Greetings fellow SALIS members! As incoming chair I am delighted to have the opportunity to get to know SALIS and its members better. You may be aware that SALIS’s term structure for Board Chair elects one to a three year term – as Chair Elect, Chair, and Past or “step-down” Chair. This structure allows new officers to transition into their roles as seamlessly as possible and provides ample opportunities for one to learn how the organization functions. In my year as Chair Elect I was indebted to our outgoing Chair, David Man and Past Chair, Jessica Hinkson Desmarais for their mentorship and hard work.

SALIS had a very successful conference in Halifax followed by productive monthly committee meetings for both Membership and Outreach, and Governance, and are now (beginning in September) planning to have quarterly Executive Board meetings via conference call.

We are still in the midst of the economic crisis and I have heard concerns from librarians everywhere about job security and the perception of our profession in changing and unstable times. I am a strong believer in the power ten years after SALIS first met in New York City (when Y2K was all the rage!), we will meet again in New York for the 32nd Annual SALIS conference. Our theme this year is “ATOD Policy & Information Technology in an Era of Change.”

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has generously agreed to provide meeting space for the conference sessions. This venue puts us in the heart of Manhattan, half way between Grand Central Station and the United Nations. Our chosen confer-
of outreach to, and connection with others, which is why I am involved in SALIS and other library organizations. SALIS’s size and unique subject specialization affords me the opportunity to regularly connect with librarians in the AOD field; the most effective way for me to do this has been via committee and Board assignments, and more recently via LinkedIn. To that end I encourage all members to connect with one another. It can be difficult to do when cutbacks cause our workloads to be greater, but the benefits are extraordinary. In overcoming isolation we can bounce new ideas off of caring ears and use our collective power to move forward in our individual careers.

In addition to being Board Chair, I am a member of the Membership and Outreach, and Governance Committees, and am also the chair pro tem of the Multicultural Committee. At the SALIS Halifax 2009 conference, Membership and Outreach led a group discussion on how Web 2.0 technologies can help SALIS increase its visibility and impact. Since that discussion we’ve created a LinkedIn Group for SALIS and we encourage all SALIS members to join.

The LinkedIn Group is intended to be another way for SALIS members to connect as well as to be a passive form of marketing – both for SALIS as an organization and for individual SALIS members. Thus far we have 24 members and have posted discussion items ranging from our favorite book of the month, to information overload or thoughts on increased regulation of the tobacco industry. Check your email for an invitation to join. To view the group’s profile you do not have to be a member of the SALIS group (hence the passive advertising) but you will need to be a member of LinkedIn. Our invitation contains tips on how to use LinkedIn safely and point you in the direction of tutorials. I’ve found that the best approach is to create a basic profile and commit to adding to it on a slow but regular basis. This helps one cope with learning a new resource by breaking tasks down into manageable pieces. I did not create a profile and gain dozens of contacts overnight, but over steady “grooming” of my account over several years. Once you create a basic profile, you’ll be able to connect with other SALIS members and check out our internal discussions.

While members of the Membership and Outreach committee leaped into the LinkedIn environment last July, SALIS is stepping back to create a “roadmap” for social networking and outreach in general. Since not every Web 2.0 tool will meet the needs of SALIS, the Board, Governance, and Membership and Outreach are looking at revising our mission and vision statements to help us plan the how and why’s of increasing our visibility. Our membership is currently stable at 102 members but we must constantly look for new members as current members retire or change careers. I am confident that there are individuals that would love to know about and/or join SALIS that we have yet to reach. Our outreach and promotion strategy will incorporate traditional media, such as a SALIS brochure and traditional networking. We’ll be asking each of you if you belong to other library organizations and might be willing to spread the word about SALIS. We’ll also be offering an incentive program for members to introduce new members to SALIS.

In addition to traditional promotion, we are crafting a Wikipedia entry about SALIS for more online visibility and are looking at the pros and cons of using FaceBook as a method of outreach. While LinkedIn is intended for passive marketing and greater internal connection among SALIS members, we hope to use FaceBook in addition to our website as a way to create awareness of our organization. Many public and academic libraries have FaceBook pages, as do groups such as ATTC, Join Together, NIDA (via NIDA for Teens), Recovery Month, PubMed and the CDC.

Again, all of these strategies are being fleshed out in an overall promotion strategy, and I invite you to send me comments and ideas that you have about making SALIS more visible. Feel free to drop me a line at jmurphy@prev.org to introduce yourself, if we haven’t met. I hope to see many of you in New York! http://salis.org/conference

**Have You Read?**

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**Googled: The End of the World as We Know It**

By Ken Auletta

Penguin Press HC

ISBN: 1594202354/978-1594202353

$27.95, 400p.

In this book, Auletta takes readers behind the scenes of one of the world’s biggest Internet corporations, Google. With unprecedented access to Google’s founders and executives, as well as to those in the traditional media struggling to keep their heads above water as Google increasingly digitizes books, magazines, and newspapers, Auletta provides the fullest account ever told of Google’s rise, shares the secrets of its success, and shows why “new” and “old” media often fail to communicate effectively with each other.

**Buy this book at Amazon** (and support SALIS at the same time through our Amazon Affiliates program!).

**Listen to an interview** between Terry Gross of NPR’s “Fresh Air” and author Ken Auletta.
A few speakers have been tentatively named:

- **David L. Rosenbloom, PhD**, CASA's President and CEO as of May 2009, and founder of Join Together will discuss the CASA / JT merger and its implications for how small not-for-profits can survive in the current economic climate.
- **Ethan Nadelmann, PhD, JD**, founder and Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the war on drugs.
- **Andrea Mitchell, MLS**, Executive Director of SALIS, will talk about the importance of preserving the literature of the alcohol and drug field, and the role of digitization as both a positive and not-so-positive influence.

As always, SALIS members are warmly encouraged to present papers and posters; the Call-for-Abstracts will be posted on the SALIS website the first week of December. If you’d like to discuss a presentation topic, you may email conference host David Man at: dm286@columbia.edu.

We know that New York is an expensive city to visit, but the conference planners are working to make this event as affordable as possible, and have negotiated a special hotel rate well below their usual rate, and within the federal per diem rate for lodging. For single or double occupancy, the rate is $200 + tax (triple occupancy is $250). These rates will apply from Saturday through Sunday, so bring your spouse or best friend and make it a mini-holiday! Conference sessions will end early on Friday afternoon, allowing time for extra sight-seeing, or so that attendees who can’t stay longer can make a flight home that same day.

New York is truly a cornucopia of cultural institutions (think Broadway, New York Public Library, Metropolitan Opera, MOMA, The Frick Museum, The Morgan Library, Guggenheim), and many more sites to see. Of course, the city is full of great restaurants and eateries of all descriptions, and we’ll put together a list of suggestions to make finding your own meals both easy and fun. We look forward to sharing all of this abundance with you.

CASA shares a building with the Office of the Governor of New York so access to the building is restricted to those with official ID, which will be issued to attendees.

For updates stay tuned to SALIS-L and our website, [http://salis.org/conference/](http://salis.org/conference/).

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The Psychonaut Web Mapping project is a European Commission funded project with the aims of developing a web monitoring system to identify and categorize novel recreational compounds, and new drug trends based on information on the Internet, and supplementing existing information emerging from national and European early warning systems.

However, the growth of the recreational drug market in novel compounds and combinations, including legal highs, research chemicals, and online pharmaceuticals, is not limited to the UK and Europe. The expansion of this market via the Internet is a global phenomenon that crosses geographical boundaries, and can be attributed to developments in the manufacture, distribution, and communication of new substances of abuse, and new methods of administration. The evolution of the recreational drug scenario is a challenge for health professionals, health agencies, treatment services, and addiction specialists who require appropriate knowledge of the pharmacology, toxicology, psychoactive effects, and risks of those compounds and combinations available to potential consumers in the absence of evidence based scientific and medical literature.

The Psychonaut Web Mapping project has conducted exploratory qualitative online searches in 8 research centres in 7 European countries since January 2008. We have developed a database of over 350 novel psychoactive compounds and combinations, and over 25 more detailed technical folders, which include pharmacological and toxicological information, details of psychoactive effects and negative side effects, slang terms and synonyms for particular compounds, and routes of administration. This methodology has allowed for emerging trends in substance misuse to be detected and their diffusion to be tracked.

Throughout the project, over 200 websites have been monitored daily, weekly or monthly depending on relevance. Of the various websites on offer, including online headshops, multimedia sites, and social networking sites, drug-related Internet forums have proved particularly useful as a primary source of information for developing the database.
and technical folders. Within these self-constructed communities we have found a way to access groups of e-Psychonauts, educated and informed online users who can provide a reliable and high standard of general technical and specific pharmacological knowledge on compounds for which there is little other information available.

By carrying out research in these online spaces we have also been able to identify key features of the forums in general, and of the communities and forum users in particular. This has allowed us to develop an appropriate methodology for carrying out research of this kind which takes into account issues such as accessibility, stability, in- and out-group dynamics, and language, as well as to identify potential uses for drug-related internet forums in addictions research and selective prevention.

Currently, we are at the dissemination stage of the project. This has included the preparation of publications, and the presentation of the results of the project results at various conferences, including the 1st International Psychonaut Web Mapping Conference in Ancona and the 21st Elisad Annual General Meeting in Budapest.

We have also started granting health professionals and addiction specialists access to the Psychonaut Web Mapping database and technical folders. The involvement of professional networks, such as SALIS and Elisad in reaching interested professionals and organizations is crucial to this process.

To register for access to the Psychonaut Web Mapping database, a database access request needs to be submitted by:

- Signing up to the Psychonaut Web Mapping mailing list via the project website (http://www.psychonautproject.eu), or
- Emailing info@psychonautproject.eu

As well as being able to access the database, technical folders, and additional resources, registered members will be able to make contributions to the monitoring system by way of:

- Missing or updated information about existing entries
- Information about substances not included in the database
- Requests for information about unknown compounds
- Alerts about the prevalence of specific compound(s)

By establishing this two-way flow of information, we are hoping to develop a system that will remain current, be regularly updated, and continue as a unique source of information in an area in which there are limited resources already available.

In addition to maintaining the current web monitoring system, the future aims of the research group are to explore ways of translating and using the information in the Psychonaut Web Mapping database in drug education and selective prevention by developing, implementing, and pilot- ing various ICT tools as part of the Recreational Drugs’ European Network (ReDNet) project (2010-2011). This will include the development of an SMS service in addition to Facebook, YouTube, Smartphone, and Virtual Worlds applications. We hope to be able to continue to involve SALIS in these exciting new developments.

Contact

If you would like any further information about the Psychonaut Web Mapping Project, database access, the 2009 conference, or possible collaborations please contact us. We also encourage you to join our mailing list.

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Paper in preparation


The VHL, http://www.virtualhealthlibrary.org, is a vast array of health resources accessed through a web portal. The hub of the VHL is the Latin-American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME), Sao Paulo, Brazil, which is a PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) Specialized Centre. Responsibility for the content is shared by all of the members of the network. For example, Bolivia selects and indexes Bolivian materials. Some resources are licensed by country, so only accessible from within the country. When I received an invitation to attend a University of Toronto session on the VHL presented by two visiting librarians from BIREME, I felt compelled to attend. In addition to simply expanding my knowledge of resources, this would be an opportunity for marketing SALIS and supporting our International Health Program.

CAMH’s International Health Program, with support from CICAD (Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, http://www.cicad.oas.org), of the Organization of American States, hosts a group of health professionals from several countries in Latin America, including the Caribbean, visiting CAMH for 4 months each summer to work on a joint research project. The Library is involved in supporting the project and some of our scientists serve as faculty and advisors. It always culminates in a presentation which is rewarding for all, but also involves tears and hugs as we say farewell.

I usually try to take this opportunity to market SALIS to this group, but without success, as these visitors are not librarians. Also, I am always curious about the type of information resources these visitors have in their institutions at home. It should be mentioned at this point that there is an extensive literature in Latin America that many of us do not know about because of language barriers. There are 600 health-related journals published in the region. Much of it has not yet been integrated into our “mainstream” scientific literature and may not be indexed by Medline and other databases we routinely search.

When you enter the VHL, you will quickly note that it is very comprehensive. The site can be navigated in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. I am going to highlight just a few key features:

- Federated search capability over many databases providing access to over 16 million document references. Some are familiar to us, such as Medline, WHOLIS and the Cochrane Collection. Some, like LILACS, the database of Latin and Caribbean Literature on Health Sciences, may be new to you.
- A portal of scientific journals, some free online and other accessible full text, depending on your location. See: Document Access – Portal of Scientific Journals.
- An Evidence Portal where you will find familiar sources such as the National Guidelines Clearinghouse.
- A thesaurus, DeCS which includes NLM’s MeSH headings supplemented with other terms, in all three languages. Each document is indexed in the three languages.

Members of the network, including WHO’s Global Health Library (http://www.who.int/ghl/en/), are listed in the sidebar followed by all of the countries participating. Searching LILACS alone, one of the source databases in the VHL, is a good way to focus on literature from Latin America and the Caribbean. Managed by BIREME, it indexes approximately 800 journals and other documents with records since 1982. It is obvious that a monumental amount of work has gone into development and ongoing maintenance. The standard drug and alcohol terms we routinely use in our searches readily pull up resources.

It is obvious that a monumental amount of work has gone into development and ongoing maintenance. The standard drug and alcohol terms we routinely use in our searches readily pull up resources. I introduced myself to the visiting BIREME librarians and told them about SALIS. A SALIS member from BIREME, and other libraries in the region, would be great additions to our membership. As informational professionals, we all know that one cannot do enough promoting. It’s an ongoing effort! ✍️

Periodically News: An Irregular Report on ATOD Serials

Nancy Sutherland, MLS
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(Thanks to Andrea Mitchell for picking up tips on these items at the recent ISAJE meeting!)

Journal of International Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Research. This peer-reviewed, free online open access journal is published by Danya International, Inc. for the NIDA-funded IDAT Network website (International Alcohol, Drug & Tobacco Research Community). According to the website, “[t]his peer-reviewed journal is a publishing platform for new and experienced researchers from around the world. Authors from any country are encouraged to submit an article.”

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That’s really all one can say: publication was supposed to begin in 2008 but according to the editor, not a single article has been contributed, nor a single issue published. Other sections of the IDAT website are more useful -- in that they actually exist -- though most are not particularly original or unique, e.g. links to news items, funding sources, events. You be the judge.  
http://research.datcommunity.com/Journal/Pages/default.aspx

Therapeutic Communities (ISSN: 0964-1866) is a quarterly, peer-reviewed academic journal published in London by the Association of Therapeutic Communities. Many of the articles are about the use of TCs in treating drug or alcohol-addicted patients. The journal’s scope includes academic papers, case studies, empirical research and opinion drawn from a range of discourses: the therapeutic community movement and other related professional practice, psychoanalysis, art, literature, poetry, music, architecture, culture, education, philosophy, religion and environmental studies.  
http://www.therapeuticcommunities.org/journal1.htm

Alcologia (European Journal of Alcohol Studies) (ISSN: 0394-9826) After a period of absence for several years, this journal has resumed publication by Fondazione Andrea Devoto, an institute founded in 1994 in Florence. The journal, sponsored by the Italian Society of Alcologia, is intended to give the scientific community a place “for disclosure and discussion, sharing of experiences, regular update regarding the multiple priorities that propose research and study individual-alcohol interactions.”  
Alcologia is published 3 times per year; the subscription price was 50 Euros in 2008, but current price is unknown.  

For more about ATOD serials in general, see the SALIS ATOD Serials Database:  
http://lib.adai.washington.edu/salisserials.htm

Correction:
In the cover article of the Summer issue of SALIS News, SALIS member Bette Reimer was incorrectly noted as being from the University of British Columbia, when she is actually from the University of Victoria. Apologies to Bette!

International News: Elisad
Christine Goodair, Elisad Chair and SALIS Secretary

Elisad held its 21st Annual Meeting at the Ministry of Health in Budapest, hosted by the [Hungarian] National Institute for Strategic Health Research (ESKI) and organised by Elisad members, Dr Maria Palotai and Beatrix Kovacs, who run the Ministry of Health Library. The meeting focused on how data collection, interpretation and information services can contribute to the development of policies and strategies for alcohol, drug use, and gambling in Hungary, France, Italy, and the UK.

The opening address provided an overview of the current work of developing the 2010-2020 Hungarian Drug Strategy. The main aim of this new strategy is to improve health, increase safety, and minimise harm and related usage through targeted, evidence based community interventions. The strategy is being developed around three principles: prevention, treatment and reducing harm, and supply/reduction. An interesting presentation from the website manager of Hungary’s National Institute for Drug Prevention, explored the issues faced in setting up and running a dynamic website to support drug prevention and health development activities at a national level, and encouraged professional co-operation across the various professional disciplines in addictions.  
http://www.ndi-szip.hu/

With the growing concerns about alcohol problems worldwide, another presentation centered on the development of Hungarian alcohol data collection systems and their contribution to health policies for developing alcohol services and interventions. Other presentations included a tour through the Hungarian National Focal Point, which collects data on drug use in Hungary for the EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drug and Drug Addiction) and an overview of “The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and other drugs” (ESPAD), a comparative survey based in Sweden, collecting information on the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among students throughout 40 European countries, and involving nearly 40 research teams across Europe.

From Aurélie Wellenstein, Librarian at the Marmottan Hospital in Paris, we heard about the history of pathological gambling. Presenting the work of Marc Valleur, Director of Marmottan and senior expert in the field, she told the audience that the concept of “pathological gambling” did not become officially recognized until 1980, with its introduction in the Diagnostic Statistical Manual III (DSM III). Since then gambling has been the subject for researchers and much has been published. However, we were reminded that gambling is a devouring, obsessive and invasive passion which is socially detrimental. Aristotle con-
demned it while admitting its distracting side and, conversely, Schiller considered that “the man is only a wholly man where he plays.” Following this were two more presentations, the first explored the prevalence of pathological gambling in the Hungarian population and compared the results with data from other European countries; the second was an overview of gambling in Italy, including quantitative data on the increasing problem and information about the government policies in response. A description of the project including its documentation service, social research and website was given [http://centrostudi.gruppoabele.org/gambling/en/](http://centrostudi.gruppoabele.org/gambling/en/).

From the UK, a presentation on the Internet as a resource for tracking information on novel drugs and drug trends, explored how the recreational drug market in novel compounds, combinations and drug trends (legal highs/research chemicals/pharmaceuticals) has expanded rapidly over the past decade. The “Psychonaut Web Mapping Project” was described. It is a two-year European Commission funded project conducted in 8 research centres, with the aim of developing a web scanning system to identify and categorise novel recreational compounds and new drug trends based on information on the Internet. Exploratory qualitative online searches in 8 languages have led to the development of a database of over 350 novel psychoactive compounds and combinations. The website is at [http://www.psychonautproject.eu/](http://www.psychonautproject.eu/). See article on this project on page 3.

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**Book Review: Medical Review Officer Handbook (T.F. Shults)**

By Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Library


When reviewing this book, I first checked our library catalogue to see if we had any of the earlier editions. To my surprise, although we have an extensive collection on the topic of drug testing, we had not collected this resource in the past. The 9th edition of this handbook of the American Association of Medical Review Officers (AAMRO) offers updated and expanded coverage of emerging topics such as prescription drug abuse and hair and oral fluid testing. AAMRO is one of the organizations in the United States that has authorization to offer MRO (Medical Review Officer) certification in alcohol and drug testing to physicians throughout North America, including Canada. I will take a stab at evaluating this resource, without the benefit of previous editions, from my experience fielding queries from health and social service professionals, researchers, government and private organizations and even the general public. It clearly has value for a much broader audience than MROs.

I looked at this resource from a perspective of basic reference work. First off, it is helpful to have a general resource, which covers all aspects of the topic: technology, medicine, policy for diverse settings: workplace, clinical, criminal justice. So much of the drug testing literature is limited to workplace. Some key resources are edited works, which can be valuable, but don’t always pull topics together the way you might want. I am sure many of you have experienced the dreaded Medline/PubMed search for drug testing literature, where all you retrieved were extremely technical and narrowly focused papers primarily from inaccessible journals. So, the fact that this book is really a very basic handbook, synthesizing evidence on all of the major issues relating to drug testing, is very attractive. I think the best way to highlight its value is to provide examples. Here are three.

**Example I:**

I was looking for a summary of current practice in point of care testing (POCT) for a research team writing a resource for physicians. This handbook has a section in Chapter 3, Analytical Methods and Laboratory Procedures, on POCT. Included are issues and challenges using POCT in different settings, collection procedures, and suggested instrumentation. I passed this on to the group.

**Example II:**

One question that comes up is the issue of environmental contamination in testing hair for drugs, in particular those that are smoked, such as cocaine. It is confirmed that, yes, it is a legitimate issue in hair testing. An interesting summary of the environmental contamination issue is provided, including an appraisal of the methods to minimize contamination.

**Example III:**

The question of marijuana use detection is one that comes up routinely. Chapter 5, *Drug by Drug Verification Issues*, summarizes marijuana testing (section 5.2) in 12 helpful pages, addressing all of those hot topics like protracted elimination, and the detection of recent versus residual use.

At $125 US, this is an expensive resource, in particular for smaller resource centres, but comparable in price to other comprehensive textbooks. If one were to choose just one book on this topic, I would recommend this. Complemented with some reliable web resources from your jurisdiction, most of your drug testing information needs will be met.
Pennies from Heaven to the SALIS Fountain!

Barb Weiner, SALIS Treasurer

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ISAJE Meeting 2009

Andrea Mitchell
SALIS Executive Director

Trieste, Italy was the host city for the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) meeting September 24-27. It was an exquisite background for an exciting agenda which dealt with issues of conflict of interest, ethical standards, the changes being witnessed by editors with respect to their journals (open access, digitization, etc.), and an exploration of relationships between editors, the journal societies, and the publishers.

The opening reception gave attendees a chance to exchange informal greetings amidst the breath-taking view from the hotel’s terazza overlooking the Adriatic sea. Introductions by Tom Babor, ISAJE president, and Flavio Poldrugo, conference host, commenced the meeting on Friday morning, and Kirstein Stenius opened the presentations with a report on the “Addictionary” project. Commissioned papers on national traditions in addiction terminology are still being sought, and there is a plan to update the WHO Lexicon.

“Digitizing Journals: Digging for Gold or Open Access?” was the title of my presentation on the “Journal Digitization” project funded by the Society for the Study of Addiction. Caroline Sutton from Co-Action Publishing delivered a very lively power point on the “Role, Rationale and Working Methods of Open Access Journals.” Co-Action Publishing is a new open access publishing company to keep an eye on.

The Editors, Daryl Boshart and Sally Monaghan, introduced the ISAJE Newsletter and described the work of putting this new publication forward. Common standards for conflict of interest policies were discussed by Tom Babor, and the “Conflict of Interest Audit” project from Tom McGovern, Editor of the Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, completed the day’s offerings.

“Journals and Their Sponsoring Organizations” was the title of the panel discussion which comprised most of the second day. Gerhardt Buehringer, Editor of Sucht chaired the panel and posed some of the following questions:

- Who is responsible for appointing journal editors; is there a written policy for such things as the term of the appointment, financial compensation, the editor’s qualifications, the selection process, etc?
- What are financial arrangements between journal editors, journal staff, and the journal’s sponsoring organization? If the journal receives revenues from its publication and sale, who controls these funds?
- What considerations enter into the decision to choose a publisher or a printer for the journal? Who controls these decisions and what criteria are used to guide them?
Remembering Liz Foster

Former SALIS member Liz Foster died of a stroke on November 4 in Evergreen, Colorado. That sad news caught many long-time SALIS members by surprise and shock, for we remember Liz as a strong, vibrant professional, and as someone who enjoyed a good laugh and good food with friends. Liz was living in Denver after working for several years at the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information near Washington DC.

Liz contributed much to SALIS during her years with NCADI, including hosting our 2002 annual conference in Washington DC, and trying to make sure the needs of SALIS members were met by the National Clearinghouse.

“A loss of a lovely women and a valued professional librarian colleague, too young to go, but it is how we spend our time not how long our time is, I believe, that counts.” (from Sheila Lacroix)

A memorial service will be held in Lakewood, CO on November 20, with another gathering later in Maryland. If you’d like to post a note of remembrance, please visit the memorial website: http://tinyurl.com/lizfoster.

NIDA Establishes New Center for Distributing its Publications

Teachers, drug abuse counselors, parents, and others who want to order copies of NIDA’s publications have 3 quick-and-easy options:

- Call 1-877-NIDA-NIH (643-2644)
- Email to drugpubs@nida.nih.gov specifying the name or catalog number of the publication and the mailing address to which it should be sent
- Order online at http://www.drugabuse.gov/pubcat (where you can also view the catalog)

NIDA previously distributed its educational materials via SAMHSA’s NCADI, but now NCADI is forwarding those requests to the NIDA distribution center.

(Posted by Nancy Sutherland on the SALIS listserv, November 9, 2009)
Stacey Sheppard
Librarian
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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
10 amazing years that have gone by much too fast!

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I work for the North Dakota Prevention Resource and Media Center (formerly NDPRC) as their librarian.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
SALIS is empowering! Between the rich, instant resource of information and people that the listserv provides and the SALIS conferences full of invaluable, varied and up-to-date information that I’ve been able to take back to work and share with others or implement, I’ve learned a great deal that I would not have without SALIS in place. But most of all it is the people of SALIS that truly make it special to me and that have enriched my life. The connections, expertise, experiences we’ve shared and the support that we all give to each other as members of SALIS are priceless.

Hobbies outside of work:
Just to name a few things, I enjoy working out at the gym, arts and crafts, reading, gardening, collecting an eclectic assortment of music, books, and movies, playing puzzle games, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Favorite color:
Blue

Favorite food:
Knoephla Soup!

Favorite book:
I feel a bit sheepish in saying so, but I have a top 10 list of favorite books. Here is my current top 10 list:
10. *Looking For a Friend*, by Rod McKuen
8. *Implant*, by F. Paul Wilson
7. *Dangerous Liaisons*, by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos
5. *The Book of Bunny Suicides*, by Andy Riley (Also *Return of the Bunny Suicides*)
4. *Perfect Nightmare*, by John Saul
2. *Pat the Husband: A Parody*, by Kate Nelligan
1. *The Precious Present*, by Spencer Johnson

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I am a “lists” girl… but I think you’ve already gathered that.

Eric Helmuth
Director of Online Services
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Long enough to forget how long! I had to go back and look: Los Angeles 1998 was my first conference, so about 11 years.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I work for CASA (the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University) as director of online services; prior to the organizational merger this May, I held the same job at Join Together.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Oh, in so many ways. Developing relationships with librarians and information specialists—the knowledge gatekeepers—for key organizations in the field has helped me make Join Together Online more effective. And as a non-librarian, I’ve learned a lot of valuable stuff about managing information from my SALIS colleagues. But the real treasure has been the great many friendships with smart, generous, insatiably curious people that I’ve been lucky to cultivate over the years.

Hobbies outside of work:
Rampant vegetable gardener. Local crossword puzzle event impresario. Avid soup maker. Novice bread baker. And I still put that undergrad music degree to work with church music substitute gigs.
**Favorite color:**
What is this, the Bridge of Death scene in *Monty Python’s Holy Grail*?

**Favorite food:**
Fresh scallops from Cape Cod rank pretty high on that list.

**Favorite book:**
You really ought to know better than to ask a bunch of book fans that question, but I'll say *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie, because it’s not well known, yet an exquisite joy to read.

**Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?**
I accidentally cussed into an open mike when setting up a recalcitrant presentation computer at my SALIS conference debut back in 1998, and they *still* elected me SALIS chair years later. Is this a great organization or what?

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**Marie Tully**
Library Technician
Nevada Prevention Resource Center

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**
I joined SALIS in 2006.

**What organization do you work for and what is your position?**
I work at the Nevada Prevention Resource Center, with an official title of “Library Technician I” which doesn’t tell you much. My main functions are distributing clearing-house materials and managing the library collections along with a variety of other things.

**How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?**
SALIS, and specifically the conferences, has been a great way for me to learn about the great library and ATOD world. I love to meet new people and get new ideas of how I can do things better.

**Hobbies outside of work:**
When not at work I like to ski, read, bake, poke around on Facebook, and play my Nintendo DS. I also play flute in the Reno Wind Symphony, a community concert band; am an instructor for Envision Performing Arts, a drumline for local youth; and am a board member of the University of Arizona Sierra Cats Alumni group. Sometimes I pretend I am a serious runner and sign up for races like the Reno Tahoe Odyssey; a 178-mile relay race.

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**Favorite color:**
Orange

**Favorite food:**
I tend to like foods that are cheesy, spicy, and/or salty. I also enjoy gummy candy and seeing as it is Fall, I am eating candy corn like it's going out of style.

**Favorite book:**
I have loved the *Oz series* by L. Frank Baum since I was a child.

**Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?**
I love learning and trying new things. I am currently working on a Masters degree in Elementary Education and should be done Spring 2010, after which I can start the next degree.

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**Welcome Kamilah Flores!**

SALIS Home Administrative Assistant Alondra Flores gave birth to a 6 lb., 13 oz., 19 inch baby girl on October 26 at 10 A.M! The new baby, Kamilah (which means “perfect woman”), came into the world a little bit earlier than anticipated, but both mother and baby are at home and doing fine! Kamilah joins 6 year-old big sister Karimeh in the Flores household, and Super-Mom Alondra has already gotten back to work on some SALIS Home tasks!

Congratulations to the family and welcome to the world, Kamilah!
New Books
By Andrea L. Mitchell
Librarian

* Indicates non-English title, + Government Document


DeJong, William, Mary E Larimer and Mark D Wood. College Drinking: New Research from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism’s Rapid Response to College Drinking Problems Initiative. Piscataway, NJ: Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, 2009. $60.00.


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0737742437 (paperback.) Young adult.


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