the Collaborative Program, this is a fine time to reflect on the experience, pay some debts of gratitude and offer a few insights that may be helpful in facing the coming challenges. It is the vision of a newly emerging area of multi-disciplinary study, and the opportunity to work with others who have complementary skills and perspectives, that attracts faculty and students to knowledge media design. At the same time, it is often the organizational realities of an old, established institution that play a vital role in achieving these potentials. It was an eye-opening experience for me to observe the diversity of approaches to graduate education within our university. It is fair to say that each of our 8 units has distinctive and well entrenched notions of what constitutes a graduate program, in terms of number of courses, duration, grading norms, assignments, student participation, registration schedules, class times, and so on. While these differences grow legitimately out of disciplinary autonomy, they can in effect constitute significant impediments to interdisciplinary education. Putting together a viable collaborative program that draws students and instructors from across these units thus in many ways is akin to weaving – the bending and working together of these disparate strands. And this is before we get into the classroom where we encounter the differing disciplinary perspectives and assumptions. Of course, while this presents pedagogical challenges of its own it is also where the rewards come – the excitement of new ways of thinking and building things together. This has been for me the most gratifying part.

In overseeing this organizational weaving job, I have been helped immeasurably by being able to rely on two talented and committed Program Coordinators – Adrian Bond, who got so many of the routines going in the first place, and now Barbara Soren, who has consolidated them. The course instructors and the members of the program committee have also given generously of their time and insights. The heads of their departments have also been enormously supportive, taking a chance on

the CP and providing resources even when the immediate rewards were not also apparent. Gale Moore has been a prime mover for the CP, from before its inception, up to the most recent time when she has been an instructor and served as Acting Director during my sabbatical. To all these people I am most grateful for making this experience overall a pleasurable and rewarding one.

With Jim Slotta now taking on the Directorship, he will find much goodwill and support.

August 26, 2007

JEREMY BIRNHOLTZ GOES TO CORNELL



Congratulations to **Jeremy Birnholtz** (KMDI Postdoctoral Fellow) who has taken a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and affiliated researcher in the Information Science program at Cornell University. While there, Jeremy will continue his NECTAR affiliation working on ongoing projects that aim to improve instant messaging and videoconferencing, in addition to new projects with the goal of understanding collaboration processes in a range of contexts.

Congratulations Jeremy!

WENHONG CHEN PASSES PHD DEFENSE



Congratulations to **Wenhong Chen** (KMDI Fellow, PhD Candidate, Sociology) who successfully defended her PhD in July. Her supervisor was Barry Wellman (KMDI, SOC). Wenhong has been a celebrated member of U of T's graduate community with a list of distinctions on her vitae including a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, a Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship, a Connaught Scholarship and a Vivienne Poy Chancellor's Fellowship. She has a track record of topical, incisive research and her publications cover Internet use, entrepreneurship, and social networks. Wenhong's research looks at the impact of the Internet and other ICTs on transnational entrepreneurship, particularly their effect on the knowledge management, communication, and collaboration that are critical to entrepreneurship. Her dissertation research was reported by Globe and Mail, Vancouver Sun, CBC Radio International, Channel M, OMNI TV in Canada, CCTV (China's national TV network) and Xinhua News Agency in China. Together with Barry Wellman, Wenhong organized the conference "Chinese Transnational Entrepreneurship" in July at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. Wenhong will begin a two-year SSHRC postdoc at Duke University in September. Congratulations Wenhong!

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Collaborative Program in KMD. Here's a brief update on two of them.



Dave Kemp recently graduated from the Master of Visual Studies program and also completed the KMD Collaborative program. At the moment he is finishing up a contract with the MediaGenerator@UTM (a KMDI supported project) and furthering his own visual art practice. Currently he has an exhibition (*Image Matter*) on display in the Idea Gallery at the Ontario Science Centre and has upcoming shows at the Gales Gallery at York University, the IPO gallery in Ottawa and at Interaccess Electronic Media Arts Centre (which will also be part of the city-wide Nuit Blanche event). Congratulations Dave!

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Reza Samavi graduated in January 2007 with a MEng degree from the Department of Mechanical



and Industrial Engineering, also completing the Collaborative Program in KMD.

The program helped Reza to combine his 10 year practice of software user interface design with theories of knowledge media design. In the last two years he cooperated with the R&D department of COTA Health in user interface design for caregivers with special needs. He also presented two posters on user interface design in an e-Health symposium in Toronto in 2005 and the Medinfo conference

in Brisbane, Australia in 2007. Currently he is a Ph.D. candidate in Information Engineering in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto. Congratulations Reza!

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FREE SOFTWARE ACTIVIST RICHARD STALLMAN AT U OF T JULY 5

World-renowned activist and free software developer **Richard Stallman**, founder of the Free Software Foundation (1), spoke at UTM on Thursday, July 5. The talk, "Copyright vs. Community in the Age of Computer Networks" (1), was co-sponsored by KMDI's Project OS|OA and the Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences, UTM. Thanks to Kumar Murty (KMDI, MCS, UTM) for bringing this opportunity to our attention.

(1) <http://www.fsf.org/>

(2) <http://www.kmdi.utoronto.ca/events/documents/StallmanLecture.pdf>

EPRESENCE IN THE NEWS



An article on the latest release of KMDI's ePresence Interactive Media, version 4.0 (1), appeared in NEWS@UofT (2) and in an article in IT World Canada (3). The new release of this open source webcasting, conferencing and archiving application brings the system to a new level. "The development of the tool is tied to the history of KMDI, which needed to help its staff members convene across what was a 'virtual institution', said **Kelly Rankin**, ePresence business manager. 'It was out of a need to keep a group of people connected, and then from there it just grew'."

- (1) <http://epresence.kmdi.utoronto.ca>
- (2) <http://www.news.utoronto.ca/bin6/070815-3330.asp>
- (3) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/a/Daily-News/837e726f-ff0d-441b-9616-cb55a20f7ce2.html>

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Nina Czegledy (KMDI Senior Fellow) on June 4-5, 2007 lectured on Intricate Complexities—Art&Science&Technology at the Department of Visual Arts, University of California, San Diego (1). She also presented her practice and work connected to the Resonance Electromagnetic Bodies Project at the Tesla Visions & Information Symposium presented by UCLA Art/Sci Center (2) and on June 9th participated in the Tesla Vibrations event at Integration, Joshua Tree, California (3).

On June 20, Nina opened the new media lab for young researchers called Kitchen Budapest (4) supported by T-com, the Hungarian Telecom Company, along with György Simó, CEO, representatives of T-Online, and Adam Somlai-Fisher program director. Between June 25-28, Nina presented Nudity/Game Console—a series of events including a Vito Accoinci retrospective, round table discussions and a video art competition at the Media Forum (5) in Moscow in collaboration with the Moscow International Film Festival (6). Nina participated in the competition jury and presented at the "Super-Embodiment of Woman Artists in Media Arts" (7).

- (1) <http://calendar.ucsd.edu/DisplayEventDetail.asp?iEventID=17937&iSubCatID=&iRoomID=>
- (2) <http://dma.ucla.edu/events/calendar.php?viewmonth=6&viewyr=2007&viewDate=2007-06-08>
- (3) <http://integratron.com/Welcome.html>
- (4) <http://www.kitchenbudapest.hu/en>
- (5) http://mediaforum.mediaartlab.ru/about_e.html
- (6) http://www.moscowfilmfestival.ru/eng/empty_txt.html
- (7) <http://www.mediaartlab.ru>

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES GET \$1 MILLION RESEARCH GRANT TO STUDY MANAGEMENT, SECURITY, AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES



The University of Toronto, Queen's University, the Université du Quebec en Outaouais, Carleton University, and the University of Waterloo will share a three-year research grant from CA (1) to study management, security, and governance issues (2). UofT Professor and Bell University Laboratory Chair in Software Engineering **Hans-Arno Jacobsen** (KMDI, ECE & CS) is the Principal Investigator and head of the PADRES project associated with the grant. PADRES (Publish/Subscribe Applied to Distributed Resource Scheduling) is a messaging substrate that supports the communication and interaction needs of a wide range of applications, such as business process management, business activity monitoring and multiplayer online gaming. It is an enterprise-grade event management infrastructure that is designed for large-scale event management applications (3).

(1) <http://www.ca.com/ca/en/>

(2) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/a/Enterprise-Business-Applications/3da27fbe-18f7-49a0-99b7-9297d6c3d743.html>

(3) <http://padres.msrg.toronto.edu/Padres/>

OTHER NEWS

SPECIAL SSHRC CALL FOR PROPOSALS – RESEARCH IN MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS AND FINANCE

**Social Sciences and Humanities
Research Council of Canada**

In March 2007, the Government of Canada announced that it would provide the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) \$11 million annually to support additional research in management, business and finance. Researchers active in the social sciences and humanities are invited to apply to five special initiatives in management, business and finance, being offered in 2007 only, with deadlines in November 2007.

(1) http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/mbf_e.asp

UNIVERSAL DESIGN EXHIBIT HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO JULY 23, 2007

Students in a third-year systems design engineering course at the University of Waterloo displayed product designs to improve the quality of life for as many people as possible, including elderly people with disabling conditions, at an exhibit held at the University of Waterloo on July 23, 2007.

Source: CDRN Newsletter July 23, 2007

(1) <http://newsrelease.uwaterloo.ca/news.php?id=4888>

ONTARIOARTIST.CA

A new Government of Ontario website provides information about a range of programs and services specific to artists' needs such as sources of funding, professional development opportunities, legal assistance and information on how to market their work.

(1) <http://www.ontarioartist.ca/>

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CANADA TO CO-DEVELOP IT PROJECTS WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) have announced a partnership that will see the agencies fund several alliances attempting to aid ICT implementation in developing nations (1).

(1) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/a/News/7e89360a-245e-4533-92c3-32bee882e493.html>

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CANADA'S ACCESS TO EMERGING SATELLITE BROADCASTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INCREASED



The Canadian government announced a new licensing initiative that will increase and improve broadcasting and telecommunications services to Canadian entrepreneurs and consumers by authorizing the development of new Canadian satellites (1).

(1) <http://www.ic.gc.ca/cmb/Welcomeic.nsf/261ce500dfcd7259852564820068dc6d/85256a5d006b9720852572f90061c546!OpenDocument>

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CANADA CREATES NEW SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION COUNCIL



This new council will provide the government with policy advice on science and technology issues and will produce regular national reports that measure Canada's science and technology performance against international standards of excellence.

(1) <http://www.ic.gc.ca/cmb/Welcomeic.nsf/261ce500dfcd7259852564820068dc6d/85256a5d006b9720852572fa005fd494!OpenDocument>

CANADIANS WATCH FOR PATRIOT ACT ABUSE

Canadian privacy advocates are beginning to raise a red flag on the possible implications of the anti-terrorism legislation to Canadian companies and residents. Among the many controversial provisions of the Patriot Act, one in particular presents a potential threat to Canadian privacy: Section 215 of the Patriot Act allows the U.S. FBI to issue national security letters to compel third-party organizations, such as ISPs, financial institutions or telecom firms, to secretly disclose customer information (1).

(1) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/a/Daily-News/58921d20-cd55-4773-af2e-794bf890165b.html>

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Submission Deadline—December 2, 2007

SPARC VIDEO CONTEST TO SHOWCASE STUDENT VIEWS ON INFORMATION SHARING



This competition by the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) encourages new voices to join the public discussion of information policy in the age of the Internet. The winner will receive \$1000, a public screening, and a "Sparky Award".

(1) <http://www.sparkyawards.org/>

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HUMAN TOUCH MAY LOOSEN GOOGLE'S GRIP



This New York Times article describes the ways some of Google's users could be attracted to other search engines through "a hybrid system that puts humans back into the search equation" under a rubric called "social search"(1). One example is the social search engine Mahalo (2).

(1) <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/24/business/yourmoney/24digi.html?ex=1340337600&en=7c0c119d030c477c&ei=5090>

(2) <http://www.mahalo.com/>

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TIME TO REVAMP HTTP?



Leading engineers gathered in Chicago at a session held by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to debate whether HTTP should be tweaked to fix known errors or completely reworked to address its well-known security weaknesses (1).

Source: ATM TechNews July 27, 2007

(1) <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2007/072505-future-of-http.html>

MEET THE NERD WHO'S ALREADY SHAPING THE FUTURE

Hal Abelson, founder of the creative commons movement and MIT professor, talks about why computer science classes are becoming increasingly irrelevant and how AI might be the key to filling more seats, and also about giving away MIT courseware and other intellectual property.

(1) <http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=44581>

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VIDEO THESIS DEFENSE

Leo Burd of the MIT Media Lab defended his thesis, *Technological Initiatives for Social Empowerment: Design Experiments in Technology-Supported Youth Participation and Local Civic Engagement* (1) while it was captured on video (2). What do our students think about this?

(1) <http://web.media.mit.edu/~leob/thesis/>

(2) <http://www.media.mit.edu/events/movies/video.php?id=leob-05-04-2007>

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OPEN SOURCE SEMANTIC DESKTOP IS COMING

Thanks to the open source NEPOMUK (Networked Environment for Personalized, Ontology-based Management of Unified Knowledge) effort, the Semantic Desktop is not a dream; it is an emerging reality and will be here with the upcoming release of KDE 4 for the Linux desktop.

Source: ACM TechNews, July 13, 2007

(1) <http://www.internetnews.com/dev-news/article.php/3688606>

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RSMART SAKAI CLE 2.4



The rSmart Group, the leading provider of commercial support for open source applications for education, announced the availability of rSmart Sakai CLE 2.4 at the 7th Sakai Conference (2) in

Amsterdam. This represents the newest version of the industry's first and only commercial distribution of the open source Sakai Collaboration and Learning Environment (CLE).

(1) <http://www.rsmart.com/news/the-rsmart-group-announces-the-rsmart-sakai-cle-2-4>

(2) <http://www.sakaiproject.org>

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OPEN ACCESS AND THE "FAIR USE" BUTTON

This article explains how easy it can be to provide open access to even embargoed (closed access) publication deposits in institutional repositories by using the Immediate-deposit/Optional-access Mandate along with the "Fair Use" Button.

(1) <http://openaccess.eprints.org/index.php?/archives/274-guid.html>

COPENHAGEN INSTITUTE OF INTERACTION DESIGN

The Copenhagen Institute of Interaction Design (CIID) is a new initiative in Denmark that aims to establish a high profile design institute that will encourage a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment and provide an international setting for new thinking in design and technology.

(1) <http://www.ciid.dk/education/>

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Submission Deadline—November 1, 2007 (U of T's Internal Deadline)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ALLIANCE (I-CURA)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) have together launched a new program aimed at fostering international research alliances between community organizations and postsecondary institutions in Canada and low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) (1). Successful i-CURA projects may receive up to \$400,000 annually for up to 5 years, beginning in the Spring of 2009. The first step is a Letter of Intent Application due at SSHRC by November 21, 2007. An information session will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 10 am to 11:30 am, at the Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, 2nd Floor. To attend or receive one-on-one consultation and support, please send an e-mail to drew.york@utoronto.ca

(1) <http://www.research.utoronto.ca/ird/icura.html>

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Submission Deadline—December 1, 2007

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE RESEARCH: SPECIAL ISSUE CALL

Millions of users from around the globe participate in massive multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPG), such as *Second Life* and *World of Warcraft*, 3D worlds that are often considered the next generation Web. With their user base growing at an exponential rate we are already experiencing the development of a phenomenon that may be as significant as the Web itself. The rapid development of MMORPGs and metaverses is likely to bring about significant business as well as social, legal, policy, methodological and technological opportunities and challenges. This special issue aims to explore these and contribute to this rapidly expanding field by focusing on issues relevant to electronic business and management (1).

(1) <http://www.ebusiness-newcastle.com/news/article.php?id=40>

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

CANADIAN COUNCIL ON LEARNING'S JOURNAL OF APPLIED RESEARCH ON LEARNING (JARL)

The Journal of Applied Research on Learning (JARL) is a biannual research publication for the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) that addresses specific, practical problems affecting learning in Canada and applied research of significance to learning in Canada (1).

(1) <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/Journal?Language=EN>

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO LEARN ABOUT IP

In an effort to raise awareness and increase knowledge of IP in the education sector, CIPO has compiled a list of links that will be useful for students wishing to learn about IP (1)

(1) http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrksv/cipo/learn/learn-e.html

PRIVACY COMMISSIONER RELEASES PRIVACY BREACH GUIDELINES

There are new guidelines to help organizations take the right steps after a privacy breach, including notifying people at risk of harm after their information has been stolen, lost or mistakenly disclosed.

(1) http://www.privcom.gc.ca/media/nr-c/2007/nr-c_070801_e.asp

CORE ICT INDICATORS

To close the ICT data gap, the global Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development developed a core list of ICT indicators that could be collected by all countries and serve as a basis for internationally comparable statistics on the information society (1).

(1) <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/partnership/material/CoreICTIndicators.pdf>

THE EXPANSION OF CREATIVE COMMONS IN CANADA AND BEYOND

This article considers the importance of Creative Commons licenses in the context of the explosion in popularity of social networking and broadcast sites and the blurring of boundaries between the content creators and content consumers.

(1) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/Pages/Docbase/ViewArticle.aspx?id=idgml-f5084383-6d8f-4e5c&Portal=252cc78a-a947-4072-84be-f50cac8ec48e&sub=464628>

EVALUATION OF THE INFORMATION FOR ALL PROGRAM (IFAP)

This report for UNESCO by Michael Gurstein and Wallace Taylor describes and evaluates the Information For All Program (IFAP)

(1) <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001518/151807E.pdf>

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JOURNAL INFO

Lund University Libraries, with financial support from the National Library of Sweden, has created a new tool that allows researchers to do a comparative study of journals they have published in or are considering as a publication venue.

(1) <http://jinfo.lub.lu.se/>

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MICHIGAN RELEASES 2007 CTOOLS SURVEY RESULTS

The CTools Team at the University of Michigan has released selected results from the 2007 Information Technology and CTools Survey for the Ann Arbor campus. [CTools is the Michigan instance of Sakai.]

(1) <https://ctools.umich.edu/access/content/public/surveys/portal.html>

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IT COLLABORATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

This 2007 ECAR research study explores multi-institutional collaboration in terms of the types of information technology (IT) collaborations in higher education and the practices associated with positive outcomes (1).

[Note: access limited by password access to faculty, staff, and students of institutions subscribed to the Educause Centre for Applied Research (ECAR)]

(1) http://www.educause.edu/content.asp?PAGE_ID=13281&bhcp=1


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PARTICIPATIVE WEB: USER-CREATED CONTENT

This report by the OECD describes the rapid growth of User-Created Content (UCC), its increasing role in worldwide communication, and implications for policy.

(1) <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/57/14/38393115.pdf>

CASE STUDY: SAKAI DEMONSTRATES HOW COMMUNITY-SOURCE SOFTWARE WORKS AND THRIVES

 Gartner has released a case study on Sakai that “provides lessons for CIOs who are looking for effective approaches to application sharing” (1). [Note: The document is available for \$95 USD—one way to make money off OSS].

(1) <http://www.gartner.com/DisplayDocument?id=508595>

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SPECTRUM POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CANADA

The 3rd edition of the *Spectrum Policy Framework for Canada* has been released by Industry Canada. “The rapid change in technology remains unabated. Like other similar administrations around the world, the Department is navigating constant change as it deals with spectrum stewardship challenges. The Department is now establishing this third renewed *Spectrum Policy Framework for Canada* to continue on its course to meet these challenges with effective spectrum policy and management that serves the social and economic interests of all Canadians” (1).

(1) <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/sf08776e.html>

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A TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY WHITE PAPER: PODCASTING

This paper examines the use of podcasting in pedagogy in three realms: the creation and distribution of lecture archives for review, the delivery of supplemental educational materials and content, and assignments requiring students to produce and submit their own podcasts (1).

(1) http://connect.educause.edu/files/CMU_Podcasting_Jun07.pdf

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PODCASTING LEGAL GUIDE FOR CANADA



Creative Commons Canada has created a Podcasting Legal Guide for Canada (1). This version provides a Canadian counterpart to the US podcasting guide released in 2006 and is available in html and PDF on the creative commons site (2).

(1) <http://creativecommons.ca/blog/?p=225>

(2) <http://www.creativecommons.ca/blog/wp-content/uploads/2007/06/podcastinglegalguideforcanada.html>

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A NEWBIE'S GUIDE TO FACEBOOK



An article that describes Facebook, its features, and why one should use it.

(1) http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9753415-2.html?tag=nl.e776

ENGAGING PRIVACY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN A DIGITAL AGE



This new book from the National Academies Press (1) examines how threats to privacy are evolving, ongoing information technology trends, and how society can balance the interests of individuals, businesses, and government in ways that promote privacy reasonably and efficiently (2).

- (1) http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11896
- (2) http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cstb/pub_privacy.html

PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

The proceedings of the 2007 IFIP WG 9.4: International Federation for Information Processing: Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries are now available (1).

- (1) www.ifipwg94.org.br

COOL TOOLS

MICROBLOGGING

“First came e-mail. Then text messaging and instant messaging. Blogging followed. Now there's micro-blogging — sharing life's big and small moments with the world, or just a handful of friends, through frequent, short messages.” (1) The Facebook community uses microblogging heavily.

- (1) http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20070704.wgtwitter0704/BNSStory/Technology/?cid=al_gam_nletter_dtechal

RESEARCH INTELLIGENCE PORTAL



The Research Intelligence Portal deployed by Calit2 which promises to "aggregate to inform" offers the latest in Web 2.0-type technologies designed to help the institute's scientists and engineers find new funding opportunities and research partners (1). The site's tools offer information and insight that go well beyond what faculty members traditionally have relied upon to learn about available grants and collaborators for new research initiatives. Check it out.

- (1) <http://www.calit2.net/newsroom/article.php?id=1093>

CANADIAN AUTHORS GET NEW TOOL TO WIDEN ACCESS TO PUBLISHED ARTICLES

The Canadian Research Library (CARL) community and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) have released the SPARC Canadian Author Addendum, a new tool for authors in Canada to retain key rights to the journal articles they publish (1).

- (1) <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/>

ASK ERASER

Ask (1) is launching a new tool that will let users search the Web anonymously—the first major search engine to offer this functionality. By using the new AskEraser tool, users will be able to set their privacy preferences so the search engine does not retain their Web search history. Users will be able to see the privacy setting on the search results pages (2).

- (1) www.ask.com
(2) http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9747585-2.html?tag=nl.e501

NEW FEATURES IN LATEST RELEASE OF B-SPACE



UC Berkeley has added features to its new release of bSpace, its Sakai-powered collaboration and learning environment. These include Indiana University's Forum tool, Boston University's Mail tool, and the University of Capetown's Poll tool, along with a fresh new skin and navigation structure.

- (1) <https://bpace.berkeley.edu/>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

Paper Submission—August 31, 2007

3RD ANNUAL SOCIAL INFORMATICS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM @ ASIST 07 (October 19, 2007, Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

The purpose of this ASIST pre-conference research symposium, titled “The Social Web, Social Computing and the Social Analysis of Computing (SIG SI)” is to disseminate current research and research in progress that investigates the social aspects of information and communications technologies (ICT) across all areas of ASIST.

- (1) <https://mywebspace.wisc.edu/eschenfelder/web/si2007/>

Paper Submission—September 3, 2007

**CWUAAT 2008: THE 4TH CAMBRIDGE WORKSHOP ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS (UA)
AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT)
(April 13 – 16, 2008, Cambridge, UK)**



Designing Inclusive Futures: “Creating a better balance of work, living and leisure, for disability and ageing”. This workshop explores the issues and practicalities of design and inclusive design.

(1) <http://rehab-www.eng.cam.ac.uk/cwuaat/cwuaat08.htm>

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Paper Submission—October 3, 2007

**CHI 2008 WORKSHOP—URBAN MIXED REALITIES: TECHNOLOGIES, THEORIES
AND FRONTIERS
(April 6, 2008, Florence, Italy)**

Urban mixed realities will bring together practitioners and researchers from fields as diverse as presence and pervasive games with the objective of discussing the emerging issues within this growing field. This workshop represents a growing area of research that requires new ways of thinking about issues such as usability, place and presence.

(1) http://www.ipcity.eu/?page_id=112

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**OECD-CANADA TECHNOLOGY FORESIGHT FORUM ON THE PARTICIPATIVE
WEB: STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE
(October 3, 2007, Government Conference Centre, Ottawa, Canada)**

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FOR ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT



This first international policy forum on the participative web will bring together experts from around the world, from policy makers and academics to business executives and a wide range of civil society to address these questions. This conference is jointly organised by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Industry Canada.

(1) http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_38620013_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

Unfortunately due to our summer publishing schedule the CFP has already passed

TRUST AND THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

(October 5, 2007, Toronto, Ontario)



The Internet Society (ISOC) Board of Trustees will meet at a special session the first week of October 2007 for intensive study focused on the subject of trust within the context of network enabled relationships. As part of this process, the Board is hereby issuing a call for subject experts who can participate in the two day discussion. Topics of interest include: the changing nature of trust, security, privacy, control and protection of personal data, methods for establishing authenticity and providing assurance, management of threats, and dealing with unwanted traffic.

Source: Bill St. Arnaud's blog (2)

- (1) <http://www.isoc.org/isoc/general/trustees/headlines/20070809.shtml>
- (2) <http://billstarnaud.blogspot.com/>

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PRESENCE 2007: THE 10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PRESENCE
(October 25 – 27, Barcelona, Spain)



The goal of the PRESENCE 2007 conference is to bring together academic researchers studying presence, content and technology developers, and interested commercial parties so they can meet, share experiences, present research, and exchange ideas.

- (1) <http://ispr.info/>

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THE KALEIDOSCOPE 2007 SYMPOSIUM: DEFINING THE SCIENTIFIC EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING
(November 26 – 27, 2007, Berlin, Germany)



The Kaleidoscope Network of Excellence brings together over 90 research labs and institutions and more than 1000 researchers from across Europe and Canada. The Symposium will enable participants to: 1) appreciate the impact Kaleidoscope has made, and could continue to make within research in TEL; 2) understand how research communities define and communicate excellence and envisage what the implications of this could be; 3) explore and shape plans for the continuity of TEL research agendas in Europe.

- (1) <http://www.noie-kaleidoscope.org/group/symposium/>

Submission Deadline—October 5, 2007

**CREATIVE INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM
(March 26 – 28, 2008, Stanford University)**

This symposium will explore the synergies between creative cognition and intelligent systems in a cross-disciplinary setting that fosters cooperation both in designing creative systems and in creatively designing systems. This focus on creativity in the context of intelligent systems has the potential for increasing innovation in existing fields of research as well as for defining new fields of study, including: Artificially Creative Systems, Computational Models of Human Creativity and Intelligent Systems for Supporting Creativity (1).

(1) <http://axon.cs.byu.edu/CreativeAI/>

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Paper Submission—December 17, 2007

**ISTAS – 08: 2008 IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY
(June 26 – 28, 2008, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada)**



ISTAS 08 is a multi-disciplinary event for researchers in engineering, computer science, social sciences, arts and humanities as well as community-based researchers, policy makers and technology user communities. Papers will address both the social and technical aspects of specific topics.

(1) http://www.istas08.ca/~istas08ca/MediaWiki/index.php/Main_Page

CONFERENCES

Paper Submission—September 15, 2007

**8TH SAKAI CONFERENCE
(December 4 – 7, 2007, Newport Beach, California)**



The December 2007 Sakai Community Conference will be held in Newport Beach, California with pre- and post-conference sessions and activities on Monday the 3rd and Friday the 8th.

(1) <https://sakai.educonference.com/conference/index.php>

Paper Submission—September 17, 2007

**2ND INTERNATIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LAMS)
CONFERENCE
(November 26 – 29th, 2007, Sydney, Australia)**

The LAMS Foundation and LAMS International are holding the 2nd International LAMS Conference at Macquarie University. The theme for this conference is "Practical Benefits of Learning Design" and presentations are welcomed on the use of LAMS as well as other approaches to Learning Design.

(1) <http://lams2007sydney.lamsfoundation.org/>

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**BERLIN 5 OPEN ACCESS: FROM PRACTICE TO IMPACT: CONSEQUENCES OF
KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION
(September 19-21, 2007, Padova, Italy)**

Berlin 5 Open Access: From Practice to Impact: Consequences of Knowledge Dissemination brings together the various initiatives and key players within the Open Access movement to: 1) maintain the enthusiasm of all the people involved in the Open Access field; 2) get an overview of the developing tools that sustain Open Access in scientific data and cultural heritage dissemination; and 3) develop the effective strategies that can contribute to the construction and implementation of this new paradigm of the scholarly communication world.

(1) <http://www.aepic.it/conf/index.php?cf=10>

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**ONLINE EDUCA MOSCOW 2007: 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTED LEARNING & TRAINING
(September 30 – October 3, 2007, Moscow, Russia)**



ONLINE EDUCA MOSCOW 2007 is a networking venue for leading experts from the business sector and the academic community as well as education decision makers and innovation advocates.

(1) http://www.online-educa-moscow.com/index_eng.php

ePortfolio 2007
(October 17 – 19, 2007, Maastricht, Netherlands)



This year's conference theme is "Employability and Lifelong Learning in the Knowledge Society." The conference is organised in 2 main tracks: an academic track with peer reviewed research papers and a practitioner track with peer reviewed short papers, case studies and work in progress. The objective of the conference is to explore how the ePortfolio can contribute to finding the solution to the challenges faced today in building an inclusive and sustainable knowledge economy and society.

(1) <http://events.eife-l.org/ep2007/overview>

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Paper Submission— October 31, 2007

HCC8— 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN CHOICE AND COMPUTERS: SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF ICT POLICY
(September 25 – 27, 2008, Pretoria, South Africa)

This conference will explore policy action concerning ICT and socio-economic change and discuss particular policies through which various institutions of contemporary governance have sought to promote ICT to achieve specific socio-economic changes, or to address undesirable effects of ICT diffusion in contemporary society (1).

(1) <http://www.hcc8.org/>

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ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN 2007: 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTED LEARNING & TRAINING
(November 28 – 30, 2007, Berlin, Germany)



Online Educa Berlin is a key annual networking event for the international technology-supported learning and training industry.

(1) <http://www.online-educa.com/>

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KCTOS: KNOWLEDGE, CREATIVITY, AND TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETIES
(December 6 – 9, 2007, Vienna, Austria)

A Call for Papers for the section Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Society: Transformations and Challenges. **Adam Fiser** (KMDI, FIS) is co-chairing this session.

(1) http://www.inst.at/kctos/sektionen_a-f/fiser_budka.htm

**IEEE/ACM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND DEVELOPMENT (ICTD2007)
(December 15 – 16, 2007, Bangalore, India)**



The goal of ICTD is to provide a forum for academic researchers working with ICTs as applied to development. The conference brings together researchers in both the social and technical sciences. This is the second of an ongoing series of conferences to occur every one or two years.

(1) <http://research.microsoft.com/workshops/ictd2007/>

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**E-LEARNING 2008
(February 16 – 19, 2008, St. Petersburg, Florida)**

e-Learning 2008 is a comprehensive annual distance learning conference for e-Learning practitioners where one can learn who is doing what, what technologies they are using, what works, and what doesn't.

(1) <http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning2008.htm>

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**2008 DESIGN RESEARCH SOCIETY CONFERENCE
(July 16-18, 2008, Sheffield, UK)**

This will be a broad-ranging event open to all topics and disciplines relevant to designing. The call for papers will be announced on 1st September (1).

(1) <http://drs2008.designinquiry.wikispaces.net/>

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