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A Newsletter of the School of Health Information Science, University of Victoria

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
HSD A300

Come learn about the rapidly expanding field of information technology in healthcare.

STUDENTS

Receiving their BSc in June were: Kira Allingham, Manbir Atwal, Tyrone Austen, Amr Kabesh, Derek Olszowy, Zheng Wang and Hao Zhang. At the same ceremony, Ronald Joe, Thomas Kinahan, Dennis Lee, Bushra Siddiqui, and Haleh Vatani received their MSc. Good luck to all!

New undergrads

As one group of students leaves to make their mark in the world, we welcome another group of students to the HINF family.

Entering the undergraduate program in September are Linsey Bachiu, Brittany Barkow, Paule Bellwood, Margaret Bishop, Rebecca Campbell, Yuejiao Chen, Miranda Cho, Tina Choi, Melissa Clarke, Caitlin Fletcher, Xianjing Gu, Pat Gullayanon, Margaret Hanlon, Robyn Hatley, Kara Holmes, Micah Kowalchuk, Dustin Li, Yung Liu, Vanessa Low, Kiersten Mackie, Noah Matsell, Tarita Miller, Gurprit Randhawa, Dane Schrader, Jaskirat Sodhan, Angela Somalai-Maharjan, Michelle Tsang, Qiang Wang, Maria Wong, Heewon Yang, Yujin Yeo and Lila Young.

Conference Assistant

As a conference assistant, I will be providing assistance in organizing the ITCH 2009 conference by registering delegates, submitting payments, preparing delegate packages, and training and organizing volunteers.

I am originally from North Vancouver and graduated from the French immersion program at Handsworth Secondary School in 2006. I am now a third year undergraduate student in my second year of the University of Victoria's School of Health Information Science. I was drawn to this school by its renowned co-op program and by my passion for information technology and information systems. During my first co-op term this summer, I hope to gain insights into this stimulating and exciting field and see first hand the career opportunities that await me upon completion of my education.

My other interests range from music to athletics. In my first 2 years as an undergraduate, I was a violinist in the University of Victoria orchestra. Unfortunately this year, I was unable to join the orchestra due to schedule conflicts. With my extra time, I have joined the Velox rugby club.

Noah Matsell

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Owen Greig

Dave Greig became a very proud first-time father on September 26th with the arrival of Owen Star John Greig. Dave is currently on a work term at the BC Cancer Agency. Dave reports baby, mom and dad are all doing well.

Awards

Erin Gibbs and Steve Leavitt are this year's recipients of the Barbara Thornton Memorial Award, while Lara Dahl has been awarded the Michael Miller Scholarship.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Congratulations to Gerhard Brauer, EdD on the publication of his book *The Problem with Reading Hannah Arendt in English - How Poor Translation Can Impair the Reading and Understanding of Philosophy*.

Dr. Brauer argues that Hannah Arendt's self-translation of her book *The Human Condition*, from excellent German into poor English, significantly and unnecessarily compromised its readability. Arendt could have asked for editorial assistance with her English but clearly chose not to do so. On the basis of this premise, the author goes on to suggest that there may be a larger, as yet unremarked, educational problem in the English-speaking world: translated philosophy texts are assigned for reading without making students aware of the impact that translation can have on coherence. The naïve acceptance, by English-only readers, of incoherent wording as though it were a mark of stylistic eccentricity or semantic innovation, is defined as the translation-induced lionization of text or TILT. The problem is further exacerbated by an epidemic of infectious monolingualism in the English-speaking world. While a return to polyglotism in higher education, once a highly valued skill directly relevant to the reading and understanding of philosophical and literary works, would be ideal, the teaching of translation theory plus slow-reading is proposed as a more realistic and very feasible solution.

The book is available from Amazon .com

Jeff Barnett ('07) and instructor for HINF 351 and 591, has turned his master's project into a paper "The Impact of Privacy Legislation on Patient Care" that has been published in the *International Journal of Information Security and Privacy*. This article looks at how privacy legislation in Canada may interfere with patient care and the use of electronic health records. A review of the literature shows that legislation across Canada is not uniform and varies to the degree in which it addresses issues of privacy and confidentiality. What is not clear is what impact legislation has on the movement towards electronic health records? A case study was undertaken to look at a specific project involving the design of an electronic health record as a means of sharing information between physicians and prostate cancer patients. Through interviews with those associated with the project, it was clear that legislation itself was not a barrier. The problem was that the legislation was open to interpretation. The author hopes that an understanding of the issues raised by this article will lead to further discussion and research on this topic

Honorary Degree

The School of Health Information Science is very pleased to announce that Professor Denis Protti will be receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science at City University, London, UK in recognition of his contribution to the healthcare field in the UK. The ceremony will take place on May 14, 2009 in London.

Congratulations, Denis!

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MACNAUGHT-TAILLON LEADERSHIP AWARD IN HEALTH POLICY, HEALTH INFORMATION & HEALTH INFORMATICS

Denis Protti and Dennis Niebergal

Denis Protti is the first recipient of the new MacNaught-Taillon Award. He is shown above with Dennis Niebergal, President and CEO of Clinicare. Clinicare is the major contributor to the award and the bursary that with goes with it.

The MacNaught-Taillon (M&T) Award has been established to honor the outstanding and lasting contributions of Don MacNaught and Serge Taillon to the Canadian health care system. Beginning in the mid-1980's in the Health Information Division of Health Canada, Don and Serge worked side by side to contribute their leadership in a spirit of cooperation to initiatives such as the National Health Information Council and the National Health Information Task Force. Their vision, stamina and perseverance contributed significantly to the realization of the Canadian Institute for Health Information in 1994. Whereas Don has been referred to as "Mr. Medicare" by former Health Minister Hon. Monique Begin, it is equally fitting to call Serge "Mr. Health Information". In summary they deserve much of the credit for transforming health informatics to useable health information in Canada.

The M&T award recognizes outstanding individual contributions to Canadian health care through emerging and exemplary leadership and mentorship in the advancement of health policy, health information and health informatics.

The award is accompanied by a bursary to support further training, research or education in health informatics and/or health policy that will be presented to an up and coming leader who will be designated at the discretion of the M&T Award recipient.

New graduate secretary
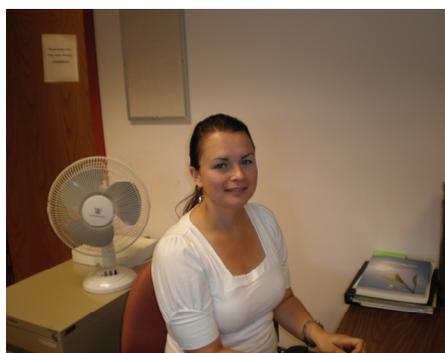
We are very pleased to welcome Shawna McNabb as our new graduate secretary.

Shawna joined the School of Health Information Science in July 2008. After graduating from UVic she worked for the Faculty of Law, in the Career Development Office. Shawna is excited to continue working with students and looks forward to meeting new and returning students and faculty.

Shawna can be reached at hisgrad@uvic.ca, or by phone at (250) 721-6459.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Once again our students are the recipients of numerous Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards for the 2008/2009 academic year. We would like to extend congratulations to the following students:

Jesdeep Bassi – University of Victoria Graduate Award & Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship; Tarig Dafalla – University of Victoria Fellowship; Heba Elrefaey – University of Victoria Fellowship; Mikael Gebre-Mariam – University of Victoria Graduate Award & Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship; Heather Jennings – University of Victoria Fellowship; Elizabeth Keay – University of Victoria Fellowship; Stacey Slager – University of Victoria Fellowship.

Protti Endowment Awards

The first students to receive awards from the Denis and Pat Protti Endowment Fund were: Tyrone Austen, Anjum Khamisani, Alex Kuo, and Felicia Pantazi (graduate student awards) while Julia Zhu received the student enrichment award. Congratulations to all!

New graduate students

We are pleased to welcome another twelve students into our graduate program in September. Joining the Distributed Stream option are: Paula Araujo, Laurence Chiu, Winnie Fan, Mohammad Khayrat, Max Rein, Salim Samanani, Naseem Usmani and Steven Villebrun. Meanwhile the on-campus MSc program welcomes Jason Bond, Jennifer Furtado, Minji Kim, and Avesta Razavi.

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May Workshop

Thirty six HINF graduate students descended upon UVic for the annual two week summer workshop for the master's program. Guest speakers included Tom Rosenal from Calgary Health Region, and Michael Beebe (MSc '95) from US Veterans' Affairs in Puget Sound.

The two courses offered during the workshop were HINF 551 "Electronic Health Record" with Denis Protti and HINF 560 "Health Care Quality Improvement" with Elizabeth Borycki.

CO-OP

Pam Kaiway, our Co-op Assistant will be leaving us in November. She'll be heading to Vancouver to join her husband in their brand new house (fewer trips back and forth on the ferry!) Pam has been a great addition to our Co-op office, and I know everyone will miss her wonderful attitude, professionalism and service to students. I'd like to wish Pam good luck in all her future endeavors, and invite her to drop in to the office anytime she's in Victoria.

Dave Hutchinson

CAREER CONVERSATIONS 2008: WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN - HEALTH INFORMATION SCIENCE?

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
MAC D288

It's never too early or too late to explore your career options!

Come hear from UVic alumni who will share their experiences in making the transition from university to work.

To register for this free event see:
http://www.careerconversations.uvic.ca

ALUMNI

Chad, Liam and Stephanie Jones

I'm currently working as a Senior Clinical Applications Analyst for Vancouver Coastal Health (out of Lions Gate Hospital) - after coming back from a year's maternity leave. I had a baby boy named Liam in June/07 then married Chad Jones in Sept/07.

I mainly support the PCIS - McKesson Star - for our Coastal sites which includes Lions Gate Hospital, Squamish General Hospital, Whistler Health Care Centre and Pemberton Health Centre. I was heavily involved in the rollout of McKesson's Horizon Physician Portal web application in 2007. Other applications I support are Lions Gate's Emergency Department Electronic Tracking Board and the ED Clinical Documentation which will be implemented in November.

Stephanie (Appleby) Jones '05

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MISCELLANEOUS

ITCH 2009 Revolutionizing Health Care with Informatics: From Research to Practice

Student Poster Contest

Students are reminded that November 15, 2008 is the deadline to submit an abstract for the ITCH 2009 student poster contest. Abstracts are to be no longer than 500 words, and are to be submitted to itch@uvic.ca. The poster content can be based on course work, co-op experience, literature reviews or research.

All accepted abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings. This is a great opportunity to add a publication to your resume and ITCH is a wonderful networking opportunity.

An independent panel will judge the posters. First, second and third place winners will receive cash prizes ($500, $300 and $200) and a complimentary FULL registration to the conference.

Student submissions should address the roles of information technology and communications in one of the following areas:

- Clinical Support in Primary and Ambulatory Care
- Clinical Support in Tertiary Care
- Decision Support (including AI, modeling and expert systems)
- Educational Initiatives and Professional Development
- Electronic Health Records
- Ethics and Social Issues, Government and Policy
- Nursing Informatics
- Quality Management
- Research and Development (including systems and epidemiology)
- Security, Privacy, Reliability and Standardization
- Service Administration and Management
- Telemedicine and Telehealth

The ITCH 2009 student poster contest is open to any student registered full-time in a related undergraduate or graduate program.

Student authors will be expected to construct posters for representation during the ITCH conference and be available to address inquires related to content during the judging on Thursday February 19th. The poster judging will take place just prior to the opening reception.

Any questions regarding the student poster contest should be directed to itch@uvic.ca

ITCH 2009 Volunteers

A number of students have already expressed interest in volunteering for ITCH 2009. The official call for volunteers will be issued in January, and every attempt will be made to accommodate individual schedules.

Update on ITCH 2009 Program

The Steering Committee for the upcoming international conference received a record number of abstracts. Each abstract was peer reviewed by three members of the Scientific Program Committee. The complete list of accepted abstracts can be found at http://itch.uvic.ca/AcceptedAbstracts.php and includes authors from across Canada and the USA as well as Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, The Netherlands, and the UK.

Seminar Series

The weekly Friday seminars is in full swing now with Erdem Yazganoglu as facilitator. For full details of the upcoming speakers and how to join the seminar live, or play back previous sessions, go to http://web.his.uvic.ca/hinf580/

Student Responsibilities

Each year at the new student orientation, we distribute a handout summarizing the students' responsibilities. The handout can be found on our website at http://hinf.uvic.ca/sinfo/documents/handout08.pdf

It is also the student's responsibility to ensure they are familiar with University policies as outlined in the UVic calendar.

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REVOLUTIONIZING HEALTH CARE with INFORMATICS: FROM RESEARCH to PRACTICE

February 19 – 22, 2009 Laurel Point Inn, Victoria, BC, Canada

An international conference addressing *Information Technology and Communications in Health* (ITCH)

Revolutionizing Health Care with Informatics: From Research to Practice is the working theme for the 2009 international conference being held in Victoria, BC, Canada. Health information technology has assisted and enabled many other technologies in health assessment and health care management, delivery, and assurance. Emerging technologies, notably decision support, mobile communications, modeling and advanced imaging, owe their practical implementation to advanced information systems.

At the ITCH 2009 conference, leading interdisciplinary practitioners and researchers from Canada and the world will meet to discuss methods in information production and use that will revolutionize the way in which health care is delivered.

Pre-Conference Workshops – February 19th

Paper Presentations – Over 100 papers presented in 4 tracks over 3 days

A Choice of Panels – February 22nd

- Comparing and Contrasting Three Different Qualitative Approaches for Evaluating Health Information Systems: Identifying the "Best" Approach for Use in Research and Evaluation
- Maxing the Educational Experience: Panel on Undergraduate HI Education in Canada
- Can We Prove That IT Investment Improves Health Outcomes: Three Perspectives

Keynote Speakers

Mike Bainbridge,
NHS Connecting for Health, UK

Jennifer Zelmer,
IHTSDO, Denmark

Donald W.M. Juzwishin,
Health Council of Canada

After Dinner Speaker

Grad Conn,
Microsoft Corporation

Registration & Information

Early registration deadline: November 15, 2008
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