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## SUMMARY

I am a theorist, methodologist, and historian of Library and Information Studies. My work is organized around the question: *What is the nature of information in the pleasures of life?* I am investigating this matter through the concatenated study of *serious leisure* realms, which are crossroads of information and enjoyment. My empirical research explores the use and structure of leisure information on personal and social levels. My dissertation is a scientific ethnography of information phenomena in the hobby of gourmet cooking. I practice an interdisciplinary and international approach and maintain close ties with leisure scientists and northern European information scholars. I hope to generate basic knowledge about information in the pleasures of life; challenge existing ideas that have largely emerged from academic problem scenarios; establish positive models of organic, flourishing information environments; enliven classrooms with upbeat topics; and enrich the information experience for leisure enthusiasts.

## FACULTY APPOINTMENT

*Assistant Professor*, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, 2008+

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Director of Knowledge*, Upstream, LLC, Portland, ME, 1998-2000

*Knowledge Navigator*, Holt, Hughes & Stamell, Portland, ME, 1996-1998

*Researcher and Educator*, Children's Museum of Maine, Portland, ME, 1991-1995

## EDUCATION

*Doctorate of Philosophy in Information Studies*, Dept. of Information Studies, UCLA, 2007

*Bachelor of Arts in American Studies*, Colby College, Waterville, ME, 1991

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Dissertation

Hartel, J. 2007. *Information Activities, Resources, and Spaces in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation. University of California, Los Angeles. Chair: Gregory Leazer; Committee: Leah Lievrouw, Mary Niles Maack & Megan Franke.

### Book chapters

Hartel, J. 2010. Hobby and Leisure Information and its User. In *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.), ed. M.J. Bates and M.N. Maack, New York: Taylor and Frances.

Hartel, J. 2010. Information in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking: Four Contexts. In *Information in Everyday Life*, ed. W. Aspray and B. Hayes, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Hartel, J. 2005. Serious Leisure. In *Theories of Information Behavior: A Researcher's Guide*, ed. K. Fisher, S. Erdelez, and L. McKechnie, 313-317. Medford, NJ: Information Today.

### **Book review**

Hartel, J. 2004. Review of "*Music, Libraries and Culture, an Analysis of Discourses*" / Sanna Talja. *Library Quarterly*, 74(3): 393-395.

### **Refereed journal papers**

Hartel, J. (in press). The Personal Culinary Library. *Journal of Documentation*.

Kari, J. & Hartel, J. 2007. Information and Higher Things in Life: Addressing the Pleasurable and the Profound in Information Science. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*. 58(8): 1131 - 1147.

Hartel, J. 2003. The Serious Leisure Frontier in Library and Information Science: Hobby Domains. *Knowledge Organization*. 30(3/4): 228-238.

Hjørland, B. and Hartel, J. 2003. Introduction to the Special Issue of Knowledge Organization. *Knowledge Organization*. 30(3/4): 125-127.

Hjørland, B. and Hartel, J. 2003. Afterword: Ontological, Epistemological and Sociological Dimensions of Domains. *Knowledge Organization*. 30(3/4): 239-245.

### **Other publications**

Hartel, J. 2009. Introducing the Information Experience in Context. *Faculty of Information Quarterly*. 2(1).

### **Refereed conference papers**

Talja, S. & Hartel, J. 2007. Revisiting the User-Centered Turn in Information Science Research: An Intellectual History Perspective. In *Information Research* 12(4). Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science: Featuring the Future, Borås, Sweden.

Hartel, J. 2006. Information Activities and Resources in an Episode of Gourmet Cooking. In *Information Research* 12(1), Proceedings of the Information Seeking in Context Conference, Sydney, Australia.

### **Refereed conference presentations**

Hartel, J. & Kari, J. 2009. Toward a Positive Information Science? (panel convener). *ASIST Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.

Hartel, J. 2009. Metatheoretical Snowmen (panel convener). *ASIST Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.

Hartel, J. 2008. The Office: Integrating Perspectives Across Information Science (panel convener). *ASIST Annual Meeting*, Columbus, OH.

Hartel, J. 2008. The Serious Leisure Perspective: Implications for Public Libraries. *Reference Renaissance Conference*, Denver, CO.

Hartel, J. 2006. Taking Leisure Seriously: Information Realities in Leisure Time (panel convener). *ASIST Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX.

Hartel, J. 2006. The Culinary Home Library. *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society*, Boston, MA.

Hartel, J. 2006. A Visual Approach to the Study of Home Libraries, *ALISE Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX.

Hartel, J. 2005. Castles & Inverted Castles: the Work of Marcia J. Bates, *ALISE Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.

Hartel, J. 2004. An American Passion for the Hobby of Cooking, *American Voices Conference*, University of Turku, Finland.

### **Workshops**

Hartel, J. 2006. Snap Happy Research: Conducting a Photographic Inventory of Information Space (workshop convener). *Connections Conference*, Syracuse, NY.

Hartel, J. 2004. Everyday Life Information Seeking (workshop convener). University of Tampere, Finland.

## **Posters**

- Hartel, J. 2008. Enthusiasts and their Documents: A Case Study of the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking. *ALISE Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Hartel, J. 2007. Three Temporal Arcs in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking: Implications for Information Behavior. *ALISE Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- Hartel, J. 2006. Cooking Up a Home Library. *ALISE Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX.
- Hartel, J. 2005. Metatheoretical Snowmen. *ALISE Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.
- Hartel, J. 2002. Appetite for Information, *ASIST Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.

## **Invited lectures**

- Hartel, J. 2009. Appetite for Information in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking. Canadian Library Association, Ottawa, Canada.
- Hartel, J. 2006. A Recipe for the Study of Everyday Life Information Phenomena. Information School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Hartel, J. 2004. Hobbies as Sites for Information Research. School of Library and Information Science, University of Kentucky, Louisville, KY.
- Hartel, J. 2004. A Serious Leisure Research Program for LIS. Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Hartel, J. 2003. Hobbies as Subjects for Information Research. Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark.

## **Work in progress**

- Time as a Context for Information
- Visual Approaches to the Study of Information
- Ethnographic Research in Information Science: A Literature Review

## **SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Undergraduate Planning Task Force, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, 2009-2010
- Information Services Committee, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, 2009-2010
- Awards Committee, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, 2008-2010
- Reviewer, *JASIST*, 2007+
- Visiting Researcher, Dept. of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Finland, 2003 (fall)/2004-2005.
- Visiting Researcher, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark, December 2003.
- Co-editor (with Birger Hjørland), Special Issue of *Knowledge Organization* on Domain Analysis, 2004.
- ASIST Annual Meeting Program Committee, Long Beach, CA, 2003.
- Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 2001-2006
- Co-editor, *InterActions* (an online journal of critical research), UCLA, 2004-2005
- Graduate Student Researcher, Dept. of Information Studies, UCLA, 2001-2002

## **TEACHING**

### **University of Toronto**

- FIS 1310: *Introduction to Reference* (formerly *Information Resources and Services*). An introduction to the relationship between users and recordable information. MI program. Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Winter 2010.
- FIS 2305: *Special Topics - The Information Experience in Context*. Explores theories and concepts of human information behavior via an independent, ethnographic research project. MI program. Winter 2009, Fall 2009.

## **University of California, Los Angeles**

IS 200: *Information in Society*. Examination of processes by which information and knowledge are created, integrated, disseminated, organized, used, and preserved. MLS program. 2004.

IS 245: *Information Access*. Provides fundamental knowledge and skills enabling information professionals to link users with information. MLS program. 2004-2005.

IS 110: *Information Resources and Libraries*. Introduction to bibliographic and information resources and relevant research methodology, covering both general and specialized materials. Undergraduate program. 2004-2006.

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

*Dissertation Year Fellowship*. 2006-2007. Graduate Division, UCLA. \$26,500.

*University Fellowship*, 2006. Graduate Division, UCLA. \$5,000.

*Dialog/ALISE Methodology Paper Competition (winner)*. 2006. \$500.

*Fulbright Fellowship*. 2004-2005. The International Institute of Education (USA). \$18,000.

*Lois Roth Award*, 2004. The Lois Roth Endowment, Washington, DC. \$850.

*Summer Research Fellowship*. 2004. Department of Information Studies, UCLA. \$3,600.

*Academic Year Research Mentorship*. 2002-2003. Graduate Division, UCLA. \$20,000.

*Summer Research Mentorship*. 2002. Graduate Division, UCLA. \$5,000.

*Unrestricted Fellowship*. 2001-2002. Department of Information Studies, UCLA. \$17,000.

## **WEBSITE DESIGN & MANAGEMENT**

*The Serious Leisure Perspective* (research program): [www.soci.ucalgary.ca/seriousleisure/index.htm](http://www.soci.ucalgary.ca/seriousleisure/index.htm)

*Library Scholars Program* (scholarship program): [www.is.gseis.ucla.edu/doctoral/lsp/](http://www.is.gseis.ucla.edu/doctoral/lsp/)

*Mary Niles Maack* (personal academic homepage): [www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/maack/](http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/maack/)

*Virginia Walter* (personal academic homepage): [www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/walter/](http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/walter/)

*Sanna Talja* (personal academic homepage): [www.info.uta.fi/talja/](http://www.info.uta.fi/talja/)

*Donald O. Case* (personal academic homepage): [www.uky.edu/CommInfoStudies/SLIS/faculty/dcase/](http://www.uky.edu/CommInfoStudies/SLIS/faculty/dcase/)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

*American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 2001-

*Association for Library and Information Science Education*, 2003-2008.