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From the President



As we begin a new year, I wanted to express thanks to the members of the executive board and committee chairs, the newly elected officers, and all of the AACRL members for helping make this past year a great success!

Early last fall, we asked AACRL members to identify preferences for continuing education topics. Using the list of topics identified by our members, we asked colleagues at Samford University and The University of Alabama to share their expertise. Speaking on a topic we can all relate to, our colleagues discussed the various assessment

practices they have implemented to demonstrate the value of their academic libraries. A recording of these and other AACRL webinars may be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_RAVDSD68p9R9mESd2MJZw. As we move forward into the new year, if there are specific topics of interest or you have identified a colleague who would be a great speaker or you are willing to present an online webinar, please let us know.

A call went out for candidates to run for AACRL offices, and we had some fantastic folks volunteer to run for the vacant positions. In case you missed the announcement, Jessica Hayes at Auburn University at Montgomery has been elected to serve as vice president/president elect; Dusty Folds at Lawson State Community College will continue to serve as newsletter editor; and Debbie Cobb at the University of South Alabama will continue to serve as treasurer [see page 9 of this newsletter].

Ellen Wilson, also at the University of South Alabama, took over the role of AACRL webmaster this past spring and has already been hard at work [see the Spring 2017 newsletter]. Ellen has been working on a wonderful new user-friendly redesign of the AACRL website; the new website will premiere this fall.

We started the new year off with a bang. During the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Montgomery, AACRL once again co-hosted with the College, University, and Special Libraries division of ALLA a best practices series showcasing colleagues' diverse and interesting research projects [see page 4]. At the AACRL annual meeting and dinner this year, Dr. Lauren Cardon, an Assistant Professor of English at The University of Alabama, spoke on digital humanities. She shared with members some of the great projects her students have been working on and how students are using digital information and tools in scholarly research [see page 5]. Dr. Cardon graciously agreed to allow AACRL to post her presentation slides on our website. The slides may be found at <http://aacrl.org/annual/presentations/Cardon2017.pptx>.

Remember, if you have ideas for potential webinars, projects, or just want to volunteer, we want to hear from you! Look for new and exciting things coming this year!

Have a great summer!

*Peggy Kain
AACRL President*

Treasurer's Report

For the last treasurer's report, the checking account balance was \$2,420.00 and the PayPal account was \$643.37.

Since then we have received and deposited 4 membership renewals for \$90.00 and 7 Annual Meeting reservations for \$175.00. Through PayPal, 8 membership renewals have been received for a total of \$167.49 and 7 Annual Meeting reservations for \$167.79.

\$700.00 was transferred from the AACRL PayPal account to the AACRL checking account. A \$100.00 donation was received from Rickey Best for AACRL's contribution to the Public Officials Reception at the 2017 Alabama Library Association Convention. One check was written for said donation on behalf of AACRL.

The AACRL Tax Exempt Status was renewed on February 21, 2017.

The checking account balance as of April 14, 2017 is \$3,385.00 and the PayPal balance is \$278.65. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

*Debbie Cobb
AACRL Treasurer*

From the Past President . . .



Having completed my term as your association president, I wanted to take a few moments to reflect upon the successes of the past year. First, thanks to the efforts of Vice-President / President-Elect Peggy Kain and the Continuing Education Committee, AACRL and CUS jointly hosted two webinars dealing with assessment. This was our first venture into online training, and it went exceptionally well. Thank you, Peggy and your committee members.

Our efforts to begin the assessment project by conducting a survey [see "From the President . . ." in the previous newsletters] has taken a little longer than we hoped, but thanks to the efforts of Lauren Young and Jessica Hayes (CUS representative), the survey should be distributed soon. Thanks to the efforts of Debbie Cobb, Member-at-Large Tim Bailey, and Membership Committee member Todd Shipman efforts to increase our membership have resulted in our achieving 100 active members, a level we have not seen in the past few years.

Thank you to all who assisted in recruiting new members for the association. As a result, our association's financial standing is solid.

An issue of concern that we will need to face during the coming year is the difficulty of being able to recruit members eligible to serve as officers of the association. According to our by-laws, officers serving as President and Vice-President/President-Elect must also be members of ACRL. In checking the by-laws of seventeen regional chapters of ACRL, nine require membership in ACRL for their officers and eight do not. This is something that the members of the association need to discuss and provide input on. This will be the main focus of the By-Laws Committee this year.

For those of you who were able to attend this year's annual meeting, we enjoyed a marvelous presentation by Lauren Cardon from The University of Alabama on digital humanities. We also had great meals of Shepherd's Pie, Cobia Fillet, or a wonderful house salad with shrimp. For those of you who missed the gastronomic treats of the Irish Bred Pub in Montgomery, my sympathies. It was a treat.

Finally, I would like to thank the great members of the executive board for their work this year: Peggy Kain, Debbie Cobb, Tim Dodge, Tim Bailey, Dusty Folds, Eric Kidwell, Ellen Wilson, and Tyrone Webb. Thank you all. It's been a pleasure to work with you. It has also been a great honor and privilege to have served as your president. Thank you all for your support and assistance.

*Rickey Best
AACRL Past President*

Legislative Issues

Along with over 500 on-site librarians plus over 1000 attending virtually, I participated in the May 1 Briefing Day session held in the Liaison Hotel hosted by the American Library Association Washington Office. Unfortunately, Alabama State Coordinator Eric Kidwell was not able to attend this year, and even though Dr. Steven Yates (SLIS, The University of Alabama) was present, he was representing the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) group. As such, Lesia Coleman and Sharon Townson of Cullman Public Library and I made up the Alabama delegation.

As always, Briefing Day was very informative with a dozen or so expert speakers who provided orientation concerning the major library-related issues of the day. They provided analysis and discussion and helped make sense of sometimes rather complex legislative topics and how we could focus in on what would be most important to convey during our Congressional office visits the next day. Every year the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) annual appropriations is one of the highlighted issues since this is the only federal assistance that goes to public libraries. With President Trump's plan to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as part of his Fiscal Year 2018 federal budget proposal, LSTA and IMLS were the two main advocacy issues being emphasized this year. (The LSTA is administered through the IMLS.) Other issues covered included support for public access to government data and taxpayer-funded information and research, support for privacy and surveillance law reform, support for "Net Neutrality" (the new Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai plans on reversing the 2015 FCC Open Internet Order that prevents Internet Service Providers (ISP) from artificially directing search results according to criteria such as advertising revenue from favored web sites, etc.), support for bringing high speed broadband access to every library, supporting the E-Rate Program unchanged, and expediting the modernization of the Copyright Office and ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty (the 2013 international treaty makes exceptions for the blind and visually handicapped for digital access to copyrighted materials).

Obviously, this is an ambitious list of legislative issues. With the typical Congressional office visit lasting 10-15 minutes, the best tactic is to focus on just a few major aspects of a few of the major issues. The ALA Washington Office emphasized that the highest priority issues were saving and support for the IMLS, LSTA, and an allied program called the Innovative Approaches to Learning (IAL), which provides funding for school libraries and programs.

Before embarking on our visits to Capitol Hill, Coleman, Townson, and I agreed upon the following plan for our office visits. As the most experienced (this was my fourth NLLD), I would take the lead. Although I am an academic librarian and they are public librarians, I still was the one to introduce the issue of IMLS and LSTA. One of the most useful resources was the 2016 Alabama Public Library Service Annual Report, copies of which had been supplied to me by APLS Director Dr. Nancy Pack. After briefly introducing the issue, I would then present our listener with a copy of the report opened to the page that specifically described LSTA-funded public library projects by congressional district. Following my introduction, Coleman and Townson then provided some very helpful public librarian perspectives on the importance of LSTA with specific examples from the Cullman Public Library. (One of the more effective points of advocacy is to be able to provide "stories" since listeners are better able

to relate to them and thus understand better the importance of what we are advocating our members of Congress about.) In addition to IMLS, LSTA, and IAL, I chose to briefly advocate for Net Neutrality and, time permitting, the importance of supporting public access to government data and taxpayer-funded research. I did this both from an academic library perspective and a more general American citizen's perspective. I had a folder containing more detailed briefs for all of the issues described above, and I added to each folder a copy of the APLS Annual Report.

The scheduling of office visits was done in advance by Vanessa Carr, Executive Secretary at APLS. She was able to secure appointments with eight out of the nine Alabama Congressional offices. As is normal, one rarely encounters the actual Representative or Senator in his/her office, so we met with staff members. These staff members, though, are often very knowledgeable and they, in turn, provide the most essential information to the Representative or Senator in question. Some legislative staff members were more engaged or positive than others, but they all were kind enough to give us a hearing, which is important considering the large number of daily visits from other advocacy groups, not to mention actual paid lobbyists.

Below is a detailed list of our visit to each office (in order of visit):

- 1) Representative Gary Palmer (6th Congressional District): met with Hunter Hobart, Legislative Assistant.
- 2) Representative Robert Aderholt (4th Congressional District): Deputy Legislative Director Megan Medley walked us from the Cannon House office building to the U.S. Capitol where Rep. Aderholt kindly met us in person. (He was there for a forthcoming meeting with the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce.)
- 3) Representative Martha Roby (2nd Congressional District): met briefly with Ann Marie Harrison, Legislative Assistant.
- 4) Representative Mike Rogers (3rd Congressional District): had a good discussion with Forrest McConnell IV, Legislative Counsel. McConnell was perhaps the best informed and most engaged staff member with whom we met the entire day.
- 5) Representative Terri Sewell (7th Congressional District): had a very good discussion with Rob Nuttall, Legislative Assistant.
- 6) Representative Bradley Byrne (1st Congressional District): met with Miriam Fry, Senior Legislative Assistant.
- 7) Senator Richard Shelby: met with Hamilton Bloom, Legislative Assistant. One of the better meetings of the day.
- 8) Representative Mo Brooks (5th Congressional District): met with Clay Mills, Legislative/Press Assistant.
- 9) Senator Luther Strange: although Ms. Carr had been unable to secure a meeting, we stopped by to drop off the folder containing issue briefs plus the APLS Annual Report and our business cards. I asked Legislative Correspondent Maria Olson and Legislative Assistant Nick Moore to convey this information to Sen. Strange for his consideration and support.

Tim Dodge
ALLA Legislative Development Committee

2017 Alabama Library Association Annual Convention



From April 18 through 21, the Alabama Library Association (ALLA) held their statewide 2017 Convention in Montgomery at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa.

Leading the 2017 Convention Committee was Auburn University at Montgomery Library's Head of Public Services Jessica Hayes. The Convention Planning Vice-Chair was Samantha McNeilly, Teaching & Outreach Librarian at AUM Library. In addition to the Convention leadership, the overall Convention Planning Committee was comprised of nearly 25 academic librarians who represented academic institutions from across the state. Among these academic librarians, special thanks is given to Huntingdon College Library's Access Services Librarian Paige Crumbley who served as the Coordinator of the first ever Librarian Lounge, a designated section of the Exhibit Hall where attendees could play games, charge their devices, partake in refreshments, color, knit, or just chill out between sessions. Further thanks to AUM Library's Head of Library Technology & Systems Tim Bailey who was instrumental as the Convention Hospitality Sub-Committee Co-Chair in organizing banquet and catering services during the myriad of events during the Convention.

Overall, the 2017 Annual Convention attracted over 400 library professionals and paraprofessionals, vendors, and guest speakers. The Convention was pleased to host three dynamic keynote speakers: Steve Berry, New York Times Best-Selling author of the popular Cotton Malone series; Jim Neal, President-Elect for the American Library Association; and Tayari Jones, Hurston/Wright Legacy Award recipient and author of *Silver Sparrow* and *Leaving Atlanta*.

A new feature for the 2017 ALLA Convention was the Public Officials Reception. This social event was co-hosted by both the Alabama Library Association and AACRL and was held in honor of all Alabama elected and non-elected public servants. It provided librarians and library staff members a chance to talk with state legislators, county commissioners, city council members, and other key leaders within Alabama government. Special guest Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives Mac McCutcheon spoke to the 125 librarians and public officials in attendance at the event. WSFA, the local NBC affiliate, provided coverage for this event and interviewed ALLA President and UAB Libraries Acting Associate Dean for Research & Instructional Services Jeff Graveline, providing him the opportunity to speak about the importance of Alabama libraries and the continued support needed for their success.

Thanks to the tireless work of many academic librarians and the support of the Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, the 2017 Convention was one of the most successful in recent memory.

See you all in Florence in 2018!

Jessica Hayes
AACRL Vice-President / President-Elect

AACRL / CUS Best Practice Sessions

Once again, AACRL teamed up with the College, University, and Special Libraries division of ALLA to present several best practice sessions at the convention. Below is a list of this year's presentations.

- "Learn LibWizard Lite," Kara Van Abel and Dorothy Ogdon (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
- "Exploring Avenues of Undergraduate Research in Special Collections and Archives," Greg Schmidt (Auburn University)
- "Discovering the Benefits of Partnerships," Eric Kidwell and Paige Crumbley (Huntingdon College)
- "Techniques for Teaching Students Critical Thinking," Toni Carter (Auburn University)
- "Partnering with Academic Support Programs to Promote Student Success," Jennifer Pate (The University of Alabama) and Erica England (Washington State University)
- "Uncovering Tuscaloosa's Historical Memory: Best Practices for Embedding in a Public History Class," Alex Boucher (The University of Alabama)
- "A 'How-to' on Promoting Open Educational Resources," John Upchurch, Kimberly Westbrooks, and Hanrong Wang (Jacksonville State University)
- "Beyond Bibliographies: Reference Management Tools for Class Assignments and Research Projects," Melissa Green (The University of Alabama)

Digital Humanities and Libraries: AACRL Annual Meeting



AACRL was proud to welcome Dr. Lauren Cardon as our keynote speaker at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Montgomery. Dr. Cardon is an Assistant Professor of English at The University of Alabama where she specializes in composition pedagogy, ethnic American literature, and African-American literature. She earned her PhD and Master's degrees from Tulane University where she first began exploring her interest in American identity politics, especially as those politics are expressed in literature, film, music, and other cultural media. These interests have shaped her research as well as her pedagogy, particularly her work in the digital humanities. Professor Cardon's first book *The "White Other" in American Intermarriage Stories, 1945-2008* was published in 2012 by Palgrave MacMillan as part of the Signs of Race Series, and her most recent book *Fashion and Fiction: Self-Transformation in Twentieth-Century American Literature* was published in April 2016 by the University of Virginia Press. She has also published articles in *MELUS*, *Southern Quarterly*, and *The Saul Bellow Journal*, among other periodicals.

Dr. Cardon's presentation focused on how she has incorporated digital humanities into her English classes at The University of Alabama. Discussions about the role that libraries play in digital humanities and outreach to faculty followed her presentation.

More information about the annual meeting can be found in the AACRL President's message [page 1] and the Past President's message [page 2]. You can access Dr. Cardon's presentation as well as additional information about the annual meeting on the AACRL website at www.aacrl.org/annual/annual2017.html.

AACRL at ALLA 2017

Many AACRL members presented topics at the 2017 convention. Below is a list of presentations from our members.

- "Starting from Scratch: Houston Cole Library's Inaugural Tailgate Open House," poster session, Kimberly S. Westbrooks, Charcie Pettway Vann, and Paula Barnett-Ellis (Jacksonville State University)
- "Library Workshops for Faculty Preparing for Promotion and Tenure Reviews," poster session, Todd Shipman (Auburn University)
- "Title IX and the Academic Library: What's the Connection and Why Should I Care?" Eric Kidwell (Huntingdon College)
- "Special Libraries and Librarians in Alabama," Alissa Matheny Helms (The University of Alabama), Rebecca McGalliard (Balch & Bingham LLP), Paula Webb (University of South Alabama), and James Gilbreath (The University of Alabama)
- "Needs Assessment for Information Literacy Programs," Daniel Wilson (South University, Montgomery)
- "Planning, Promoting and Implementing a NEA Big Read Program," Alyssa Martin (Troy University, Montgomery), Karen Preuss (Montgomery City-County Public Library), Amy Smith (Trenholm State Community College)
- "Instant Messaging: Reconnecting with Users to Promote Access and Library Services," Michael L. Porter (Lawson State Community College)
- "Caucusing with Your Colleagues: Sharing Ideas to Create Effective Outreach Strategies," Jennifer Pate (The University of Alabama), Karlie Johnson (Jacksonville State University), James Gilbreath (The University of Alabama), Alex Boucher (The University of Alabama)
- "Tag Team Tailgate," Nancy Noe (Auburn University), Charcie Pettway Van (Jacksonville State University), Kimberly Westbrooks (Jacksonville State University), and Paula Barnett-Ellis (Jacksonville State University)
- RASRT Research Forum and Business Meeting, presenter, Daniel Wilson (South University, Montgomery)
- "Breaking down Barriers: Integrating the Library into the First-Year Experience," Phill Johnson (Auburn University, Montgomery)
- "Library Instruction Assessment," Delores Carlito (University of Alabama at Birmingham) and Dusty Folds (Lawson State Community College)
- "Serendipity in the Library," Jaroslaw Szurek and Carla Waddell (Samford University)
- "Best Practices for Designing User-Friendly LibGuides," Delores Carlito and Becca Billings (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

Additionally, Chris Shaffer (Troy University) gave the keynote address at the CUS Annual Business Meeting, Kathy Wheeler (University of South Alabama) moderated the CUS Annual Research Awards, James Gilbreath (The University of Alabama) moderated the Beta Phi Mu - Beta Kappa Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Beth Ashmore (Samford University) moderated the TSSRT Business Meeting, and Dusty Folds (Lawson State Community College) moderated the RASRT Research Forum and Business Meeting.

SLIS Spotlight



Another productive and eventful semester has come to a close at SLIS. This year's SLIS Honors Day was held on April 6 on the 5th Floor of Gorgas Library, providing an opportunity for guests to tour the newly renovated facilities. In a first, SLIS students Hannah Bowser and Jennifer Fain were asked to deliver the keynote speech about their research related to social justice efforts in archives and libraries. Bowser is a multiple award winner, having received the Faculty Scholar Award, the Student Paper Award, and the CIS Outstanding Service Award. The SLIS 2016-17 Alumna of the Year was Makiba Foster, who was honored for her work in creating a digital archive collecting media and posts related to the Black Lives Matter movement and the struggle for justice in Ferguson, Missouri.

In other student news, MLIS student Christine Remenih was awarded the prestigious 2017 Medical Library Association Scholarship. MLIS student Alexandra Smith has been selected for an internship in Washington, D.C. with the 2017 Library of Congress Junior Fellows Program. Smith will be working on the I. M. Pei and E. O. Wilson Archival Processing Projects. David Belcher (MLIS-Archival Studies Concentration) was recently awarded an internship at the Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library to work with the library's rare book and archival collections.

In faculty news, three SLIS faculty members—Prof. Anna Embree, Dr. Jamie Naidoo, and Dr. Robert Riter—received tenure and/or promotion. Dr. Steven Yates successfully defended his dissertation and will continue to serve faculty as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator for School Library Media. Dr. John Burgess was hired to be Assistant Professor and Coordinator for Distance Education. All of these positions and appointments are effective fall of 2017 and increases the number of full-time faculty members to twelve.

Dr. Naidoo was elected 2018-19 President of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC).

SLIS awarded a record \$22,641 in new, free books to elementary, middle, and high school libraries in Alabama via the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt (& Beyond) Program. Established in 2009 by Dr. Jamie Naidoo, this program provides free new books to school libraries in the Black Belt region of the state.

As a sample of the scholarly work being done by SLIS faculty, Dr. Tonia Sutherland had two articles published recently in *The American Archivist* and *Radical History Review* and also gave an invited talk at the University of Michigan as part of a seminar on black bodies, social justice, and the archives.

This academic year has been an eventful one. SLIS hired Dr. James Elmborg as its new permanent director. With the retirement of Beth Riggs, Dr. Ann Bourne has been hired as the new Assistant Director. SLIS has also introduced a new archival studies concentration and specialization and received a site visit from ALA for the school's continuing accreditation. Here's hoping 2017-18 will bring as much success.

*John T. F. Burgess, PhD
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Membership News

Birmingham Southern

- Nancy Colyar. "My Resolution: Less Paper." LYRASIS 2nd Friday series, January, 13, 2017, webex.
- Nancy Colyar and Mary Sue Hoyle, "Digital Magazines in Academia," Alabama Library Association Convention, April 19, 2017, Montgomery, AL.
- Nancy Colyar and Phamie Martin, "Doris Wainright Kennedy: Artist." Bernice Historical Society Spring Meeting, April 30, 2017, Bernice, LA.

Membership News

Auburn University, Montgomery

The Auburn University Montgomery librarians had a very busy spring semester!

In January, Library Dean Phill Johnson, Head of Public Services Jessica Hayes, and Teaching & Outreach Librarian Samantha McNeilly presented on their success with collaborative outreach incentives at the 2017 ACRL Library Marketing and Outreach (LMAO) Interest Group Lightning Round Presentation during the ALA Midwinter Conference.

In March, Cataloging Librarian Amanda Scott was awarded Tenure and Promotion to Librarian II. Additionally, Dean Johnson, Ms. Hayes, and Ms. McNeilly received notice that McFarland accepted their book chapter for publication. The chapter "Getting Things to POP: How Collaboration, Umbrellas and Popcorn Machines Changed the Relevancy of the Auburn University Montgomery Library" will be featured in the upcoming McFarland publication *Expanding Library Relevancy: Innovation to Meet Changing Needs*.

In April, six AUM librarians served as key organizers and volunteers for the 2017 ALLA Convention. Jessica Hayes served as the 2017 Convention Planning Chair. Samantha McNeilly served as Convention Vice Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and Convention Hospitality Sub-Committee Co-Chair. Tim Bailey, Head of Library Technology & Systems, served as Convention Hospitality Sub-Committee Co-Chair and was instrumental in organizing banquet and catering services during the myriad of events during the Convention. Dean Phill Johnson organized on-site registration and addressed the various issues that arose during the Convention. Librarians Rickey Best and Karen Williams served as volunteers during the convention as well.

During the Convention, Phill Johnson and Amanda Scott presented individual workshops. Dean Johnson presented "Breaking down Barriers: Integrating the Library into the First-Year Experience," which discussed the strategic steps that were taken to create a close relationship with the First-Year Program at AUM. Amanda Scott presented "Library Mashups: Mapping Holdings Data from the NUC," which discussed the possibilities and limitations available to librarians when using the holdings data in the National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 in conjunction with a mapping tool.

After the accomplishments of the spring semester, the AUM Library is already looking forward to the future by taking an active part in AUM's New Student Orientation, New Faculty Orientation, and participating in the various summer activities planned for student success.



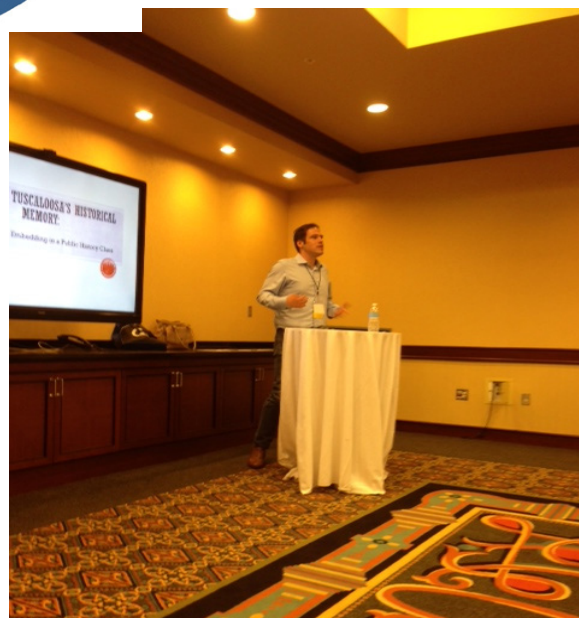
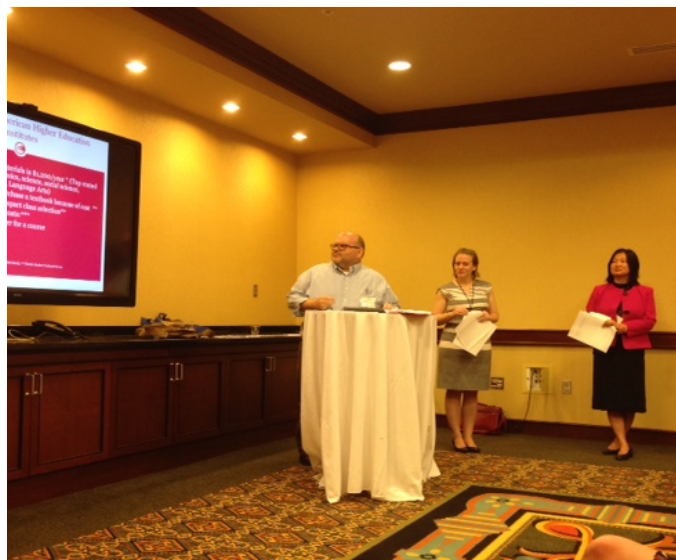
Troy University, Montgomery

Jeff Simpson, Interim Director at Troy University, Montgomery, received the Librarian of the Year award from the [Beta Kappa Chapter of Beta Phi Mu](#) during their recent annual business meeting held in conjunction with the ALLA 2017 Annual Convention.

Beta Phi Mu is the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. The Beta Kappa Chapter is Alabama's chapter and is sponsored by the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) at The University of Alabama.

Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Its name comes from the initials of the Greek words *Bibliothēkarios philax mathesis*, meaning "librarians are the guardians of knowledge." The motto, *Aliis inserviendo consumor*, meaning "Consumed in the service of others," was selected by the founders based on the concept of the dedication of librarians and other information professionals to the service of others. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from institutions where the American Library Association, or other recognized accrediting agency approved by the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board, has accredited or recognized a professional degree program.

Simpson was inducted into Beta Phi Mu in 2006 and has previously served as the Beta Kappa Chapter's Vice President and President. He has also served as President of the Alabama Library Association (2014) and is currently serving as the American Library Association (ALA) Councilor for ALLA.



We Want to Hear from You . . .



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AACRL 2017-2018 Executive Board Elections

AACRL 2016-2017 President Rickey Best announced the results of the 2017 AACRL election at the Annual Meeting in Montgomery. The following people were elected for the 2017 – 2018 year.

Vice-President / President-Elect: Jessica Hayes, Auburn University, Montgomery

Treasurer*: Debbie Cobb, University of South Alabama

Newsletter Editor*: Dusty Folds, Lawson State Community College

*Treasurer and Newsletter Editor are two-year terms and will end in 2019.

A full list of all members of the Executive Board can be found on the first page of this newsletter and at <http://aacrl.org/executive/index.html>.

AACRL 2017-2018 Committees

If you are interested in learning more about AACRL's committees, please feel free to contact the chairs listed below.

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