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Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST) Turns Forty


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In his introduction, Cronin reflects on 40 years of ARIST with a special nod to the vision of founding editor Carlos A. Cuadra. “Since this is an anniversary volume, a little blowing of one’s own trumpet may be permitted,” Cronin writes. “According to the most recent ISI data I have seen, ARIST ranks first in terms of its impact factor when compared with more than 50 other serials in its subject group.”

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Reviewing *ARIST 38* (2004) in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST; November, 2005)*, Candy Schwartz said, “The readership can look forward every year to a collection of state-of-the-art reviews covering both familiar and unfamiliar ground reviewed by authoritative experts for content as well as expression.”

The four major sections and 13 chapters of *ARIST 40* (2006) are as follows:

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- “The Geographies of the Internet” by Matthew Zook
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- “TREC: An Overview” by Donna K. Harman and Ellen M. Voorhees
- “Semantic Relations in Information Science” by Christopher S. G. Khoo and Jin-Cheon Na
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**Section III: Information Needs and Use**

- “Information Behavior” by Donald O. Case
- “Collaborative Information Seeking and Retrieval” by Jonathan Foster
- “Information Failures in Health Care” by Anu MacIntosh-Murray and Chun Wei Choo
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- “Information History” by Alistair Black
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