

ISIC 2026 Conference Schedule



All events (except the conference dinner) take place in the [Trottier Building](#).

JUNE 1-4, 2026 | MONTRÉAL, CANADA

Monday, June 1				
9:00-16:00	Doctoral Workshop - ROOM 0060 (accepted students only)			
4:00-5:00	Tour of McGill's Rare Books and Special Collections Please fill out this form to let us know you are coming			
5:30	Meet at a downtown pub (pub to be confirmed) Please fill out this form to let us know you are coming			
16:15-18:00	ISIC Steering Committee meeting (by invitation only)			
Tuesday, June 2				
8:30	Registration opens			
9:00-10:30	Conference opening First keynote speaker: Nadia Caidi Room: Trottier 0100			
10:30-11:00	Coffee break - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine			
11:00-12:30	Session 1			
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	<p><i>Information behaviours and the inner life</i> Ian Ruthven</p> <p><i>Who's a heretic now? Conceptualizing information seeking on controversial topics</i> George Buchanan, Dana McKay, Yimin Chen, Ian Ruthven</p>	<p>Anna Mierzecka</p> <p><i>"Transparency would be lovely": Differences in information seeking and assessing behaviours between vaccine hesitant and vaccine confident mothers of newborns</i> Maria Mulder, Emily Gemmell, Julie A. Bettinger, Devon Greyson</p> <p><i>Repetition, regulation, and reappraisal: Information behaviour in persistent coping with chronic illness in families</i> Lindsay K. Brown, Tiffany C.E. Veinot</p>	<p>Kayla Burt, Damian Bebell</p> <p><i>Information behavior as a mediator of the influence of e-health literacy on counseling decisions among Universitas Indonesia students</i> Muhammad Yusrizal, Rahmi</p> <p><i>iSchool students' mental models of genAI</i> Irene Lopatovska, Conor Mack, Ellen Connors</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine		
13:30-15:00	Session 2		
	<p>2.a - Methods Trottier 0100 Moderator: Jenny Bronstein</p> <p><i>Situated storywalks: A participant-led elicitation method</i> Elke Greifeneder, Maria Gäde, Katlin E. Montague</p> <p><i>Navigating subjectivity in causal context: a non-deterministic approach for information behaviour research</i> Marek Deja</p> <p><i>Exploring emerging knowledge landscapes through preprints: a DIKW-based computational framework for</i></p>	<p>2.b - Age & health Trottier 0060 Moderator: Emma Nicol</p> <p><i>Constructing trust in complex information environments: Older adults' information behaviors during the COVID-19 pandemic</i> Maryline Vivion, Valérie Reid, Alexandre Coutant, Eve Dubé, Christopher Fletcher, André Tourigny</p> <p><i>The impact of information encountering on the health literacy of older adults in health science short video</i> Xiaojuan Xu, Li Pan, Manli Wu, Yuxiang Zhao, Zerui Zhao</p>	<p>2.c - Academics Trottier 0070 Moderator: Pam McKenzie</p> <p><i>Social media practices among academics: The case of Sri Lankan universities</i> Nishantha Gamage, Pethigamage Perera, Sangeetha Kutty, Ritesh Chugh</p> <p><i>Taxonomies as boundary objects for social change: Enhancing visibility of academics' impact-related information behaviours</i> Joann Cattlin, Lisa M. Given, Rolf Hvidfeldt, Marianne Lykke</p> <p><i>Foraging for instruction: A microethnography of information behaviours and practices exhibited by</i></p>

	<i>transforming data into actionable scholarly insights</i> Tzu-Yu Lin, Pei-Chun Lee	<i>Exploring health information needs in Islamic contexts through health fatwa questions in Saudi Arabia</i> Mahmud Alblowi, Ian Ruthven, Perla Innocenti	<i>academic librarians in instructional planning</i> Aleksandar Golijanin
15:00-15:30	Coffee break - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine		
15:30-17:00	Session 3 - Plenary session		
	Trottier 0100 Moderator: Rebekah Willson Paper: <i>Celebrating 30 years of the ISIC conference: Citation impact and collaboration</i> Mette Skov, Birger Larsen Panel: <i>Reflecting on the field: 30 years of information behaviour and practices research</i> Heidi Julien, Lisa Given, and Isto Huvila Chaired by Ian Ruthven		
17:00-19:00	Poster session and conference reception - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine [see p. 7 for poster titles]		

Wednesday, June 3			
8:30	Registration opens		
9:00-10:30	Conference update ISIC Steering Committee presentation Second keynote speaker: Sara Grimes Room: Trottier 0100		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine		
11:00-12:30	Session 4		
	4.a - Intersectional identities Trottier 0100 Moderator: Africa Hands <i>Race, identity, and everyday life information-seeking: A study of African American teens in Chicago</i>	4.b - At work Trottier 0060 Moderator: Elke Greifeneder <i>When digital systems meet human-centred work: a qualitative study of information behaviour</i>	4.c - Avoidance & regret Trottier 0700 Moderator: Anna Mierzecka <i>"I'd rather not have known this": A study of information regret</i>

	<p>Faith Rice</p> <p><i>Supporting a new generation of informed voters: An interdisciplinary literature review pairing informed voting and current events information behaviours</i> [short paper] Nancy Ross Dribin</p> <p><i>Passing the vibe check: Initial findings from an investigation into the health information behaviours of LGBTQ+ individuals with disabilities</i> [short paper] Miranda Downey, Marilyn Harbert, Sarina Li</p> <p><i>A literature review of the information needs and behaviors of Black adults and the predominance of studies on health information</i> [short paper] Jamillah R. Gabriel</p> <p><i>Information behaviour as a framework for exploring STEM participation of Black women</i> [short paper] Joanna Adewunmi</p>	<p>Marie Ollerup Sall, Trove Faber Frandsen</p> <p><i>What is left unshared: Using a third space lens to explore information sharing behaviour within Scrum in Agile Software Development</i> Anika Meyer, Ina Fourie, Preben Hansen</p> <p><i>'It's helping people, but it's helping people with literally everything under the sun.'</i> <i>Exploring the work and information behaviours of constituency caseworkers</i> Charlotte Jackson, Emma Nicol, Ian Ruthven</p>	<p>Dirk Lewandowski</p> <p><i>Information behaviour of data breach victims and the relevance of health information avoidance</i> Hung Fai Joseph Cheng, Paul Scifleet, Misita Anwar</p> <p><i>Rethinking information practices to embrace avoidance: Everything old is new again</i> [short paper] Jenny Bronstein, Alison Hicks, Jette Seiden Hyldegård, Pam McKenzie, Ian Ruthven</p> <p><i>Information is a gun: Recognising information facilitated interpersonal harms</i> [short paper] Yimin Chen, Dana McKay</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine		
13:30-15:00	Session 5		
	<p>5.a - Emplaced experiences Trottier 0010 Moderator: Rebecca Noone</p>	<p>5.b - Newcomers & language learners Trottier 0060 Moderator: Leanne Bowler</p> <p><i>Cultural community as an information ground of Middle Eastern women refugees</i></p>	<p>5. c - Uncertainty & stigma Trottier 0070 Moderator: Devon Greyson</p> <p><i>How catastrophic misinterpretation triggers health anxiety: Health information</i></p>

	<p><i>Floating libraries and Bible rolling papers: Accessing books and information while incarcerated</i> Elizabeth Willson Gordon, Rebekah Willson</p> <p><i>'I know a place': The informational value and loss of queer spaces</i> Vanessa Kitzie, Travis Wagner</p> <p><i>"Get rid of the unimportant so that the important can shine": An exploration of vehicle residents' personal collections and information practices [short paper]</i> Kaitlin Montague, Helene Hellmich</p> <p><i>Information as compost: Decentring humans in information practices research [short paper]</i> Owen Stewart-Robertson, Kaitlin Montague</p>	<p><i>in Sweden - a road to better integration into society</i> Khadijah Kainat, Kristina Eriksson-Backa</p> <p><i>Understanding immigrant information acculturation: Perspectives and recommendations for information behaviour research</i> Ana Ndumu, Hayley Park, Connie Siebold</p> <p><i>Hiding in plain sight: the linguistic and behavioural challenges of second language learners in academic search [short paper]</i> Tim Leigh, Frances Johnson</p>	<p><i>seeking as a mediator in rural China's information-poor populations</i> Lin Wang, Chi Xu, Sisi Song</p> <p><i>Self-stigma, alcohol use disorder, information behaviour: A theoretical & conceptual synthesis</i> Opeyemi Oboh</p> <p><i>Mapping information uncertainty in hospital wayfinding through patient journey maps [short paper]</i> Ladislava Zbiejczuk Suchá</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine		
Session 6			
15:30-17:00	<p>Session 6.a - Panel Trottier 0010 Moderator: Owen Stewart-Robertson</p> <p><i>Agnotology, Disinformation, and Epistemicide: Exploring conceptual and methodological approaches to understanding and resisting information behaviours that silence and suppress</i></p> <p>Beth Patin, Maria Mulder, Tyler Youngman</p>	<p>Session 6.b - Info-seeking & mediation Trottier 0060 Moderator: Africa Hands</p> <p><i>Platforms, Algorithms, and the Shifting Boundaries of Information Horizons</i> Kayla Burt</p> <p><i>Push Me, Pull You: Factors that Drive Information-Seekers away from</i></p>	<p>Session 6.c - N/A No papers in Trottier 0700 at this time</p>

	<p>Chaired by Devon Greyson</p> <p><i>Traditional Environments and Towards LLMs</i> Priti Shah, Stephann Makri, George Buchanan, Dana McKay</p> <p><i>Non-events and nothings: The potentiality of negatively defined phenomena for Information Science</i> [short paper] Andrea Kampen, Kaitlin Montague</p> <p><i>Information behaviour concepts in the reference service research</i> [short paper] Amy VanScoy</p>	
18:00/19:00	<p>Conference dinner - LOCATION Hôtel William Gray 421 Rue Saint-Vincent, Montréal, QC H2Y 3A4 https://hotelwilliamgray.com/</p> <p>18:00 cocktails 19:00 dinner</p>	

Thursday, June 4		
8:30	Registration opens	
9:00-10:30	Session 7	
	<p>7.a - Indigenous experiences Trottier 0100 Moderator: Pam McKenzie</p> <p><i>Bridging Theory and Practice: Affordance Theory as a Methodological Link in Information Interaction and Repository Design</i> Danica Pawlick-Potts</p>	<p>7.b - Artists, fans, & leisure Trottier 0060 Moderator: Leanne Bowler</p> <p><i>Viewing leisure as experience</i> Priya Kizhakkethil</p> <p><i>Authenticity, performativity, and contextuality</i> [short paper] Tyler Youngman</p>

	<p><i>Seeking Relations and Kin: pursuing the information seeking practices and experiences of Indigenous students</i> Cora Coady, Tina Liu, Desmond Wong</p> <p><i>Decolonizing information – Comparing Western conceptions of information to Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge Systems</i> [short paper] Connor White</p>	<p><i>'Bonnetheads' fandom: Information experiences of Little House on the Prairie cast members</i> [short paper] Amy Lanier, Tara Zimmerman, Priya Kizhakkethil</p> <p><i>'The industry will tell you what you're good for:' Theatrical typecasting, information embodiment, and body capital</i> [short paper] Julia Anne Maxwell</p> <p><i>Exploring fandom as Information practices: A phenomenographic pilot study of Chinese K-Pop music fans</i> [short paper] Chengling Li, Somsak Sriborisutsakul</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine	
11:00-12:30	<p>Plenary panel Trottier 0100 Moderator: Rebekah Willson</p> <p><i>Emerging voices: Exploring futures for information behaviour and practices research</i> Anika Meyer, Ana Ndumu, Danica Pawlick Potts, Sarah Polkinghorne, Connor White Chaired by Pam McKenzie</p>	
12:30-13:30	<p>Closing of the conference; Conference awards Trottier 0100</p> <p>Followed by lunch - LOCATION Trottier Mezzanine</p>	
13:30-17:00	Workshops	

<p>includes coffee break, 15:00-15:30</p>	<p>Workshop 1 Trottier 0100</p> <p><i>Methods on the move: kinaesthetic capture and analysis of situated embodied information behaviour</i></p> <p>Lee Pretlove, Sophie Rutter</p>	<p>Workshop 2 Trottier 0060</p> <p><i>States of Uncertainty: A collaborative exploration of the potentiality and inevitability of uncertainty</i></p> <p>Andrea Kampen, Helene Hellmich</p>	<p>Workshop 3 Trottier 0070</p> <p><i>Governance as a new Context: The Governing Knowledge Commons Framework for Studying Information Spaces</i></p> <p>Melissa Ocepek, Aparajita Bhandari, Rebecca Noone, Ana Santos Rutschman, Elizabeth Wickes</p>
<p>END OF CONFERENCE - SEE YOU IN 2028!</p>			

Posters

Graduate student information behavior: Early findings from a multi-disciplinary literature review

Brianna Buljung, Seth Vuletich, Ava Cohen, Samuel Dodson

A co-citation analysis of ISIC conference proceedings: Mapping foundational literature from 2004 to 2024

Samuel Dodson, Brianna Buljung

From teaching to prediction: Rethinking information behaviour through instructional data

Jesús Narciso Serrato

Autistic information practices in the context of special interests: Preliminary findings

Hailey Siracky

Adapting to a new weather culture: Brazilian immigrants' tornado communication and risk information seeking on WhatsApp

Renata Gomes, Joseph Trujillo-Falcón

Examining information behavior (IB) curricula in graduate LIS programs in Europe and North America: A comparative analysis of standalone courses and pedagogical approaches

Nafiz Zaman Shuva, Ping Li, Nikolina Peša Pavlović, Alica Kolarić

Exploring college students' information behavior in makerspaces: A mixed-method work-in-progress study

Brenton Stewart, Ann Shivers-McNair, Boryung Ju

Be sure to like, share and subscribe!: Consumers following social media influencers to make purchasing decisions

Daniel Almanza

Information sources during the college planning process: Social capital and rural cultural wealth

Africa Hands

Menstrual cycle information among menstruators in early adulthood

Carling Bulger

What students seek and feel about AI: Beyond the ordinary

Shuvo Kundu

Documenting "missing" data: Practices in a historical environmental justice case

Saguna Shankar

Emotional responses to AI-supported versus conventional search: A case study of library and information science students

Natalia Strąk, Marcin Łaczyński, Anna Mierzecka

"I can create a palette from that": Poets' information seeking behavior

Rachel Fleming-May