

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation**

Actions Taken – Annual Conference 2013

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Members of the 2012-2013 ALA Committee on Accreditation: Brian L. Andrew (Chair), Elizabeth Aversa, James Benson, Anthony Bernier, Joan Giesecke, Joan Howland, Ling Hwey Jeng, Barbara Moran, Laura Neumann, Mary Stansbury, Vicki Williamson, Arthuree Wright.

The Committee on Accreditation took the following actions at its June 29-July 1, 2013, meeting:

Accreditation Decisions

Continued accreditation status was granted to the following programs with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in spring 2020:

- Master of Library and Information Studies offered by the University of Alberta,
- Master of Library Science offered by the University of Maryland,
- Master of Science offered by the University of North Texas,
- Master of Library and Information Science offered by the University of Pittsburgh.

ALA accreditation was withdrawn from the following program:

- Master of Library Science offered by Southern Connecticut State University.

The decision to withdraw accreditation was appealed by the program, and the program retained its conditional status pending the outcome of the appeal. On October 27, 2013, the ALA Executive Board voted to uphold the Committee on Accreditation's decision to withdraw accreditation from the Master of Library Science Program at Southern Connecticut State University.

The effective date of withdrawal is October 27, 2013. Any student who is enrolled in the program before the withdrawal of accreditation and who completes the degree requirements within twenty-four (24) months after the withdrawal date is considered to have graduated from an ALA-accredited program. In the event that the end of the twenty-four-month period falls within an academic semester or quarter, the student has until the end of that semester or quarter to complete the program and graduate in order to graduate from an ALA-accredited program (Accreditation Process, Policies and Procedures (AP3), Section I.14.3).

External Review Panel Appointments

- Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2014 comprehensive review visits to the Université de Montréal; Queens College, CUNY; and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Approved ERP chairs for spring 2015 comprehensive review visits to the University of Missouri, and the University of Puerto Rico.
- Approved the Progress Review Panel chair for the spring 2015 progress review visit to the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

Other Committee & ALA Matters

- Met with ALA Executive Board Liaison to COA, Molly Raphael.
- Honored outgoing COA members Brian Andrew and James Benson.
- Discussed the ongoing review of the *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*.
- Conducted an open program entitled "Accreditation Transparency and Information Disclosure: How Bare is Fair?"