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Letter from the Chair

STS has had another great year! I’ve been pleased with our innovative programming and the many networking opportunities at the Midwinter and Annual meeting this year. Our Committees worked hard on initiatives to benefit STS members and in support of the ACRL Plan for Excellence throughout the year. I hope that we have provided ways for all our members to participate.

The STS Professional Development Committee continued exploring ways to deliver relevant professional education by supporting a mentoring program to help newer librarians connect with established science librarians, maintaining a guide to professional development resources and a lively continuing education discussion at the general membership meeting at Annual.

The STS Membership and Recruitment Committee provided ways for informing new and returning members about their choices for the committee service that suited them best. Many members volunteered for committees this year which helped chairs gain a full contingent of dedicated members to keep STS moving forward.

The STS Information Literacy Committee provided three online chats on topics such as identifying opportunities to teach information literacy skills, information literacy in mathematics and statistics and textual analysis of course syllabi for research related terminology. The Committee continued to add resources to the STS-IL Information Literacy Resources LibGuide. The Committee added a section focusing on science related resources for use of the Framework for Information Literacy.

STS wrapped up the year with a robust schedule of events at ALA Annual 2016, in Orlando. In addition to the chance to meet new members and reconnect with colleagues, the General Membership Meeting and Breakfast allowed members attending to discuss a wide range of topics identified by the Professional Development Committee. The Hot Topics Discussion Group’s presentation “A Behind the Scenes Look at Peer Review” followed. The presenters discussed the very different processes of Peer Review done at portal, Libraries and the Academy and In the Library with a Lead Pipe. The session built on the Scholarly Communication Committee’s session at Midwinter “Open Peer Review and Other Forms of Review”.

The STS program “Data to Discourse: Subject Liaisons as Leaders in the Data Landscape” presented options for librarian involvement in the data management process. It was followed by the well-attended STS poster session that featured posters on general research topics as well as data management.

The STS Dinner at the Café Tu Tu Tango on Sunday evening was a chance to unwind, enjoy good Spanish-style food, local beer, and, for many, the chance to test their knowledge of Orlando and South Florida Trivia, facilitated by Beth Blanton-Kent and Moriana Garcia.
Letter from the Chair

Planning for STS sponsored programming at Annual 2017 in Chicago is underway. More immediately, the business meetings and forums for Midwinter 2017 in Atlanta are taking shape. These programs, in addition to innovative programs at ACRL 2017 in Baltimore, make STS membership a great value. I enjoyed helping members find their niche in the section by making committee appointments before Annual. I’m grateful that many of our members are interested in being involved in the work of the section.

I’ve been grateful for the support of now Past Chair Mary Linn Bergstrom over the past year along with help from the Executive Committee and other section leaders who were always willing to offer advice, share expertise, and explore ideas. I’m already working with Vice Chair Kara Whatley and members of the current Executive Committee and STS Council on our programming for Midwinter and Annual. I look forward to connecting with you online and to seeing many of you at Midwinter 2017 in Atlanta. Please don’t hesitate to share your ideas and suggestions for strengthening and growing STS.

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STS Dinner at ALA-Midwinter

Please plan to join us for the STS Dinner at Midwinter, generously sponsored by IOP Publishing.

Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Pittypat’s Porch. (www.pittypatsrestaurant.com) The restaurant is located at 25 Andrew Young International Blvd, just across the street from the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

Registration will be announced in late October on STS-L.

For more information, please contact Beth Blanton-Kent (blanton@virginia.edu) or Rachel Hamelers (rhamelers@muhlenberg.edu). We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!
Hello, STS Members, current and future! Fall semester is well underway for many of us, and it’s my favorite time of year. All the excitement of a new academic year, meeting new students and faculty, reminds me of why I love the work we do. For many of us the fall can be our busiest time of year, and we may not yet be thinking about the upcoming Midwinter Meeting and what committees we might want to be involved in for 2017-2019. So let me take a minute to share a few points related to the ALA Midwinter Meeting 2017.

First, ACRL usually has a hotel where it hosts many of its meetings and discussion groups. (This is handy information to have when booking conference housing!) The meeting this January is being held in Atlanta, and the ACRL hotel is the Westin Peachtree Plaza, one of the headquarters hotels. The STS All Committees Meeting will be held on the morning of Saturday, January 21st and is open to all interested parties. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about the STS committees and the work that they do. If you have time, please do stop by!

Next, as your Vice-Chair I have the privilege of managing the appointment of members to our committees and discussion groups. You should see an initial call for volunteering for these bodies in December, and I’ll also send out a reminder call via STS-L just after the Midwinter meeting. Those of you who did visit the Midwinter All Committees meeting will be well positioned to make those volunteering decisions!

Finally, I can’t tell you how delighted I am to be your STS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect! I’m looking forward to serving the group that has helped me so much in my career as a science librarian. If there are any questions you have about getting involved in our section, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

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Hot Topics Discussion Group
Information Literacy Framework: STEM Applications
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 1:00-2:30pm
Location TBA

The ACRL Information Literacy Framework was formally accepted at ALA Annual 2016 - what does this mean for STEM librarians? At this Hot Topics session, panelists Elizabeth Ber- man (University of Vermont), Bonnie Fong (Rutgers - Newark), and Chapel Cowden (University of Tennessee-Chattanooga) will discuss how the Framework was developed, how the Framework compares to the Information Literacy Standards, what resources are available for STEM librarians interested in using the Framework, and how the Framework has been applied in different contexts. During this 90-minute session, audience members will also have an opportunity to discuss their experiences with the Framework and to brainstorm ways the Framework could be applied in a range of STEM instructional contexts.

Rachel Borchardt & Hannah Gascho Rempel, Co-Chairs

Information Literacy Committee Chat Sub-Committee

Are you a science librarian utilizing the ACRL Framework in your information literacy instruction? If so please consider sharing your process with us and leading an online chat discussion! The ACRL Science and Technology Section - Information Literacy Chat Sub-Committee is seeking proposals from librarians interested in leading an online discussion related to the theme, "STEM, Library instruction, and applying the ACRL Framework". We hope to hold chats once a month, using either Adobe Connect or WebEx. Discussion leader’s present content for 10-15 minutes via slides and microphone and then attendees discuss the topic. Chats are held for 1 hour, usually in the afternoon (Eastern time zone) around the middle of the month. More information about the Chat, as well as an archive of past events can be found here: http://iue.libguides.com/sts-il-lwchar/stsilchat

Please use this form to apply to be a discussion leader! https://goo.gl/forms/DSbvHrtGALCEZKld2

Laksamee Putnum, Co-Chair

Information Literacy Committee Resources Sub-Committee

Check out the STS Information Literacy Resources Sub-Committee’s Science Information Literacy Resources Guide at http://iue.libguides.com/STS-informationliteracyresources. A new section gives information on the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education and how it is being applied in the sciences, and a feedback form lets you recommend that your favorite resource be added!

Cherie Turner, Co-Chair
Science Resources: Discovery & Access Committee

The Science Resources: Discovery & Access committee now has more ways for you to discuss science and technology resources. Start a conversation about recent or past Inside Science Resources blog posts on our new social media pages:

- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/insidescienceresources/)

We also thank everyone that has viewed Inside Science Resources. In the past 12 months, there has been 2,600 views of the blog. If you have a resource you would like to see reviewed, please leave a comment at https://insidescienceresources.wordpress.com, Facebook, or Twitter.

Liaisons Committee

STS maintains a liaison program with different science and technology associations, and STS liaisons regularly report on the meetings and activities of these professional groups, which enables us to have a better understanding of the current issues in science and technology fields and to identify opportunities to further improve library services.

STS Liaisons Committee hosted its annual online forum on July 28, 2016. Four liaisons provided updates and discussed critical issues of their science and technology associations, in addition to a brief overview of each association.

2016 STS Liaisons Online Forum presenters were:

- Kristin Bogdan, STS Liaison to the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)
- Mary J. Markland, STS Liaison to the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC)
- Jeffra Diane Bussmann, STS Liaison to the Physics - Astronomy - Math Division (PAM) - Special Libraries Association
- Christine Malinowski, STS Liaison to the Science-Technology Division (DST) - Special Libraries Association

Presentation slides and recording of forum are available online:

http://connect.ala.org/node/256342

Ginny Pannabecker & Li Zhang, Co-Chairs
### Scholarly Communications Committee

The STS Scholarly Communications Committee is collaborating with the ACRL RESEC Scholarly Communications Discussion Group to host a joint session at ALA 2017. This session will be a follow-up discussion of the ACRL/SPARC Forum on Saturday. The topic will be "Putting collections budgets in the service of scholarly communications strategies." We will discuss university libraries that have done this and how it has affected collections decisions.

The discussion will be held on Sunday, January 22 3:00 - 4:30 PM (location to be determined). We are excited to offer the opportunity to bring these two groups together to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Nathan Hall & Luti Salisbury, Co-Chairs

### Membership & Recruitment Committee

The Membership and Recruitment Committee is up and rolling with some exciting recruitment ideas! Besides continuing the Year in the Life committee spotlight, we plan to highlight both new members and current members throughout the year. Hopefully, this new venture will open up new collaborations and mentorships within and outside of the STS Section. Keep an eye out on the STS Listserv (STS-L) for more information about spotlights.

Kimberly Bailey & Michelle Leonard, Co-Chairs
Call for Nominations:
Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural or Natural Sciences

The ACRL Science & Technology Section Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural and Natural Sciences for the best English-language bibliography in the field of agriculture or a related science.

Eligible works include English-language print or electronic bibliographies in any format in the field of agriculture or a related science published during 2015-2016. Bibliographies may be a monograph, a completed series viewed as a body of work, or an ongoing publication. Submissions will be judged on accuracy, scope, usefulness, format, and special features such as explanatory introductions, annotations, and indexes.

Recipients of the Oberly Award will receive a cash award and a plaque, funded by an endowment created by individuals and vendor contributions.

Nominations for the 2017 award will be accepted until December 2, 2016. Submissions should be made in the form of a letter pointing out the reason the bibliography should be considered. A copy of the bibliography should accompany the submission.

Questions and submissions should be sent to the Awards Committee co-chairs: Sara Scheib (sara-scheib@uiowa.edu) or Matt Marsteller (matthewm@andrew.cmu.edu). For more information, including previous recipients, see http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/publicationawards/oberlyaward.
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Call for Award Nominations

Excellence in Academic Libraries Award
$3,000 and a plaque
Sponsored by YBP Library Services

Academic/Research Librarian of the Year
$5,000 and a plaque
Sponsored by YBP Library Services
Deadline: December 2, 2016

More information about these and all other ACRL award opportunities can be found on the ACRL website: http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards or by contacting Chase Ollis at (312) 280-2521 or collis@ala.org

ACRL Licensed Workshops

Looking to build your professional skills? Bring one of ACRL’s licensed workshops to your campus, chapter, or consortia. Led by expert presenters, these one-day immersive workshops are designed to engage participants and help academic librarians strengthen competencies in multiple areas of concentration. ACRL currently offers several licensed workshops available upon request on an ongoing basis, including:

- Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement
- Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action
- Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM into Your Liaison Work
- Two Paths Converge: Designing Education Opportunities on the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy

Please contact ACRL Program Coordinator Chase Ollis at collis@ala.org or (312) 280-2521 to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.
The 58th Annual RBMS Conference
The Stories We Tell
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – Friday, June 23, 2017
Iowa City, Iowa

http://conference.rbms.info/2017

The Stories We Tell focuses on storytelling as practice and metaphor in the mission and daily work of special collections. From writing traditional scholarly monographs to encoding digital humanities landscapes, from building deep and inclusive collections to designing new curriculum, the ability to craft a compelling narrative is at the heart of cultural heritage work. Registration opens in February!

Did You Know?
ACRL members can view full contact information for all ACRL section committee rosters (http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections) by logging into the ACRL Web site.
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