

**School of Information Studies  
Faculty of Education  
Annual Report 2011**

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## **Summary**

The highlights of the year 2011 include the following:

- five faculty members have received six grants (individually or in collaboration) totalling \$859 074 from a diversity of sources including the National Science Foundation (USA), Graphics, Animation, and new Media Network of Centres of Excellence, SSHRC and a private corporation;
- ten professors of the School have published 47 new publications (books, book chapters and refereed journal articles/proceedings) including the new edition of the Professor Dalkir's book on knowledge management by the MIT press.
- the School welcomed new faculty member, Professor Karyn Moffatt; Professor Joan Bartlett was promoted to Associate Professor;
- Professor Peter McNally was awarded the 2011 Marie Tremaine Medal of the Bibliographical Society of Canada;
- two doctoral students, Guillaume Boutard and Robert Ferguson received fellowships (FQRSC and Tim Casgrain Fellowship from the Faculty of Education); a doctoral student, Amandine Pras, received the Student Paper Award at the 131<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Audio Engineering Society in New York City for her paper based on her doctoral dissertation;
- a master's student, Adrienne Smith, was awarded the ASIS&T Northeast Student Chapter travel award for her essay submission and the award allowed her to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

### **1. Research & Publications**

Six new research grants were received by four professors, individually and in collaboration (see table 1). One grant received by Professor Beheshti from SSHRC was aimed at organizing an international workshop on Serendipity, Chance and Opportunity in Information Discovery. Professor Guastavino's grants are related to soundscape network and high-definition spatial audio. Professor Ménard was awarded a SSHRC grant for developing an interface for retrieving digital image in a bilingual context. Finally, Professor Park's grant in collaboration with Professor Claudia Mitchell (PI, Education) is aimed at documenting the role of rural teachers in Africa in the age of AIDS.

**Table 1. New Grants**

Faculty	Source/year	Total Amount	Amount 2011
J. Beheshti	SSHRC 2011-12	\$24 999	\$24 999
B. Pijanowsky & C. Guastavino	NSF with Purdue University 2011-16	\$499 556 US (10% McGill)	\$30 000
C. Guastavino	Sennheiser (private co) 2011-12	\$ 72 333	\$72 333
E. Ménard	SSHRC 2011-14	\$115 393	\$40 711
K. Moffatt	GRAND Network of Centres of Excellence 2011-12	\$14 000	\$ 5 000
C. Mitchell & E. Park	SSHRC 2011-14	\$132 793	\$ 44 264
Total		\$859 074	\$216 308

These new grants are additional to nine continuing grants that have been received over the last five years totalling more than \$1.9 million (see table 2). As the number and the size of grants are increasing, students are receiving additional funding through research assistantships which reached \$115 900 in 2011-2012.

**Table 2. Continuing grants**

Faculty	Source/year	Total Amount	Amount 2011
J. Bartlett	FQRSC 2009-12	\$ 39 600	\$ 13 200
J. Bartlett	SSHRC 2006-11	\$101 718	\$ 9 000
J. Beheshti & Large, Cole	SSHRC 2010-13	\$139 953	\$ 44 758
S. Sharif & F. Bouthillier & others	SSHRC 2009-2012	\$176 732	\$ 45 550
A. Berry & C. Guastavino	NSERC with U Sherbrooke 2009-12	\$891 000 (50%)	\$200 000
Y. Champoux & C. Guastavino	NSERC with U Sherbrooke 2010-	\$335 692 (33%)	\$114 000

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A. Large & J. Beheshti	SSHRC 2008-2012	\$151 348	\$ 42 000
E. Ménard	FQRSC 2010-13	\$ 38 426	\$ 12 756
E. Park	SSHRC 2009-12	\$ 75 000	\$ 25 000
Total		\$ 1 949 837	\$506 264

The second edition of the Professor Dalkir 's book, *Knowledge Management Theory and Practice*, was launched by the prestigious publishing house MIT Press.

The number of publications by the eleven professors at SIS reached 47 as revealed by the list which can be found at [www.mcgill.ca/sis/research/facultypublications/2011](http://www.mcgill.ca/sis/research/facultypublications/2011)

The distribution of publications is as usual: 48% of the publications are conference proceedings published at national and international conferences, and 36% represents articles in refereed journals.

## 2. Teaching & Learning

In Fall 2011, 76 MLIS degrees were awarded and, exceptionally, four Ph.D. degrees. The number of students registered in Fall 2011 was 172 in the MLIS program and 31 in the Ph.D. program, for a total of 203 students.

The curriculum committee continued its work on developing a new MLIS curriculum to examine scenarios to make the program more flexible and better structured for addressing the ongoing changing professional requirements of information professionals.

## 3. Involvement in the Community

The McGill student Chapter of Librarians Without Borders has continued with their outreach activities in Guatemala at the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy. In April 2011, seven SIS students travelled to Guatemala as part of a group of 27 LWB members from other Canadian Schools, to develop the library and literacy programs.

The Web 2.You event organized by SIS students featured four speakers: Joanne Mayhew, Information Management Strategist at Industry Canada; Michelle Lake, Reference & Instruction Librarian from Concordia University; Rajiv Johal, Finance & Economics Librarian at Concordia University; and Jason Puckett, Communication Librarian and Assistant Professor at Georgia State University.

A New Student Association was added to the School: the McGill Student Chapter of Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). The purpose of the student chapter is to

provide an organization through which student members of ASIS&T may share their special concerns, find academic support, participate in information science programs for students and other members of the community, build professional networks and make contributions to the profession. Student chapter participation is also intended to provide students with experience in being active ASIS&T members, and to contribute to personal growth and career development.

#### **4. Milestones**

A new Assistant Professor was welcomed at SIS, Karyn Moffatt, in September 2011. She was hired to teach in the area of human computer interaction and to conduct research on how to improve access to information with better interface design.

Professor Joan Bartlett was promoted to Associate Professor in spring 2011. She teaches and conducts research in the area of bioinformatics, health information and information literacy.

#### **5. Honours, Awards and Prizes**

Professor Peter McNally was awarded the 2011 Marie Tremaine Medal of the Bibliographical Society of Canada for outstanding service to Canadian bibliography and for distinguished publication in the field.

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