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Type of Library: Public

Statement of Professional Concerns:

I am interested in being part of the ALA Executive Board because I want to make a difference serving our members and helping shape our policies, practices and our future.

As a newly elected ALA Councilor, I bring my curiosity and a new perspective, and I am eager to learn and be involved.

My experience with volunteering in committees, projects and taskforces, both as a member and in leadership roles, has been very rewarding and has made me realize the work needs to continue and I want to be part of it.

As a Library worker for the past 17+ years, I aspire to utilize my learned experiences to continue to contribute to our profession; in my current role, my goal is to create programs and services and build partnerships that will benefit our communities, and support staff as they make connections.

As a former library volunteer and ESOL student I know the impact libraries can personally have, I want to give back.

I respectfully ask for your vote and this opportunity to serve on the ALA Executive Board. I look forward to bringing my passion, knowledge and energy and to collaborating to advance our organization to guide libraries everywhere to be welcoming, safe, diverse, inclusive and empowering for both staff and communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Previous Positions:

Manager, Outreach Services, The New York Public Library, July 2014-December 2022

Library Manager, The New York Public Library, Apr 2010 – Jul 2014

Library Intern, Rockefeller University, May 2010 – Aug 2010

Librarian Trainee, The New York Public Library, Dec 2007 – Apr 2010

Library Information Assistant, The New York Public Library, Dec 2005 – Dec 2007

Education:

Coro New York Leadership Center's Immigrant Civic Leadership Program (ICLP) 2016.

Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, M.S. Library and Information Science, 2010

NY State Public Librarian Certificate

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey / ITESM, B.S. Information Systems Engineering, 2002

Affiliation(s):

American Library Association (ALA)
Public Library Association (PLA)
Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange RT (EMIERT)
International Relations (IRRT)
National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA)
Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)
New York Library Association (NYLA)
New York Library Association Ethnic Services Round Table ESRT)

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:

2022-2025 ALA At-Large Councilor
2019-2021 ALA ODLOS Services to Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) Sub-Committee, member
2022-Present REFORMA's Executive Committee, Chapter Representative - Eastern Region
2018-Present REFORMA National Membership Committee, member
2019-Present REFORMA National, REFORMA National Conference Virtual Committee, chair
2016-Present REFORMA National Children in Crisis Task Force member

Officers held in state/regional library associations and other associations:

2013-2014 New York Library Association Ethnic Services Round Table, President (Vice President 2012-2013, Past President 2014-2015).
2019-2020 REFORMA Northeast Chapter President (Vice-President 2018-2019, Past President 2020-2021); Secretary 2016-2018.

Honors and/or Awards:

2020 Dr. Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year (LOTY) Award
2013 NYC Neighborhood Library Award
2013 Nominated as "Community Builder" NYC American Dreamer Awards
2012 NYPL Maher-Stern Award for Service Excellence
2006 Urban Libraries Council Scholarship Librarians for America's Neighborhoods

Major Accomplishments:

2021- Present Project Advisor to "National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment (NILPPA) Phase 2"

2020-Present, Creator and Organizer of NYPL's World Literature Festival
<https://www.nypl.org/spotlight/world-literature-festival>

2020 Chair of the 16th REFORMA Northeast Chapter Joint Mini-Conference, First virtual edition. "Facing New Challenges: Working in Community, Responding to Crisis" <https://tinyurl.com/2020jmc>

2019 Project Advisor to "Library Programs & New Americans: A White Paper". NewKnowledge Publication #NPO.074.518.03. Chicago: American Library Association & New Knowledge Organization Ltd., 2019.

Publications:

"Beyond Virtual and Hybrid Programs: How Libraries Recreated a Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic" edited by Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Manuel Figueroa and Fred Gitner. eBook, 2022. REFORMA Northeast Chapter. <https://tinyurl.com/BeyondVirtualandHybridPrograms>

"Más que libros: serving the Mexican and Latino community on Staten Island", Connecting Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State, New York Library Association / Ethnic Services Round Table, Guilderland, NY, 2013.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 16