

Biographical Sketches

Plenary Session II

Jill Andrews

Jill Andrews is the University of Michigan's Director, Research Education and Outreach, School of Information, and Director of the Office of Engineering Outreach and Engagement (OE)². She is a trained journalist with a professional background that spans over 23 years as an academic administrator, educational outreach specialist and corporate liaison. Her work focuses on building relationships and working partnerships among academicians, practicing professionals, formal and informal educators and students, government representatives, media reporters and writers, filmmakers, and the general public. Her work for the University of Michigan includes supporting faculty, students and staff who wish to advance understanding of science, engineering and new technologies to increase public understanding of scientific and technological issues. She is current chair, lead author of a strategic plan and recipient of two NSF grants to develop a website (www.neo-sphere.org), and run the NRCEN Conference 2007.

Kate Duckworth

Kate is the Assistant Director for the Exploratorium's Center for Learning and Teaching, and the former Program Manager for the Center for Informal Learning and Schools, a NSF-funded CLT that supports research and develops leadership in the study of informal science learning and institutions, and their relationships to schools. As part of the NISE Network, Duckworth oversees the design of the Annual Meeting as part of her ongoing interest in successful strategies for large-scale diverse collaborations, particularly around knowledge generation and impact. She has worked in the museum field since 1994; prior work included time as an animal rescue and rehabilitation specialist, a theatrical scenic artist, and several years in a CPA firm.

Karen Henry

Karen is NSDL's Technical Project Manager, with an extensive background in the health care, telecommunications, and web services industries. She is currently capturing information about all NSDL technical work items and production level services to strengthen and expand NSDL's operations capabilities. She works collaboratively across digital library services, web technologies, and research activity groups to facilitate a dynamic and reliable NSDL production environment.

Ann Zimmerman

Ann Zimmerman is a Research Investigator in the School of Information at the University of Michigan. The main focus of her research is to understand the ways that information technologies affect how people work together, produce and share knowledge, and organize themselves. On an applied level, she seeks to influence those who will build the technologies that people will use to help ensure that they positively affect the way work can be performed and are easy to use. On a theoretical level, her goal is to contribute to our understanding of the social and technical factors that lead to successful collaborations, especially those that involve multiple disciplines or institutions located in different places. Most of Ann's work has involved the study of distributed collaborations among scientists and engineers. Along with Gary Olson and Nathan Bos, she is editing a book about the political, scientific, social, and technical issues that surround distributed and collaborative science. The book, which is tentatively titled *Science on the Internet*, is scheduled to be published by MIT Press in 2008. Ann received her Ph.D. in Information from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa, and a B.A. in English, also from the University of Iowa.