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Two items only online which have attracted as much attention as anything on paper are:

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B.   Projections for Making Money on the Web http://lesk.com/mlesk/iih/iih.html

Awards

1. National Academy of Engineering, elected 2005.
2. Usenix Lifetime Achievement Award ``The Flame'' for UUCP; presented at the Usenix Conference, San Francisco, January 1994;
3. Usenix card deck, 7 of Clubs; part of a selection of 52 ``founders'' of Unix for recognition by Usenix;
4. ACM Fellow, named 1995.
5. Distinguished MTS award. Bell Laboratories, 1983.

Organizational

Chair, National Academies Board on Research Data and Information (2008-2010).

Technical Assessment Advisory Committee, Commission on Preservation and Access;

Chair, ACM SIGIR (Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval), 1983-1985;

Chair, ACM SIGLASH (Special Interest Group on Language Analysis and Studies in the Humanities), 1973-1975;

Harvard University Library visiting committee;

OCLC Research Advisory Committee;

NSF Information Science Advisory Panel;

CMU Academic Services Advisory Board;

Chemical Abstracts Service research advisory committee;

Editor, Information systems book series, MIT Press (1983-1990);

Columbia University advisory board for their CAT (Centers for Advanced Technology) programs.

Program committees: 1986 SIGIR conference, 1988 OED Conference, 1990 OED Conference, 1995 ADL conference, 1997 Elvira Conference, and others.

Grant reviewer for NSF, NEH, NSERC (Canada), and British Library.

Talks
I have spoken at a great many universities and laboratories, including:
a. In the US/Canada: University of British Columbia, University of California (Berkeley), University of California (Los Angeles), University of Chicago, Carnegie-Mellon University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dalhousie University Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Illinois, Louisiana State University, University of Maryland, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Michigan State

University, University of Nevada Las Vegas, University of North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, Rice University, Rutgers University, Simmons College, Stanford University, University of Toronto, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, University of Waterloo. and University of Western Ontario.

Also: ACM SIGCHI, ACM SIGGRAPH, ACM SIGIR, American Library Assocation, Amdahl, American Chemical Society, Brooklyn Public Library, Coalition for Networked Information, Computing Research Association, Cornell/NSF Engineering Design Workshop, DEC Cambridge Research Lab, Eastern Analytical Symposium, Educational Testing Service, Fermilab, GE, Google, GTE, HP, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, NEC, the Library of Congress, the Los Angeles Preservation Network, NFAIS (National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Societies), the National Library of Medicine, OCLC, RAND, Thinking Machines, and the Visual History Foundation

In the UK: Universities of: Aston, Bath, City, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot-Watt, Kingston (then a polytechnic), Lancaster, Leeds, London (Birkbeck, LSE, QMC, and UCL), Loughborough, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Sheffield, Strathclyde, Trent (then a polytechnic), Wales (Aberystwyth), and York. Also the British Library, the British Computer Society, ASLIB, EPSRC, MRC/APU, the Public Record Office (now the National Archive) and Rutherford Laboratories.

Other places:
Australia (1988 and 1995): U. of Melbourne, U. of Sydney, U. of New South Wales, State Library of New South Wales, Australian National University, Canberra; Australian Unix Users' Group (Melbourne).

And: Chile (1994): VLDB conference, Santiago. China (2002): Shanghai Jiaotung University, France (1990, 1999, and 2001): University of Rennes; European Conference on Digital Libraries, Paris, INRIA Rocquencourt. Germany (2007) Technische Universitat Darmstadt. Japan (1995, 1999, 2000): Kanazawa Institute of Technology; Kyoto University; University of Library and Information Science, Tsukuba; JIPDEC, Tokyo. Italy (1986): Workshop in Marina di Grossetto. Switzerland (1996): SIGIR conference, Zurich.

Research Grants

NSF IIS-0441172: HCI (SGER): Finding Happiness: Indexing Emotions in Digital Video, with Aleksandra Sarcevic, $58,530 for one year, 9/1/04-8/31/05.

NSF IIS-0414557: IDM: A Better Book Browser: How to Read a Million Books, with Nina Wacholder, $315,000 for 3 years, 10/1/04-9/30/07.

Rutgers Academic Excellence Fund, Mobile Knowledge, with Kaan Ozbay and Christopher Rose; $125,000 for one year, 7/1/07-6/30/08.

Other activities
1. Chair, National Academies Board on Research Data and Information (2008-2010).
2. Chair, ACM SIGIR (Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval), 1983-1985;

3. Chair, ACM SIGLASH (Special Interest Group on Language Analysis and Studies in the Humanities), 1973-1975.
4. National Academy of Engineering, elected 2005.
5. Usenix Lifetime Achievement Award "The Flame" for UUCP

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Teaching at Rutgers

Digital Libraries (17:610:553)
Digital Library Technology (17:610:558)
Fundamentals of Data Science (17:610:560)
Data Analytics (17:610:561)
Data Curation/Digital Curation (17:610:596 and 598)
Database Design and Management (17:610:557)
Preservation (17:610:556)
Introduction to Information Technologies (17:610:550)
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