FROM THE CLS CHAIR

Happy Fall from sunny (for the moment) Portland, Oregon! I hope that everyone is enjoying a busy and productive start to the academic year.

I’m honored to serve this year as chair of the College Libraries Section and excited to be a part of the work our committees, discussion groups, and members are engaged in to support and inform academic librarianship in colleges.

This winter, our section is looking forward to its first virtual Midwinter Meeting, where our committees and at least one discussion group will meet using either GoToMeeting or Zoom virtual meeting software. Please watch for announcements on COLLIB-L about when these meetings are taking place and how you can participate. I know that a shortage of time and travel funding can be a barrier to participation in CLS, and it’s my sincere hope that the option of virtual participation will help our members to say yes to volunteer opportunities in our section.

Best wishes to all, and if you are coming to the Pacific Northwest for the Midwinter Meeting, I hope to see you here!

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**IMLS Awards Lewis & Clark College a Sparks! Ignition Grant**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded Aubrey R. Watzek Library at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon a $24,983 Sparks! Ignition Grant for a collaborative project entitled, “Data in the Disciplines: Developing a Network to provide Data Management and Data Information Literacy Services at Small College and University Libraries.”

Developed and led by Science & Data Services Librarian Parvaneh Abbaspour and Director of Watzek Library Mark Dahl, this project will bring in two outside consultants and engage four regional partners: Reed College, University of Puget Sound, Whitman College, and Willamette University. The overarching project goal is to develop a collaborative workshop model that will enable small college libraries to offer data management and information literacy support to their faculty and students.

This pilot project will focus on developing and sharing curricular modules for undergraduates in chemistry and ethnographic studies. Data management practices and data information literacy bring undergraduate students in touch with the research process and can be a meaningful part of undergraduate research experience—and this project has the opportunity to help scholars and students understand how to manage, publish, find and reuse data sets to move research agendas forward.

**Follow CLS Online**

**CLS Website**: for committee information, events, and policies as well as links to supporting CLS-sponsored pages

**CLS Facebook** and **Twitter feed**: for upcoming events, announcements, and interesting happenings related to college libraries. Suggestions are welcome from CLS members

**CLS LibGuides through ACRL**: LibGuides offer a great way to highlight specific CLS programs you are working on as they allow you to have direct control over the content of your page, as well as a unique link for access

If you are interested in posting content through any of these options, please contact CLS volunteer Nancy Schuler at schulenl@eckerd.edu.
Build Your Library’s Professional Skills

ACRL offers a variety of traveling workshops that can visit your campus, chapter, or consortia. Led by expert presenters, these one-day immersive workshops help academic librarians learn new skills and strengthen existing competencies to tackle the greatest issues facing the profession today. Current workshop topics include:

- Assessment in Action
- Engaging with the ACRL Framework
- Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy
- Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action
- Research Data Management
- Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement

Please contact ACRL Program Officer Chase Ollis at collis@ala.org to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.
Introducing LibSearch at Berkeley College

Over the summer, the Berkeley College Library adopted the EBSCO OneSearch Discovery tool to assist our students with more effectively “discovering” our resources. We polled our librarians and named the new toolbar, LibSearch!

The adoption of this tool came at a great time. The upcoming Fall semester allowed us to reach our largest group of new students in the year so our library’s Outreach & Marketing Committee took the opportunity to create a set of kick-off events that would introduce LibSearch to our students. With eight campus locations (which includes our online campus), the events included a variety of promotions that would engage as many students as possible. Our campus operating offices came to do “ribbon cuttings” that ceremoniously welcomed our LibSearch.

We also designed interactive learning experiences that would teach students about the toolbar while showing them how easy it is to use. Games included a “Beat the Clock” game that encouraged students to find an article, eBook and video in under one minute, a LibWizard scavenger hunt tutorial and an exploration station that just allowed them to search and discover. Our goal was to introduce students to this new service while teaching them the differences in strategically searching for materials and many students responded positively! Students remarked at how much easier it was to find articles and that they would feel much more confident using the encyclopedic “Research Starters” than Wikipedia because it was just as easy to access. In addition to the events, our outreach committee created a graphic that is being used on our website, on flyers and in our instruction slideshows to promote this service to students.
ACRL Books

ACRL publishes a range of books to assist academic librarians in developing their professional careers, managing their institutions, and increasing their awareness of developments in librarianship, providing timely, thought-provoking, and practical content and research to academic and research librarians worldwide. Some recent titles:

- *Academic Libraries and the Academy: Strategies and Approaches to Demonstrate Your Value, Impact, and Return on Investment, 2-Volume Set*
- *Shaping the Campus Conversation on Student Learning and Experience: Activating the Results of Assessment in Action*
- *Framing Information Literacy: Teaching Grounded in Theory, Pedagogy, and Practice, 6-Volume Set*

Interested in writing for ACRL? Contact Erin Nevius, ACRL’s Content Strategist, at enevius@ala.org for more information, or visit www.ala.org/acrl/publications/publishing to learn more about our book publishing program and submit a proposal.

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CLS Member spotlight

The CLS Member Spotlight showcases the diversity and experiences of CLS members. We invite you to nominate yourself or a colleague at acrlcls.wordpress.com/nominate-new/.
The ACRL Conference is your once-every-two-years opportunity to access the best information, discover new ideas, and stay at the forefront of the profession. You’ll get irreplaceable opportunities to connect with your peers from all over the country and all over the globe, along with access to content all year long.

Conference Program
ACRL 2019 features more than 500 thought-provoking sessions hand-selected by your peers. The initial ACRL 2019 program schedule will be available later this fall on the conference website. And while you can’t be in two places at once, your conference registration allows you access to nearly 400 of these sessions in the Virtual Conference for one full year after the event.

Keynote Speakers
Journalist Michele Norris will deliver the opening keynote on April 10. Norris is a Peabody Award-winning journalist, founder of The Race Card Project and Executive Director of The Bridge, The Aspen Institute’s program on race, identity, connectivity, and inclusion.

ACRL 2019’s middle keynote on April 11 features author Viet Thanh Nguyen. Nguyen’s writing is bold, elegant, and fiercely honest. His remarkable debut novel, The Sympathizer, won the Pulitzer Prize, was a Dayton Literary Peace Prize winner, and made the finalist list for the PEN/Faulkner award.

You’ll leave ACRL 2019 inspired by our final keynoter, cartoonist Alison Bechdel. Bechdel is an internationally beloved cartoonist whose darkly humorous graphic memoirs, astute writing and evocative drawing have forged an unlikely intimacy with a wide and disparate range of readers.

Register Today!
Registration and housing for ACRL 2019 are now available! While the conference is coming up April 10-13, 2019, you can get a jump on registration to get the best rates, meet current fiscal year deadlines, or because you’re just too excited to wait. Register for ACRL 2019 by February 8, 2019, and take advantage of discounted early-bird registration rates. You can save $70 or more! Group discounts are also available for institutions that register ten or more employees.