

The ACRL Institute for Information Literacy Executive Committee presents
Bringing the Immersion Program Back Home:
Successes Shared in a Panel Discussion And Poster Sessions
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at McCormick Place South,
Room: S105a-d

Find out what the Institute for Information Literacy's Immersion program can do for you and your institution! Immersion Program alumni will describe significant learning experiences gained from the program, and how they applied this experience to transform their teaching and their IL programs. Discover the benefits and outcomes of the Immersion Program and gain insight into the application process through the panel discussion and poster sessions.

Meet the Panelists:

Monica Fusich (San Diego, 2008)
Head of Instruction and Outreach Services, Faculty, California State University -- Fresno

Learning Experiences Gained: Purpose of Assessment, Team Support during and after Immersion, Reinvigoration of Self and Program;

Application at Home Institution: Action Plan Implemented, Holistic View to Instruction Program, Sharing Responsibility of Information Literacy.

Jim Hahn (San Diego, 2008)
Orientation Services Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Administration, Undergraduate Library, University of Illinois

Learning Experiences Gained: To pack less information into instruction sessions so they can be more fun for the librarian and students.

Application at Home Institution: Focused on "authenticity in teaching" and applied it to peer-mentor trainings.

Merinda Kaye Hensley (Houston, 2006 and Normal, 2007)
Visiting Assistant Librarian for Instructional Services, University of Illinois

Application at Home Institution: Created an open workshop series, the Savvy Researcher, geared toward the learning needs of graduate students and faculty on building advanced research and information management skills. Created a peer learning program that supports instructional services while teaching LIS graduate students how to find their voice in the classroom.

Program Moderator, Amy Mark, (Plattsburg, 2001 and St. Petersburg, 2005)
Coordinator of Library Instruction & Associate Professor, University of Mississippi. Institute for Information Literacy Program Planning Working Group member. To share ideas about organizing events for the entire Immersion community contact me at aemark@olemiss.edu.

Meet the Poster Session Presenters:

Virginia Cairns (Winnipeg, 2007) and **Beverly Simmons** (San Diego, 2008)

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Poster Theme: Make it Stick! Immersion Principles Applied Across the Freshman Year.

[Flyer](#) and [Link to Wiki](#)

Elizabeth McMahon (Winnipeg, 2007)

Central College, IA

Poster Theme: Fasten Your Seat Belt: Managing Acceleration, Speed Traps, and “Gas” Mileage While Revising a First-Year Experience Course

[Poster](#) and [handout](#) each in pdf format.

Annette Marines (Seattle, 2004)

University of California, Santa Cruz

Poster Theme: A Context for Learning: Course-Integrated Information Literacy

Rebecca A. Martin (Normal, 2007)

Northern Illinois University

Poster Theme: The Wiki Way to Student Collaboration in Research

Nancy Noe (Winnipeg, 2007), **Juliet Rumble** (St. Petersburg, 2005), and

Marcia Boosinger (Seattle, 2000, and Wisconsin, 2001)

Auburn University, AL

Poster Theme: Oh Yes We Did! How Immersion Transformed an Instruction Program to a Campus-Wide Information Literacy Initiative

[Poster](#) in pdf format

Janelle Ruswick (Normal, 2007)

Illinois Institute of Technology

Poster Theme: Powitanie do Biblioteki! Immersion-Inspired International Student Instruction

Carroll Wetzel Wilkinson and **Courtney Bruch** (Winnipeg, 2007)

West Virginia University and Colorado State University-Pueblo

Poster Theme: Frontier Life Is Not Easy: Positive Strategies for Surviving/Thriving in Spite of the Realities of Information Literacy Leadership.

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