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2018 - present	Continuing Lecturer/Adjunct in the School of Information. Univ. of California-Berkeley, MIDS Program. Berkeley, CA, USA.
	Associate Adjunct Professor. San José State Univ., Online Informatics Program, San José, CA, USA.
2006 - present	Harvard University, Adams House Associate, Senior Common Room, Faculty affiliate.
2006 - present	Consultant to small and international local businesses, library and museum systems and international organizations.
2005 - 2018	Associate professor. Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115
1998-2003	Associate professor. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY USA
1987-1994	Systems Developer / Analyst, II. University of California (Berkeley-Information Systems Office; Davis-School of Medicine, Information Services Support Group)

Education

1998 Ph. D., University of California, Los Angeles.
1986 Graphic design, The Art Center, Los Angeles.
1984 M. S., Columbia University, New York, NY.
1983 B. A., University of California, Davis. Double majors: French & Russian.
1979 Certificate, U. S. Navy, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA. Russian Language.
2014 Online Teaching Certificate, Simmons College.
2007 Discrete Mathematics, Harvard University, Division of Continuing Education.

Teaching Experiences:

Programming (Python, business applications, statistical applications; Java, PHP, JS, interactive web systems), Information visualization (python, d3.js, Tableau); Statistics; Research methods; Systems Analysis; Foundations of Information Technology; Structured Query Language Advanced Topics; Web design and Full-Stack programming; Doctoral Seminar.

Publications and research

Monographs:

Benoît, G. (2026). *When institutions speak: Critical Theory, Habermas, and Legitimacy*. Submitted to MIT Press.

Benoît, G. (2019). *Information Visualization: turning data into meaningful information.* New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Benoît, G. (2015). *Library and Information Science Research: Perspectives and strategies for improvement.* New York: Auris.

Benoît, G. (1999). *Writing master's assistant: an annotated bibliography of Western writing manuals, 1450-present.* Los Angeles: LAUC.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- Benoît, G. (2020) "Searching Covid-19 by Linguistic Register: Parallels and Warrant for a New Retrieval Model". Long paper. *Proc. Assoc Info Science Technology 2020*. DOI: 10.1002/pra2.246
- Benoît, G. (2016, Sept). "The 'beautiful' in information: Thoughts about visual literacy and aesthetics." *Journal of Visual Literacy, 35*(1), 60-78.
- Benoît, G. (2015). "Visual communication as an information activity." *Journal of Visual Literacy, 34*(2), 51-67.
- Benoît, G. (2014). "The aesthetic turn: thoughts about knowledge claims of information in visual systems." *Preservation, Digital Technology & Culture 43*(2), 100-113. DOI 10.115/pdtc-2014-0003.
- Benoît, G. (2012). "Measuring relevance theory's effects in an image-driven explorative information system." *iConference '12 Proceedings.* New York: ACM, 438-440.
- Benoît, G. (2012). "auroraDL and responding to end-user digital library needs." New York: ACM. *iConference '12 Proceedings*, pp. 444-446.
- Benoît, G., & Agarwal, N. (2012). "All-visual retrieval: how people search for and respond to an affect-driven visual information retrieval system." *Proceedings, ASIST.*
- Benoît, G. (2011-Dec.). "Integrating use history as a context for dynamically-updated metadata." *Journal of Library Metadata, 11*(3-4), 129-154.
- Benoît, G., & Hussey L. (2011). "Repurposing digital objects: Case studies across the publishing industry." *JASIST, 62*(2), 363-374.
- Benoît, G. (2010). "The 'beautiful' in information: philosophy of aesthetics and information visualization." 2nd Int'l Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval. Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science,* v. 5766, 338-341. Berlin & New York: Springer.

- Benoît, G., & Rashid, F. (2009, Nov.). "Iraq's Digital Library Dilemma: OpenSource Digital Objects Repository architecture, tools, and interface project." ASIST, Vancouver, BC. [in Arabic]
- Benoît, G. (2008, Oct.). "Interactive 3D Visual Retrieval for Art History Education." *Proceedings* ASIST.
- Benoît, G. (2007, Oct.). "Critical Theory and the legitimacy and information science." *Information Research, 12*(4). http://InformationR.net/ir/12-4/colis01.html
- Benoît, G. (2005). "Application of Markov chains in an interactive information retrieval system." *Information Processing & Management, 41*, 843-857. DOI:10.1016/j.ipm.2004.06.005

Invited Chapters:

- Benoît, G. (2013). Critical theory. In T. D. Wilson & Em. Maceviciute (Eds.) *Theories of Information Behavior Research - an information research reader*. London: Eiconics.
- Chan, L. M. (2007). "SGML and XML" *Cataloging and Classification*. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Benoît, G. (2007). Theory of Communicative Action and LIS. *Epistemological Lifeboat*, B. Hjørland, Ed. www.db.dk/jni/lifeboat/home.htm
- Benoît, G. (2005). Theory of Communicative Action. In K. Fisher, S. Erdelez, & L. McKechnie (Eds.), *Theories of information behavior: a researcher's guide*. Medford, NJ: Information Today.

Selected Grants and Projects:

- Reyes, V., Benoît, G., Wiegel, A. Digital storytelling toolkit: Western Shoshone knowledge center project. Library of Congress, $60,000 (2022).
- Benoît, G., & Leonard, D. (2016). Metadata for information discovery. Dole, $6000.
- Benoît, G. (2013). Information Science Experience Lab. President's Fund for Excellence, Simmons College, $7900.
- Benoît, G. [PI], & Agarwal, N. (2012). End-user interface experience project. Hollowell Grant.
- Thomasian, R., Arakelyn, A., & Benoît, G. [Consultant] (2006-2010). Bilezikian Foundation Grant, $104,620, multilingual digital library project.
- Benoît, G. (2006-7). Phrasal parsing of English and Chinese bilingual corpora. Hollowell.
- Johnson, J. D., N. Harrington, J. Andrews, … G. Benoît [technical advisor], et al. (2002). CEC-CR – R01: "Increasing the Effectiveness of Tailored Health Message." National Institutes of Health. $7,000,000.
- Jeng, L-H., & Benoît, G. [Co-PI] (2000). National Leadership Grants, IMLS, LL-90187-99, "Improving electronic information seeking in emerging fields of research: a case of bioacoustics", $214,000.