

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation**

Actions Taken – Annual Conference 2009

Issued July 28, 2009

Members of the 2008-2009 ALA Committee on Accreditation: Richard E. Rubin, Chair; Richard AmRhein, Gail W. Avery, Larry Bernstein, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Ruth E. Faklis, Vicki L. Gregory, Lynne Howarth, Joseph Janes, John P. Mulvaney, Donna M. Shannon, David Werner.

The Committee on Accreditation took the following actions at its July 11-12, 2009, meeting:

Accreditation Decisions

Continued accreditation status was granted to the following programs with the next visit scheduled to take place in spring 2016:

- Master of Arts in Library and Information Science offered by the University of Iowa.
- Master of Arts in Library and Information Science offered by the University of South Florida.
- Master of Science in Information Science offered by the University of Tennessee.

Continued accreditation status and release from conditional status was granted to the following program with the next visit to take place in spring 2016:

- Master of Science in Library Science offered by the Catholic University of America.

Continued conditional accreditation was granted to the following program with the next visit scheduled to take place in spring 2012:

- Master of Library Science offered by the University at Buffalo, SUNY.

External Review Panel Appointments

- Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2010 comprehensive review visits to: University at Albany, Clarion University, Drexel University, St. Catherine University, Simmons College, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.
- Approved ERP chairs for spring 2011 comprehensive review visits to: University of Denver, University of Kentucky, University of North Carolina – Greensboro, St. John’s University, University of Western Ontario.

Committee Matters

- Reviewed draft agenda for COA fall 2009 meeting taking place November 20-22, 2009.

- Honored outgoing COA chair Richard E. Rubin and outgoing COA members Larry H. Bernstein, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, and Ruth E. Faklis
- Moderated an open forum with a panel made up of representatives from academic, public, school, and special libraries. The discussion focused on how library and information studies accreditation affects the personnel choices and hiring policies of employers in the field.