

**ALA Executive Board
Election 2017**

Candidate: **Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada**

Current Position: Young Readers Librarian
Palos Verdes Library District
701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA, 90274

Education: University of California, Los Angeles, MLIS, 2009
University of California, Los Angeles, BA Sociology, 2007
El Camino College, AA Philosophy, 2005

ALA Activities: ALA, 2007 - Present

- Councilor-at-Large (2012-2015, 2015-2018)
- Member, Elected Council Rep, Planning & Budget Assembly (2016-2018)
- Chair, Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) Advisory Committee (2016-2017)
- Member, APALA Rep, ODLOS Advisory Committee (2016-2018)
- Member, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Implementation Working Group (2016-2018)
- Member, Committee on Diversity (2012-2016)
- Member, Spectrum Advisory Committee (2013-2015)
- Emerging Leader (2011)

ALSC, 2007 - Present

- Member, Membership Committee (2014-2016)
- Member, Liaison with National Organizations Serving Children and Youth Committee (2012-2014)

LLAMA, 2013-2015

- Member, New Professionals Section Web Team (2014)

PLA, 2011 - Present

SRRT, 2015 - Present

Additional Library Organizations: President, Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (2016-2017)
Steering Committee Member, Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (2016-2019)
Board Member, Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature (2012-Present)
Member, American Indian Librarians Association (2016-Present)
Member, Freedom to Read Foundation (2015-Present)
Member, California Library Association (2007-Present)

Library Related Honors and/or Awards: Eureka! Leadership Institute Fellow (2014)
Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Scholar (2012)
ALA Emerging Leader (2011)

Statement of Professional Concerns

As a passionate ALA member who champions issues of diversity, equity of access, social responsibility, and youth, my primary concerns for ALA include membership retention, diversity, and fiscal health. As an Executive Board member, I will address these concerns within the framework of our strategic priorities by partnering with as many member and non-member groups as possible. I will engage these groups in working with EB and ALA on:

- Diversity initiatives such as Spectrum which will encourage and help retain new members who better reflect their home communities,
- Leadership and Development initiatives which give our members of all levels the training they need to thrive in their libraries and demonstrate value in their membership, and
- Equity of Access through outward facing initiatives which ensure that all of our communities have the resources they need.

As we move forward as an association, I ask for your vote to the Executive Board to be an even greater champion for ALA and librarianship.