

**Memorial Resolution Honoring Kenya S. Flash**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued member and a colleague on December 24, 2021, with the death of Kenya S. Flash;

Whereas Ms. Kenya S. Flash served as the librarian for political science, global affairs, and government information at Yale University since 2017, also supporting the Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, and the Ethics, Politics, and Economics majors; Flash previously worked as a Diversity Resident Librarian and Research Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee Knoxville from 2011-2015; as a circulation supervisor/evening circulation supervisor at Kings College from 2014-2015; and as an adjunct reference librarian at Wilkes University from 2008-2009;

Whereas Ms. Flash received her Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences from Drexel University, a Master of Arts in Political Science from East Stroudsburg University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Law from Lafayette College;

Whereas Ms. Flash was an extraordinary leader and colleague within the profession, including within ALA. She was known as a very thoughtful, curious, humorous, engaging, supportive, creative, collaborative colleague and friend; Flash was a kind mentor and friend to many in the profession;

Whereas Ms. Flash demonstrated strong commitments to serve the profession through American Library Association (ALA); Flash was an ALA Emerging Leader in 2018; Flash was also active in ACRL PPIRS (Policy, Politics, and International Relations Section), GODORT (Government Documents Round Table), and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); ACRL Residency Interest Group, ACRL Diversity Alliance Task Force, and ALA International Relations Committee; and

Whereas Ms. Flash edited, published, taught, and presented numerous research topics focusing on equity, diversity, and inclusion; ethnic studies; government information; and information literacy; and initiated and supported transformative changes that reflect the work needed ahead within our profession. Now, therefore be it:

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Kenya S. Flash over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, ALA Councilor at Large

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