

As associate editor for *ElectronicHealthcare*, Catherine works with editorial advisory board members and contributing authors from around the globe, “and of course, a great publisher and editorial staff!” Her general work traits of being sensitive, thoughtful and personable, translate into a great read.

Working on the journal also allows her a way of staying in touch with former classmates and professors – such as fellow Board member Denis Protti – and the general health informatics community.

While at the University of Victoria’s School of Health Information Science, she completed three co-op work terms; two in Ontario cancer centres and one at the British Columbia Ministry of Health. After graduating in 1999, she worked as a Business Analyst, Project Manager and Manager of Program Planning at the University Health Network in Toronto, prior to joining HealthLink Clinical Data Network in January, 2001.

Catherine greatly enjoys traveling and doesn’t rule out a mobile career that allows her to combine her professional life and personal travel interests, such as she did in Paris, France, working and taking language courses for a year before returning to Canada to obtain her degree.

“I’m fortunate to have a great surrogate family of friends and colleagues with whom I can usually be found exploring Toronto,” said Catherine. “Whenever possible, I enjoy traveling to new destinations and learning about different people and cultures.”

. Books at a glance

CLAUSEWITZ ON STRATEGY INSPIRATION AND INSIGHT FROM A MASTER STRATEGIST

Edited by Tiha von Ghyczy, Bolko von Oetinger, and Christopher Bassford

What can a nineteenth-century Prussian general teach a twenty-first century executive or entrepreneur about business strategy? A great deal, in fact, given the similarity in the strategic challenges they face: alliances are made, broken, and reconstituted at dizzying speed; when unprecedented events occur, experience does not indicate a course of action; and rules, principles, and how-to prescriptions no longer apply. These, says Carl von Clausewitz, are the times in which the true strategist thrives.

Clausewitz’s ideas are timeless because they address universal conditions: uncertainty, rule-breaking, strategic endgames, and competition. His theories are not based on current economic conditions; rather they lead to strategy based on powers of observation, a broad exploration of the opportunity, a willingness to be flexible, and an instinctive sense of judgment.

Carl Von Clausewitz

Carl von Clausewitz as a man is as worthy of consideration as the work itself. His values and intrinsic beliefs, more than his specific ideas, have given his work an inner coherence and an enduring power of persuasion. It is his refusal, above all else, to let his mind be restricted to a narrow point of view that strikes the modern professional as exemplary.

Clausewitz was a complicated man of both action and thought, and he left a complicated legacy. The meaning and practical impact of his theories are subjects of hot debate, and the lessons taken from his works vary widely, depending on the times, the circumstances, and the interpreter.

To assess the value of his ideas, therefore, it is important to understand Clausewitz as a living personality. He was much more than a military academic. He was a practical soldier of wide experience, a historian and a historical philosopher, and a political theorist. Personally sensitive, shy, and bookish, he could also be passionate in his politics, in his longing for military glory, and in his love affair with his wife-with whom he built an intellectual partnership that draws modern attention for reasons having little to do with his military reputation.

