

#### **4B—Philosophical and Analytical Approaches in LIS**

*The Situatedness of the Seeker: Toward a Heideggerian “Model” of Information Seeking, David Tkach (McGill University).*

While recent library and information studies (LIS) scholarship, such as the work of John M. Budd and Ronald E. Day, explores how Martin Heidegger’s thinking may provide a model for understanding the nature of information, none of this scholarship has yet addressed how Heidegger’s thought can be used specifically to conceptualize the process of information seeking. In my paper, I argue that the concept of Dasein, a phenomenological description of human experience found in Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, can be used to develop a model of information seeking that accounts for how an individual’s historical and cultural background affects how she seeks information.