

## **Committee on Professional Ethics**

# **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### **2017 Midwinter Meeting – Atlanta, Georgia**

As chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE), I am pleased to report on the committee's activities since the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

#### Ethics Education

COPE is investigating where and when librarians became aware of professional and personal ethics.

#### Educational Programming

The Committee on Professional Ethics is planning a program for the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, titled The Tougaloo Nine. In 1961, nine college students were arrested for entering a whites only public library in Jackson, Mississippi. Michael Crowell, an artist who grew up using that very library tracked down Ms. Geraldine Edwards Hollis to hear her story of being one of the nine African American Tougaloo College students who attempted to read books that could not be found at the "colored" library. Susan Brown, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library will moderate an inspirational and powerful piece of American history. Mr. Crowell and Ms. Hollis would share the stage and talk about the power of art, public libraries, personal histories, libraries as connectors, and of course, the story of the Tougaloo Nine. This program will be cosponsored with PLA and ODLOS.

#### Publications in the Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy

The new issue of the [Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy](#) (JIFP), Vol. 1, No. 2-3, is now live and available to subscribers online. Subscribers can view it on the [JIFP homepage](#) or on its [contents page](#).

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[“Professional Principles and Ethics in LIS Graduate Curricula”](#) by Martin Garnar, dean, Kraemer Family Library, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

[“ALA Committee on Professional Ethics”](#) by Sara Dallas, director, Southern Adirondack Library System and Scott Muir, associate provost, Library Information Services, Rowan University.

### Division Representatives

Reports from divisional representatives stimulated discussion about practical collaboration with other units; the support and promotion of division educational endeavors; and a broader promotion of reporting challenges to all formats of materials in public institutions.

In closing, the Committee on Professional Ethics thanks the unit liaisons and the OIF staff for their commitment, assistance, and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,

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