Third Annual Digital Divide Lecture Series
Thursdays 11:00–11:50 AM, Fall 2010
Henderson Room (LIS 131), UIUC GSLIS

This year’s lectures look at practice, research, and history. Last year’s 50 Years of Public Computing at Illinois event (http://go.illinois.edu/50years) brought to light pathbreaking work; we continue to mine it for insights about today’s digital divide(s). And this year’s broadband stimulus spending is a necessary focus, as in LIS 518 Community Informatics.

August 26  Bridging the digital divide in the U of Illinois Libraries
Beth Sandore, Associate University Librarian for Information Technology Planning and Policy, Associate Dean of Libraries, and Professor of Library Administration

September 2  Bridging the digital divide at Parkland College
Brian Bell, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant Coordinator, Computer Science and Information Technology Department, Parkland College

(No lecture September 9)

September 16  TBA

September 23  Bridging the digital divide via local/federal broadband construction: UC2B
Michael K. Smeltzer, Director of Networking and Acting Director of Physical Infrastructure

September 30  Reflecting on historical digital divides: Developing the Library Catalog System (1970s) at the University of Illinois libraries
Bernie G. Sloan, Librarian, University of Illinois; Director and later Senior Consultant, Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization/CARLI (retired)

October 7  Understanding Illinois’ digital divide via statewide broadband mapping and measurement
Drew Clark, Executive Director, Partnership for a Connected Illinois

October 14  Understanding the digital divide in Germany
Herbert Kubicek, Professor of Applied Computer Science (Telecommunications and Information Management), University of Bremen
October 21  TBA

October 28  Reflecting on historical digital divides: Developing software for the early PLATO system
  Peter Braunfeldt, Professor of Mathematics (Emeritus), University of Illinois

November 4  Bridging the digital divide at the Illinois State Library
  Deb Aggertt, Reference Outreach Coordinator, Illinois State Library

November 11 Understanding the digital divide for social work practice and research
  Adrian Kok, Associate Professor of Social Work, Dominican University, Chicago