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4:00 - 5:30 pm

Anaheim Convention Center, Room 212A

Meet information professionals from the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. The House Archivist, Robin Reeder, will discuss Member research collections and House Committee records. Erin Hromada, House Office of History and Preservation, will discuss how her office conducts congressional research, advises users, and provides services to librarians. See new resources on "*Women in Congress*" and "*Black Americans in Congress*". Kimberly Ferguson, Senate Library, will discuss the Virtual Reference Desk on Senate.gov. Sponsored by ALA Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Roundtable ([FAFLRT](#)).

Robin Reeder U.S. House of Representatives, Archivist

Ms. Robin Reeder is the Archivist for the U.S. House of Representatives where she has worked since 2001. She is responsible for overseeing the management and preservation of the official records of the House, which consists of the records of House committees and officers. Ms. Reeder also works with individual House Members in managing their papers and encouraging them to find a repository for the permanent retention of their papers. She also tracks the repositories which have papers of House Members and posts the information on the online Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress: (<http://bioguide.congress.gov>). Prior to coming to the House, Ms. Reeder was the Assistant Curator of Manuscripts for the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University. She also has worked for History Associates, Incorporated in Rockville, MD, and in the archives of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Ms. Reeder earned her MLS from the University of Maryland in 1990 and her BA from Mary Washington College in 1986.

Erin Hromada U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk Office of History & Preservation

Ms. Erin Hromada is a publications specialist for the Office of History and Preservation, Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives. She oversees the Web publications and content for the Art and History section of the Office of the Clerk Website (<http://clerk.house.gov>), the *Women in Congress* Website (<http://womenincongress.house.gov>), and the upcoming *Black Americans in Congress* Website (<http://baic.house.gov>) as well providing research assistance to Congressional staff, members of the media, and the general public. She has been one of the primary editors of the *Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress* in both the print and online editions (<http://bioguide.congress.gov>).

Ms. Hromada began working for the Office of the Clerk in 1999. In that time, she has gained a thorough understanding of the legislative process as well as the unique characteristics of the U.S. House of Representatives. She earned a MA in History and a MLS in Library Science from the University of Maryland, College Park and a BA in History from Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.

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Kimberly Ferguson U.S. Senate Library, Head of Information Services

Kimberly Ferguson is the Head of Information Services in the U.S. Senate Library. Ensuring efficient and timely delivery of accurate, concise, and useful Senate information is Kimberly's primary mission. She oversees information publishing on three Senate Web sites: Webster, LIS.gov, and Senate.gov, and a team of nine reference librarians. The Information Services staff provides a wide range of information services to the Senate community in a wide range of formats ranging from one-on-one training to the Web.

Ms. Ferguson has more than 15 years of legislative research and teaching experience. She has an M.L.I.S. from The Catholic University of America, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Greek and Roman Ancient Civilization from the University of Iowa.
