**Ethiopia Reads Founder to Keynote President’s Program**

Yohannes Gebregeorgis, founder and executive director of Ethiopia Reads, will serve as keynote speaker for the ALA President’s Program 3:30 p.m., Sunday at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Ethiopia Reads focuses on Gebregeorgis’ organization’s literacy work. The organization encourages a love of reading by establishing children’s and youth libraries in Ethiopia, free distribution of books to children and multilingual publishing. Gebregeorgis was selected as one of CNN’s Top 10 Heroes in 2008 for his work in establishing children’s libraries in Ethiopia.

“The ALA is thrilled that Mr. Gebregeorgis has accepted our invitation to speak to the nation’s library leaders on the value of libraries,” said ALA President Camila Alire. “In a world where knowledge is power, libraries make communities more powerful. By motivating children to read, librarians”

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**ALA President Camila A. Alire and Gene Shimshock, chair, Exhibits Round Table, cut the ribbon to open the exhibits as ALA President-elect Roberta A Stevens and the ALA Executive Board look on.**

**Al Gore, 45th Vice President of the United States and author of Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit, An Inconvenient Truth and The Assault on Reason, will deliver the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture today at 1:30 p.m.**

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Advice Offered on Surviving in a Tough Economy

By Stacy L. Voeller
Minnesota State University, Moorhead

On Friday afternoon, ALA's Office for Library Advocacy and the Massachusetts Library Association co-sponsored an Advocacy Institute Workshop entitled, “Surviving in a Tough Economy.” Carol A. Brey-Casiano, Chair of ALA's Committee on Library Advocacy and past ALA President delivered the welcoming address.

Brey-Casiano helped develop the Institute five years ago with her presidential advisory committee with the goal of bringing people together to talk about advocacy. This institute is the 37th to be offered since then. “The main goal of the institute is for those attending to go home with solid ideas about what they want to accomplish in their own libraries,” said Brey-Casiano.

She related a story about her own library, El Paso Public Library, and the Mayor of El Paso, Texas who purports that “great cities have three things: a great downtown, a great Metro system, and great parks.” She wants this phrase to change to: “great cities have great libraries.” Ellen Rainville, Director of J. V. Fletcher Library in Westford, Mass. suggested that Brey-Casiano tell the mayor that the library “is the people’s park and people need to be planted with information and opportunity.”

“You need to assess your environment and really figure out what is going on if you are faced with a budget cut,” according to Brey-Casiano. “You always need to ask if the cut is proportional to other cuts city-wide. If the library is taking a disproportion-

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— Carol Brey-Casiano

ate hit, you need to act fast and make the case why that should not happen.” She has seen over and over how local politicians often think librarians won’t speak up and talk back and said, “It is not the job of the library to balance the overall budget of the city.”

Marcia Merola, Director of the Office for Library Advocacy said, “One of the most important things to do is to get your network together, and Facebook is a great tool for doing that. Try to think about your network in a different way in times of non-crisis so you can carefully consider all the options.” She suggested that libraries develop a spreadsheet of all possible allies and turn to social networking possibilities to get information out and to fully utilize all of their connections.

The Office for Library Advocacy has a free “Advocating in a Tough Economy” toolkit posted on their website at http://www.ala.org/tougheconomytoolkit. It contains resources and tools, including news clips, op-eds and statistics to help library supporters make the case for libraries in tough economic times. “This is not about you and your staff, but the impact on patrons and others to understand the value of libraries,” said Merola.

Brey-Casiano added that you need to be clear about what budget cuts will do to the library's ability to offer services. Brey-Casiano includes information on library goals, satisfaction surveys, budget comparisons to past years, and demonstrates the impact the budget changes will have when she presents to her city council.

For those who have an interest in this topic, consider attending today's presentation by ALA President Cami-la Alire from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. entitled “Advocacy on the Front Lines: How to Make a Difference from Where You Sit.”
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Authors Chuck Hogan, left to right, Julie Powell, Tracy Chevalier, and Eric Van Lustbader pose for a photograph back stage at the ALA/ERT Author Forum.
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New Grant Opportunity for Public Libraries to Support Picturing America

The ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities are pleased to announce a new grant opportunity for public libraries who received the Picturing America collection. Grants of $2,000 will be distributed to 30 public libraries to support public programs that feature the 40 works of art included in the Picturing America collection. Applications will be accepted January 15 – March 31 at www.programminglibrarian.org/picturingamerica.

To be eligible, the proposed program or program series must feature humanities content and include use of the Picturing America collection. Programs must take place July 1, 2010 – January 31, 2011. Some examples of eligible programs include:

- reading and discussion series
- film viewing and discussion
- poetry programs
- readings

In June 2010, the National Endowment for the Humanities will announce the 30 libraries selected to receive the programming grants. Libraries can find programming ideas and the online application at www.programminglibrarian.org/picturingamerica.

Picturing America is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, distributed in cooperation with the American Library Association. The Institute of Museum and Library Services has provided major support for Picturing America programs in public libraries.

SPARC-ACRL Forum to Examine Open-Access Monographs

Three ambitious initiatives to deliver free online access to scholarly monographs will be featured at the 20th biennial SPARC-ACRL forum, “The ebook transition: Collaborations and innovations behind open-access monographs.” Co-sponsored by SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) and ACRL, the forum will be held today from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Boston, Back Bay Ballroom A/B. Advance registration is not required.

The market-based business model for scholarly monographs, long under pressure due to decreased library purchasing, must now accommodate a transition to ebooks. Many non-profit publishers, including university presses, are actively exploring new publishing models to support scholarly monographs, including open-access distribution and collaborative initiatives with university libraries. The forum will feature three pioneering initiatives to deliver free online access to scholarly monographs, and will highlight opportunities for libraries to support innovations in this important area.

Following the presentations, participants will be invited to connect in smaller groups and consider specific questions on how open-access monographs figure in their local campus collections and scholarly communication programs.

Sign Up for the Final Leg of AASL’s Winter Tour of Online Courses

School library media specialists are encouraged to sign up for the last leg of the American Association of School Librarians’ (AASL) 2010 winter tour of online courses. Designed to isolate problem areas, the final two 4-week courses will help develop the skills and techniques to help school library media specialists bring their programs into the 21st century.

The following courses will run Feb. 1 to Mar. 1:

- The Path to Collaboration: Making it Happen
- Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Infusing Literacy Skills into the Inquiry Process

Led by experts in the school library media field, these courses will arm attendees with the tools and resources necessary to get results in their programs. Just for signing up, AASL is offering a free archived Learning4Life (L4L) webinar with every course registration.

Detailed descriptions of each course and registration information are available on the AASL e-Academy pages at www.ala.org/aasl/eacademy. Fees are $99 for personal AASL members; $149 for personal ALA members; $225 for non-members; $99 for retired AASL members; and $75 for student AASL members.

Make time in your conference schedule to visit the Library of Congress booth (#2238) to hear about what’s happening at your national library.

Each day there will be presentations highlighting programs and services brought to you by the Library of Congress, including the Chronicling America with the National Digital Newspaper project, cataloging tools such as recent enhancements to Class Web and the new version of Cataloger’s Desktop, and the popular online adventure story titled “The Exquisite Corpse Adventure” unfolding on www.Read.gov.

Other speakers will be talking about the Copyright Office and FLICKR/DLINK. You can also enjoy selected webcasts from recent Library of Congress programs each day and during the Grand Opening reception on Friday evening.

To savor the rich connection the Library of Congress has with Boston, be sure to attend the presentation offered by the Massachusetts Center for the Book on Sunday, January 17.

Library of Congress staff will also available throughout the day to answer questions.

For the complete daily schedule of booth presentations and other news about and services offered by the Library of Congress, visit our website www.loc.gov/ala/

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√ **ERM as a Service** – Combines select SwetsWise modules designed to aid library professionals with the management, evaluation and access of electronic resources.

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Speaker Karen Coombs, University of Houston, leads the LITA Midwinter workshop, “Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs.”

Campaign stickers are being distributed by supporters of the ALA Presidential candidates. Members are encouraged to attend the ALA Presidential and Treasurer Candidates Forum on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Francine Graf, editorial director, Choice Magazine, Middleton, Conn., has coffee as she catches up her email at the Internet Café sponsored by Elsevier.

Meeting attendees inside the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center are silhouetted against the snow-covered ground outside as they arrive on Friday.

Librarian Dana Campbell, Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library, Corvallis, Ore., is all smiles as she receives her ALA bag from Bob Conlin at the registration desk Friday.

Exhibitor Pat Adams, SWETS, Runnemede, NJ, finds a quiet place to read next to the stainless steel sculpture “Bending Thoughts II” by Whitmore Boogaerts.
In 2010, the American Association of School Librarians’ (AASL) prestigious awards program offers more than $50,000 in awards to AASL members.

AASL’s awards recognize excellence and showcase best practices in the school library media field in categories that include research, collaboration, leadership and innovation. The 2010 applications can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2010. Winners will be honored at the ALA 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

“Awards recognize a job well done, and AASL has various categories of awards that validate the impressive work members do every day in their library. AASL awards are available to acknowledge excellence in multiple areas of school librarianship, so as you focus on goals for the new school year, plan to apply for one of these noteworthy awards,” AASL President Cassandra Barnett said.

The 2010 AASL awards for which applications are still being accepted include:

• The ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant, up to $1,750, sponsored by ABC-CLIO, is given to school library media associations that are AASL affiliates for planning and implementing leadership programs at the state, regional or local levels.

• The Collaborative School Library Media Award, $2,500, sponsored by Highsmith Inc., recognizes and encourages collaboration and partnerships between school library media specialists and teachers in meeting goals outlined in “Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning” through joint planning of a program, unit or event in support of the curriculum and using media center resources.

• The Distinguished School Administrator Award, $2,000, sponsored by ProQuest, is given to a school administrator who has made worthy contributions to the operations of an exemplary school library media center and to advancing the role of the school library media center in the educational program.

• The Distinguished Service Award, $3,000, sponsored by Baker & Taylor, recognizes an individual member of the library profession who has, over a significant period of time, made an outstanding national contribution to school librarianship and school library development.

• The Frances Henne Award, $1,250, sponsored by Greenwood Publishing Group, enables a school library media specialist with five or fewer years in the field to attend an American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference or AASL National Conference for the first time.

• The Information Technology Pathfinder Award, $1,000, given to the school library media specialist and $500 to the library, sponsored by Follett Software Company, recognizes and honors a school library media specialist who demonstrates vision and leadership through the use of information technology to build lifelong learners. There are two categories: Elementary and Secondary.

• The Innovative Reading Grant, $2,500, sponsored by Capstone Publishers (Capstone Press, Compass Books, Children’s Library Resources, Picture Window Books, Stone Arch Books and Red Brick Learning), is designed to fund literacy projects for grades K-9 that promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice and policy.

• The Intellectual Freedom Award, $2,000, to the winner and $1,000 to the school library media center of the winner’s choice, sponsored by ProQuest, is given for upholding the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth by AASL and the ALA.

• The AASL Research Grant, $2,500, sponsored by Heinemann-Raintree, is given to up to two school library media specialists, library educators, library information science, or education professors to conduct innovative research aimed at measuring and evaluating the impact of school library media programs on learning and education.

### ALA Placement Center to Provide Career Counseling during Midwinter

The Placement Center will provide free career counseling sessions today and Sunday, January 16-17, 2010 in the Placement Center during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

As part of its efforts to help job seekers re-tool their skills and prepare for job searches, the ALA Placement Center will host Dr. Caitlin Williams, Ph.D. in the Placement Center. Dr. Williams, a career development consultant and coach in San Jose, California will provide twenty-minute sessions to conference attendees. Caitlin works with individuals and organizations to create and implement professional development initiatives. She focuses on helping professionals leverage their talents in ways that truly make a difference. Dr. Williams teaches in the master’s program in Counselor Education at San Jose State University and is Associate Editor of National Career Development Association’s Career Convergence Organizations Department.

To sign-up for a session, conference attendees should go to the scheduling booth in the Placement Center.

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Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times
I Love My Librarian Award Winners Announced

Librarians in our nation’s 123,000 libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans every day. In December, 10 librarians were recognized for their service to their communities, schools and campuses as winners of the Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award.

More than 3,200 library users nationwide nominated a librarian. “In a world that is increasingly oversaturated with a torrent of disconnected information, more and more we look to librarians as our guides to the truth,” said Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York. “They are the guardians of history and the true keepers of the flame of knowledge. Our lives are enriched by their contributions and our great, diverse democracy is strengthened by their dedication and expertise. We thank them and we celebrate them today, and always.”

“The I Love My Librarian program demonstrates how vital libraries and librarians are to the people they serve,” said Janet L. Robinson, president and chief executive officer of The New York Times Company. “We are delighted to have this opportunity to celebrate librarians across the country. We are also proud to once again join the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the American Library Association in saluting this exceptional group of librarians who contribute so greatly to our society.”

The 3,200 nominations received were rich with anecdotes of personal transformation. We congratulate this year’s 10 winners while recognizing these stories as a continuing testament to the importance of all librarians nationwide and the positive impact libraries and librarians have on their communities,” said Camilla A. Ahire, president of the American Library Association (ALA).

Each of the 10 award winners received a $5,000 cash award and was honored at a ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times on December 3, 2009.

Drawn to Delight: How Picture Books Work (and Play) Today

Whether it’s the pictures that draw you in or the colors that catch your eye, there’s a reason that we’re attracted to picture books. Join the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) during this inspirational preconference, looking beyond surface stories to uncover the deeper meanings and aesthetic connections that enrich today’s picture books.

Attendees will explore diverse media, styles and approaches to design; the format’s relationship to graphic novels and illustrated books; and international and digital horizons.

Nominations were open to librarians working in public, school, college, community college and university libraries. In order to be eligible, the nominee had to have received a master’s degree from a program accredited by the ALA in library and information studies or a master’s degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The selection committee was comprised of Dr. Rookaya Bawa, program officer at Carnegie Corporation of New York; Sari Feldman, executive director, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, Ohio; Sandra M. Marcus, assistant professor/coordinator library public relations, Queensborough Community College, Bayside, N.Y.; Diane McNulty, executive director of Community Affairs and Media Relations at The New York Times; Jim Rettig, university librarian, Boatwright Memorial Library, University of Richmond, Va.; and Rocco A. Staino, contributing editor, School Library Journal, retired, North Salem Central School District, N.Y.

The ALA administered the award through the Campaign for America’s Libraries, its public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians.


Carnegie Corporation of New York is a philanthropic foundation created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to do “real and permanent good in this world.” Carnegie Corporation has been associated with almost every important development in library and information services in the United States. Andrew Carnegie himself had used much of his personal fortune, beginning in 1886, to establish free public libraries throughout America, which led the Corporation’s initial grantmaking to focus on libraries and the opportunities for public education they offer. Early library funding went to the building structures themselves, but by the 1920s, grants in this area began to emphasize the evaluation and strengthening of both public and university librarians’ training.

The New York Times Company, a leading media company with 2008 revenues of $2.9 billion, includes The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, The Boston Globe, 15 other daily newspapers and more than 50 Web sites, including NYTimes.com, Boston.com and About.com. The Company’s core purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment.

Washington Office Encourages Students to Apply for Google Fellowship Program

The ALA Washington Office will be participating in the Google Policy Fellowship program for the summer of 2010. Google Policy Fellows work for ten weeks during the summer at ALA Washington or at other public interest organizations involved in debates on broad-based access policy, copyright reform, online privacy, and open government.

In particular, ALA encourages master’s and doctoral students in library and information studies with an interest in national public policy to apply for this fellowship.

The deadline to submit an application was recently extended to January 25. Applications are available at http://services.google.com/inquiry/policyfellowship.

This year’s host organizations include American Library Association, Cato Institute, Center for Democracy and Technology, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Internet Education Foundation, Media Access Project, New America Foundation, Public Knowledge, Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, The Citizen Lab, Creative Commons, Future of Music Coalition, Progress and Freedom Foundation, Technology Policy Institute. Host organizations new in 2010 are The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and National Hispanic Media Coalition.

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The ALA Public Programs Office, in cooperation with the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), is pleased to announce that 265 libraries were selected to receive Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved Teens, and Books) grants. These grants will support reading and discussion programs for troubled teens to be held January through May, 2010.

To apply for a Great Stories CLUB grant, libraries are required to be located within or working in partnership with an organization that serves at-risk or troubled teens, such as alternative high schools or juvenile detention centers. To see the full list of selected libraries and partner organizations, visit www.ala.org/greatstories.

All selected libraries will receive 11 sets of three theme-related books that are relevant to the participants’ lives. Numerous online resources are available to these libraries to help them plan related programming. Of the selected libraries, 50 will also receive small cash grants to support program-related expenses.

Participants in the Great Stories CLUB get to read and keep the selected books, while discussing them with a group of peers. The program demonstrates to teens that reading can be enjoyable, an instrument for self-exploration, and a means of connecting with the world. The ultimate goal is to inspire young adults who face difficult situations to take control of their lives by embracing the power of reading.

YALSA’s Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee chose the following titles for this round’s theme of “New Horizons”:

- One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies, by Sonya Sones (Simon & Schuster, 2005)
- The Afterlife, by Gary Soto (Harcourt, 2005)
- The Rules of Survival, by Nancy Werlin (Speak, 2008)

For more information about YALSA, or other reading recommendations, go to www.ala.org/yalsa.

Major funding for the Great Stories CLUB was provided by Oprah’s Angel Network—a public charity that works to improve the lives of people all over the world. The Angel Network awards grants to organizations that create support, protect rights, and improve access to education. To learn more about the Angel Network visit www.oprahangelnetwork.org.

For more information on the ALA Public Programs Office and its work in promoting cultural and community programming in libraries, visit www.ala.org/publicprograms.
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ASCLA Discussion Groups Offer Problem-Solving Opportunities

ASCLA discussion groups offer problem-solving opportunities for those involved in library consortia and cooperatives, state library consulting, collaborative digitization and other timely topics.

All Midwinter Meeting participants are invited to engage with ASCLA’s discussion groups scheduled throughout the meeting. These sessions are an informal opportunity to connect with peers tackling the same issues who are interested in learning about available solutions.

Collaborative Digitization Discussion Group
Today, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Burroughs Room, Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St.

The resource for collaborative digitization discussions within ALA. In 2010, the group will take up “Librarianship and Traditional Cultural Expressions,” a set of principles developed by a workgroup led by the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy. Following presentations on this main topic, all representatives of collaborative digital projects will also have an opportunity to provide brief status updates.

State Library Consultants’ Discussion Group
Today, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Independence Room, Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St.

This discussion group covers the full spectrum of the areas that library development bureaus typically handle or are involved in: state and local library budgets, marketing and public relations activities, changes in their state library or local libraries and new initiatives, to name a few. All librarians who function as consultants at their state library agency are welcome, and state librarians interested in participating are also welcome.

Interlibrary Cooperation Discussion Group
Sunday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Pacific F, Renaissance Boston Waterfront, 606 Congress St.

Provides a forum for discussion of interests in interlibrary cooperation and the statewide development of library service, emphasizing the interdependence of all types of libraries. In 2010, this group will tackle how you are proving your worth—and the necessity of ILL—in today’s economy. Participants are encouraged to bring information about their own experiences with this challenge, and expect a lively discussion with collaborative problem-solving.

Physical Delivery Discussion Group
Sunday, January 17, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Room 156 A/B, Boston Convention Center, 415 Summer St.

This discussion group is for those interested in and involved with physical delivery systems for library materials. Topics include an upcoming NISO standard that addresses delivery best practices, planning for the national delivery conference, Moving Mountains 2010, a multistate delivery project in Colorado and Missouri; and an update on a Massachusetts RFI for the automation of sorting library materials. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about each other’s projects and make valuable professional contacts.

 Consortia Management Discussion Group
Sunday, January 17, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Room 213, Boston Convention Center, 415 Summer St.

This group is home to consortia and systems, a discussion of their challenges and sharing of service experiences including automated virtual union catalogs, aggregated purchases of databases, virtual reference services, region-wide platforms for digital assets, resource sharing, training and central processing. Participants engage in conversations about important topics such as service delivery, value of services, system viability and the future of systems and consortia in 2010, we’ll talk about the formation of the New York Alliance of Library Systems (NYALS), and what the system has learned about demonstrating their value to members, funders and other key stakeholders.

LSTA Coordinators’ Discussion Group
Sunday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Lewis Room, Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St.

LSTA coordinators convene for an opportunity to share updates on current activity in their states, and share problems in need of a collaborative solution. The session typically includes a presentation from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Come prepared to collaborate!

Youth Services Consultants’ Discussion Group
Sunday, January 17, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Paine Room, Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St.

This group consists of a round robin of state level youth services representatives on news and activities in the state: what’s happening, good speakers you’ve heard grant programs you’re running, etc. All are welcome to come and bring information about current happenings in your state, as well as any questions you may wish to share with the group.

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies is home to a wide variety of librarians representing networks, cooperatives and consortia; those at state library agencies; those serving incarcerated populations and working at specialized libraries for the blind, deaf and hard of hearing; and independent librarians. Within these professional areas of interest, ASCLA provides opportunities for networking and collaboration with colleagues nationwide, as well as access to expertise and information that improves service delivery and on-the-job performance.

If you’re considering a career in one of these areas, we welcome you, too! Learn more at www.ala.org/ascla.

Virtual Library Discussion Group
Monday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room 156 A/B, Boston Convention Center, 415 Summer St.

Provides a forum for discussion of library services that can be provided in an electronic format. This group also provides an opportunity to discuss cutting edge pilot projects as well as established services that promote a 24/7 library that is accessible any-time, anywhere.

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Marriott Copley Place – Vineyard Room
Saturday, January 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.