

WISE Welcomes Charles Sturt University!

The WISE Consortium is pleased to announce the addition of a 15th institutional member, Charles Sturt University, based in New South Wales, Australia.

The School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University offers high quality programs in Library and Information Science (LIS) which have been recognized by the Australian Library and Information Association for over thirty years. For more than two decades, the school has specialized in distance delivery, and today all programs are offered in the distance mode. This focus has allowed the school to excel in online delivery of LIS education. One of the foremost goals of the school is to “become a leading global provider of quality and innovative online education for the information professions.” By joining WISE, Charles Sturt University will be able to expand their reach by hosting students from 14 unique institutions around the world in their online courses, helping them progress toward achieving this goal. The School will also provide their own

students with access to courses offered at the other WISE institutions, increasing the diversity and breadth of their home curriculum.

The School of Information Studies is the largest provider of LIS education in Australia, serving over 1500 students at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. In 2007 the school became the only school in Australia dedicated solely to library and information studies. With specializations including library leadership, community networking, records and archives management, and children’s librarianship, Charles Sturt University has a great deal to offer the consortium. The WISE schools are excited to begin this mutually beneficial collaboration, and would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member!



WISE Recognizes Outstanding Faculty



Barbara Kwasnik receives her Excellence in Online Education Award from Bruce Kingma at ALISE

The Web-based Information Science Education Consortium (WISE) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2009 WISE Excellence in Online Education Awards. WISE is pleased to recognize seven highly regarded instructors for their outstanding dedication to best practices in online education demonstrated through instructional style in one or more WISE courses in 2009.

2009 Excellence in Online Education Award Recipients:

- Carisse Berryhill - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
 - Linda Braun – Simmons College*
 - Barbara Kwasnik – Syracuse University*
 - Tomas Lipinski - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee *
 - Ruth Palmquist - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - Anthony Rotolo - Syracuse University
 - John Wagstaff - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- * Denotes repeat recipient

Each year, WISE students are invited to nominate WISE host instructors who excel in the online classroom. Themes in the 2009 nominations include engagement and responsiveness, ability to create community in the online environment, and effective use of course technology to enhance learning. A unique aspect of the award is that the recipients are nominated by students who are not matriculated at the instructors’ home institutions.

A Note from the Director

In April 2009, representatives from 13 WISE schools met in Chicago to discuss the future of WISE. One of the goals which emerged from the discussion is to increase WISE's international presence. Our efforts over the past year have included engagement at international conferences (a few of which are featured in this issue), a targeted mailing campaign to share our annual report with LIS programs across the world, and the addition of an associate membership level to open WISE to schools with online programs which are new or in development.

We are thrilled to welcome Charles Sturt University (Australia) as our 5th international member in fall 2010, and are working with Manchester Metropolitan University and the WISE host schools to increase student participation from our UK member in spring 2011. Across programs, time zones, and subtle differences in culture and terminology, we're able to work together to offer a unique and eye-opening experience for the students and faculty who have the opportunity to interact in the diverse classroom environments created by the WISE course exchange. I look forward to hearing more feedback from those who participate directly in these international experiences, and to stragize new ways to connect LIS students, academics, and practitioners across the globe through WISE.

I also encourage you to consider the ways in which your school is already interacting on an international level, and how WISE might play a role in expanding the reach of those efforts either by sharing your story as a highlight on the website or in the newsletter, or by facilitating active participation across schools. As always, please feel free to contact me at kbschisa@syr.edu.

Thanks and best wishes,
Katie Schisa
WISE Director

Syracuse University Associate Provost and WISE Co-founder Bruce Kingma speaks at library conference in Milan, Italy

Contributed by Margaret Spillett

Bruce Kingma, associate provost for entrepreneurship and innovation at the Syracuse University School of Information Studies (iSchool), traveled to Milan, Italy, recently to speak at the two-day conference "Towards a library economy: Funding, planning, and increasing value in times of crisis." The conference was sponsored by Biblioteche Oggi, a monthly publication for directors of Italian libraries.

The conference was held March 11 and 12 at the Hotel Palazzo Della Stelline. Speakers included library professionals from across Italy as well as Spain, Germany, Norway, the United States, and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). The topics discussed included building a performance-based budget, redefining the global value of academic libraries, institutional investment in libraries, the cost of digital libraries, the invisible economy of open access, managing growth, fundraising, and other library-related financial issues. Kingma's talk focused on the economics of information and evaluating benefit-cost



Bruce Kingma presenting in Milan

As of spring 2010, over 500 courses have been offered through WISE, and over 775 students have enrolled through the consortium.

Kingma is a frequent conference speaker on topics in academic entrepreneurship and the economics of online learning and digital libraries. He has taught courses at the Syracuse iSchool about the economics of information and nonprofit management and entrepreneurship.

At Syracuse University, Kingma is responsible for founding the award-winning [Web-based Information Science Education \(WISE\) Consortium](#); the [Center for Entrepreneurship and Experiential Learning \(ExCEL\)](#); the Systems Assurance Institute (now the [Center for Information and Systems Assurance and Trust](#)), an NSA-designated center of excellence in information assurance; the Center for Entrepreneurship Experiential Learning (ExCEL); and the Women in Technology (WIT) student group. In 2009, he received the Community Entrepreneurial Leadership Award for his work on entrepreneurship in Central New York.

WISE at ALISE 2010

ALISE 2010 Pedagogy Workshop The WISE Consortium sponsored a half-day workshop at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) conference on January 12, 2010 in Boston. Anne McKinney and Linda Smith led the planning for this workshop, during which the recipients of the 2009 WISE Excellence in Online Education Awards were recognized.

The workshop provided an opportunity to present seven outstanding faculty from WISE member schools with the 2009 WISE Excellence in Online Teaching Awards (<http://www.wisepedagogy.org/bestpractices2009.shtml>). Faculty selected for the award received nominations from one or more WISE students at an institution other than the instructor's home institution, based on their instructional effectiveness in one or more WISE courses taught between spring 2009 and fall 2009.

The workshop, titled "Keys to Successful Online Collaboration" in keeping with the theme for the ALISE Conference, "Creating a Culture of Collaboration," enjoyed a very favorable reception thanks in no small part to the strength of its presenters. The workshop consisted of four simultaneous panels, three presentations and one breakout discussion. Attendees moved from one to the next at regular intervals. After the last rotation everyone shared insights into the presented ideas in one full-room concluding discussion.

Over 310 faculty members have participated in WISE pedagogical opportunities.

Overall, the workshop created brilliant discussion and enthusiastic interest in online pedagogy. Attendance by 27 participants led to a smaller, more intimate learning session. 16 participants shared their feedback in the workshop's evaluation forms. The Overall Quality Rating Average was 5 (1 = poor, 5 = excellent) with two individuals giving the workshop a "4". In the comments, participants gave glowing feedback for the presenters and presentations, with a few thanking WISE for the workshop and stating that they would look forward to finding the workshop materials on the WISE Pedagogy website. For doctoral students who were expecting to TA an online course soon after the workshop, the presentations provided helpful and timely insights into the needs of online instruction.

WISE Administrative Meeting On Wednesday January 13 WISE administrators met for a lively discussion on the state of the consortium, application materials from Charles Sturt University, and general issues in distance LIS education our member schools are currently facing. Jen Doyle and Terry Plum of Simmons College were our gracious hosts from the Boston area, providing Simmons paraphernalia for all attendees. Thanks Terry and Jen!

WISE Poster Session Also at ALISE, WISE Director Katie Schisa presented a poster titled [An Education in collaboration: Lessons learned from course development partnerships among WISE schools and associations](#), during the Works In Progress session on Thursday January 14. The session provided a great opportunity to meet many WISE instructors and students face-to-face, and to share the story of WISE and WISE+ with others in the field. Thanks to all who stopped by to learn more about the outcomes of the



Anne McKinney and Katie Schisa at the ALISE poster session

Early Course Posting for Spring 2011

Hosting WISE students in spring 2011? We are requesting that host schools which are able to post their spring courses by mid-August do so, to accommodate the registration schedule at Manchester Metropolitan University. A reminder will be sent out in early August.

Summer 2010 WISE Meeting

WISE will be holding a web-based meeting this summer in lieu of a face-to-face meeting at the ALA conference. We plan to hold the meeting in early June, but will be surveying the administrators for availability in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for additional details on the WISE website and listserv!



WISE MEMBER SCHOOLS

- Charles Sturt University
- Long Island University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- San José State University
- Simmons College
- Syracuse University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Victoria University of Wellington

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Wise Pedagogy Website and Networks

Contributed by Anne McKinney.

In addition to the online and face-to-face workshops, WISE+ maintains a website to house pedagogical materials available to LIS faculty and doctoral students. This website, www.wisepedagogy.org, exists as an extension of the main WISE website and contains links to resources in online pedagogy and presentation files from the ALISE face-to-face workshop.

The website includes a WISE Pedagogy Blog, which has been added to the educational blog networks eLearning Learning and the International Edubloggers Directory. The blog addresses new developments in online pedagogy and teaching resources, as well as other news for WISE instructors.

New information and innovations in online pedagogy that may not merit the full attention of a blog post is shared through the WISE Pedagogy Twitter feed (<http://twitter.com/wisepedagogy>). To date, this feed has attracted 192 followers and has been added to 24 lists related to e-learning and faculty development by other Twitter users.

IFLA Satellite Meeting, 8-9 August 2010, Borås, Sweden

Cooperation and Collaboration in Teaching and Research: Trends in Library and Information Studies Education

This collaborative forum is being offered as a satellite event to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress being held 10-15 August 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The conference will be hosted by the Swedish School of Library and Information Science in Borås, Sweden, on 8-9 August 2010. WISE co-founder Linda C. Smith of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is one of the meeting organizers. It will build on the joint EUCLID-ALISE meeting held in Potsdam, Germany, 31 July-1 August 2003 (<http://forge.fh-potsdam.de/EUCLID/>).