

### Memorial Resolution Honoring Helene Lafrance

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and Santa Clara University lost a valued colleague on November 16, 2022, with the death of Helene Lafrance;

Whereas Lafrance was the well respected and appreciated Head of Research and Outreach at Santa Clara University; Lafrance was previously the social sciences librarian and had worked at Santa Clara University since 1995; Lafrance was collecting for general social sciences area and subject librarian for History, French, Women's and Gender Studies;

Whereas Lafrance published and presented extensively on promoting feminist and queer scholarship, virtual reference, and personal librarian programs for transfer and at-risk groups in journals such as *Reference Services Review* and *Reference and User Services Quarterly*;

Whereas when Lafrance retired, the faculty openly expressed their appreciation and gratitude;

Whereas Lafrance received her MLIS from the University of Berkeley in 1990 and Master of Arts in French Literature from Universite de Sherbrooke; Lafrance was an extraordinary friend, colleague, and mentor to many; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Helene Lafrance over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large  
Seconder: Tarida Anantachai, ALA Councilor at Large

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