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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.

### EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy in Information Studies, Department of Information Studies, UCLA 2007  
Dissertation: Information Activities, Resources, and Spaces in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking  
Committee: G. Leazer (chair), L. Lievrouw, M. Niles Maack, M. Franke (Education)  
Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, Colby College, Waterville, Maine. 1991

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (appointed July 1, 2008), Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto 2008  
Teaching Assistant and Special Reader, Department of Information Studies, UCLA 2002-2006  
Co-editor: *InterActions*, an online journal of critical research, UCLA 2004-2005  
Graduate Student Researcher, The PacBell Initiative for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literacy, UCLA 2001-2002

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Knowledge, Upstream, LLC, Portland, ME 1998-2000  
Managed a six person research department in a marketing consulting firm.  
Knowledge Navigator, Holt, Hughes, Stamell, Portland, ME 1996-1998  
Built and operated a business special library in a communications company.  
Researcher and Educator, Children's Museum of Maine, Portland, ME 1991-1995  
Created educational exhibits and programs for students and families.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Talja, S. & Hartel, J. (2007). Revisiting the user-centered turn in information science research: An Intellectual history perspective. *Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science: Featuring the Future*. Published in *Information Research*, 12(4).  
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. (2006). Information activities and resources in an episode of gourmet cooking. *Proceedings of the Information Seeking in Context Conference*. Published in *Information Research*, 12(1).  
Hartel, J. (2005). Serious Leisure. In K. Fisher, S. Erdelez, & L. McKechnie (Eds.), *Theories of information behavior: A researcher's guide* (pp. 313-317). Medford, NJ: Information Today.

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

#### ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- Hobby and leisure information and its user. Article commissioned for the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science (ELIS)*, Third Edition. Edited by Marcia J. Bates and Mary Niles Maack.
- Three Temporal Arcs in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking. Working Paper.
- Castles & Inverted Castles: The Work of Marcia J. Bates. Working Paper.
- Pictures Worth a Thousand Words: A Visual Approach to the Study of Libraries in the Home. Working Paper.

#### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA. \$26,500                | 2006-2007 |
| University Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA. \$5,000                        | 2006      |
| Dialog/ALISE Methodology Paper Competition 2006, Winner. \$500                 | 2006      |
| Fulbright Fellowship, The International Institute of Education (USA). \$18,000 | 2004-2005 |
| Lois Roth Award, The Lois Roth Endowment, Washington, DC. \$850                | 2004      |
| Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Information Studies, UCLA. \$3,600   | 2004      |
| Academic Year Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA. \$20,000           | 2002-2003 |
| Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, UCLA. \$5,000                   | 2002      |
| Unrestricted Fellowship, Department of Information Studies, UCLA. \$17,000     | 2001-2002 |

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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|---|------|
| The Office: Integrating Perspectives Across Information Science, Panel Convener<br>ASIST Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH | 2008 |
| The Serious Leisure Perspective: Implications for Public Libraries<br>Reference Renaissance Conference, Denver, CO    | 2008 |
| Taking Leisure Seriously: Information Realities in Leisure Time, Panel Convener<br>ASIST Annual Meeting, Austin, TX   | 2006 |
| The Culinary Home Library<br>Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Boston, MA          | 2006 |
| A Visual Approach to the Study of Home Libraries<br>ALISE Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX                             | 2006 |
| Castles & Inverted Castles: the Work of Marcia J. Bates<br>ALISE Annual Meeting, Boston, MA                           | 2005 |
| An American Passion for the Hobby of Cooking University of Turku, Finland   | 2004 |

#### POSTERS

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| Enthusiasts and their Documents: A Case Study of the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking<br>ALISE Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA         | 2008 |
| Three Temporal Arcs in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking: Implications for Information Behavior<br>ALISE Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA | 2007 |
| Cooking Up a Home Library, ALISE Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX  | 2006 |
| Metatheoretical Snowmen, ALISE Annual Meeting, Boston, MA   | 2005 |
| Appetite for Information (emerging findings), ASIST Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA  | 2002 |

#### INVITED LECTURES

- A Recipe for the Study of Everyday Life Information Phenomena  
Information School, University of Michigan, MI 2006
- Hobbies as Sites for Information Research, SLIS, University of Kentucky, Louisville, KY 2004
- A Serious Leisure Research Program for LIS, GSLIS, University of Illinois U-C, IL 2004
- Hobbies as Subjects for Information Research,  
Royal School of Library & Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark 2003

#### WORKSHOPS

- An Appetizing Start: Information in the Hobby of Gourmet Cooking  
ASIST Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH 2008
- Snap Happy Research: Conducting a Photographic Inventory of Information Space  
Connections Conference, Syracuse University, NY 2006
- Everyday Life Information Seeking University of Tampere, Finland 2004

#### OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Fulbright Student Fellow, Department of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Finland 2004-2005
- Visiting Researcher, Department of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Finland 2003 (fall)
- Visiting Researcher, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark 2003 (December)
- Co-editor (with Birger Hjørland), Special Issue of Knowledge Organization on Domain Analysis 2003-2004
- Program Committee Member, ASIST Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA 2003

#### WEBSITES (BUILT AND MANAGED WITH DREAMWEAVER)

- The Serious Leisure Perspective (research program website): <http://www.soci.ucalgary.ca/seriousleisure/index.htm>
- Library Scholars Program (scholarship program website): <http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/doctoral/lsp/>
- Mary Niles Maack (personal academic homepage): <http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/maack/>
- Virginia Walter, UCLA (personal academic homepage): <http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/walter/>
- Sanna Talja, University of Tampere, Finland (personal academic homepage): <http://www.info.uta.fi/talja/>
- Donald O. Case, UK (personal academic homepage): <http://www.uky.edu/CommInfoStudies/SLIS/faculty/dcase/>

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ASIST - American Society for Information Science and Technology (2001-2008), Member of SIG-USE
- ALISE - Association for Library and Information Science Education (2003-2008)

#### REFERENCES

- Gregory Leazer (dissertation chair), Associate Professor, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, [gleazer@ucla.edu](mailto:gleazer@ucla.edu)
- Mary Niles Maack, Professor, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, [mnmaack@ucla.edu](mailto:mnmaack@ucla.edu)
- Leah Lievrouw, Professor, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, [lievrouw@ucla.edu](mailto:lievrouw@ucla.edu)
- Sanna Talja, Professor, Department of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Finland, [sanna.talja@uta.fi](mailto:sanna.talja@uta.fi)
- Robert A. Stebbins, Faculty Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary, Canada, [stebbins@ucalgary.ca](mailto:stebbins@ucalgary.ca)