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/ What's new at CAIS?

Well, our newsletter! That's correct, you are reading the *first ever* issue of the CAIS/ACSI newsletter. We hope to use it to keep our community updated and connected. Published three times annually, we welcome input from the community on events such as conferences and speaker series, achievements, publications, and other relevant topics. Feel free to get in touch through one of our many communication channels listed below. This issue features updates about our annual conference, the latest issue of CJILS and its new *Editor-in-Chief*, and other initiatives and events happening in our community!

/ Membership

With the new year beginning, we encourage you to renew your CAIS/ACSI membership! You should receive an email prompt if you are close to your renewal date. If you know of someone interested in becoming a member, please have them register here!

Students from our institutional members (Dalhousie University, University of Alberta, Western University, McGill University, and the University of British Columbia) enjoy free membership to CAIS! We offer a variety of student events and benefits, including our Student Research Forum at CAIS 2024, our annual Student-to-CAIS Award, Master's Research Award, and Doctoral Dissertation Award. If your institution is not listed here, please contact your program director/dean to inquire about CAIS membership, or register as a non-affiliated student member here.

/ CAIS 2024 Conference

Leaps & Stumbles
the 52nd annual conference of the
Canadian Association for
Information Science

Des sauts et
des trébuchements
Le 52e Congrès annuel de l'Association
canadienne des sciences de l'information

June 4-7, 2024 | 4 au 7 juin 2024
cais2024.ca | acsi2024.ca
Free & open to all | Gratuit et ouvert à tous

The 52nd Annual CAIS/ACSI Conference is set to take place online from June 4-7, 2024 and invites a wide range of submissions under the LIS disciplinary umbrella, including papers, lightning talks, and panels. In line with the leap year, this year's theme is "Leaps & Stumbles," reflecting the dynamic and often unpredictable journey of research. The focus is on embracing the challenges and triumphs in information science research, from groundbreaking "Quantum Leaps" to the candid sharing and "Leaps of Faith" in ongoing projects.

The conference remains committed to inclusivity, offering a free and open access platform to all participants to present their research, engage in meaningful discussions, and contribute to the evolving landscape of information science. Proposals in English and French are invited from presenters in Canada and beyond, including scholars, students, and practitioners. For more details on submission guidelines and the conference, please visit the CAIS/ACSI website. Consider submitting a proposal for a paper, lightning talk, or panel presentation.

Deadlines

The submission deadline for all proposals is February 5th, 2024, midnight Pacific Time. Initial submissions should be scrubbed of identifying information for double-blind peer review.

Authors will be notified no later than **March 15, 2024**. Final versions must be submitted no later than April 30, 2024, and will then be published on the conference website and in the conference proceedings.

As always, we are especially looking forward to our Doctoral / Master's Student Research Forum! The Forum's goal is to provide graduate students with an opportunity to present and discuss their research project, get feedback from senior researchers, and make connections with other students. Students at any stage of their graduate program are invited to submit to the Forum. Please be prepared to present informally on an aspect of your research for 5-10 minutes, which will be followed by discussion. More details will be provided upon acceptance.

To participate in the Forum, please fill out the following submission form.

/ CJILS update

About the latest CJILS issue

The latest CJILS issue (Volume 46, Issue 2) is now complete! It features the first editorial of our new editor-in-chief, Philippe Mongeon, as well as five articles. Two articles address AI-related topics. Michael Ridley explores Spotify users' everyday experience with the platform's recommender systems and draws folk theories that can reinforce, challenge, and augment the principles of human-centred explainable AI (HCXAI). Siham Alaoui discusses the implications of AI for records management. Two articles relate to the accessibility and circulation of scholarly outputs. Poppy Riddle and co-authors investigate the state of green open access in Canadian universities, focusing on institutional policies and repositories and how they are used for self-archiving peer-reviewed work. Rémi Toupin and colleagues propose a storytelling approach to analyze the circulation of articles on Twitter (now X). Philippe Mongeon and colleagues map the Canadian LIS research landscape, highlighting the diversity of the field as a whole and how each of the eight academic units offering ALA-accredited degrees contributes to the mosaic of Canadian LIS scholarship. We hope you enjoy reading the works in this latest issue and that you will consider CJILS, our diamond open access journal, as a publishing venue for your future work!

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This year, we are happy to be working with Julia Bullard and Hannah Turner from the UBC iSchool to publish a special issue titled "Knowledge Organization and Nations" (see the call for paper here). CJILS is also collaborating with international colleagues to host a special issue with papers presented at the BOBCATSS 2024 conference.

Reviewers needed

CJILS is always looking for reviewers, so if you wish to signal your availability and willingness to review submissions to the journals, you can do so by contacting the editor at pmongeon@dal.ca or by completing this form.

/ Other events and updates

CAIS is delighted to once again host on its Community Platform the EBSI-SIS Symposium, an annual event organized by the students of the École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information (Université de Montréal) and the School of Information Studies (McGill University). The 2024 Symposium will be occurring on May 3. Find out more about it on the CAIS Comunity Platform soon!

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Need to get in touch with CAIS? We can be contacted through the following email addresses:

For more information about the Canadian Association for Information Science, contact info@cais-acsi.ca.

For more information on becoming a member, contact membership@cais-acsi.ca.

For questions related to the website, contact webmaster@cais-acsi.ca.

For questions related to CJILS, contact the editor, Philippe Mongeon at cjils@cais-acsi.ca.