A letter from the

Conference Chairs

What was once normal is now dated, and the same old problems in communication are recurring with the current shift in media. As we move from an understanding of information as curated and contained to ever-present, permeating the very air around us – literally and figuratively – we as cultural and information professionals must understand the roles we play in the broader cultural interplay created by this shifting landscape. This interplay is an often unspoken part of our studies, and with Information in the Air: Society and the Evolving Media, we sought to encourage the explicit interrogation of this issue.

From rare book plates to social media and rhetoric, the creation of new media in museums to the destruction of archival records, the iSchool Student Conference truly represented a view of the evolution of media and its effects on social interactions with information. As our presenters pushed us to grapple with these topics, we were further led to consider, and re-consider, our learning, and we grew as burgeoning professionals.

Through our ongoing partnership with the esteemed iJournal, the 2018 iSchool Student Conference is pleased to present six of the many insightful presentations from Information in the Air. From health care to video games, Reconciliation to relevance, we hope that these conference proceedings bring new thoughts and ideas regarding our society, our media, and the information in your air.

Sincerely,

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