

# Kevin Trainor

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## SUMMARY

- A well-established information science and technology instructor with over sixteen years of experience teaching undergraduates and graduates in top iSchool programs
- An accomplished courseware developer with over twenty years of experience in the development of new courses for higher education and industry
- A highly experienced practitioner with a demonstrated ability to share valuable workplace insights with students and mentees

## EXPERIENCE

Jun 2008 - Present

### ***School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL***

#### **Senior Lecturer** [Aug 2020 – Present]

- Teach students from MSIM, MSLIS, BSIS, CAS, and PhD programs.
- Students are pursuing careers in data science, information technology, and LIS fields.
- Courses taught include *Systems Analysis and Design, Foundations of Information Processing, Database Design and Prototyping, Web Development Using Application Frameworks, Machine Learning Pipelines Using Cloud-Based Platforms, and Project Management.*

#### **Adjunct Senior Lecturer** [Jun 2008 – Aug 2020]

- Supervised independent studies for several MSLIS students.
- Proposed and developed 2 new graduate-level courses.
- Taught an average of 4 courses per year in 12 academic years.

#### **Assistant Director, Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship (CIRSS)** [Feb 2009 – Aug 2011]

- Served as project coordinator for 3 funded research projects, including the Data Conservancy Project — a \$20 million cyberinfrastructure project funded by NSF for which the Illinois portion was over \$3 million.
- Coordinated the e-Research Roundtable and CIRSS Seminar Series.
- As coordinator for the Data Curation Education Program (DCEP), advised students in the Data Curation Specialization.
- Made significant contributions to the project management, analysis, design, and development of several Web development projects.
- Developed budgets, forecasts, variance analyses, and other financial reports for projects as well as continuing research center operations.
- Monitored compliance with University policies relating to finance, human resources, and the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Responsible for day-to-day business operations of the research center including the recruiting, hiring, and supervision of up to 15 graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

- May 2002 - Present **Principal Consultant, Ligent, Glenview, IL**
- Presently, most of my professional attention is devoted to my work as a Senior Lecturer at the School of Information Sciences (iSchool) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Illinois). Nevertheless, I occasionally do work for my Ligent clients during university vacations.
  - Prior involvement included developing and delivering courses in project management, systems analysis, data modeling, relational database development, and Topic Maps technologies. Courses taught also included a variety of other information technology topics including Java, JEE, XML, XSLT, XSL-FO, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Jan 2014 – Jun 2020 **School of Information Studies (SOIS), University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI**
- Senior Lecturer** [Jan 2014 – Jun 2020]
- Taught students in the BSIST, MSIST, and MLIS programs.
  - Students were pursuing a wide range of careers in information technology and LIS fields.
  - Courses taught included *Systems Analysis, Introduction to Application Development, Database Information Retrieval Systems, Senior Capstone, Web Development Using Web Application Frameworks, User-Centered Interaction Design, XML for Libraries, and Introduction to Information Science.*
  - Courses delivered in a face-to-face on-campus format as well as an asynchronous online format.
  - Proposed and developed 2 new graduate-level courses.
  - Redesigned and re-developed 3 existing undergraduate-level courses.
  - Served as a Course Coordinator for 2 courses.
  - Member of the Knowledge Organization Research Group (KOrg).
  - Member of the MSIST Curriculum Committee and Academic Planning and Budget Committee.
- May 1999 – Apr 2002 **Vice President, Tier Technologies, Technology Training Division, Itasca, IL**
- General manager responsible for marketing, sales, operations, and curriculum development for an information technology training division with annual revenue greater than \$6 million.
  - Led this division through its acquisition by a publicly traded company.
  - Led portions of an extensive management consulting study for a major health insurer.
- May 1977 – May 1999 **Automated Concepts Inc., New York, Chicago, Itasca (IL)**
- Executive Vice President and Principal, Technology Training** [Nov 1996 - Apr 1999]
- General manager responsible for marketing, sales, operations, and curriculum development for an information technology training division with annual revenue greater than \$6 million.
  - Led the development of new curricula for networking and Web-based applications.
  - Member of the Board of Directors.
- Chief Operating Officer and Principal** [Jun 1994 - Nov 1996]
- General manager of this national information technology consulting company with annual revenue greater than \$40 million.
  - Managed a workforce of more than 400 people.
  - Member of the Board of Directors.
- Executive Vice President and Principal, Chicago Region** [May 1984 – May 1994]
- General manager responsible for sales, marketing, operations, and practice development for a regional information technology consulting office with annual revenue greater than \$15 million.
  - Led the development of new practices in networking, document imaging, and Web-based applications.
  - Managed a staff of more than 160 people.
  - Member of the Board of Directors.

**Technical Director, Chicago Region** [Jun 1982 - May 1984]

- Responsible for all program and project management.
- Adopted formal project management practices including the use of the Earned Value Management (EVM) technique that dramatically improved the financial performance and timely completion of client projects.
- Responsible for resource planning and management for more than 60 consultants.

**Consultant/Senior Technical Manager** [May 1977 - Jun 1982]

- Led a variety of information technology projects in banking, insurance, manufacturing, and retail, as well as state and local government.

May 1976 - May 1977 **Programmer, Prudential Insurance Company, Holmdel, NJ**

## **EDUCATION**

May 2009 - Dec 2010 **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Information Sciences**  
Summer Institute for Data Curation, Foundations of Data Curation, Digital Preservation

Sep 1979 - Jun 1982 **University of Chicago Booth School of Business, MBA, Finance and Marketing**

Sep 1971 - Jun 1975 **Rutgers University, BA, Philosophy**  
Equivalent of a minor in Computer Science, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Jacob Cooper Prize for Logic

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Mar 2005 **Project Management Professional (PMP)**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Renear, A.H., Dolan, M., Trainor, K., Cragin, M.H. (2009). Towards a Cross-Disciplinary Notion of Data Level in Data Curation. Proceedings of the 72nd ASIS&T Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC, November 8-11, 2009.
- Renear, A. H., Dolan, M., Trainor, K., Muñoz, T. (2010). Extending an LIS Data Curation Curriculum to the Humanities: Selected Activities and Observations. Presented at the 2010 iConference, February 3-6, 2010, Champaign, IL.
- Renear, Allen H., Trevor Muñoz, and Kevin Trainor. (2010) Data Curation Education for the Humanities: Principles and Challenges. Presented at the 5th Annual Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science, November 21-22, Evanston, IL.
- Trainor, K. (2007). OnlyWright: A Subject-Centric Computing Demonstration Project. Presented at *Asian Topic Maps Summit 2007*, Kyoto, Japan.
- Trainor, K. (2008). An Information Architecture for Frank Lloyd Wright. Presented at *Topic Maps 2008: The Second International Topic Maps Users Conference*, Oslo, Norway.
- Trainor, K. (2009). A Proposal for Topic Maps Support in Zotero. Presented at the Workshop on Integrating Digital Library Content with Computational Tools and Services - ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL 2009), Austin, TX, USA.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- **Member, Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)**
- **Life Member, IEEE**
- **Life Member, IEEE Computer Society**
- **Member, Project Management Institute**
- **Member, Python Software Foundation**
- **Member, code4lib**
- **Volunteer, Django Girls**
- **Past Member, Northeastern Illinois University Computer Science Advisory Board**
- **Past Member, ISO/IEC JTC1/SC34/WG3, the international standards working group for Topic Maps technology**

## **AWARDS**

- **2024 Karen Wold Level the Learning Field Award**