



TOMORROW MAKERS

welcomes you to the upcoming event,

Envisioning Our Information Future and How to Educate for it

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“With advances in information technology, personal and work-related information behaviors are changing rapidly; Library and Information Science (LIS) education is being challenged, not only to keep pace, but to take the lead.”

Educate to Innovate: Re-visioning Library and Information Science Education
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The future by design, not default.

What is our information future and how do we engage and design with it, helping pave a path for students to understand the challenges and excel in their abilities to keep pace with the rate of change?



We refer to January 14, 15, and 16th as *time out of time*.

We ask that you set aside all of your other work and step into a world of possibility, opportunity, and challenge. How do we get our hands around the challenges we are gathered to explore?

The sponsor team has invited participants from many fields knowing that it will take the vantage point of many working from all sides of information services to curate a viable future. You are an extraordinary group of people coming together for these three days.

<http://gslis.simmons.edu/blogs/ourinformationfuture/conference-participants/>

Unlike a conference or summit, which are typically broken up into separate parcels and populated by speakers and varied agendas,

a DesignShop® is a constant, integrated flow of design development.

Each participant has expertise and passion to bring to the approximately 48 hours committed to this event. (We count sleep, and casual conversations over a glass of wine or meal as an important part of the flow.)

Cumulatively, we will have **2000+ hours to explore and design** the future of information services and how to prepare students for the challenges of this extraordinary and complex future!



Much of the time we will be working in groups, having conversations and shipping the essence of our conversations and decisions to other groups. Sometimes we will be working individually, and occasionally all together.

The Tomorrow Makers facilitation team creates a scaffold and a curation process for all of the work we will be doing.

We will explore different ways of understanding the challenge by using minds and hands, working big and interacting with different materials. We will be simulating, exploring, creating and developing a variety of possibilities. By event's end, we will have helped you identify and hone in on what matters most, to what is at the core of what we can do together.



Creativity is the elimination of options.

We like to use the analogy of Michelangelo in creating David, in which he is reported to have said he took the amorphous piece of stone and simply “carved away everything that was not David.”

This is the challenge... to carve away a worthy future for the information sciences and the educational system that attracts students and helps them excel. **The intent is for each participant to leave with solid ideas and firm steps to take in their own fields and disciplines toward shaping this future.**

One more thing.

Please bring with you:

One book

that is essential to the conversation ahead.

One artifact or object

that holds a personal story or represents an experience that is possibly useful to this convening.



in summary:

- **Come for the entire time.**
Be present, in design with your colleagues.
- Our time out of time begins **Jan. 14th at 1 pm sharp** and ends **Jan. 16th at noon.**
- Formal hours of the DesignShop® are:
Wednesday, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by dinner at the hotel
Thursday, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
followed by reception, dinner and networking
Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
followed by optional lunch and networking
- Bring a **book and an artifact.**

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