



## NMRT SASCO Update #5

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### **Welcome to the NMRT SASCO Update**

The 2011-2012 NMRT Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee will publish a newsletter once a month. We aim to please, so if there is an area we are not covering or information you'd like us to include, please don't hesitate to contact your SASCO liaison.

#### ***SASCO Speakers' Pool Up & Running!***

Let us connect you! SASCO provides LIS students with the opportunity to have active NMRT and ALA members speak (virtually or in-person) about involvement in the Association and professional development topics. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALA's best and brightest to be ambassadors to the next generation of library leaders and to keep our professional organization viable. Any questions about the SASCO Speakers' Pool should be directed to the current chair (Erin Dorney). Visit <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/oversightgroups/comm/libschoutr/sasco> to view available speakers and sign up to be added to the pool!

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# News

## ***NMRT ALA Annual Conference Schedule***

<b>Conference 101</b> Friday, June 22 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, HIL-California A	<b>Mentoring Social</b> Friday, June 22 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, HYATT-Barcelona
<b>NMRT Conference Orientation</b> Saturday, June 23 8:00 am -10:00 am, MAR-Grand Salon A-C	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> Saturday, June 23 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, HYATT-Royal Ballroom C
<b>President's Program: Networking: What Works?</b> Saturday, June 23 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, MAR-Grand Salon A-C	<b>NMRT/LLAMA New Leaders Discussion</b> Sunday, June 24 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, ACC-205B
<b>Student Reception</b> Sunday, June 24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, HYATT-Royal Ballroom B	<b>Awards Reception</b> Sunday, June 24 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, HYATT-Royal Ballroom A

### **[NMRT Student Reception at ALA](#)**

Are you an LIS student attending ALA 2012? Would you like an opportunity to network with fellow students and professionals? Are you interested in learning more about ALA? If so, please join us at the NMRT Student Reception. This event will provide an opportunity for library school students to mingle and interact with librarians who have a wide range of experiences within ALA. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to network with fellow students and professionals and learn more about ALA in a relaxed environment! Representatives from various ALA sections and roundtables will be on hand to speak with you if you are interested in becoming more involved in ALA. We'll also be presenting the Student Chapter of the Year award to this year's winner, Florida State University! Light refreshments will be provided. This year's ALA NMRT Student Reception will be held on Sunday, June 24, 6:30-7:30pm in the Hyatt-Royal Ballroom B in Anaheim. For more information about the NMRT Student Reception visit [http://wikis.ala.org/nmrt/index.php/Student\\_Reception](http://wikis.ala.org/nmrt/index.php/Student_Reception) or contact the committee chairs Tracy Stout [tractstout@missouristate.edu](mailto:tractstout@missouristate.edu) or Angiah Davis [adavis@aucr.edu](mailto:adavis@aucr.edu).

### **[New Discussion Groups](#)**

ACRL announces the establishment of four new discussion groups, which were approved by the ACRL Board of Directors during the 2011-12 fiscal year. The new discussion groups and their charges are as follows:

**Digital Humanities Discussion Group** provides a venue for ACRL members to meet and share ideas related to Digital Humanities and the role of librarians in this emerging discipline.

The **International Perspectives on Academic and Research Libraries Discussion Group** serves to promote awareness and discussion of the international, transnational, and global dimensions of issues critical to the future of academic and research libraries, to promote comparative study of academic library trends, issues, and operations, and to promote collaboration between academic and research librarians on issues benefiting from an international perspective.

The **Leadership Discussion Group** provides a forum for conversation, communication and collaboration about leadership and management issues important to academic librarians.

The **Student Retention Discussion Group** serves as a forum to discuss methods, best practices, and assessment for developing case-by-case and programmatic efforts related to student retention.

### **[RUSA New Member Orientation Slideshow](#)**

New member of RUSA? Considering being a member? Not sure what RUSA's all about? They've recently posted a new member orientation slideshow online. Check it out [here](#).

## Getting Involved with ALA

In this series, SASCO liaisons and leaders will share how they became involved with ALA and its Divisions. Each of us became involved in our own way and maintain individual levels of participation. We hope that by sharing our stories it will help you find your own place in the organization.

### Part 2: Five Easy Steps to an ALA Committee Appointment

By Kim Bloedel, Academic Librarian, University of Iowa Pomerantz Business Library

As a librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries, I meet with University of Iowa SLIS graduate students to discuss career preparation and professional development. Often students ask, “how do you become involved with a professional organization such as ALA?” and more specifically “how do you gain a committee appointment with ALA?” These are two very good questions. Since my volunteer experiences with ALA committees have been positive, I share with the students the steps that I took to become involved. Now I would like to share the steps with you, our SASCO newsletter readers.

1. Visit the [ALA web site](#) and read about the [committees](#), [divisions](#), and [roundtables](#) to get a sense of how ALA is structured. The committee descriptions not only highlight mission and goals but also if ALA conference attendance is required. Some committees specify that attendance is required of committee members. However, there are many that do not require attendance and the work can be done virtually.
2. Fill out the volunteer forms. Volunteer forms can be found under the [division](#) pages and also [here](#). The forms usually ask that you select multiple committees of interest to you and that you rank the committee based on your interest.
3. Contact the chair of a committee that interests you. In your message briefly introduce yourself and highlight your interest in serving on the committee. You may also want to share any experience you have related to the mission of the committee.
4. Consider joining the [New Members Round Table](#) (NMRT). If you express interest in a NMRT committee (by filling out the volunteer form) you are guaranteed a spot.
5. Follow the ALA [listservs](#) and [newsletters](#). A call for committee members is often posted. Committee appointments are usually made shortly after the ALA annual conference.

Committee appointments are not the only way to be an active member of ALA. Some members have chosen to be active by sharing/presenting research and ideas at ALA conferences. [Follow this link to find out more ways to become involved in ALA.](#)

# Professional Development/Publication Opportunities

## [Joint Conference for Librarians of Color \(JCLC\)](#)

Kansas City, Mo.—“KCMO,” “the City of Fountains,” “the Paris of the Plains”—will soon be the host to the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC). Housing and registration for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Sept. 19-23, 2012, will open on March 1. For complete details, visit [Housing & Registration](#) at [www.jclc-conference.org](http://www.jclc-conference.org)

## [Conference scholarships for JCLC 2012 now available!](#)

A range of scholarships is available to assist with defraying registration and travel costs for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. Special scholarship categories have been created to support members of the five associations of ethnic librarians, ALA members who are first time JCLC attendees, library school students and undergraduate students working in libraries. For more information on available scholarships and to access the online application, please visit: <http://jclc-conference.org/housing-registration/scholarships>

## [LLAMA Journal Seeks Submissions](#)

Library Leadership & Management, the LLAMA journal seeks submissions for its New Perspectives on Leadership column. Check out previous columns at <http://journals.tdl.org/llm>. If you have questions or an article to submit, please contact Associate Editor Beth Blakesley at [beth.blakesley@wsu.edu](mailto:beth.blakesley@wsu.edu).

## Open Jobs & Internships

### [Data Curation at the Library of Congress Residency](#)

**Organizers plan to start taking applications this summer.**

Recently, the Library of Congress, Office of Strategic Initiatives, partnered with the Institute of Museum and Library Services to create a residency program focused on digital curation. Application for the six-month residency program will be open to postgraduate students later this year. For more information on this exciting collaboration, please follow click [here](#).

### [Annual Conference Professional Development Attendance Award](#)

NMRT members are invited to submit an essay to win a ticket to attend the ticketed event of their choice at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. The essay contest is open to all NMRT members who are not currently serving on the Annual Conference Professional Development. To enter the contest, fill out the application form at <http://bit.ly/xbXoic>, including an essay of approximately 250 words about why you would like to attend a ticketed event at Annual Conference and how it would benefit you professionally.

### [Internship Programme at the Joint Inspection Unit \(JIU\) of the United Nations](#)

Intern on Archives and Records Management in the United Nations. The JIU, the only independent external oversight body of the United Nations system mandated to conduct evaluations, inspections and investigations system-wide, is currently seeking an intern with a background in Archives and Records Management who can intern for a minimum of four months and a maximum of six months (preferable) starting in mid-October 2012.

### [ALA Grants](#)

The ALA Awards, Grants, and Scholarships database is now available on the ALA website. This database was created to house information about all of ALA's awards, grants, and scholarships, both historical and current. This encompasses all units (Divisions, Round Tables, and Offices) of ALA.

# Job Hunting Resources

## [Why I Tossed Your Resume](#)

From the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

## [Advice From a Search Committee Member](#)

From Library Journal's [BackTalk](#)

## [Archival Career Advice from the Smithsonian](#)

The Smithsonian Institution Archives receives dozens of inquiries every year from students and recent graduates about the archives profession and how to become an archivist. Since this is such a popular topic, we decided to make our responses to the most common questions available to a wider audience.

## [Hiring Librarians](#)

Organized by a job-hunting librarian, this blog surveys hiring librarians to learn what will really get you hired (or, dropped out of the running quickly).

## [Job Hunters' Resource Round-Up](#)

Written by the *Hiring Librarians* blog (above), this is a great list of resources.

## [Open Cover Letters](#)

Wondering what your cover letter should look like? Tired of looking at all those online templates? Check out [Open Cover Letters](#), which is full of anonymous cover letters from **hired** librarians and archivists.

## [I Need a Library Job](#)

## [ALA JobList](#)