



Midwinter Current Topics

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Jeff Luzius led **Observing the Academy: Librarians Studying Higher Education for the Higher Education Committee**. Benefits discussed for librarians pursuing advanced degrees included:

1. Make them more effective dealing with accreditation and assessment
2. Made them more knowledgeable
3. Give them rapport with students and faculty
4. Learn practical applications for statistics
5. Can lead to collaborative research.

A discussion on **Marketing the CMC services and resources** was sponsored by the **CMC Committee**. Examples of marketing strategies included:

1. Communicating through newsletters, email, and attendance at meetings
2. CMC workshops, speakers, displays and exhibits
3. Regional and district presentations.

Discussion continued with marketing the CMC to off-campus students Examples included:

1. Online resources
2. Video segments
3. Enlisting help from the distance librarian
4. Partnerships with other departments or libraries.

Kate Silfen led the **Evidence-based practice** discussion for the **Social Work/ Social Welfare Committee**. The group focused on the librarian's role in the process. Mary Kay Hartung spoke about her own research on the lack of evidence-based practice among grief counselors. The librarians exchanged ideas on how to promote evidence-based research and the need to promote life-long learning for mental health professionals.

Sponsored by the **Psychology/Psychiatry Committee**, was the discussion,

Supporting the interdisciplinary nature of teaching and research in psychology. Group members discussed ways to support the interdisciplinary nature of psychology. Suggestions included:

1. Co-teaching with faculty in the social sciences
2. Creating a web gateway such as Sage at the University of California, San Diego
3. Using subject guides, and guides for specific classes
4. Using WebCT to develop course sites.
5. Combining library instruction with a specific class assignment for undergraduates.

Also discussed was outreach to faculty by: sponsoring seminars using faculty in a variety of disciplines. Keeping current in multiple disciplines

was addressed by:

1. Emailing information about new databases
2. Providing training about the interdisciplinary nature of databases
3. Providing virtual reference.

The **EBSS Publications Committee's** discussion was entitled, **What is a publication?** For the purposes of EBSS, a publication is defined as a work that is distributed to a significant number of people but also contributes to the profession. Websites and DVDs are considered publications by the group. While EBSS publications are expected to count toward tenure and promotion, institutional expectations do vary. Generally held expectations are that publications should "contribute to the profession, organization, or body of knowledge."

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After a packed meeting to discuss the changes taking place with ERIC at ALA's Annual Conference in Orlando last June, the EBSS Executive and Advisory committees decided to take on the responsibility of assuring a dialogue between the Department of Education, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and interested librarians would continue. As a result EBSS sponsored the first ERIC User's Group meeting at ALA Midwinter in Boston. The executive board also established a permanent committee to provide leadership for this discussion. The following is a synopsis of what was discussed at the meeting attended by about a hundred librarians.

Foremost on the minds of the attendees was the question of when new content was going to start appearing in the database. CSC indicated they were in the process of negotiating with content providers but the process of obtaining new agreements was taking longer than anticipated. All sources must be approved by the Department of Education. Sources approved for submission of materials to ERIC include nearly 700 providers of non-journal materials and 330 journal publishers whose content will be comprehensively indexed in ERIC. CSC has recently submitted an additional list of proposed sources to the Department for

approval. The first new content to be added will be public domain resources. They will start with 2004 materials. [As of this writing – mid March – it appears that no new content has been added but according to the ERIC website it should occur shortly. There is no date mentioned.] The roles of curators, content experts and abstractors were discussed thoroughly. Briefly, curators are the selection experts responsible for identifying, selecting, and managing the collection of electronic resources of ERIC. Currently there are eight curators. In addition to the curators there are 48 content experts – three for each of the 16 subject areas covered by ERIC. The audience stated their
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EBSS at work: Committee Activities

Doug Cook EBSS ViceChair/ Chair Elect



One of the things which originally attracted me to EBSS was the amount of scholarly work being done by the Section. I began as a member of Instruction for Educators and was delighted to become immediately involved in a book project. As I have become more engaged in the Section I see this same concern for scholarship and professional development Section-wide. The list of current Section projects is impressive.

The majority of scholarly projects underway in the Section are web pages of various sorts which assist education and behavioral sciences researchers and librarians. **Communications Studies Committee** has created a new website, entitled *Library Resources for Communication Studies*. The **Curriculum Materials Committee** maintains a comprehensive education-related website called, *Selected Web Sites of Importance to College/ University Education Librarians*. The **Instruction for Educators Committee** has appointed an ad hoc committee to create a website listing best collaborative practices in the integration of ACRL Information Literacy Standards and other standards in the field of education

Psychology/Psychiatry Committee is in the process of creating a comprehensive web site to assist psychology researchers and librarians. **Reference Sources and Services Committee** is in the process of creating a website for new education librarians that would give them guidance about important resources in the field. Finally, the **Social Work/ Social Welfare Committee** has created a *Social Work Webliography*.

Several Committees are working on publications. The **Curriculum Materials Committee** has two book length projects ongoing. The *CMC Collection Development Policy Manual* is in the process of being proposed to ACRL as a publication. CMC has also formulated an ad hoc committee to investigate compiling a sixth edition of the *Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers*, which was last published in 2001. An ad hoc committee has completed the manuscript for a *Directory of Historical Textbook and Curriculum Collections*. **Instruction for Educators Committee** is currently at work on an article about NCATE standards and the collaborative roles which librarians can play in

helping teacher education faculty to meet these standards.

The **Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Government Sponsored Education Research** has made a major contribution to the field by tracking the progress of the ERIC reauthorization. Currently they are monitoring the new implementation of the *ERIC Thesaurus*. Several other committees are engaged in similar lobbying efforts. A new committee has been created – **ERIC Users Committee** - which will provide feedback directly to the vendor which is maintaining the ERIC database. Also, the **Reference Sources and Services Committee** is working toward having specific education-related journals added to the *Social Sciences Citation Index*

Professional development and continuing education opportunities are an important part of the Section's mission. The **Conference Program Planning Committee** for ALA Annual 2005 is planning a program on quantitative and qualitative research.



The **Committee for 2006** is planning a program on grant writing. **Psychology/Psychiatry** is planning to present a program at ALA Annual 2006 on Test Collections. And moving in a different direction, the **Higher Education Committee** is creating an ACRL online workshop exploring higher education accreditation.

A number of EBSS committees are involved in the maintenance and growth of the Section. The **EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award Committee** has recently added greater prestige to the award by

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concern about there not being very many classroom/building level educator content experts. CSC indicated they will pass this concern on to the Department of Education. A list of the content experts is available at <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> [click on About ERIC] but there is no list of curators.

Abstracts for new content will be created/edited by another group of CSC staff but how many staff comprised the group was not mentioned. They are in the process of clarifying specific abstracting rules for different types of categories of docu-

ments and devising a plan for developing a common structure and format for abstracts. When the abstract guidelines are approved they will be posted on the ERIC Web site so contributors may submit abstracts to ERIC using a common structure and format. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by CSC. New journal record abstracts will be longer than those provided in the past to make them more complete.

Two technical issues were discussed – open URL and how the ERIC search engine works. Simply put they are planning on using open URL and are trying to devise a way to circumscribe a publisher and

go directly to the library that already has the resource. And as for the advanced search area on the ERIC web site – it does not ‘nest’ Boolean operators. However, they will be looking at this issue during some usability testing which they are conducting in March. They solicited participants for the study from the EBSS discussion list. Another major concern EBSS members were working on before the changes at ERIC was establishing a peer reviewed field in the record. CSC has added this element to the new metadata model for the new materials. When there still seemed to be some concern regarding this issue, CSC inquired what we thought would be most effective.



EBSS Chair, Judy Walker

The audience indicated there was a need of at least 10 years worth of retrospective peer review information. CSC indicated they would take this into consideration and see what might be done. Since space is limited in this newsletter, a five page detailed account of the meeting is available on the EBSS web site [<http://www.lib.msu.edu/corby/ebss/index.htm>]. Over all I believe our first ERIC User Group meeting went well. It has definitely opened an avenue of communication. The new ERIC Committee will follow-up on some of the issues discussed and will keep the membership abreast of what it going on. The ERIC User Group at ALA Annual in Chicago is tentatively scheduled for Monday morning, June 27th, at 10:30 AM. See you all there!





One Sunny Winter Day in Boston

Lisa Romero

This past January at ALA's mid-winter conference in Boston, the EBSS Communication Studies Committee 'thumbed their noses' at the bitter cold weather by handing out "promotional sunglasses." These adorable bookmarks, complete with sun rays and "bling," carried a message about the committee's new website, Library Resources for Communication Studies (url: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/communications/lrcs/>). The Communication Studies Committee also hosted a visit to WGBH Boston, the leading producer of PBS prime-time programs and online content and a pioneer in technologies and services that make media accessible for people with disabilities. Several of the librarians who attended the tour commented that for them "The WGBH collections and staff are unlike anything they could have imagined."

A new committee was also established at the conference, The Electronic Resources in Communication Studies Committee. This committee

is focused on investigating, assessing and evaluating relevant electronic resources for communication studies and updating and enhancing the Communication Studies Committee web site. The first official meeting will be at the 2006 midwinter conference in San Antonio.

The goals of the Communication Studies Committee are to create an active network for communication studies librarians and to strengthen and develop resources within communication studies. Future events and activities are being planned that will also further these goals. At the next ALA Conference to be held in Chicago we hope to sponsor visits to a Chicago newspaper, a major magazine and an advertising agency. **If you have an interest or just want to see what all the fuss is about, please come to our next meeting or email the Chair, Lisa Romero (Lromero@uiuc.edu).** We hope to make this the best conference yet!

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seeking the sponsorship of publisher John Wiley and Sons. This committee would like to seek future nominations from the broader library community.

Membership and Orientation is planning the New Leader Orientation, the next EBSS Social and is formulating new ways to keep in touch with the needs of EBSS members

Publications and Communications Committee is working on strategies to move the web site to the ALA's server and to organize committee involvement in website maintenance.

They would also like to create a database of Section publications and projects. The **Executive Committee** and the **Advisory Council** are promoting the growth of the Section by creating five new committees which will potentially attract new members of the Section.

If your vita needs cranking up for your next professional review, join one of these hardworking committees. If you are already involved in the Section, pat yourself on the back.



Walkway from Prudential Center to Copley Place, Boston

News from Members

In September 2004, **Janet Stoeger Wilke** was named Associate Dean of Calvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney. She spent July 2003- July 2004 as Interim Director of the Library. She is also continuing as Curriculum Librarian.

Scott Walter has co-authored with Richard Fyffe a handbook published by the University of Kansas Graduate School as part of its "Responsible Conduct of Research" program. "The Digital Difference: Responsible Conduct of Research in a Networked World" includes sections on in-

formation literacy instruction, research design in the Web environment, copyright, open-access publishing, and planning for preservation of digital data. The Handbook is available in PDF format through the KU RCR Web site <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/RCR/>, and through the University of Kansas' institutional repository, KU ScholarWorks <https://kusolarworks.ku.edu/dspace/>.

Terry Taylor, editor of the "Classroom Magazines" section of *Magazines for Libraries* since the 11th edition, will continue by editing that section in the 14th edition.

Digital Resources and in Librarians: Case Studies Innovation, Invention and Implementation has just been published according to its editor, EBSS member **Patricia O'Brien Libutti**. The book is described as a discussion of the role of Web-based resources in education information collections and the work of librarians who have integrated digital resources into their professional toolkit. The book also provides an overview and analysis of how the rise of digital resources for information services, collection development, and professional development has affected the professional work process of librarians.

Kate Corby Named 2005 EBSS Distinguished Librarian!
Nancy O'Brien

Kate Corby, Reference Librarian/Education and Psychology Bibliographer at Michigan State University Libraries, was selected as the 2005 Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian.

With an unprecedented number of nominations, Kate was recognized for her many contributions to education librarianship. Of recent note is her leadership role in disseminating information about the changes in ERIC. She is also a past Chair of the EBSS section, was a member of the EBSS Reference Sources and Services Committee from 1998 to 2001, and is an active member of the American Educational Research Association and its Communication of Research Special Interest Group.

Kate is also the current Web manager of the EBSS Web site. Kate's service as Councilor at Large of the American Library Association has enabled her to bring timely issues to the leadership of ALA.

Kate holds a B.A. from Michigan State University and the Masters of Library Science from Western Michigan University. Her publications, editorial work and presentations have made her a well-known figure in the field of education librarianship.



Members enjoy dinner out at the Kashmir Restaurant in Boston

Committee Highlights

Complete Committee Highlights are on the EBSS web site.
www.acrl.org/ebss

Communications Studies Lisa Romero

Jessica Albano reported on the new Committee web site. An eventual move to the EBSS/ALA server is planned.

Various committee members were tasked with gathering information to add to the web site.

Curriculum Materials Jennifer Fabbi

Committee nominated Darla Bressler as committee chair for 2005-2006. Penny Beile was named chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Update the Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers. The Webliography Selectors' List was updated and Selectors were reminded to make sure their pages were kept up-to-date. Plans include moving the webliography to the ALA/EBSS web site.

A report was made on the latest update of the Curriculum Materials Center Collection Development Policy. The new edition is expected to include the "Guidelines for Curriculum Materials Centers."

EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award Nancy O'Brien

The Committee discussed nominations and selected a recipient for this year. Also discussed were arrangements involved with the

award presentation. The Committee discussed future procedures for publicizing and soliciting nominations

Higher Education Lynn Lampert

Committee discussed plans to offer online workshops on higher education accreditation. They continued with the technical aspects, including the elements of a workshop required by ALA.

Instruction for Educators Natasha Cooper

Sub-group A reported on their article on how librarians can collaborate with faculty in support of NCATE standards. Sub-group B discussed a committee web site related to those standards. The Committee also discussed activities to promote section membership.

Membership and Orientation Melissa Cast

Committee reported that

the EBSS membership, while up, is still short of the 1,000 members needed for increased funding from ACRL.

Psychology/Psychiatry Alice Perez

Guests from the APA updated the Committee on their databases and their Library Advisory Board. Members were able to critique and make comments as well.

Publications and Communications Anne Fields

Committee goals were discussed related to section web pages: coordinating between the different projects, moving pages to the ALA server, and creating a database list of the pages and their developers. Committee is working toward minimizing the Web manager's workload while presenting a professional-looking Web presence.

Reference Sources and Services

Laura Lillard

The Committee discussed web site issues including moving the committee pages to the ALA site. The ISI project moved forward as members decided on a list of 46 titles to recommend that ISI add to the *Social Science Citation Index*.

Social Work/Social Welfare Brian Quinn

The Current Topics discussion to be held later in the day was discussed. Also discussed was the Social Work Selector's Toolbox project. Three sections have been completed and all members reported on their sections of the Toolbox. The committee is aiming for Toolbox completion by Annual Conference in June.

Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Government Sponsored Education Research Kate Corby

Committee discussed the potential changes in the *ERIC Thesaurus*. The Committee has initiated a new EBSS committee, The ERIC Users Group, as a permanent committee to take the place of this committee when it expires.



EBSS Social at Solas Irish Pub Melissa Cast



It was an evening of Irish fun at the 2005 Mid-winter EBSS Social Hour in Boston as EBSS members took over the 2nd floor of the Solas Irish Pub. The atmosphere was certainly authentic with the aroma of shepherd's pie and stout Irish onion soup tempting us despite the New England Patriots fans cheering in the background. And with drinks called "Erik the Viking" and "Maid Murrinan's Margarita" to choose from, EBSS members couldn't help but have fun as we shared malarkey and ERIC war stories. The Social Hour had one of its best attendances ever, as most partakers had just attended the EBSS Current Topics Discussion group and walked over en masse.

Watch EBSS-L for information on the next EBSS Social Hour at the ALA Annual Conference Meeting in Chicago. The EBSS Social Hour is a regularly scheduled event at Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.



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