

Foreword to Social Fabrics

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The Leonardo Education Forum (LEF) is proud to sponsor Social Fabrics in collaboration with the University of Texas, Dallas and Louisiana State University. We are grateful to LEF members Susan Ryan and Patrick Lichty, who curated the exhibition at the 2008 Annual Conference of the College Art Association and edited this special issue of *Intelligent Agent*.

LEF promotes the advancement of artistic research and academic scholarship at the intersections of art, science, and technology. Serving practitioners, scholars, and students who are members of the Leonardo community, LEF provides a forum for collaboration and exchange with other scholarly communities.

LEF actively participates in research conferences, including the Society for Literature, Art, and Science, SIGGRAPH, Mutamorphosis, re:place, ISEA, and CAA, of which it is an affiliated society. Comprised of over 120 members from around the world, we organize panel discussions, workshops, exhibitions, and other events that promote scholarship and education at the intersections of art and science. Our website, hosted by the Art|Sci Center at UCLA offers members a forum for discussion, exchange, and networking. See <http://artsci.ucla.edu/LEF/> We invite you to join us online and at our events.

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