



School of Information Studies

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School of Information Studies University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Welcomes, Dr. Mikel Breitenstein

Dr. Mikel Breitenstein is the First Online-only Instructor for SOIS

The School of Information Studies (SOIS) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) proudly announces the addition of a new teaching academic staff member to the school, Dr. Mikel Breitenstein. An adjunct instructor for the school since 2006, Dr. Breitenstein brings her expertise in the Organization of Information to graduate students as the first SOIS instructor who teaches online courses only.

“It really is a dream come true for me that SOIS is in need of an Organization of Information instructor,” said Breitenstein. “This is a great opportunity.”

According to Dean Johannes Britz, the addition of Dr. Breitenstein will strengthen SOIS’s ability to prepare students who are interested in the Organization of Information. “As a full-time member of the school, Dr. Breitenstein will join Hur-Li Lee, Hope Olson, and Steven Miller whose focus is also the Organization of Information. Together, they establish SOIS as a strong school for research and teaching in this area of study,” said Dean Britz

Dr. Breitenstein brings a unique perspective to her students, stemming from her rich professional background. After earning undergraduate degrees in art and computer science, Dr. Breitenstein worked as a programmer and systems analyst for scientific labs in New York before she realized she wanted to shift gears professionally.

“About this time I decided I wanted to make a career change, and I realized that Long Island University had a library and information studies program,” said Breitenstein. “I decided to apply.”

Dr. Breitenstein will use her diverse background to guide students as they face choices that will shape their professional careers. “My varied educational and work background helps me to understand different situations that students are in. I think my own

experience in making a midlife career change can help online students with the choices they face in their careers,” said Breitenstein. She feels her experience will allow her to prepare students well to enter the working world.

“I have a particular interest in developing different skill sets with students at SOIS,” commented Breitenstein. “With the increasing role of computers, students of library and information studies really need diverse backgrounds, including math, documentation, and graphical work. I can offer insight into these areas because of my diverse educational and professional background.”

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The School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee offers several degrees and programs including the Bachelor of Science in Information Resources and a Master of Library and Information Science (accredited by the American Library Association). With a student body of about 500, SOIS strives to meet the demand for information professionals at all levels in such institutions as libraries, archives, corporations, government agencies, trade associations, schools, and in higher education. SOIS is a leader in online education and currently enrolls students from most of the United States and from countries around the world. For more information about the school, its faculty, and its programs, see <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/> or call 1-888-349-3432.

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