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Chair's Column

Greetings LACASIS colleagues,

Welcome to our summer edition of OASIS! This is the time of year that the current chair has the honor of announcing the 2008-2009 Executive Board. With pleasure may I introduce you to our new (and continuing) officers!!

Chair: Sharon Shafer

Sharon is Systems Librarian for Library Web Services at the UCLA Library. Sharon has previously served on the LACASIS Executive Board as Secretary and Program Chair. While Sharon is a confirmed techie, she can be seen at various meetings and functions around campus with a stack of 5x8 index cards, which she refers to as her [hipster pda](#)

Chair Elect/Program Chair: Grace Lau

Grace graduated in 2007 with an MLIS from UCLA. She was involved with various student groups while at UCLA, including webmaster and chair of the student chapter at UCLA. She is currently an Information Architect at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Online.

Secretary: John Khuu

John recently received his MLIS from UCLA, with an Informatics specialization and an emphasis in information architecture. While at UCLA, he served as the Co-Chair of the UCLA ASIS&T Student Chapter at UCLA. He works with Grace at WDPRO as an Associate Information Architect. He is also the

Web Site Content Manager for the Civil Rights Project / Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA.

Treasurer: Amy Wallace

Amy Is Head of Public & Outreach Services at CSU Channel Islands. Amy has previously served on the LACASIS Executive Board as Chair, Program Chair, and Treasurer. In addition, Amy is ASIST chapters Deputy Director.

Congratulations to our 2008-2009 officers and thank you all for your willingness to serve this great organization!

The new board will officially take office in October...In the meantime, I would like to highlight this past year's activities as we approach the close of the LACASIS business year.

- In September, we awarded the 2007 McKinley Scholarship to John Khuu, Department of Information Studies, UCLA. Madaleine J. Laird, University of California, Los Angeles and Regina Koury, University of Pittsburgh (distance education program) were selected as runners-up.
- In October, we were honored with four awards from ASIST
 - Chapter of the Year (Co-winner)
 - Chapter Event of the Year for "Working with Wikis" program
 - Chapter Publication of the Year for the OASIS Newsletter
 - Chapter Innovation (Co-winner) for conversion of the OASIS Newsletter to a wiki.
- In December, we celebrated the holidays with our SLA Southern California colleagues and heard food columnist and author Russ Parsons, give a fascinating talk on the politics of organic farming, and farmers markets.
- In January, we hosted the annual CISTA Award program honoring Dr. Carol Tenopir for her contributions to information science and technology. She spoke on "Witnessing Change: Studying Scholarly Article Reading Over Time." LACASIS members Janet Beal and Andrea Lynch were given awards recognized for their outstanding contributions to LACASIS.
- In February, we held a very well attended program, Tag You're It: A Dialog Between Social Tagging and Traditional Classification" at Cal State Northridge, Oviatt Library. Speakers and attendees representing public libraries, archives, museums, and academic institutions came together for this wonderfully successful event. We were fortunate to have a diverse group of speakers, including
 - Murtha Baca, Getty Research Institute
 - Rich Cherry, Project Steve
 - Jonathan Furner, UCLA
 - Gabriel Lundeen, Los Angeles Public Library
 - Mike Winkler, University of Pennsylvania
 - Jezmyne Westcott, Alexandra Chappell, and Candace Lebel, Claremont Colleges
- We published two installments of our OASIS Newsletter in its new WIKI format!
- Through the year, we welcomed several new LACASIS members, sending out letters of welcome and encouraging them to get involved.
- We embarked on some process improvements as well, including creating a private business WIKI for chapter planning, revamping our LACASIS-L Listserv so that it is more relevant and useful to our community, and investigating web and video conferencing technologies both for chapter planning and program delivery.

- In the midst of all of this excitement, we had *monthly* Saturday morning meetings at various lovely locales around town.

For all of these accomplishments, a huge 'thank you' and congratulations to our 2007-2008 Board for a job well done!!!

Aura Lippincott, 2007-2008 LACASIS Chair

Upcoming LACASIS Board Meetings

LACASIS board meetings are held monthly from 9:30 to 11:30 on the first Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays) and are open to all members. During the summer months of June, July and August board meetings are held virtually via email.

Date	Location	Time
July 12	Panini Cafe, Marina Del Rey	9:30-11:30
August 2	TBD	9:30-11:30
September 6	TBD	9:30-11:30

Save the Date!

Sept. 26, 2008, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Euro IA Summit

This year's theme of "Redrawing the Map" looks at countries and online domains from forging new international alliances to adapting traditional deliverables to the needs of a Web 2.0 world.

<http://www.euroia.org/>

October 24-29, 2008, Columbus, Ohio. ASIST 2008 Annual Meeting

Registration is now open. This year's theme is "People Transforming Information - Information Transforming People" and it will be at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio. Program information can be found at their website: <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM08/>

October 23-24, 2008, Columbus, Ohio. International Conference of Knowledge Management 2008

<http://www.ickm2008.org/>

December 4, 2008, Los Angeles, California. LACASIS Annual Holiday Program

Save the date. We'll be dining seafood in Pasadena in no time. Speaker and topic information to follow.

Members in the News

Paul Adalian

Paul Adalian, who spoke on “MyLibrary and Personally customized Web Pages: A New Role for Libraries” way back at the 2001 LACASIS Workshop, has retired from the California State University System (CSU), and has taken a position as Dean of the Hannon Library at Southern Oregon University. He was most recently the founding Dean of the John Spoor Broome Library at CSU Channel Islands. There he oversaw the development of a cutting-edge digital teaching library including flexible furniture, a children’s section, all shapes and sizes of study rooms, art tracks to hang student work, and rolling white boards for student poster presentations. Paul also served the CSU as the Assistant Dean for Information and Instructional Services at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Head of the Reference at San Francisco State University.

Zorana Ercegovac

Zorana Ercegovac will be a presenter at the 2008 ASIST Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Her paper, titled "Is the Google Generation Information Literate? A Case Study of Secondary School Students", will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Here is an abstract from her paper.

This study is a part of a broader investigation that gauges level of information literacy (IL) among the learners of the "Google generation," defined as persons who were born after 1993. Just because people can use the various Internet tools (e.g., social networking, web 2.0) does not mean they are sophisticated users. This paper reports findings obtained from middle school students (n=105) gathered through a self-administered paper-and-pencil pre-test questionnaire on some of the fundamental IL skills. As a result, a five 45-minute IL Program was designed for the students who participated in the pre-test. At a completion of the intervention program, students were asked to write an essay on what they considered the most relevant IL topics that every middle school student should master.

Zorana also recently published a book, titled *INFORMATION LITERACY Search Strategies, Tools and Resources for High School Students and College Freshmen, 2nd Edition*. It is available for purchase at Amazon.com or order directly from Linworth Publishing for a special discount with this [form](#).

Ercegovac, Zorana. **Information Literacy: Search Strategies, Tools and Resources for High School Students and College Freshman**. 2d ed. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing Co., 2008. ISBN 1-58683-332-4.

This book examines information literacy from five types of learning: content understanding, problem-solving, metacognition, collaboration, and communication. It includes lesson plans, pre-and

post-tests, scoring rubrics, and a checklist for evaluating online databases, among others.

Amy Wallace

Amy Wallace, LACASIS Treasurer and ASIST Deputy Chapter Assembly Director, will serve as the Interim Dean of the Library for the John Spoor Broome Library at CSU Channel Islands. She was most recently the Head of Public Services and Outreach, where she had the cool job of developing library services, designing spaces, and implementing fun technologies for the newest CSU campus.

Please send us your news! Have you (or another LACASIS member you know) recently been promoted, changed jobs, won an award or acknowledgment? We'd like to hear about it and publicize your successes! Email the OASIS newsletter editor Grace Lau lauggh@gmail.com.

LACASIS Recent Event Reviews

Our "Tag You're It" event on February 22, 2008 was blogged!

- Visit Perian Sully 's Feb 28 post titled [OCLC open house and LACASIS Social Tagging workshop](#)
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2008 Margaret McKinley Memorial Student Scholarship Essay Competition

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (LACASIS) is sponsoring the Fifteenth Annual Student Scholarship Essay Competition. This Competition, first established in 1992, and renamed in memory of the late Margaret McKinley in 1993, is intended to encourage students in Library and Information Science Programs to consider the benefits of participation in the activities of professional societies.

AWARD: The winner will receive reimbursement funding up to US \$1,000 for registration, airfare, and hotel expenses to attend the ASIST 2008 Annual Meeting, "People Transforming Information - Information Transforming People" and a one-year membership in ASIST. Two runners-up will receive one-year memberships in ASIST.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All students (including those graduating in spring 2008) enrolled in Library and Information Science
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Programs (in-person or distance education) at universities within the areas represented by the Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST (Hawaii, California, Australia, and New Zealand) are eligible to enter.

- Students residing in one of the areas represented by the LACASIS (Hawaii, California, Australia, and New Zealand) and attending Library and Information Science Programs (LIS) distance education programs outside of the areas represented by LACASIS are eligible to enter.
- Students enrolled in graduate programs (at universities within the areas represented by the Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST) not identified as LIS programs may be eligible. Interested students in non-LIS programs must include in the essay submission (in addition to other essay requirements below), a statement explaining how the program mission relates to ASIST and how ASIST membership and conference attendance would be beneficial.

Membership in ASIST is not required to enter the Competition.

TO ENTER: Compose an essay that addresses the following:

- What specific benefits do I expect to derive from attending the ASIST 2008 Annual meeting?
- How will I integrate these benefits into the start of my new career?
- How might LACASIS or ASIST benefit from you receiving this scholarship?

For details about the theme of the ASIST 2008 Annual meeting, visit the ASIST website

<http://www.asis.org/>

Essays should not exceed 500 words or two typed, double spaced pages. Do not identify yourself or your school in the essay. Submit the essay

with a separate cover sheet listing your name, address, email, telephone number, and school by the deadline of September 1, 2008. Essays may be submitted by email to:

Andrea Lynch

Email: andlynch@yahoo.com

A panel of LACASIS members will judge the essays.

Student Chapter News

The UCLA Student Chapter welcomes a new group of officers for 2008-2009.

Co-Chairs: Katie Shields and Andrew Harris

Treasurer: Mary Beshid

Secretary: Holly Fisher

Informatics Journal Group Lead: Sarah Buchanan

Congratulations to these new and continuing officers in the UCLA Student Chapter. These graduate students are role models to their peers by taking initiative to continue student programming for

professional development and strengthening the UCLA Information Studies community. Furthermore, several of the officers hold multiple positions in different IS student groups!

Contributed by John Khuu, 2007-2008 Student Chapter Co-Chair

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Want to Write for OASIS?


We are currently looking for content providers for the OASIS newsletter wiki! Do you have an idea for a column (it can be a one time article, ongoing or occasional column)? Do you want to write a short summary on a recent LACASIS event that you attended? Do you want to be an OASIS photographer? We are looking for all of the above and more! Want to write but don't have an idea of what to do, here are some new column ideas that might grab you:

- **ASIST Insider: News from HQ** - browse the ASIST website for news and tidbits from HQ, other Chapters or SIGS
- **Student Chapter News** - must be a student and involved with the UCLA or SJSU Student chapters; report on what your chapters are doing - events, gatherings, internships wanted, etc.
- **Library/Technology humor** - (ongoing or occasional column) - find humorous anecdotes about our profession and report on them
- **OASIS Photographer** - (must have a digital camera) take digital photos of LACASIS events and get permission from the people photographed to publish them in the newsletter

If you are interested, please email OASIS Editor Grace Lau at laughh@gmail.com

LACASIS Executive Board for 2007-2008

Name	Position
Aura Lippincott	Chair
Sharon Shafer	Chair-Elect/Programs
Amy Wallace	Treasurer
Lisa McAulay	Secretary
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Rob Assmus	Publicity Coordinator
Andrea Lynch	Student Chapter Coordinator
Claude Zachary	Archives
Kristen LaBonte	Program Recorder
Zorana Ercegovac	Awards Chair
Rachael Clemens	Chapter Assembly Representative
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