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EBSS Chair's Report Fall 2016



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Students and faculty are back on campus and in our libraries, tropical storms have come and gone, and throughout it all EBSS has been busy. Since ALA 2016, several events of note have come to pass:

Judy Walker, the host and moderator of the EBSS discussion list, successfully moved the listserv and all of us subscribers, over to the ACRL/ALA server. This move will ensure that the librarians can continue to follow, discuss, and participate into the foreseeable future. Judy, who has moderated the listserv for these past 20 years while at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, deserves our hearty thanks and appreciation. EBSS-L is an invaluable resource bringing us together as a community; by facilitating our discussions Judy has truly had a major impact on our profession.

The next notable change comes from the Social Work Committee. Yes, with a slight rebranding, the Social Work Committee now has simpler name, one that will help focus their charge and activities. This name change was approved by the EBSS Executive Committee in August and all the webpages should now be up to date.

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In collaboration with the University Library's Section (ULS) and the Research and Scholarly Environment Committee, the EBSS Program Planning Committee submitted a proposal for ALA 2017 titled *Impactful Partnerships: Navigating the Evolving Scholarly Communication Landscape with Faculty*. Should this program be accepted, it will provide both an informative and practical framework on the cutting-edge trends in tracking scholarly output. I send a hearty "thank you" to all the members of the EBSS Program Planning Committee and to Deborah Gaspar, committee chair, for leading this effort.

EBSS is the ACRL home for Education and Behavioral Science librarians – this focus includes ALL of the Education, Communication, Journalism, Psychology, Public Relations, and Social Work librarians. While we have strong participation from librarians across all of these disciplines, I suspect that some non-education librarians may not know of our relevance. As such, one of my goals this year as chair is to reach out to librarians from these behavioral science disciplines to increase their participation in EBSS. One such effort that comes to mind is to contact the listservs that support all of these subject librarians. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions on how to further raise awareness about EBSS for everyone, please let me know!

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With that said, we have an absolute wealth of Education librarian participation. With the recent and substantial changes in committee leadership, there is a need to discuss how all the various education committees can collaborate, differentiate, and best meet the needs of education librarians. To address this need, the various education committee chairs and I have started this discussion with our respective committee members.

So before I bid you adieu, a few gentle reminders for everyone:

The American Psychological Association has started to generously provide Librarian Conference Travel Awards to support early and mid-career librarians who are seeking to attend library conferences for their professional growth. Each year the APA provides 3 cash awards of \$750. The next application cycle deadline is rapidly approaching with submissions required by Nov. 30th. Visit <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/librarian-travel.aspx> for more information.

Get involved! Please consider volunteering to serve on an EBSS committee. The application period will start at the end of 2016 and committee appointments starting July 2017 will be made by EBSS Vice Chair Joyce Garczynski.

Finally, I love hearing from you! Since becoming chair in July, I've been fielding many questions and am trying to find the answers or the correct person to talk to regarding a variety of EBSS issues. I am amazed at all that our members do in support of each other and our profession and I will continue to do my best to further your endeavors. Feel free to contact me with any ideas or questions that you may have (Email: kayatown@mail.usf.edu). As I said previously, while I am still learning the ACRL ropes, I'll do my best to navigate the system for all of us.

Have a great fall semester and my best to you,

Kaya van Beynen

EBSS Chair, 2016 - 2017

EBSS Committee Reports

Take a look at what EBSS committees worked on since our Spring 2016 newsletter. For complete information on all of the committees' activities, check out the [EBSS website](#).

Communication Studies Committee by April Hines, University of Florida — The EBSS Communication Studies committee held their annual media tour during the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando. About a dozen academic librarians, specializing in everything from communications and journalism to business and education, visited &Barr, a top advertising agency in downtown Orlando that focuses on digital marketing, design, and user experience. <http://andbarr.co/> The group met with &Barr's Vice President for Strategic Planning, Account Group Director and Director of Digital Media and discussed their work with audience research, programmatic advertising, and analytics. &Barr has been in business for almost 60 years and has worked with countless well-known brands such as Stein Mart and ABC Fine Wine & Spirits. The committee is currently planning next year's media tour to take place during ALA Annual 2017 in Chicago. Stay tuned for the location announcement and registration link!

ERIC Users Committee by Katherine Farmer, Murray State University and Tiffany Baglier, University of Florida — Erin Pollard, ERIC Project Manager, and Pamela Tripp-Melby, Director of the National Education Library, met with the ERIC Users Committee at 2016 ALA Annual Meeting to update the committee members on ERIC. In the past year, ERIC has made changes to the thesaurus and implemented a new version of the selection policy that address plagiarism and an expanded peer review flag. During the next year, ERIC will be implementing a new version of the database with new search fields and links to the Institute of Education Sciences and What Works Clearinghouse. The committee's project this year is to create an ERIC LibGuide to provide information for librarians and patrons.

Online Learning Research Committee by Laura Bonella, Kansas State University — The Online Learning Research Committee hosted a discussion forum at Annual about working with graduate education students online. We had four presenters and a lively discussion with attendees about what has worked for them. Presenters included Barbara Alderman, University of Central Florida, speaking about what they kept, changed, and wished for in 14 years of online reference and instruction within online classes; Erica England and Leo Lo, University of Alabama Libraries, speaking about a personal librarian program targeted at an EdD executive-style program, and refining a traditional approach to cohort instruction into something more tailor-made and student-centered; Judith M. Nixon, Purdue, speaking about using LibGuides as a method to consolidate all the course readings for an online, distance education program; and Anne C. Barnhart, University of West Georgia, speaking about her work with the doctoral students in EdD programs when the degree program migrated from face-to-face to hybrid to 100% online.

Psychology Committee by Cheri Smith, University of Notre Dame — The Psychology Committee met on September 9th to discuss plans for the next year. At this point, projects include transferring and updating content from the [Resources for Psychology Librarians](#) page to our new (yet to be released!) LibGuides page. We look forward to having a site that is simple to navigate and easy to update. We plan to have the new LibGuide updated and ready to use by the end of the calendar year. An announcement will be made when it is complete. During our September 9th meeting we also met with Helen Hough – recipient of the 2015 American Psychological Association's Excellence in Librarianship award. She is the creator of the freely available Tests & Measures

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Database previously hosted on the University of Texas at Arlington website. Helen is retiring from her position at University of Texas at Arlington, and the Psychology Committee discussed ways of hosting and continuing to expand the database that she has so carefully maintained for many years. Finally, the committee is continuing to discuss the possibility of a survey of psychology librarians in hopes of uncovering best practices, particularly in the area of information literacy instruction.

Publications & Communications Committee by Jodie Borgerding, Webster University — The Publications Committee held their Annual meeting virtually on June 21st. Minutes from the meeting are publicly posted on ALA Connect. Earlier this spring we worked with EBSS Past-Chair, Dana Peterman, to review changes to the EBSS Handbook and update the Publications Committee sections. The latest version of the handbook was posted to the EBSS website earlier this summer. Sara Memmott and Tina Mullins continue to work on the ongoing LibGuides migration project. Rachel Wadham is the interim newsletter editor while Emily Darowski is on maternity leave. Judy Walker worked with ALA to move the EBSS listserv to their platform. The previous EBSS listserv was hosted by University of North Carolina – Charlotte. The new EBSS-L is now live and more information can be found at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections/ebss/ebsswebsite/ebsslistserv/ebsslistserv>. The Publications Committee will meet again virtually for Midwinter.

Reference Sources and Services Committee by Rachael Elrod, University of Florida — The EBSS Reference Sources & Services Committee, newly chaired by Rachael Elrod, will meet virtually in October. We will discuss moving “A Statistical Directory for Education and Social Science Librarians” and the “Education Librarian’s Toolbox” to the LibGuide format. In addition, we hope to continue revising these resources as necessary including adding a section on Open Educational Resources.

Social Work Committee by Kimberly Pendell, Portland State University — The Social Work Committee met at ALA Annual in Orlando and had a lively discussion, particularly regarding drafting of the Social Policy Instruction Guide, which will be hosted on ACRL's LibGuides. The guide will include links to teaching resources, examples of instructional activities, and more. We also discussed hosting one or two webinars during the year on topics of broad interest to social work librarians. The committee will be meeting virtually for ALA Midwinter to continue these conversations and welcome our new members. Also, the committee successfully proposed to change the committee's name to the Social Work Committee, from the earlier, longer name of Social Work/Social Welfare Committee.

The Stories We Tell



The Stories We Tell

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – Friday, June 23, 2017

Iowa City, Iowa

<http://conference.rbms.info/2017>

The Stories We Tell focuses on storytelling as practice and metaphor in the mission and daily work of special collections. From writing traditional scholarly monographs to encoding digital humanities landscapes, from building deep and inclusive collections to designing new curriculum, the ability to craft a compelling narrative is at the heart of cultural heritage work. Registration opens in February!

Highlight a Resource



Image from <http://methods.sagepub.com/>

SAGE Research Methods: Methods Map by Carin Graves, Librarian for Sociology, Social Work, and Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University Libraries

SAGE Research Methods includes a library of hundreds of resources for understanding Social Science methods. SAGE Research Methods also provides the Methods Map, a useful tool for exploring these methods and the resources available. This tool is linked on the top banner under “Research Tools.”

The Methods Map is designed to be used intuitively. It starts with a large green circle in the middle labeled “Research Methods.” On the left and below are the silhouettes of connected circles labeled “Broader Terms” and “Related Terms,” respectively. The right side is connected to a circle labeled “Narrower Terms.” This circle branches out to different terms in the discipline such as “Research design” and “Research Ethics.”

By selecting one of the narrower terms, the user can transform the Methods Map and explore the relationships between terms in Social Science research. The Methods Map also provides a short definition and a link to all of the resources in their library on that term. I have recommended this to both graduate and undergraduate students in the Social Sciences. The Methods Map provides easy browsability of both the concepts of Social Science research and of its own library of resources in an accessible interface.

ACRL 2017 Awards Program



Call for Award Nominations

Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

\$3,000 and a plaque

Sponsored by YBP Library Services

Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

\$5,000 and a plaque

Sponsored by YBP Library Services

DEADLINE: December 2, 2016

More information about these and all other ACRL award opportunities can be found on the ACRL website: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards> or by contacting Chase Ollis at (312) 280-2521 or collis@ala.org

Did You Know?

ACRL members can view full contact information for all ACRL section committee rosters (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections>) by logging into the ACRL Web site.

ALA Annual Conference Reports

Something Old, Something New: My First ALA Annual Experience

By Dorinne Banks
Education Librarian, George
Washington University Li-
braries

In anticipation of being a first time attendee at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference, I signed up for a Conference Buddy through EBSS--thinking that a newbie could use all the guidance that she could get!



Photo: Kaya van Beynen (USF) and Dorinne Banks (GWU)

My Buddy, Sara Memmott, encouraged me to plan personal goals for the conference and offered tips to prevent me from being overwhelmed at all that the conference had to offer. We made plans to meet up the first night of my arrival--at the EBSS Social.

On Friday night, EBSS members gathered at a restaurant near the convention center. It was a hot and humid soiree, but such an enjoyable time! I met my Conference Buddy, Sara, and she introduced me to Education Librarians, like myself, as well as the the incoming EBSS chair, sitting at our table. It just so happened that Kaya works as the Education Librarian at the same library where I worked in my first job out of library school, many years ago! We shared about colleagues that have come and gone, those that have stuck around, and instantly became friends!

I had heard of the benefits of attending ALA Annual from colleagues who attended previous ALA conferences: networking, reuniting with former colleagues and making new friends in the profession. My experience supports this!

EBSS Research Forum and APA Librarian Conference Travel Award Ceremony

By Diana Ramirez, Social Sciences & Education Librarian, Texas A&M University

The 2016 EBSS Research Forum began with the presentation of the APA Librarian Conference Travel Award followed by informative discussions with colleagues presenting research works in progress. Attendees also enjoyed a reception sponsored by the American Psychological Association (APA).

Alison Cody and Michael Miyazaki, members of APA's PsycINFO Publications & Databases Customer Relations Team, presented the Travel Award to Callie Wiygul Branstiter, Social Work Librarian, University of Southern California - Los Angeles. According to APA's description, the award is intended to "support early and mid-career librarians seeking to attend conferences in order to grow as professionals." Three cash awards of \$750 are available each year. Find out more about the application process: <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/librarian-travel.aspx>

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Savannah L. Kelly, Education Reference Librarian & Brian W. Young, Engineering Reference Librarian at the University of Mississippi, presented “Examining Undergraduates’ Library Priorities through Q Methodology.” The researchers used Q Methodology to better align library services and spaces with undergraduate needs. Both quantitative and qualitative data were collected for analysis and interpretation.

“Using Primo Search Logs to Improve User Services” featured research by Mira Greene, Content Development & Acquisitions Head, and Jason Coleman, Services Librarian at Kansas State University. Researchers used search logs to customize Primo. Goals were to improve the user’s experience and measure the impact of customization.



“Help Us Help You: Using a Needs Assessment to Curate Successful Library Interventions for Social Work Graduate Students” was presented by Callie Wiyguli, Social Work Librarian at the University of Southern California. Information needs, preferences, and perceptions of on-campus social work students were compared with those of their distance education counterparts. Callie discussed her findings on student-reported confidence in existing research skills, preferred methods of learning new library tasks and skills, perceptions of the library and librarians, and demographics.

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Sara Memmott, Information Services Librarian at Eastern Michigan University, presented “Academic Help Seeking and Use of Library Services among Social Work Students.” Sara investigated undergraduate and graduate social work students’ help-seeking preferences related to research assignments. Findings included how student age, undergraduate/graduate status, course enrollment and/or attendance at librarian-led class sessions influenced students’ preferences for library vs. non-library resources.



Special thanks to the American Psychological Association for their generous support of the ACRL Education and Behavioral Sciences Section as well as the Research Committee members for organizing the event.

Share Your Achievements

Dr. Lesley Farmer (Professor of Library Media at California State University Long Beach) was recently honored with the International Association of School Librarianship Library Recommendation Award for her contributions in the area of information and digital literacies. Additionally, Dr. Farmer and Dr. Alan Safer (California State University Long Beach) have co-authored the book "Library Improvement through Data Analytics", published June 2016 by the American Library Association. The book explains how to identify issues for library improvement, identify and gather relevant data, use appropriate statistical methods to analyze data, and then make recommendations and act upon them. The latter part of the book includes 14 case studies that show how data analytics can improve a variety of library functions.

Amy Catalano, shares her newest publication. Catalano, A. J. (2016). Streamlining LIS research: A compendium of tried and true tests, measurements, and other instruments. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited. This text is a compilation of measures used in LIS research. Each entry provides a description of the instrument’s development and validation. The full text of over 30 measures is included.

ACRL 2017 Conference Scholarship Campaign



Support the ACRL 2017 Conference Scholarship Campaign

Donate by December 31, 2016

Your contribution of any amount will provide scholarships for our new professionals and students to attend the ACRL 2017 Conference (<http://conference.acrl.org/>) and help to ensure the future vitality of the profession, the higher education community, and the association. We invite you to invest in the profession's future leaders as they seek to gain the experience,

knowledge, and connections needed to advance learning and transform scholarship in the 21st century.

We've already raised more than \$34,000 during the advance phase of the campaign and I hope you will join me in meeting our scholarship goal of \$50,000 by December 31, 2016.

Lori Goetsch
Chair, ACRL 2017 Conference Scholarship Campaign

Donations can be made at this website: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/givetoacrl/givetoacrl>.

Updates

In May ACRL announced that Springhare is supplying complimentary access to LibGuides for ACRL sections. This project was implemented to take place of the unsupported wiki space. LibGuides are already used in hundreds of academic libraries, so partnering with Springhare was an obvious choice.

The project is being piloted by Heidi Senior, chair of the EBSS Electronic Resources in Communication Studies Committee, who initiated contact with Springhare. This summer, the committee began developing a LibGuide for Library Resources for Communication Studies and creating guidelines. Since then, the Psychology and Social Work Committees have created guides and the Reference Sources and Services Committee is exploring the possibility.

It is easy for committees to get started, whether or not the members are current LibGuide users. It doesn't take long to set up an account and once librarians have an account, they can begin creating a guide. There are now 21 LibGuide editors in the EBSS group.

Committees who are interested in having their own LibGuides may contact Tina Mullins at tina.mullins@umb.edu.

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The EBSS Listserv has migrated over to a new platform.

Here are the instructions for the new list:

Subscribe or **unsubscribe** at the listserv webpage: <http://lists.ala.org/sympa/info/ebss-l>

[General information about using ALA mailing lists.](#)

Questions? Contact the EBSS-L listserv owner - [Judy Walker jwalker@uncc.edu](mailto:jwalker@uncc.edu)

To send a message to all the people currently subscribed to the list, just send mail to ebss-l@lists.ala.org.

To set options such as your receiving mode (individual messages, digest, etc.), visibility (whether your address is available to the list of members), or temporarily suspending your subscription, go to [Subscriber Options](#).

New List Archive: [Message archive](#) for the new listserv.

Scholarly Communication

Scholarly Communication

From Understanding to Engagement

Looking to build your professional skills? Bring one of ACRL's licensed workshops to your campus, chapter, or consortia. Led by expert presenters, these one-day immersive workshops are designed to engage participants and help academic librarians strengthen competencies in multiple areas of concentration. ACRL currently offers several licensed workshops available upon request on an ongoing basis, including:

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- [Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action](#)
- [Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM into Your Liaison Work](#)
- [Two Paths Converge: Designing Education Opportunities on the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy](#)

Please contact ACRL Program Coordinator Chase Ollis at collis@ala.org or (312) 280-2521 to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.