

This issue of *Library Trends* is dedicated to the memory of
Susan Leigh Star (1954–2010):

Professor Star, who had served as a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois from 1992 to 1999 was, at the time of her death, the Doreen E. Boyce Chair in Library and Information Science in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Star's PhD research with Anselm Strauss and Howard S. Becker gave her a passion for grounded theory methodology and encompassed a range of science studies and information science literatures. Her seminal contribution on "boundary objects" has been highly influential. This and her other work have been important to the development of theory and research in library and information science, computer-supported cooperative work, museum studies, and social informatics. An enormously productive scholar, she was responsible as author or editor for a number of books, including *Regions of the Mind: Brain Research and the Quest for Scientific Certainty* (Stanford University Press, 1989), *Ecologies of Knowledge: Work and Politics in Science and Technology* (State University of New York Press, 1995), the groundbreaking *Sorting Things Out: Classification and Its Consequences*, co-authored with Geoffrey Bowker (MIT Press, 1999), and *Standards and Their Stories: How Quantifying, Classifying, and Formalizing Practices Shape Everyday Life* (Cornell University Press, 2009). The American Society for Information Science and Technology recognized posthumously the enduring impact of her work with its 2010 Research Award in Information Science.