

Meet the NMRT Board: Joseph Yue, NMRT President

Jennifer Knievel, Chair, Footnotes Committee

Joseph Yue, NMRT President, has been active in NMRT since 1996. In addition to his position as NMRT President (2002-2003) and Vice President (2001-2002), Joseph has served as NMRT secretary and as a member and the chair of the NMRT Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee (formerly Library School Outreach Committee). Joseph has also been a member of the ALA Membership Committee and is a past member of the ACRL Instruction Section's Research and Scholarship Committee and Instruction for Diverse Populations Committee.



Joseph is the current chair of the ACRL Instruction Section's Enhanced Website Task Force and is a past member of the Library Instruction Round Table's 2001 Program Committee. On the whole, Joseph has been very active in national organizations.

Joseph has a bachelor of arts in sociology and English, with a minor in music from University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Also at Manoa, he received his master of library and information science and a graduate certificate in population studies. Joseph began his professional career as a

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NMRT President's Column

Joseph Yue, NMRT President

It has been only a few months since the last ALA conference, but we are already gearing up for the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting. Our Conference Coordinator, Melody Allison, has spent much time and effort helping us organize both the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting and the 2003 ALA Annual Conference. Her goal is to minimize event conflicts with major ALA programs. Later on, the Conference Planning Task Force will also try to look at ways we can deliver the exciting programming from our conferences to members who cannot join us at these events. Check out the Midwinter Meeting

website, and the related stories in this issue of Footnotes, for more details.

The current shaky economic conditions undoubtedly have an impact on your organization. Due to lack of funding, we were unable to offer the NMRT tuition scholarship this year. The executive board is working hard to strengthen our working relationship with strong NMRT supporters. In addition to being proactive in securing existing support in a tight fiscal year, we will also take advantage of the moment to reflect on NMRT

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Attention Job Seekers!

Laura Kortz, Chair, Résumé Reviewing Service

Will your résumé get you the job you're looking for? The Résumé Reviewing Service provides NMRT members the opportunity to have a résumé and/or cover letter reviewed by an experienced librarian before sending it to prospective employers. Of course, we cannot guarantee the job. Our reviewers, however, can help you avoid common mistakes that may cost you the interview.

In addition to the year-round mail-in service, the Service also offers personal résumé consultations at the Midwinter and Annual conferences. For more information, go to <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/resrev.html>.

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Would you like to see *Footnotes* online? Would you rather get *Footnotes* via email? What do you want to see in *Footnotes* in the future?

Tell us what you think. Complete the brief survey at the URL below. It should take only a few minutes, and it will help *Footnotes* become more of what you, the members, want! To complete the survey, go to <http://www.louisville.edu/~tlholt02/nmrt/survey.htm>.

Respond by 31 January 2003 and you could win one of three gift certificates to Barnes and Noble Booksellers!

Meet the NMRT Board: Beth Kraemer, NMRT Vice President

Amanda Roberts, Footnotes Committee

Beth Kraemer, NMRT's Vice-President/President Elect, has been an active member of NMRT since 1999. From 1999 to 2002, she has served as Liaison to ALCTS Membership Committee and as a member of the Student Chapter Outreach Committee. From 2001 to 2002, she served as Chair of this outreach committee and was a member of the Finance Allocation Task Force. In addition to NMRT, Beth has served as a member of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services from 1998 to 2000.

Beth's educational career is equally as exemplary. In 1997, she graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor of arts in English and Latin from Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University. She attended Wayne State University for her master of library and information science degree, and she earned an Edith



B. Phillips Endowed Scholarship for Technical Services in 1998. In 2001, she was inducted in the Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Science Honor Society.

While working toward her M.L.I.S., Beth worked as a

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Participate in NMRT discussions
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Volunteer for a committee
Enlist as an ALA or library school liason

NMRT needs YOU!

*Make the most of your membership and
get involved today!*

For more information, visit <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/> or email Joseph Yue at joseph.yue@colorado.edu

Making Conferences More Affordable

Chrissie Anderson Peters, Foonotes Committee

It's that time of year again! The 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting is quickly approaching. This year's Midwinter events will take place in "the City of Brotherly [and Sisterly] Love," Philadelphia, PA, from January 24-27, 2003. For more information, you can check out the link to the 2003 Midwinter Meeting page at <http://www.ala.org/events/midwinter2003/>.

Attending these events is often cost-prohibitive to NMRT-type people. We are traditionally younger, less stable financially, still paying off educational loans, or even seeking employment. Each of those traits can make attending a conference an invaluable experience. However, that does not mean that it makes coming up with the funding any less difficult, so following are some tips about how to make conference attendance a little more affordable.

Rooming alone is no fun. Rooming with a colleague can be great for several reasons. It saves money, automatically decreasing your room bill by 50% if you room with one other person. It also gives you someone with whom to share the cool personal and professional experiences of a conference. Another option is one that I explored for the 2002 ALA

Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans. A group of students from the University of Tennessee decided to rent two cars and drive to New Orleans, and to stay in a rented condo in the French Quarter. Even though, as a Distance Education student in the program, I had never met any of these folks face-to-face, I had a

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wonderful time getting to know them, watching them as they interviewed for jobs, and hanging out with them between meetings. Our cost per night for lodging was approximately \$25 per person.

Check *American Libraries* and other professional journals before leaving home. Frequently, there are announcements about vendor events where food and drink are not just plentiful, but also exquisitely yummy – and FREE. If you already work in a library, you can also check with specific vendors with whom your institution deals to try to find out if they are having similar events,

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Subscribe to NMRT-L today for up-to-date NMRT information and lively discussions on a variety of subjects relevant to new librarians.

To subscribe to NMRT-L, send an e-mail message to listproc@ala.org.

In the body of the message, type: subscribe nmrt-l Firstname Lastname (e.g. subscribe nmrt-l Jane Doe). Do not include a subject line or signature file.

There are also several other NMRT discussion lists available for members: NMRTWriter, NMRTBD, and NMRTSTUDL.

Several focused discussions are planned for various lists. Be a part of the action and participate in these discussions. Check the NMRT Web site at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt> for more information.

Getting to Know You: Orientation to Midwinter, Philadelphia, and NMRT

Sarah English, Orientations Committee

Will Midwinter be your first ALA Conference? Never been to the City of Brotherly Love? Here's a date to circle on your brand new 2003 calendars: Saturday, January 25th. That is the day that NMRT will be hosting a get acquainted session to the Midwinter Conference and to the city of Philadelphia. From 9 –11 A.M., learn about ALA, network with experts in the field, discover how to be savvy while navigating the exhibit floor, and get the most from your working vacation. Check your conference program for the exact location, and then follow the crowd to the NMRT Midwinter Orientation.

Midwinter Social Features Friends, Fun, and Good Beer

Georgia Titonis, Chair, Midwinter Activities Committee

The NMRT Midwinter social will occur on Saturday, January 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Independence Brew Pub.

The Midwinter Activities Committee chose the Independence Brew Pub for many reasons: it is easy to find, has a good space for a group and promises to be lots of fun. The Independence Brew Pub is next to the Philadelphia Convention Center, on Filbert Street (1150 Filbert). People who are coming directly from the convention center need not go outside.

The Social will take place in the pub's game-room, which features pool tables, foosball, dartboards, etc. There is a private bar where you can purchase a variety of

beers brewed on the premises, as well as wine and non-alcoholic beverages. The game room is open to all. An alcove will be available for NMRTers where there will be food and a place to put your coats and belongings.

Admission for the social is \$5.00 per person either in advance or at the door. This fee will cover the cost of the food. Door prizes will be awarded at 8:30 P.M. Please RSVP soon to help the committee know how many people to expect. Checks and money orders should be made out to ALA-NMRT and sent to Georgia Titonis at Lower Mills Branch Library, 27 Richmond Street, Dorchester, MA 02124.

For more information, contact Georgia at gtitonis@bpl.org or call her at 617-298-7841.

Meet the Board: Joseph Yue

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Reference Librarian and Instruction Coordinator in the Reference Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder (UCB) Libraries. He is currently the Assistant Head of the William M. White Business Library at UCB. He enjoys the opportunities to work with faculty and students as well as to design the business instruction program and its curriculum.

One of the reasons Joseph chose librarianship is because the information science profession allows him to work with people in a fast-paced, ever-changing field. He believes we should be proactive and change with our users, rather than waiting for our users to adapt to us.

Joseph's favorite things about NMRT are some of his favorite things about librarianship; NMRT is a fast-paced, innovative organization, with opportunities to explore new ideas and work with the great membership. His advice for the NMRT members and people entering the profession is to remember, "there is always a tomorrow. Use your ALA membership to your advantage." Joseph encourages new librarians to expand their professional network and advance their careers in the information science field by being an active member in NMRT.

Affordable Conferences

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then attend as a representative of your institution. I have been to some seriously nice receptions where the "heavy hors d'oeuvres" were more substantial than a swanky restaurant meal.

Stay somewhere just out of the immediate conference area. Most cities where ALA conferences are held offer great public transportation systems at very affordable rates. Typically, you can also buy 3- or 5-day passes that save you even more. The pricing for these out-of-conference areas could save you enough for a meal or two while at these professional development activities.

Take advantage of "early bird" specials for conference registration and travel arrangements. For the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting, for example, the deadline for early registration is December 6. For a regular membership, this could mean a savings of \$45; for students, the difference is \$25. Either way, the savings are significant if you can plan ahead.

If flying, you may want to try sources like Priceline.com. A recent discussion on NMRT-L boasted several success stories from conference attendees who have used and enjoyed the discounts offered by services like this. Carpooling with someone from your area if you are driving might be another way of saving some money.

Hopefully, these ideas might be useful to at least some of you. And if you have time-proven, money-saving tips of your own, we invite you to post them to NMRT-L.

NRMT Member Profile: Stacey Shoup

Chrissie Anderson Peters, Footnotes Committee

Stacey Shoup is our NMRT Councilor from 2002 until 2005, and has been an NMRTer for six years. Stacey received a bachelor of arts in English and journalism from Livingston University in Livingston, Alabama, and her master of library and information science from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Aside from being a past editor of *Footnotes*, Stacey has



also served on the Midwinter Orientation Committee (1999), the Self-Study and Resource Allocation Committee (1999-2002), and the *Footnotes* Committee (1999-2002). She has also been part of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) from 1997-1998 and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) from 2000-2002.

Stacey works for SOLINET (the Southeastern Library Network) based in Atlanta, Georgia. SOLINET is a membership network of various information organizations and works with many partners to accomplish such purposes as cooperative action, improvement of access to information, and assistance

within the region for various informational-related purposes. Before beginning with SOLINET two years ago, Stacey spent five years in two different academic libraries.

When asked what she enjoys most about her current position, Stacey answers, "I enjoy working with libraries, library staff, and commercial database vendors. I enjoy being able to work with vendors to benefit SOLINET member libraries." The other thing that she likes about her current workplace is the opportunity that she has to be a "speaker/presenter at various state and regional conferences." She credits these opportunities with improved presentation skills and confidence. For her, Stacey says, "Going from the reference desk to a 'non-traditional' library setting was an adjustment, [but] it was one that I am pleased I made."

Stacey went straight from her BA work to beginning her master's degree, unlike many in our field who come to the profession from other backgrounds. She worked as a clerk in the University of Alabama's Gorgas Library while attending library school, though, and cites that experience as "invaluable" because it gave her the opportunity to learn the practical side of librarianship while attending school. It also afforded her wonderful mentoring relationships with people already active in the profession. She encourages anyone in his or her master's degree program who is able to do so to find ways to gain that sort of library experience, even if it means volunteering time to gain that experience. When asked why she chose the information science field, Stacey

explains that, coming from a small, liberal arts college, she met with her advisor shortly before graduation to talk about

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Apply for the Shirley Olofson Memorial Travel Award

Richard Murray, Chair, Shirley Olofson Memorial Award Committee

ALA's New Members Round Table is now accepting applications for the Shirley Olofson Memorial Award, which is presented annually in honor of Shirley Olofson, a well-respected former NMRT President who died during her term in office. The award, which is intended to help defray costs to attend the ALA Annual Conference, will be presented in the form of a check for \$1,000 during the 2003 Annual Conference in Toronto.

Applicants must be members of ALA and NMRT; active within the library profession; show promise or activity in the area of professional development; have valid financial need; and have attended no more than five ALA annual conferences.

The deadline for applications is January 6, 2003. For more information on this award, a list of past recipients, and to apply online, please visit the Shirley Olofson Memorial Award Web site at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/awards/olofson/index.html>.

Stacey Shoup

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the possibility of attending graduate school. Her advisor actually suggested library science. Stacey adds, "I was not aware that the 'field' existed, nor was I remotely aware that librarians were professionals with master's degrees!" After exploring some of the options, then, she decided that her advisor might be onto something, and thus began her professional journey.

Stacey's favorite thing about NMRT "is that you can always ask questions related to ALA, the library field, management, or anything else. Chances are that a fellow NMRTer has had the same question, concern, or problem." As for advice for new NMRT members and people just starting in the profession, Stacey comments, "I think that NMRT is a great place to make contacts and get some experience leading and participating in committee work. ... Being an active member of ALA and/or NMRT requires that you do a lot of legwork on your own regarding the opportunities available to you and the overall structure of the organization."

Apply for the 3M Travel Grant Today

Interested in attending the 2003 ALA Conference in Toronto? Need travel money? Each year 3M's Safety and Security Systems Division awards a professional grant to three NMRT members. The 3M professional grant covers round trip airfare, lodging, conference registration fees and some incidental expenses.

More detailed information and the application can be found at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/awards/3m/index.html>.

The deadline is January 6, 2003. Please contact Jodie Mattos with any questions. Phone: (808) 956-2531; e-mail: jodie@hawaii.edu.

Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by. Apply today!

Midwinter Discussion Forum: Internship Programs

Brooke Lippy, Chair, Midwinter Discussion Forum Ad-hoc

Sick of attending committee meetings all weekend? If you're looking for something different, come join the New Members Round Table Midwinter Discussion Forum on Monday, January 27th from 9-10:30 A.M., where we will be discussing library school field experiences and internships. Learn how some academic librarians have planned, executed and evaluated such programs, get tips on how to develop an internship program in your own library, and find out how to turn your experience into a possible publication. Bring your questions and your own experiences to share. Check the conference program for exact location.

President's Column

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priorities. Your input is very much needed.

Please send your suggestions or comments to me or any board member. I encourage you to participate in the discussions to be held on NMRT-L and NMRTBD, our general and executive board discussion lists, and to volunteer to serve on a committee. We have a few short-term projects (Dec 2002-June 2003) that need the help of interested members like you, including:

- travel grant vs. scholarship
- future directions of programs and services available to members only.

It is not too late to volunteer for either of these projects or any other committees. Send me an email message at joseph.yue@colorado.edu, or give me a call at 303-492-8628. If you are interested in running for an office in NMRT (Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect, or one of the Directors), please contact Dora Ho, our Past President, by email at doranmrt@yahoo.com.

For the rest of this ALA year, we will continue to explore and implement new ideas that are beneficial to our members or to the future of our organization.

You can read more about the progress we're making on all the exciting committee projects, and about the discussions to be held on our various discussion lists (including NMRTWriters) on the NMRT website at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt>.

Whether you are creative, analytical, a party-organizer, or a detail manager, there is a place for you in NMRT. Help shape the future of your organization.

Beth Kraemer

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graduate assistant at the reference desk at Wayne State University's Purdy/Kresge Library.

If you want to get involved, don't be afraid to volunteer for a committee or make your voice heard on the listserv; we love to meet new people and encourage new leaders!

Her first professional position after graduation was with a private business college in the Detroit area, Baker College of Mt. Clemens, where she concentrated primarily on collection development. Since November of 2000, she has worked for Oakland University, dividing her time between working the reference desk, teaching classes, managing outreach

services for the honors college, and selecting materials for the Kresge Library. Beth most enjoys the variation that this current position provides. "No two days are alike," she explains, "and I'm always busy!"

So why did our future NMRT President choose library science as a profession? "When I was little people would ask, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'" The young Beth would respond, "A librarian... or a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader!" As she got older, she realized that her organizational ability, knack for solving puzzles, and service mentality would be conducive to a career in library science.

Beth believes that there is only one response to the growing changes we've all experienced as a result of technology and the Internet – "shameless self-promotion!" She explains that we are at a turning point in our profession, and no matter how much information people can locate on the Internet, library and information science professionals will always be able to find the information more efficiently and effectively. "So our users will

always need us," she explains. "The trick is getting them to realize that."

Beth's favorite thing about NMRT is its members. She is always impressed by the inclusiveness and welcoming attitude of NMRT, which she attributes to its dedicated members. Her advice for newcomers:

"If you want to get involved, don't be afraid to volunteer for a committee or make your voice heard on the listserv; we love to meet new people and encourage new leaders! You will get out of NMRT exactly what you put in—so take advantage of those many opportunities to get involved."

Be an NMRT Liaison to ALA

We have reorganized the liaison program. If you are interested in representing the interests of new members in different ALA units or making new contacts for yourself or NMRT, please contact Joseph Yue at joseph.yue@colorado.edu.

Mark Your Calendars!

"Places Your M.L.S. Can Take You: Alternative Careers for Librarians"

NMRT President's Program at ALA Annual in Toronto

Meg Meiman, President's Program Committee

Have you ever considered a career outside the library? Or wondered what kind of job an M.L.S. can lead to? Find out at the next NMRT's President's Program, scheduled for the 2003 ALA Annual Conference in Toronto. The program "Places Your M.L.S. Can Take You: Alternative Careers for Librarians" will feature four panelists, each of whom holds an M.L.S. and works in a nontraditional job or for an organization not generally thought of as one that employs librarians. Panelists will include librarians employed in nonprofit, education, government and corporate settings.

The event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21st, from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M., with the location to be announced shortly. For more information, please email Catherine Collins, NMRT President's Program Chair, at catherine_collins@tamu-commerce.edu.

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