POSITION #1 - CULTURAL HERITAGE INFORMATICS:

The Kent State University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) is seeking applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of cultural heritage informatics.

In the digital era, libraries, archives, and museums are converging around their shared interests in building, merging, managing, preserving, and making accessible heterogeneous cultural heritage collections in ways that reach across institutional boundaries and create collective solutions to common problems. The faculty of the School of Library and Information Science seeks an outstanding colleague with primary research and teaching interests in the broadly conceived domain of cultural heritage informatics, with background and interests that may include such areas as:

- Archival or museum informatics, including digital archives and libraries, and digital humanities;
- Community archives and archiving;
- Convergence of libraries, archives, and museums through information technologies such as digitization and linked data;
- Design, evaluation, and use of collections, records, data/metadata, and digital asset management systems for cultural heritage resources;
- Digital preservation and curation;
- Human-computer interaction in relation to the use of digital cultural heritage;
- Personal archiving;
- Uses/reuses and users of cultural heritage materials.

Candidates will find multiple opportunities for collaboration with faculty in established areas of expertise such as digital preservation, metadata and the semantic web, and museum studies. SLIS features research and teaching facilities supporting cultural heritage informatics, such as the Digital Laboratory and MuseLab, a creative and collaborative exhibit space supporting the museum studies specialization.

Candidates should be able to teach at least one of the School’s core courses. Experience in online teaching is preferred. The successful candidate should have a
doctorate in Library and Information Science or a related field, and must demonstrate evidence of or strong potential for research and scholarly activity, publications, and successful grant applications in one or more of the above research areas.

A nine-month appointment begins August 24, 2015; summer teaching and workshops may be available. Salary is competitive; benefits are excellent. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A letter of interest and vitae should be submitted online at https://jobs.kent.edu (position number is 997032). Names and contact information for at least three references should be provided with the application. The letter of interest should indicate teaching background and research interests.

For additional information, contact one of the Search Committee co-chairs: Dr. Karen Gracy [kgracy@kent.edu] or Dr. Don Wicks [dwicks@kent.edu]. Screening of applicants will begin January 5, 2015 and continue until the position is filled.

The School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University offers a Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) and the Master of Science in User Experience Design, Knowledge Management, or Health Informatics. In addition, the school participates in an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in the College of Communication and Information. SLIS has the largest graduate program at Kent State and enjoys newly-renovated office and research space. For more information, visit www.kent.edu/slis. The main campus of Kent State University is located in vibrant Northeast Ohio, with world-class medical facilities, regional and national centers for the arts, and first-rate entertainment and professional sports, as well as the scenic Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Kent State University supports equal opportunity, affirmative action, and diversity in education and employment. Applications from minority group members and women are encouraged.