

SIG Activities Report Form

Special Interest Group (SIG): History and Foundations of Information Science (HFIS)

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CURRENT OFFICERS

Lai Ma (Chair/Treasurer/Cabinet representative)

Fidelia Ibekwe (Chair-elect)

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Emma Zhang (Secretary)

Advisory board members:

- Michael Buckland, University of California, Berkeley (Emeritus)
- Toni Carbo, Drexel University
- Jonathan Furner, University of California, Los Angeles
- Trudi Bellardo Hahn, Drexel University
- Thomas Haigh, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Samantha Hastings, University of South Carolina
- Ken Herold, Hamilton College
- Birger Hjørland, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Denmark
- Kathryn La Barre, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Julian Warner, Queens University of Belfast
- Robert V. Williams, University of South Carolina (Emeritus)

Do you wish to be considered for the SIG-of-the-Year Award? - Yes

1. Did you SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting? - Yes

2. Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last ASIS&T annual meeting? – Lai Ma

3. Who attended the ALL SIGS Planning Lunch at the last ASIS&T annual meeting? - ?

4. Please list the names of the new leaders in your SIG who may be interested in getting involved in other areas of ASIS&T:

Emma Zhang

5. Describe any efforts of your SIG made especially designed to recruit new members or retain members:

Promotional materials, including stickers provided by the SIG Cabinet, were distributed in HFIS-sponsored sessions, Welcome Reception/SIG RUSH and other appropriate venues during the Annual Meeting in Montreal. All members of ASIS&T were also invited to the planning meeting in the Montreal meeting.

A newly designed website has been established for updates and recruitment of new members (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGHFIS/>). SIG HFIS has also hosted a Webinar – “iSquares: A New Approach to Information Research and Education” in February. A newsletter is to be published and distributed in September 2014 while old and new members renew their membership before the annual meeting in Seattle.

Recruitment has also been supported by the publicity of the History Fund Awards and the Oral History Project.

6. What programs, including those presented at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, did your SIG sponsor or cosponsor during the fiscal year? Please list the name of the program, speakers involved, date and location, estimated attendance, revenue and expenses, a brief description of each program, and other participating organization or ASIS&T units, if applicable.

Four 2013 Annual Meeting sessions were sponsored/endorsed by HFIS:

(a) The Concept Formerly Known as Information

- Presenters: Jenna Hartel, Karen Pollock, Rebecca Noone, Jens-Erik Mai, Kiersten Latham, Marcia Bates
- Number of attendees: approx. 85

(b) Preserving and Accessing the History of ASIS&T and Information Science

- Presenters: Kathryn La Barre, Sarah A. Buchanan, Trudi Bellardo Hahn, Robert V. Williams

(c) Crossing the Boundaries in Information Science: Perspectives on Interdisciplinarity

- Presenters: Tatjana Aparac-Jelusic, Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Isto Huvila, Lai Ma, Virginia Ortiz-Repiso Jimenez, Julian Warner
- Number of attendees: approx. 75

(d) Uncovering Epistemological Assumptions Underlying Research in Information Studies

- Presenters: Birger Hjørland, Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan, Lai Ma, Jens-Erik Mai, Joseph Tennis, Julian Warner
- Number of attendees: approx. 65

A Webinar was held on February 7th, presented by Jenna Hartel: “iSquares: A New Approach to Information Research and Education”

7. Describe the publications your SIG produced during the activity period (e.g., newsletters, technical publications, pathfinders, joint publications, etc.). Briefly describe those publications here, indicate the publication frequency and intended audience, and enclose a copy of each publication (or provide the URL) with this report.

A newsletter is to be published in September, which will include stories solicited from members as well as HFIS-related sessions and activities in the upcoming Annual Meeting in Seattle.

8. Describe your SIG's participation in other noteworthy activities during the period (e.g., participation in a public effort, such as, legislative hearing, standards committee, representation at meetings of other organizations, etc.).

HFIS, led by Robert Williams, received a grant from SIG Reserve Fund for continuing developing the web portal for the ASIS&T Oral History Project. The purpose of the project is to continue the collection, transcription, and preservation of the oral histories of the pioneers and leaders of information science worldwide. The Web portal is temporarily hosted at <http://129.252.169.17/asis/>

SIG officers and members have served as reviewers in response to SIG leader's call for names and their areas of expertise.

HFIS members served on the History Fund Advisory Board - a separate body that is supported by donations to ASIS&T's History Fund. In 2014 the Board members issued a call for proposals in January, reviewed proposals. No awards were given in 2014.

9. Please include any other comments you would like to make about your SIG's activities during the period.