



2026 Election Biography

ALA President - Elect Candidates & Councilor at Large Candidates

ALA

President - Elect

Candidates

Tamika Barnes
Becky Calzada

Tamika Barnes (she/her)
 Associate Dean, Perimeter Library Services
 Georgia State University
 Dunwoody, GA
 Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Department Head	Georgia State University	2017 - 2021
Library Director	Georgia Perimeter College	2013-2017
Library Director	Research Triangle Park Environmental Protection Agency (UNC-Chapel Hill Contractor)	2007-2013

Degrees and Certifications

North Carolina Central University, MLS, 1999
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A. Biology, 1997

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Executive Board 2018-2021
 ALA Councilor-at-Large 2015-2018
 ALA Budget and Review Committee 2022-2025, Chair 2023-2025
 ALA Jefferson Presidential Advisory Committee 1999-2021
 ALA McCauley Presidential Advisory Committee 2025-2027
 ALA Executive Director Search Committee 2019
 ALA Councilor for Georgia 2019-2021
 ALA Medal of Excellence Award Jury 2025
 ALA Budget and Finance Assembly 2016-2018
 ALA Council Orientation Committee 2016-2018
 ALA Scholarship and Study Grants Committee 2010-2012
 ALA Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR) Advisory Committee 2010-2012
 ALA Spectrum Advisory Committee 2007-2009 (Chair 2008-2009), 2009-2011, 2012-2013
 ALA Spectrum Jury 2009-2010
 ALA Spectrum Institute Planning Committee 1999-2001, 2004-2007, 2016
 ALA Spectrum 10th Anniversary Planning Committee 2006-2007
 ALA Membership Committee 1999-2000
 ALA Membership Committee Internship Program Subcommittee 1999-2000

ACRL Co-Chair Experience & Inclusion Committee 2025
 ACRL Professional Development Coordinating Committee 2005-2007, 2007-2009
 ACRL Spectrum Scholars Mentors Task Force 2002-2004

Offices Held

Georgia Library Association President-Elect 2025, President 2026
 Georgia Library Association Executive Board member 2013-2021
 Georgia Library Association Chair Special Libraries Division 2013-2018
 Georgia Library Association - Black Caucus Interest Group Chair 2020

North Carolina Library Association Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns Director 2007- 2011
 North Carolina Library Association Leadership Institute Planning Committee 2012-2012

North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, President 2011
North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, Director position 2004-2007
North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, Sara Aull committee (2004)

Special Libraries Association Science and Technology Division, Membership Chair 2003-2006
Special Libraries Association Executive Director Search Committee 2002-2003
Special Libraries Association Diversity Leadership and Development Committee, Chair 2001-2002
Special Libraries Association Board of Directors At-Large Member 2006-2009
Special Libraries Association Student and Academic Affairs Advisory Council, Chair 2011-2012

Honors and Awards

UCLA Library Senior Fellows 2024
Georgia Library Association Bob Richardson Award 2021
Leading Change Institute Fellow 2019
Black Caucus of ALA's Library Advocacy Award 2017
North Carolina Library Association Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMCo) Roadbuilders' Award 2013
North Carolina Chapter of Special Libraries Association's Meritorious Achievement Award 2009
Special Libraries Association Diversity Leadership and Development Award 2005
Special Libraries Association President Award 2004
Association of College and Research Libraries Conference Scholarship 2003
North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association Horizon Award 2002
American Library Association Spectrum Initiative Scholarship 1998

Major Accomplishments

Major accomplishments include:
Being selected in the first cohort of Spectrum Scholars in 1998,
Working as an assistant researcher on the Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Research Review and Report Prepared by Megan Oakleaf for the Association of College and Research Libraries in 2010.
Co-founder of the Georgia Libraries Black Caucus with Karen Manning 2018
Teaching and learning from library students by being an adjunct currently at Syracuse and in the past at North Carolina Central University, UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Greensboro

Publications

Year	Publication
2017	Barnes, T., Simms, I., Moffat, C. (2017) Reference Reimagined. In J. Matarazzo (Ed.), T. Pearlstein (Ed.), The Emerald Handbook of Modern Information Management (pp. 437-454). Emerald Publishing Limited.

Statement

I am honored to stand for election to continue serving the library profession and our association with vision, collaboration, and a commitment to advocating for inclusivity, equity, access, and lifelong learning. Throughout my career, I have worked at the national, state, and division levels to strengthen organizations, empower members, and ensure libraries remain vital to the communities we serve. My service on the American Library Association Executive Board, as Chair of the ALA Budget and Review Committee, and in leadership roles across the Georgia and North Carolina Library Associations has reinforced my belief that transparent governance, fiscal stewardship, and intentional leadership are critical to our shared success.

The challenges before us—pressures on intellectual freedom, funding inequities, and barriers to access—require that we respond with courage, clarity, and unity. Advocacy cannot be the work of a few; it must be embedded across our profession. If elected, I will focus on amplifying stories of impact, empowering members with tools for engagement, and ensuring our collective voice reflects the diversity of our field and the communities we serve. Strong associations must invest in member growth, leadership development, and mentoring networks that prepare the next generation to carry this work forward. By pairing advocacy with professional development, we ensure that our association is not only responsive to today's challenges but also prepared for tomorrow's opportunities.

If elected, I will bring experience, dedication, and a collaborative spirit to the role, guided by the conviction that strong associations build strong leaders at all levels. Together, we can advance the profession, champion advocacy, and create a more inclusive and dynamic community for current and future library workers.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 23.0

Divisions:

Association of College & Research Libraries

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: Yes

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Black Caucus of ALA,

Becky Calzada (she/her)
District Library Coordinator
Leander ISD
Leander, TX
School

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
District Library Coordinator	Leander Independent School District, Leander, TX	2011-Present
School Librarian	Leander Independent School District, Leander, TX	2001-2011
Elementary Teacher	Leander & Bishop School Districts, TX	1987-2001

Degrees and Certifications

Texas A&M University Kingsville, BS Elementary Education 1986

University of Texas Austin, MLIS, 2001

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Center for the Futures of Libraries Appointment 2018-2020

ALA OIF Committee Member Appointment 2022-2024

ALA Policy Corp 2022-Present

ALA Unite Against Book Ban Cadre 2023 - Present

ALA McCauley Presidential Advisory Committee Member 2025- 2026

ALA American Association of School Librarians National School Library Program of the Year Committee Member 2017-2018

ALA American Association of School Librarians ALA National Conference Committee Co-Chair 2017-2019

ALA American Association of School Librarians Board of Directors 2018-2022

ALA American Association of School Librarians President-Elect 2023-2024

ALA American Association of School Librarians President 2024-2025

ALA American Association of School Librarians Immediate Past President 2025-present

ALA Association for Library Services to Children Member 2013- present

ALA Library Instruction Round Table Member 2013 to present

ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table Member 2013 to present

Offices Held

TLA Texas Association of School Librarians Division Incoming Chair 2015-2016

TLA Texas Association of School Librarians Division Chair 2016-2017

TLA Texas Association of School Librarians Division Immediate Past Chair 2018-2019

TLA Conference Planning Committee 2018-2019

TLA Legislative Committee 2017-2021, 2021-2025

TLA Conference Planning Committee 2022-2023

Honors and Awards

Texas Computer Educators Association Amazing Librarian of the Year, 2016

Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, 2021

AASL Intellectual Freedom Award, 2022

TLA Outstanding Service to Libraries, 2023

People Magazine Women Changing the World Honor, 2023

Eleanor Roosevelt Literary Freedom Award 2025

Major Accomplishments

Born and raised in the small town of Mercedes in South Texas, I am a proud Hispanic first-generation high school and college graduate who has dedicated 38 years to Texas public schools. Of those, 24 were spent as a school librarian, and the last 14 as a district library coordinator. My leadership journey began with the Texas Library Association, where I attended the TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute and served as the 2017 Texas Association of School Librarians Division Chair. This role led me to national service through ALA and AASL, including the AASL Board of Directors & President, the Center for the Future of Libraries Advisory Board, and the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

In 2022, I was selected for the ALA Policy Corp and UABB the following year. As a co-founding member of Texas #FReadom Fighters, leading the first grassroots effort to support school librarians facing book challenges. I've received several intellectual freedom awards, was honored in People Magazine's 2023 "Women Changing the World" issue, and in 2025, received the Eleanor Roosevelt Literary Freedom Award.

Publications

Year	Publication
2024	Calzada, Becky, et al. Prepared Libraries, Empowered Teams : a Workbook for Navigating Intellectual Freedom Challenges Together. ALA Editions, 2024.
2025	Calzada, Becky. "President's Column: Opening up the World to All Readers." Knowledge Quest, Volume 53, Number. 3, Mar. 2025, pp. 4-6, knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/PresidentsColumn.pdf. Accessed 14 Sept. 2025.
2025	---. "President's Column: The Art of Storytelling and Film to Empower the Fight against Censorship." Knowledge Quest, Volume 53, Number 4, Jan. 2025, pp. 4-5, knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/PresidentsColumn.pdf. Accessed 14 Sept. 2025.

Statement

As a lifelong advocate for libraries and a dedicated public school educator, my professional concerns are rooted in upholding the core values of the American Library Association in every opportunity I am given to serve. These values—Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, and Sustainability—are not only aspirational but essential to the health and longevity of our profession and our democracy.

I believe that now, more than ever, we must champion these values by advocating for inclusive policies, defending the right to read, and ensuring that every community—regardless of geography or demographics—has access to fully funded, professionally staffed libraries. Promoting inter-division and roundtable collaboration and communication is key to building stronger networks, increasing innovation, and avoiding siloed thinking. This collaboration strengthens our library ecosystem, allowing us to share best practices and amplify our collective voice.

My concern also lies in how we communicate our value. We must tell the powerful stories of impact happening across all library types—public, school, academic, and special. When we elevate these successes, we not only inspire one another, but we also build crucial public and political support.

Finally, I am committed to executing the goals outlined in ALA's Strategic Plan by translating strategic objectives into meaningful action. This includes supporting sustainability efforts, operationalizing equity and access at all levels, and engaging in continuous leadership development. Libraries are essential public institutions, and it is our responsibility to ensure they remain vibrant, responsive, and resilient.

Through collaboration, strategic focus, and unwavering commitment to our ALA core values, we can continue to position libraries as pillars of truth, inclusion, and opportunity in every community we serve.

[Links](#)

Candidate website: <https://bit.ly/becky4libraries>

ALA Membership Years: 14.0

Divisions:

American Association of School Librarians

Association for Library Service to Children

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Library Instruction Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

ALA Councilor at Large Candidates

Joy Bridwell
Elizabeth Burns
John Clexton
Amy Dissmeyer
Marikit Fain
Maggie Farrell
Aubrey Iglesias
Gina Kromhout
Tina Lerno
Rodney Lippard
Charles McAuley
Chulin Meng
Kerrie Mierop
Annie Miskewitch
Matthew Noe
April Oharah Hernandez
Cassandra Osterloh
Lessa Pelayo - Lozada
Fatima Perkins
Brenda Pruitt-Annisette
Leah Richardson
Je Salvador
Amanda Sand
William Wallace
Steven Yates

Joy Bridwell (Her/She)
Librarian
Stone Child College/Rocky Boy Public Library
Box Elder, MT
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

University of Great Falls, BA History, 2005

Stone Child College, AS General Business, 2010

PennWest Clarion, MSLS, 2016

Montana State Library Certificate Library Administrator Track - 2016-2026 (on going) I will renew in 2026.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-2025

ALA - American Indian Library Association Vice president/president elect 2025-2026

ALA Chapter Relations Committee 2024-2026

ALA Core Values Interpretations Working Group: Equity 2024-present

ALA Election Teller 2024-2027

Offices Held

Vice President - Tribal Colleges & Universities Library Association 2016-2017

President - Tribal Colleges & Universities Library Association 2017-2018

ALA - American Indian Library Association Vice president/president elect 2025-2026

ALA-American Indian Library Association Member at Large 2018-2020

Chair - Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Guardians of Lifeway Committee 2023-present

Chair - American Indian Youth Literature Awards Committee 2023 - present

Honors and Awards

2017 American Library Association Emerging Leaders

2018 I Love My Librarian Award

2022 International Guardians of Culture and Lifeways Libraries Institutional Excellence Award - ATALM

Major Accomplishments

One of my major accomplishments was testifying before the 2023 Montana State Legislature regarding HB 91 - eligible accredited tribal college libraries that provide public library services to their communities be recognized as public libraries and therefore receiving funding from the state. I testified five times in favor of this bill. On May 19, 2023 the bill passed and four tribal college libraries were deemed public libraries and received their first payment in 2024.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Hello, my name is Joy Bridwell, and I am the librarian at the Stone Child College/Rocky Boy Public Library. I have worked at Stone Child College for the past sixteen years. I consider myself a good team player, quick learner and a detailed-oriented person. I have served as a council at large from 2023-2026. I have learned about the many facets of ALA and ALA governance. I feel that in these last three years I have learned a lot. I would like to be on council again as a councilor at large because I feel I have much to offer. As a tribal college librarian, I believe that I bring a different kind of library perspective. My library is both academic and public and houses a tribal archive.

There are different kinds of libraries in our amazing library world, and they all need to be represented on the ALA council.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 11.0

Divisions:

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

American Indian Library Association,

Elizabeth Burns ()
Associate Professor
Old Dominion University
Norfolk, VA
Other

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

Old Dominion University, PhD, 2014
Old Dominion University, MSED- school librarianship, 2009

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at large 2023-2026
Chair, ALA Committee on Education 20223-present
ALA COA External Accreditation Review Panelist 2024- present
ALA Committee on Education member 2020-2021
ALA Publication Committee member 2019-2023
ALA Committee on Library Advocacy -member 2013-2016

Chair- ALA/ACRL Standards Committee 2021-2022
Co-Chair- ALA/ACRL Standards Committee 2020-2021
AASL School Library Research- Co-Editor 2020- 2024
Member- AASL/CAEP Coordinating Committee 2019-2022
ALA/ AASL/ CAEP School Library National Recognition Program Review- Lead Reviewer 2016-2024
Elected Chair-American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Educator of School Librarian Section (ESLS): 2018-2021:
served as Chair-elect 2018-2019 and immediate past-chair 2020-2021.
AASL National Conference: Research into Practice Strand- CO-CHAIR 2019
AASL Advocacy Toolkit Presidential Taskforce -CHAIR 2016-2018
AASL School Library Standards -Competitively selected editorial board member 2015-2017
AASL Presidential Common Core Implementation Task Force -member 2012-2014

Offices Held

2025-2029 IFLA School library Section, AASL representative, Chair, 2025- 2027
2025-2027 ALISE Curriculum SIG co-chair
2025-2026 Old Dominion University Faculty Senate- Elected Executive Committee member
2022-2026 IFLA School Library Section- Mentor
2020-2026 Old Dominion University Faculty Senate- Elected department representative
2017-2019 ALISE School Library SIG- Co- Chair
2015-2017 ALISE Jean Teague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition- Judge

2013 ISTE Essential Conditions Rubric Revisions taskforce- member

Honors and Awards

2024-2026 Old Dominion University Provost Fellow for Communication

2024. Old Dominion University Provost Award for Excellence in International Leadership

2023 Darden College of Education International Outreach Award

2021 Virginia Association of School Librarians (VAASL) School Library Educator of the Year.

2020 Darden College of Education Instructional Publication Award

2019 Darden College of Education Sara and Rufus Tonelson Award

2018 Darden College of Education Service Award

2017/18 Shining Star Teaching Award

2013/14 Robert J. Stevenson Scholarship (ATE)

Major Accomplishments

2020-2024 Co-Editor for the AASL Research Journal *School Library Research*

2023 ALA Publications, Author

2019-2023 Member of team that drafted the 2023 ALA/COE *Core Competences*

2015-2018 Competitively selected to revise and rewrite the 2018 AASL National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries.

2015 Emerging Scholar- Association of Teacher Educators (ATE). Highly competitive series that highlights the work of scholars new to academia.

Publications

Year	Publication
2018	AASL. (2018). The National School Library Standards for learners, school librarians, and school libraries.
2023	Burns, E. (2023). Assessing Learners: Using the AASL Standards to measure competency and growth. Chicago, IL: ALA.
2023	Burns, E. (2023). Culturally responsive librarians: Shifting perspectives toward racial empathy. <i>Open Information Science</i> . 7(1), 1-16

Statement

Statement of Professional Concerns:

I have held numerous leadership positions within ALA, elected, nominated and volunteer. I have a record of leadership in shared governance informed by a community needs approach to drafting policy and standards that guide professional work. As a life-long educator and advocacy leader, I champion building educated support. I welcome the opportunity to collaboratively engage with my professional peers to promote ALA strategic initiatives, strengthen inclusive and equitable representation, carefully consider policy and initiatives that shape the organization, and support access to membership. I will support decisions that protect library ethics and our core values, especially information access and intellectual freedom, and policy that supports professional best practice. If elected, I hope to collaborate, learn, and grow with others as we work to achieve the mission and goals of the organization, and to help ensure representative input from a variety of voices represented in the library field. Thank you for your consideration.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 17.0

Divisions:

American Association of School Librarians
Association of College & Research Libraries

Round Tables:

Library Research Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

John Clexton (He/Him/His)
Library Director
Gladwin County District Library
Gladwin, MI
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

University of Georgia, Grad Cert Public Library Fiscal Management.2022; Wayne State University, MLIS 1998; Wayne State University BA Geography 1996; Macomb CC AS Fire Science 1991;

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

- ALA Policy Monitor Committee 2021-2022
- ALA Resolutions Committee 2022-2024; Chair 2024
- ALA International Relations Committee 2023-2025
- ALA International Relations Subcommittee Europe 2025-present
- ALA Code of Conduct 2024-Present
- ALA-APA CPLA Certification Committee 2024-present; Chair 2024 -present

Offices Held

- Michigan Library Association Board member 2024-present
- MLA Finance Committee 2025
- MLA Legislative & Advocacy Committee 2021-present
- MLA Advocacy Day Committee Chair 2023-present
- MLA Strategic Plan Committee 2023
- Association of Rural & Small Libraries President 2025
- ARSL President Elect 2024
- ARSL Governance Committee Co-Chair 2022-2023
- Michigan Digital Preservation Membership Committee 2021-present
- USVI Library Hurricane Emergency Management Team 2018-2019

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

Since becoming the Director of the Gladwin County District Library, I have successfully secured over \$578,000 in grant awards.

Advocated for libraries at national and state levels through my involvement with COSLA and the Association of Small and Rural Libraries. Forged significant connections within the Michigan Legislature to support funding and "Right to Read" campaigns.

After two Category 5 hurricanes, undertook a two-year project on reestablishing, reopening library operations on the Island of St. Croix, USVI.

Led the development of library programming at GCDL, resulting in a 200% increase in regular monthly attendance. To promote library usage among youth, canceled all debts for young library cardholders, erasing over \$70,000 in debt. This initiative allows our young patrons to regain access to their cards.

Collaborated with the Michigan Department of Education to integrate GCDL into the MISEN Network, providing broadband and internet infrastructure for the future at no cost to us.

Actively networked with regional autism associations, schools to create work programs, daily activities, and support networks for our county and neighboring areas.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

For 27 years, serving in urban, suburban libraries, and now in a small and rural library. We are at a pivotal moment for our profession. Libraries advocate access and services for everyone. From race, gender, and sexual identity, public libraries have fought to include everyone. We battled censorship, maintained funding, and tirelessly promoted the value of libraries. Forces exist that want us silenced, censored, defunded, and closed. I never imagined that when I chose this profession, I would find myself defending the fundamental mission libraries represent and the essential services they provide. It is my calling to advocate equal access and non-discrimination, and to ensure that libraries remain open. With that mission, we must also have stability and strength in our national association. This is our time to honor the librarians who came before us and to continue fighting for our libraries' vital role in all our communities.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 11.0

Divisions:

Public Library Association

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Amy Dissmeyer (She/Hers)
Director
Spirit Lake Public Library
Spirit Lake, IA
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Library Director	Hastings Public Library, Hastings, NE	January 2009-December 2024
Manager, Library Materials Services	Arapahoe Library District, Englewood, CO	January 2008-December 2008
Librarian/Supervisor	Arapahoe Library District, Englewood, CO	February 2003-January 2008

Degrees and Certifications

University of Denver, MLIS, 2002; University of Denver, Certificate of Advanced Study, Knowledge Management, 2002; University of Nebraska at Kearney, BS Business Administration, 1997

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ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Chapter Councilor, Nebraska 2024

ALA Committee on Organization Member 2024-Present

ALA Core Values Working Group: Access Member 2024-2025

PLA Public Libraries Advisory Group Member 2021-2025

PLA Public Libraries Advisory Group Chair 2023-2025

PLA Membership Advisory Group Member 2024-Present

CORE Awards & Scholarships Coordination Committee Member 2025-Present

Offices Held

Nebraska Library Association, Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2024

Nebraska Library Association, Chair, Auditing Committee, 2023

Nebraska Library Association, Public Libraries Section, Secretary/Treasurer, 2013-2020

Colorado Association of Libraries, Conference Planning Committee, Member, 2005-2008

Honors and Awards

2018 ALA/AIA Library Building Award, Hastings Public Library building renovation

2017 Hastings Chamber of Commerce MAX Awarded to Hastings Public Library

2015 Hastings Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, Non-profit awarded to Hastings Library Foundation

2009 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

2004 Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute

Major Accomplishments

I am proud to have worked in public libraries for more than 20 years in both large, urban areas and small, rural areas. I led the complete renovation of a downtown central library for Hastings, Nebraska which was awarded an ALA/AIA Library Building Award in 2018. My focus has been on improving efficiencies and customer service in libraries as well as crafting the right message to stakeholders about the

importance of all libraries.

I have been active in ALA and my state associations my entire career, which has given me the chance to give back to the profession, learn about the legislative issues and the ALA governance process.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

My year as a Chapter Councilor provided invaluable insight into both ALA's complex challenges and the dedication of its leadership. This experience revealed a critical gap: the disconnect between leadership and members seeking greater transparency. I believe both sides hold legitimate concerns that deserve to be heard and bridged.

As Councilor-at-Large, I would leverage my extensive public administration background to strengthen communication between ALA and its membership. Effective governance requires not only transparency but also mechanisms for meaningful dialogue—something I've worked to build throughout my career.

I also advocate for expanding Council with new voices. Fresh perspectives are essential for organizational growth, helping us better understand member needs while fostering innovation. ALA's strength lies in bringing together experienced leadership and emerging ideas to serve our profession's evolving future.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 21.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Public Library Association

United for Libraries

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Social Responsibilities

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Marikit Fain (she/her)
Information Literacy Librarian
Southeast Missouri State University Kent Library
Cape Girardeau, MO
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Archives Coordinator	John Brown University	August 2008-February 2024

Degrees and Certifications

University of Oklahoma, MLIS 2018; John Brown University, BS Children and Family Studies, 2005

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Spectrum Advisory Committee Co-Chair 2024-Present

ALA Spectrum Advisory Committee Member 2022-2024

Offices Held

Arkansas Library Association, member, Emerging Leader Committee, 2022-2023

Society of Southwest Archivists, member, Diversity Committee, 2017-2024

Society of Southwest Archivists, member, Local Host Committee, 2017

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

I'm proud of many major accomplishments within the traditional scope of Library projects, but what I'm personally most proud of happened outside of the Library. Beginning in 2021, I found a way to merge my career with my love of pop culture by using my knowledge and experience to create unique presentations, as well as collaborate with fellow librarians on high-interest topics. I have presented at multiple conventions across the Midwest, from local conventions in Arkansas and Iowa, all the way to Planet Comicon Kansas City and Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo—where presenters are selected through a competitive application process. Taking the library into the community has been an incredible way to show that we're more than simply books on a shelf and to invite people to view us in new ways.

Publications

Year	Publication
2021	"A Matter of Facts: The Value of Evidence in an Information Age" Reference & User Services Quarterly 59:3/4 Digital Supplement December 2021

Statement

I would like to see ALA's Core Values upheld and fought for in a time of constant changes and challenges. I would like ALA to find their way toward being Sustainable, so that they can continue to advocate for Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, and Public Good. I worry for my immediate peers in Higher Education, but I also worry for information professionals across the street - the public librarians, school librarians, archivists. How can we do our work while we're under so many threats? ALA has been there to support libraries, I want to be a part of ensuring that ALA will continue to be there for anyone who needs us.

Links

www.linkedin.com/in/marikit-fain

ALA Membership Years: 7.0

Divisions:

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: Yes

Emerging Leader: Yes

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Maggie Farrell (she/hers)
Dean of Libraries
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Henderson, NV
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Dean of Libraries	Clemson University	2015-2017
Dean of Libraries	University of Wyoming	2002-2015
Associate Dean of Libraries	Montana State University	1996-2002

Degrees and Certifications

Arizona State University, MPA, 1992; University of Arizona, MLS, 1988; University of Missouri Kansas City, BA, 1984.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Council 2004-2007; 2022-2025

ALA Endowment Trustee 2022-2025

ALA Treasurer/Executive Board 2019-2022

ALA BARC member and Chair 2015-2019

ALA Presidential Initiatives Task Force member, 2015-2016

ALA COL FDLP Task Force Chair, 2012-2014

ALA International Relations Committee member, 2009-2011

ALA Traditional Cultural Expressions Task Force Co-Chair, 2010-2011

ACRL Division Councilor, 2010-2013

ACRL Conference Committees member or Co-Chair, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2019, 2023, 2025

ACRL FTRF Liaison, 2015-2018

ACRL President's Program Committee member, 2008-2009

GODORT Ad Hoc Committee on the Internet Chair, 1993-1996

GODORT Notable Documents Committee member, 1993-1996

ALA Representative to the American Library in Paris, 2023-2026

Offices Held

Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy,

Chair, 2020-present; Arizona State Library

Association Conference Chair, 1991-1993; Arizona

State Library Association PreConference Chair,

1989-1990; Arizona State Library Association

Executive Board, 1990-1993, Arizona State Library

Association Nominations and Elections Committee

Chair, 1990-1991; SPARC Steering Committee, 2010-2012; BCR Board of Trustees, 2000-2006; Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries Member Council, Chair 2003-2004, 2012-2013; Montana Library Association Offline Conference Committee, 1998-2000; Montana Library Association Strategic Planning Committee member, 2001-2002; Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute Mentor, 2004; Mountain Plains Library Association Continuing Education Committee member, 1999-2001; Mountain Plains Library Association, Government Documents Section Chair, 1994-1995; OCLC Board of Trustees member, 2006-2013; OCLC Members' Council representative, 2000-2006; OCLC Members' Council President, 2005-2006; U.S. Depository Library Council, 1994-1995, 1998-2001; U.S. Depository Library Council Chair, 2000-2001; Wyoming Library Association Conference Chair, 2008-2010; Wyoming Library Association Legislative Committee, 2005-2011; Wyoming Library Databases Steering Committee member, 2009-2015.

Honors and Awards

American Library Association/United States Information Agency Library Fellow, 1993; Leadership Wyoming, 2006-2007; Wyoming Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, member 2008-2013, chair 2013-2014 (Gubernatorial appointment).

Major Accomplishments

GODORT: led discussions and developed a whitepaper on the use of the Internet to improve access to government information. GPO: first internet consultant working on initiatives to increase free access to government information including the Federal Register. ALA: Led the process for examining traditional cultural expressions and how ALA could support libraries and archives in respecting and honoring heritage and unique collections. University of Wyoming: secured \$50 million of legislative funding for an addition and remodel of the main library, repurposed a branch library into a compact print collections storage and student study spaces, tripled the collection budget supporting research collections and digital initiatives, and funded statewide access initiatives to provide information resources for all Wyoming citizens through the library network. Active in forming international relations in support of university global partnerships. Clemson University: oversaw lobby renovations and improvements in student study areas and increased the collection budget specifically for graduate student services and collections. UNLV: developing initiatives to foster inclusivity and expand diversity as well as leading efforts to increase research support.

Publications

Year	Publication
2018	Farrell, Maggie, Kawecki, Barbara, and Branham, Rick, editors, "Vendor Library Partnerships" in Against the Grain feature, April 2018.
2019	Farrell, Maggie and Garner, Martin. "Developing and Managing Budgets" in Powers, Amanda Clay, Fife, Dustin, & Garnar, Martin. (2019). A starter's guide for academic library leaders: Advice in conversation.
2019	Leadership Reflections, quarterly column. Journal of Library Administration. 2013-2019

Statement

I am passionate about the future of librarianship and believe that the American Library Association contributes to the advancement of libraries and library workers into the future. But to do so, we need a strong organizational structure, solid financials, brave leaders, and many engaged members. I am proud of the work we have accomplished in recent years to pull the Association closer with a unified vision, improved financial processes and transparency, and adapted during a time of great challenges. But we have significant work ahead of us as we fight for our values which are the principles of our society – our aspirations. As a Councilor, I will uphold our core values, contribute with an open mind to our decisions, and serve on behalf of the membership. Thank you for your consideration as well as your service to your community and our association.

Links

www.linkedin.com/in/maggiefarrellnv

ALA Membership Years: 38.0

Divisions:

Association of College & Research Libraries
United for Libraries

Round Tables:

Government Documents Round Table
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
International Relations Round Table
Rainbow Round Table
Social Responsibilities
Sustainability

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Chinese American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of ALA, REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking,

Aubrey Iglesias (she/hers)
Associate Professor; Head of Cataloging
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Associate Professor/Cataloging Librarian	New Mexico State University	2018-present
Assistant Professor/Metadata Librarian	The University of Alabama	2017-2018
Documents Cataloger	New Mexico State Library	2014-2017

Degrees and Certifications

Emporia State University, Master of Library Science, 2008 (with Legal Information Management Certificate); Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet, Freiburg, Germany, MA German and English, literature and linguistics, 2003; Portland State University, BA German and English, 2000

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Council:

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-present

ALA Chapter Councilor, New Mexico, 2020-2022

ALA Committees:

Member, ALA International Relations Committee, 2023-Present

Chair, ALA IRC Bogle Pratt International Library Travel Fund Subcommittee, 2024, 2025

Member, ALA Equality Award Jury, 2020-2021

ALA Division/Committee Offices:

Co-chair, CORE Leadership Development and Mentoring Committee, 2024-Present

Member, CORE Leadership Development and Mentoring Committee, 2023-2024

Past Chair, CORE International Relations Committee, 2022-2023

Member, ACRL Dr. E.J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Committee, 2021-2023

Chair, CORE International Relations Committee, 2020-2022

Chair, ACRL Dr. E. J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Committee, 2020-2021

Member, ACRL Dr. E. J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Committee, 2019-2020

Member, ALCTS International Relations Committee, 2019-2020

Intern, ALCTS International Relations Committee, 2018-2019

Offices Held

Chair, New Mexico Library Association Conference Site Selection Committee, 2017, 2018-2020

Honors and Awards

--2021 ACRL Virtual Mid-Career Scholarship to attend the ACRL 2021 Virtual Conference

--2019 EBSCO ALA Conference Sponsorship to attend the 2019 ALA Annual Conference

Major Accomplishments

Additional Languages: German and Spanish

Recent Presentations

--"Who? The Crucial Quest to Collect Comprehensive and Inclusive Demographic Data." Poster presentation at the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, 2024

--"Core: Spotlight on International Activities." Invited panelist at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., 2022

--"How We are Marching: EDI Efforts Across ACRL." Invited panelist at the American Library Association Annual Conference, virtual 2021

--"Everyday Inclusion Begins with Me: Diversity and Intergroup Communication in the Workplace," with co-presenters Jaena Alabi & Pambanisha Whaley, Webinar presented at Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Together Wherever Virtual Event, 2020

--"Will They Stay or Will They Go? 'Sense of Belonging' as a Foundation for Creating Inclusive Library Services to International Students." Presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., 2019

Publications

Year	Publication
2023	Iglesias, A., & Gard, C. (2023; refereed). Pursuing academic librarianship: Gender identity and factors affecting job attainment. <i>The Journal of Academic Librarianship</i> , 49(6), 102806. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2023.102806
2023	Iglesias, A., Mahama, L., Gard, C., & Schirmer, T. (2023; refereed). Pursuing academic librarianship: Factors affecting job attainment. <i>The Journal of Academic Librarianship</i> , 49(4), 102751. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2023.102751
2024	Iglesias, A., Mahama, L., & Gard, C. (2024; refereed). Pursuing academic librarianship: Pathways to librarian positions. <i>Practical Academic Librarianship: The International Journal of the SLA Academic Division</i> , 14(1), 23-85. https://pal-ojs-tamu.tdl.org/pal/article/view/7182

Statement

As a librarian with experience across academic, public, government, school, and special library settings, I possess a unique understanding of our members' interests. This varied perspective, gained from public-facing and behind-the-scenes roles uniquely qualifies me to represent the association's membership as a councilor-at-large for a second term. Currently an Associate Professor and Cataloging Librarian at New Mexico State University, I draw on this and prior experience to advocate for those working in all types of libraries. A commitment to giving back, sparked by an early experience in an ALA mentoring program, has inspired me to assist in administering mentoring programs and being involved on ALA Council for the central reason of increasing the value of ALA membership for others. I am eager to continue the work of supporting and advocating for libraries and library workers while increasing the benefits of membership.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 17.0

Divisions:

Association of College & Research Libraries

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Gina Kromhout (she/her/hers)
Senior YA Librarian I
Brooklyn Public Library
Brooklyn, NY
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Teen Services Librarian	Avon Lake Public Library	10/2014-6/2022

Degrees and Certifications

Kent State University, MLIS, 2013. Kent State University, BS, Education, 2010.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA GameRT Councilor 2017-2023

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-2026

ALA Council Training and Engagement Committee Chair 2022-2024

ALA Council Forward Together Resolutions Working Group 2021

YALSA Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults list team 2020

Offices Held

Ohio Library Council Teen Services Action Council 2016-2018

Library Leadership Ohio Class of 2021

Global Literature in Libraries Initiative Translated YA Book Prize Award Committee, 2022, 2023 (Chair 2023)

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

Hello friends and colleagues!

It has been an honor serving as your Councilor these past 3 terms. I feel we've accomplished much, and there is still work to be done for the good of all. If you so choose to vote for me for another term as a Councilor-at-Large, I pledge to continue my work in three key areas:

1. Mentoring new Councilors so that they feel empowered to participate fully in proceedings
2. Balancing our fiscal needs with a proper democratic process in ALA governance
3. Turning ALA's focus upon worker solidarity among library staff and members

I fully believe that our greatest power is in each other. We must stick together and stand against fascism and corporate greed, and I vow to keep these ideals as my guiding principles in Council.

Thank you for your time!

Links

ALA Membership Years: 13.0

Divisions:

Public Library Association

Young Adult Library Services Association

Round Tables:

Games & Gaming Round Table

Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Rainbow Round Table

Social Responsibilities

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Tina Lerno ()
Digital Content Services Librarian II
Los Angeles Public Library
Altadena, CA
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

UCLA, BFA, Fine Art, 1988

SJSU, MLIS, Library and Information Science, 2012

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-2026

GNCRT, Member at Large 2020-2021

Offices Held

CLA, Member, Membership Committee 2022-2025

CLA, Member, Award Committee 2023-2026

Honors and Awards

2014-16 Director of Communications SLA Southern California Chapter

2012 Karen Gersten-Sternheim Memorial Scholarship recipient from the SLA Southern

California Chapter

2002 Emmy Awards Honors for contributions to the Emmy for Outstanding Achievement

in Main Title Design: HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON HBO

Major Accomplishments

I am a librarian for the City of Los Angeles and part of the library's digital content team. We are currently working on a complete redesign of the city's website. I am also in charge of the library blog, overseeing the library's writing, including my contributions.

<https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/lapl/authors/tlerno>

Before becoming a librarian, I earned a degree in art from UCLA and worked in television animation, doing color design on shows such as *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, *Jackie Chan Adventures*, and *The Boondocks*. My experience working in TV animation and graphic design gives me a unique perspective on visual literacy and comics advocacy.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

I am running for ALA Councilor at Large. If re-elected, I would continue to serve in my at-large capacity and advocate for more funding for school libraries, support of teen library services, and comics literacy.

Links

<https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/lapl/authors/tlerno>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/tinahlerno/>

ALA Membership Years: 16.0

Divisions:

Young Adult Library Services Association

Round Tables:

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table

Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking,

Rodney Lippard (he/him)
Director, Torreyson Library
University of Central Arkansas
Conway, AR
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Director	Gregg-Graniteville Library, University of South Carolina Aiken	8/16 – 6/22
Director	Learning Resource Centers (LRC), Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	7/11 – 7/16
Director	Willis N. Hackney Library, Barton College	1/06 – 6/11

Degrees and Certifications

Bay Path University: Ed.D. in Educational Leadership/Higher Education Leadership and Organization Studies, 2025

University of North Carolina Greensboro: MLIS, 1995

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: BA in Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures, 1988

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Chapter Councilor (NC), Appointed 2008-2009, Elected 2010-2013

ALA Code of Conduct Committee (2024-2026)

ALA Elections Committee (2024-2026)

ALA HRDR (Office of Human Resource Development and Recruitment) Advisory Committee (2023-2025)

AKA Resolution Committee (2022 – 2024), Chair (2022-2023)

ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) (2019-2023), Chair (2021-2022)

ALA Council Orientation Committee (2012-2016, 2019-2021), Chair (2019-2021)

ALA Core Budget and Finance Committee (2023-2027), Vice-Chair (2025-2026)

ALA Core Bylaws and Organization Committee (2023-2025)

Offices Held

Amigos Library Services Board of Directors (2025-2028)

Amigos Library Services Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force (2025-2026)

ARKLink (The Arkansas Academic Library Consortium), President (2025)

Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), Chair (2021-2022)

North Carolina Library Association, President (2016-2017)

Honors and Awards

Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians (July 29 – August 3, 2018, Boston, MA)

Kovacs Award for Outstanding Alumni Achievement (April 2014)

John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award (2010)

Major Accomplishments

2020 Chair, Program Steering Committee for PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries) - Added an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Values Statement to PASCAL's Core Values (Passed the by a unanimous vote of the Members); established an EDI Committee

2020 Chair, Council Orientation Committee - established and facilitated Tune in Tuesdays - a series of web events to provide information to new and continuing councilors on the business and governance of ALA and Council

2015 Conference Chair, North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference - held a 3 day conference with one pre-conference day, over 1000 people in attendance, highest revenue to date, and implemented a Librarians Build Community project that continued through future conferences.

Publications

Year	Publication
2015	Lippard, R. (2015). Community Colleges. In J. A. Moorman (Ed.) Running a Small Library: A How-To-Do-It Manual. ALA Neal-Schuman.
2024	Lippard, R. (2024). Creating a Staff-led Strategic Plan: A Practical Guide for Librarians (Book Review). Technical Services Quarterly, 1–2. https://doi.org/10.1080/07317131.2024.2319980
2025	Briggs, L. & Lippard, R. (2025) Moving Toward More Inclusive Hiring. In L Hopkins & B. McCafferty (Eds.) Innovative Library Workplaces: Transformative Human Resource Strategies (pp. 53-65). Association of College and Research Libraries.

Statement

Libraries and their staff serve a crucial purpose: providing equitable access to information and resources for everyone, regardless of their background or circumstance. This mission, which upholds the fundamental rights of all individuals, is more vital than ever in our complex world. To succeed, we need a professional organization that offers robust support and powerful advocacy. The American Library Association (ALA) is that organization.

As an elected officer, my focus would be on keeping our mission front and center, ensuring that ALA's actions consistently reflect our core principles. I will work diligently to maintain ALA's relevance and advance its impact, empowering our members to deliver literacy and information to their communities. I'm committed to building upon my experience to champion a future where ALA is not just a protector of our profession, but a proactive force for positive change.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 32.0

Divisions:

Association of College & Research Libraries

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Reference & User Services Association

Round Tables:

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Learning Round Table

Library Research Round Table

Rainbow Round Table
Social Responsibilities
Sustainability

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Charles McAuley (He/Him/His)
Reference Librarian
Hamilton Township Public Library
Robbinsville, NJ
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Mercer County Community College	2018-2022
Librarian I	Mercer County Library System	2001-2004

Degrees and Certifications

Santa Rosa Junior College, Associate of Arts Degree, May 1998
Sonoma State University, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, May 2000
Sonoma State University, Master of Arts in English, May 2006
California Institute of Integral Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Transformative Studies, May 2013
San Jose State University, MLIS, May 2021

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Publishing Committee, Member, 2023-2025
ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee, Co-Chair, 2024-2025
ALA Artificial Intelligence Policy Working Group, Co-Chair 2025-Present
ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table, Member, 2023 - Present
ALA Intellectual Relations Round Table, Member, 2023 - Present

Offices Held

New Jersey Library Association, Member, Executive Board, 2025 - Present
New Jersey Library Association, Member, Public Policy Committee, 2025 - Present
New Jersey Library Association, Chair, Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee, 2023-2024
New Jersey Library Association, Member, Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee, 2022-2024

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

We are living in the most important time in the history of libraries. The choices we make now will echo throughout the coming decades. The American Library Association is the most influential professional organization for libraries around the world. What we do matters. Whether we are protecting the Freedom to Read or establishing our views on Artificial Intelligence and more, we each play a critical role. Now, more than ever, it is important that we come together as an organization and as library workers.

As ALA Councilor-At-Large, I would seek to serve the vital and diverse needs of our members. Despite our many perspectives, our differences are our strengths. When we come together, share our thoughts and feelings and reach a place of cooperation, we can accomplish great things. If elected, I will be a Councilor who is available to all members.

Serving in leadership positions in the New Jersey Library Association and the American Library Association, I am familiar with both the unique issues that states face, those that we face at the national level and those we share.

In these times, it is not good enough for us to only do our jobs. As librarians, we are being called upon to serve and lead in new ways - professionally, in the community and beyond. Having passed the Freedom to Read Bill in New Jersey through the work of so many, it is my hope to create and achieve a National Freedom to Read Bill. Though this may seem a dream in these times, by working toward continued IMLS funding, constant promotion of intellectual freedom, and increasing our membership we can work together to create a truly brilliant future. I humbly ask for the opportunity to represent you and for your vote. Thank you.

[Links](#)

ALA Membership Years: 6.0

Divisions:

Public Library Association

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

International Relations Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Chulin Meng ()
Director of Library Technology
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, PA
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Head of Library Systems	Loyola University Chicago	2006-2013

Degrees and Certifications

Peking University, MS Library and Information Science, 2000; Peking University, BS Library and Information Science, 1997.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA councilor at Large, 2017-2020, 2022-2025

ALA President (Drabinski) Advisory Committee, 2023 – 2024

ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee, 2023 - 2025

ALA LITA Membership Development Committee, 2015 – 2019

ALA LITA International Relations Committee, 2007 – 2011

Offices Held

FOLIO Technical Council, 2021 - 2022

Open Library Environment (OLE) Functional Council, 2013 – 2016

Open Library Environment (OLE) Technical Council, 2013 – 2016

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

As the Director of Library Technology at Lehigh University, I led the development and implementation of the library's technology, data, and AI strategies. I led the implementation of the Open Library Environment (OLE) and FOLIO library management platforms as an early adopter. I have represented Lehigh in OLE, FOLIO, and other library open-source community projects. Many of the innovative tools, applications and workflows developed at Lehigh have been adopted by FOLIO libraries and the broader library community.

Publications

Year	Publication
2014	An Executable Big Data Storage Strategy, EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, October 2014, Orlando, FL
2022	Small Team Taking on Large Library Technology Project: some reflection on the quest for open source library management platform at Lehigh, Code4Lib Conference, May 2022, Buffalo, NY
2025	Re-Envisioning the Digital Repository: Showcasing Our Exciting Islandora Solution, CNI Winter 2025 Project Briefing Series.

Statement

I have been an active member of ALA and Core/LITA for over 20 years, serving on ALA Council, the Information Technology Advisory Committee, and the LITA Membership Development Committee. Throughout my service, I have consistently advocated for making ALA programs and resources more relevant and accessible to all members—especially early-career librarians and MLIS students. I have contributed to the development of the ALA AI Vision Statement and would like to continue to work on fostering a coordinated, association-wide effort to create practical guidelines and educational programs for the responsible use of AI in libraries.

If elected, I will collaborate with colleagues at Core and across ALA to develop innovative programs and services that empower library professionals to adapt to AI and other emerging technologies, foster meaningful connections, and achieve their professional goals. My commitment is to keep our membership organization responsive, inclusive, and forward-looking, so that every member can thrive in a rapidly evolving information and technology landscape.

[Links](#)

ALA Membership Years: 20.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Kerrie Mierop ()
Youth Services Librarian
Calabasas Library
Calabasas, CA
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

San Jose State University MILS 2017; California State University Channel Islands, BA History, 2006

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-2026

Offices Held

California Library Association, Committee member, John and Patricia Beatty Award 2025-present

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

I have enjoyed serving on ALSC from 2019-2022, GNCRT BGNC in 2021 & 2022, Chairing the committee 2023, Co-Chairing the GNCRT Annual Planning Committee 2024, & serving as a committee member for the GNCRT Annual Planning Committee 2025. I have been honored to serve as Councilor at Large for the past three years. I am looking forward to Co-Chairing the GNCRT Addressing Comics Censorship Committee.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

I have appreciated the work that the ALA Board and its members have worked on and completed over the past few years. We have a lot of work that needs to continue. When elected, my goal is to work on engaging others and to bring our membership numbers up, to find realistic solutions to balancing ALS's budget, most importantly find ways to help support all librarians. Between doing more with less, creating inclusive and safe environments, having additional jobs due to small staff sizes, and trying to balance the work/life aspects, burnout is all too common. I will work to find ways that ALA can help support all members and create an organization where everyone feels welcomed. Thank you for this opportunity.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 11.0

Divisions:

Association for Library Service to Children

Public Library Association

Young Adult Library Services Association

Round Tables:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table

Games & Gaming Round Table

Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Library Support Staff Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Annie Miskewitch (she/her/hers)
Executive Director
Schaumburg Township District Library
Schaumburg, IL
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Deputy Director	Schaumburg Township District Library	2017-2019
Division Chief of SSH/BST/GOv	Chicago Public Library	2013-2017
Branch Manager	Chicago Public Library	2011-2013

Degrees and Certifications

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, MSLIS, 2005;

DePaul University, MA, Writing, 2003;

DePaul University, BA, English and American Studies, 2000

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at Large 2022-2023

Offices Held

Illinois Library Association Conference Planning Committee, 2009

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

Over the past five years, our library has been working diligently to transform itself to better serve our community. Guided by a clear strategic plan, we set priorities and turned them into action. Policies were updated to make services simpler and more consistent for everyone.

Renovations at our Central location refreshed our spaces, making them brighter, more flexible, and easier to use. At the same time, staff training and organizational changes provided our team with the tools and confidence to serve in new and improved ways. These efforts have strengthened communication, improved workflows, and enabled us to utilize resources more efficiently.

The library feels modern, welcoming, and prepared for the future. Every change, large or small, has been guided by one goal: keeping the library a place where people feel supported, inspired, and connected. We look forward to more changes ahead!

Though I am so proud, this has been very hard work that has required focus and not giving up on myself. I haven't and I want to give and do more.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

All libraries face complex challenges, including rapid technological changes, evolving user expectations, and questions of equity and sustainability. These challenges also present opportunities to strengthen our role as trusted, essential institutions in a divided and complex world.

With over three decades of experience in public libraries, including over five years as a director, I've learned the importance of strategy, collaboration, and adaptability. My approach continues to evolve and involves listening deeply, building understanding across diverse perspectives, and translating shared goals into meaningful action.

As a candidate, I am committed to supporting all public, academic, school, or special libraries as they navigate change. By working

together with clarity, creativity, and purpose, we can ensure that libraries remain vital, inclusive spaces of learning, discovery, and connection for every community we serve, as well as for us, our employees, now and in the future.

[Links](#)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/annemiskewitch/>

ALA Membership Years: 17.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Public Library Association

United for Libraries

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Matthew Noe (He/Him)
Lead Collection and Knowledge Management Librarian
Harvard Medical School Countway Library - Boston, MA
Worcester, MA
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Part-Time Instructor	University of Kentucky	08-2017 - Present
Collection Outreach Librarian	Harvard Medical School	02-2018 - 03-2019
Library Fellow	University of Massachusetts Medical School	05-2016 - 02-2018

Degrees and Certifications

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Institutes for Higher Education, Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, 2024

University of Kentucky, MS Library Science, 2016

Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Academic Certificate Library Information Technology, 2014

University of Kentucky, BA Philosophy, 2012

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Professional Ethics Committee Member, 2025 - Present

ALA Professional Ethics Committee GNCRT Liaison, 2024 - 2025

ALA Core Values Interpretation Working Group: Public Good Member, 2024 - Present

ALA American Libraries Advisory Board Member, 2023 - 2025

ALA Nominating Committee Member, 2022

ALA CORE President's Program Committee Member, 2022

ALA Round Table Coordinating Assembly Member, 2021 - 2022

ALA GNCRT Past-President, 2022 - 2023

ALA GNCRT Nominating Committee Chair, 2022 - 2023

ALA GNCRT President, 2021 - 2022

ALA BCALA x GNCRT Black Lives Matter, Black Literature Matters Comics Reading List Committee Member, 2020

ALA GNCRT President-Elect, 2020 - 2021

ALA GNCRT Resources and Toolkits Committee, (Inaugural) Chair, 2018 - 2020

Offices Held

Toronto Comic Arts Festival, Libraries and Education Day Coordinator, 2025 - Present

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors, Treasurer, 2021 - Present

Graphic Medicine International Collective (Founding) Treasurer, 2018 - Present

NNLM Reading Club Advisory Group Member, 2024 - Present

Penn State University Press, Graphic Mundi Imprint, Advisory Board Member, 2021 - Present

Graphic Medicine Book Awards Long-List Committee Member, 2024 - Present

Pop Culture Classroom, Excellence in Graphic Literature Awards, Best in Adult Graphic Literature Jury Chair, 2024

Graphic Medicine Book Awards Short-List Committee Member, 2022 - 2023

Medical Library Association, Vision 2048 Task Force Member, 2021 - 2024

Comics Studies Society, Research Librarians Cohort Planning Group Member, 2021 - 2023

Digital Frontiers, Flyover Comics Symposium Organizing Committee Member, 2020

Medical Library Association, Medical Humanities Caucus (Founding) Co-Convener, 2018 - 2022

Medical Library Association, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Member, 2017 - 2020

North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Association Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Marketing Committee Chair, 2016 - 2018

Honors and Awards

Dwayne McDuffie Award for Diversity in Comics Winner for *Ripple Effects*, 2024

Harvey Award Nominee (Digital Book of the Year) for *Ripple Effects*, 2023

Eisner Award Nominee (Digital Comic Book) for *Ripple Effects*, 2023

Medical Library Association, President's Award, 2021

American Library Association, Emerging Leaders Program Class of 2020 – 2021

National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region, Award for Outstanding Work in Graphic Medicine, 2019

American Library Association Carnegie-Whitney Grant, 2018 – 2020 Cohort. Co-awardee with Alice Jaggers, MSLS.

Arnold P. Gold Foundation Mapping the Landscape, Journeying Together Literature Review Grant, 2016-2018 Cohort. Primary Investigator.

Major Accomplishments

While there are many professional projects I am proud of, my proudest ALA-related accomplishments all stem from my time as GNCRT's President. I came into the role during the height of COVID-19, during the beginnings of the largest surge in book challenges in decades, and at a time when the round table was still emerging - a recipe for disruption and frustration. With a combination of kindness and desire to keep fighting the good fight, I lead the round table through this combined storm and GNCRT emerged stronger, with a more stable foundation, and with programs and resources to help not only ALA members, but library workers across the globe expand the scope of comics in libraries.

Publications

Year	Publication
2023	Noe, M., Wright, A., & Barrette, M. (2023). Answering the Call: ALA GNCRT Responds to Surging Challenges to Comics. In S. Oltmann (Ed.), <i>The Fight Against Book Bans: Perspectives from the Field</i> (pp. 115 - 124). New York, NY: Bloomsbury.
2024	Noe, M. (2024). Thinking about Socioeconomic Background in Librarianship. <i>Journal of Library Administration</i> , 64(2), 252–259. https://doi.org/10.1080/01930826.2024.2305077
2025	Monnier, R., Noe, M., & Gibson, E. (2025). AI in Academic Libraries, Part One: Concerns and Commodification. <i>College & Research Libraries News</i> , 86(4), 173. doi: https://doi.org/10.5860/crln.86.4.173

Statement

We are living in an era where "unprecedented" is commonplace - in politics, the environment, and yes, in our libraries and organizations. I believe that these stresses require us to both stabilize our foundations (core values, ethics, and beliefs) and to *imagine* other ways of serving our mission and of different worlds. ALA should, and can, serve as a rallying place for library workers, for the missions of our libraries. We can do this by inviting more member involvement and not just through committee work, but through listening sessions and community building events throughout the year. I seek election to Council so that I can offer a voice for strong, values driven policies, to

be someone members can come to and share their concerns, and to ensure that we don't lose ourselves to hype and capital driven technology that threatens our labor, our communities wellbeing, and our environment.

[Links](#)

<https://linktr.ee/NoetheMatt>

ALA Membership Years: 10.0

Divisions:

Round Tables:

Games & Gaming Round Table

Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

Library History Round Table

Rainbow Round Table

Social Responsibilities

Sustainability

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Black Caucus of ALA,

April Oharah Hernandez ()

Director

Latah County Library District

Moscow, ID

Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

Dominican University - PhD Candidate - July 2025

Emporia State University - MLS - 2015

University of Kansas - BA in Psychology - 1992

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor at Large 2023-2026

Board Election Ad-Hoc Committee 2025

Offices Held

Wichita Area Library Association - President - 2021-2022

Public Library Section of the Kansas Library Association - President - 2023-2024

Kansas Library Association - 2nd Vice President - 2023-2024

ARSL Governance Committee - 2024-present

Pacific Northwest Library Association - President - 2025-present

Honors and Awards

Goddard Gratitude Award awarded by the Goddard, KS city council February 2023

Demco New Leaders Travel Grant awarded through PLA 2017

Major Accomplishments

2x Public Library Association Inclusive Internship Initiative Mentor. Only three libraries in Kansas participated and two of them were mine.

Being elected to council in 2023. It has been a great honor to work beside so many talented librarians who all care greatly about bettering the association.

Defending my dissertation proposal and officially becoming a PhD candidate.

Moving one of our district branches to a more accessible location and extending Wi-Fi for the city's residents.

Touring the library district for strategic planning focus groups and realizing the board and I need to hold information sessions annually.

Publications

Year	Publication
2018	Hernandez, A. (2018, June, 27). Making library history: Lincoln Library and Lucy Mae Shippy McCarthy. <i>LHRT News and Notes</i> .
2025	Hernandez, A. O. (2025). Consultant, regional library system. In P. Shontz <i>Careers in Library and Information Services</i> (pp 16-18). Bloomsbury.
2025	Hernandez, A. O. (2025, Jan/Feb). It must be nice to read all day. <i>Public Libraries</i> , 64(1), 10-11.

Statement

I am passionate about rural libraries and partnerships and am concerned that while libraries worldwide are working to open access to materials, technology, and information to all people, some local and state governments across the United States are working to prevent this increased access. With the federal government now playing a pivotal role in the funding capacity of libraries, this makes building relationships with government officials at all levels and building community partnerships crucial to everyday library operations and advocacy. Libraries are about creating connections for and with patrons and non-patrons alike, reaching out to those who are underserved and marginalized, and giving voice to those populations that some are currently trying to silence. It is increasingly important for libraries and their staff to push back against this onslaught and help everyone's voice be heard. I look forward to continuing working on council to help all members' voices be heard.

Links

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/april-d-oharah-hernandez-9941a898/>

ALA Membership Years: 12.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
Public Library Association

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[**National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships**](#)

Cassandra Osterloh (she/her/hers)
Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator
New Mexico State Library
Albuquerque, NM
Other

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

University of New Mexico, MA Organization, Information, & Learning Sciences

(Organization Development & Human Resource Development Concentration), 2020; University of Maryland, College Park, MLS, 2002; University of New Mexico, BA Foreign Languages, 1996.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor, New Mexico Chapter, 2023-2025.

ALA Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee Chair, 2025-2026.

ALA Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee Member, 2024-present.

ALA Policy Monitoring Committee Member, 2024-present.

ALA New Members Round Table Member, 2003-2006.

Offices Held

New Mexico Library Association (NMLA), President, 2008-2009.

NMLA Vice-President, 2007-2008.

NMLA Conference Chair, 2007-2008.

NMLA Secretary, 2012-2014.

NMLA Member-at-Large, 2021-2023.

NMLA Conference Committee Programs Chair, 2004-2006, 2012-2013, 2019-2021.

NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, 2009-2010, 2024-2025.

NMLA Native American Libraries Special Interest Group Chair, 2023-present.

NMLA Advocacy Working Group Chair, 2025-present.

Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Recording Secretary, 2024-2026.

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Steering Committee Member, 2024-present.

JCLC Concurrent Programs, Poster Sessions & Proceedings Committee Chair, 2024-present.

JCLC Conference Planning, Logistics & Local Arrangements Committee Chair, 2024-present.

American Indian Library Association (AILA) Member-at-Large, 2024-2026.

AILA American Indian Youth Literature Awards Committee Co-Chair, 2024-present.

Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Tribal Library Coordinators (creator of the group), Chair, 2022-present.

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) Tribal Library Council, (Founding) Member 2022-present.

(ATALM) International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. National Planning Council Member, 2023, 2024, 2025.

ACRL Publications Committee, Intern 2003-2004.

ACRL Instruction Section - Emerging Technologies in Instruction, Member 2003-2006.

AASL Learning4Life, State Coordinator for NM, 2008-2014.

Honors and Awards

WebJunction Member of the Year, 2006.

ALA / EBSCO Sponsorship Award Recipient, 2004.

Major Accomplishments

Publications

Year	Publication
2006	Osterloh, Cassandra: "Women for Independence: Women's Participation in the Spanish-American-Cuban War." Journal of Caribbean Studies 20.3 (Summer/Fall 2006).
2021	Osterloh, Cassandra: "Los Derechos de las Mujeres: Enfranchisement of Women in the Hispanic Diaspora." El Palacio. (Spring 2021).
2024	Osterloh, Cassandra (contributer). Tribal Library Technology Service Toolkit. ATALM. August 2024. [Tribal Library Technology Services Toolkit ATALM (https://www.atalm.org/digital-inclusion-toolkit/)]

Statement

I am honored to run for ALA Councilor-at-Large. As a library professional with deep roots in tribal librarianship, I advocate for equity, inclusion, and community-centered leadership. My work focuses on supporting tribal libraries as vital educational and cultural institutions, uplifting Indigenous knowledge systems, and building capacity through collaboration and advocacy.

Through partnerships with tribal communities, state agencies, and national organizations, I have advanced initiatives that strengthen access, visibility, and representation for Indigenous libraries and their communities. I believe ALA Council must reflect and respond to the diverse needs of all libraries—urban, rural, and sovereign—and ensure that historically marginalized voices help shape our collective future.

If elected, I will bring a strong commitment to listening, learning, and taking action that upholds ALA's values while expanding our vision of inclusive librarianship. Thank you for your support and for the work you do every day.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 19.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Round Tables:

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

American Indian Library Association,

Lessa Pelayo-Lozada (she/hers)
Director
Glendale Library, Arts & Culture
Glendale, CA
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Adult Services Assistant Manager	Palos Verdes Library District	2018-2023
Children's Librarian	Palos Verdes Library District	2016-2018

Degrees and Certifications

University of California, Los Angeles, Master of Library and Information Science, June 2009; University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts, College Honors in Sociology, March 2007; El Camino College, Torrance, California, Associate of Arts, College Honors in Philosophy, June 2005.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA President, 2022-2023

ALA Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force, 2025

ALA Constitution & Bylaws Committee, 2020-2022

ALA Chair, Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness, 2018-2020

ALA Executive Board Member, 2017-2020, 2021-2024

ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2012-2015, 2016-2019

ALA Chair, Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee, 2016-2017

ALA Planning and Budget Assembly, 2016-2017

ALA, Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee, 2016-2018

ALA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Implementation Working Group, 2016-2018

ALSC Membership Committee, 2014-2016

ALA Committee on Diversity, 2012-2016

ALA Spectrum Advisory Committee, 2013-2015

ALSC Liaison with National Organizations Serving Children & Youth Committee, 2012- 2014

ALA Emerging Leader, 2011

*Committee Member unless otherwise noted as Chair, etc.

Offices Held

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Executive Director, 2019-2022

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Steering Committee member and Co-chair of the

Fundraising and Programs Committees, 2016-2019

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, President, 2016-2017

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force, 2015-2016

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Literature Awards Task Force, 2015-2017

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Co-Chair, Finance & Fundraising Committee, 2014-2015

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Publicity Steering Committee for APALA's 35th Anniversary Symposium, 2013-2015

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Chair, Family Literacy Focus Committee, 2010-2015

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Chair, Young Adult Literature Award Committee, 2014

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Executive Board Secretary, 2011-2013

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Executive Board Member at Large, 2010-2011

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, 2011 Young Adult Literature Award

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, 2010 Picture Book Award

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, 2009 Youth Literature Award Committees

*Committee Member unless otherwise noted as Chair, etc.

Honors and Awards

American Library Association Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award, 2022

Library Journal Mover & Shaker, 2022

University of California, Los Angeles, Diversity Fellow, 2007-2009

Major Accomplishments

Keynote Speaker, "Libraries Work Because We Do: Nurturing Workplace Culture and Work-Life Balance", Amigos Library Services People-Powered Library online conference, February 2025

Interviewee, "Banned Books Club", NBC Los Angeles California Live, March, April, October, November 2024

Moderator, "E Mau Ke Ea Revealed: The Journeys of Kānaka Librarians Toward Indigenous Sovereignty", International Indigenous Librarians Forum, November 2023

Keynote Speaker, A Hawaiian in Los Angeles, Ho'okele Na'auao: A Hawaiian Librarianship Symposium, Na Hawai'i 'Imi Loa, November 2020

Publications

Year	Publication
2012	Nihipali, Elizabeth "Nani", Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo, Christian Hanz Lozada, Cheryl Villareal Roberts, and Lorelie Santonil Olaes. (2012). <i>Hawaiians in Los Angeles</i> . Mount Pleasant: Arcadia Publishing. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
2018	Pelayo-Lozada, Lessa. (2018). <i>Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture to create a family literacy program</i> . In J.H. Clarke, R. Pun, M. Tong (Eds.), <i>Asian American Librarians and Library Services</i> . (Pp. 141-150). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
2024	Figueroa, Miguel and and Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada. (2024). <i>Changing Our How, More Than Clearly Seeing Our What</i> . In Hirsh, Sandra (Ed.), <i>Library 2035: Imagining the Next GGeneration of Libraries</i> . (Pp.169-174).

Statement

The American Library Association is at a pivotal point - do we change and meet the demands of our library workers in the 21st century, or do we continue operating as we have been? As a past ALA President and past Chair of the Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness, I have made it my mission to help ALA change to be a more nimble and responsive organization, shedding the layers of bureaucracy and barriers to participation. According to multiple surveys of our members, they have indicated that they don't wish to participate in the same ways we did ten, twenty, or thirty plus years ago. They want project focused opportunities which our current structure rarely allows for. As an ALA Councilor, I hope to continue my own decades-long work guiding policy changes within ALA and centering equity, diversity, and inclusion along with the voices of our members and future members.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 18.0

Divisions:

Association for Library Service to Children

Public Library Association

United for Libraries

Round Tables:

Rainbow Round Table

Sustainability

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Chinese American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of ALA, REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking, American Indian Library Association,

Fatima Perkins ()
Past Chair of RSS (2021-2022), Director Community Outreach
Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging
Cleveland, OH
Public

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

Syracuse University, MSLIS

Case Western Reserve University/Weatherhead, MNO

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

Library Services to an Aging Population Committee/RSS-RUSA/Chair - 2024, 2022

RSS Chair/2021

RUSA/RSS Conference Program Coordinating Committee/Chair - 2024,2023

Offices Held

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

Respected Purposeful Leader with over 20 years of experience in outreach, service planning, capacity building, strategic planning, resource development and proposal writing/reviewing and grants management. An esteemed reputation for providing optimal leadership, service, and support for small and large organizations.

As the Director of Community Outreach & Advocacy for the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, Fatima develops the Agency's internal and external approaches to brand strategy. Fatima has engaged with the senior services network for more than 20 years. Sharing her skills and talents with Greater Cleveland Volunteers, Alzheimer's Association, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, United Way of Greater Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

As a Librarian, she developed more than 5,000 programs including health and wellness initiatives, and received the 2014 Community Leadership Award from the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition Fitness.

Fatima is an ALA Spectrum Scholar and Carnegie- Whitney Grant-2015 recipient to create a compendium – Passport to Aging: Celebrating Global Perspectives.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

It would be an honor for me to serve ALA. I have been an engaged member for many years. As ALA strives to empower all populations, representation is needed from diverse groups. ALA's vision is for "libraries to thrive so everyone can succeed." I am an engaged, practical, and accountable and, would serve the organization in all sincerity.

Links

ALA Membership Years: 18.0

Divisions:

Reference & User Services Association

Round Tables:

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table

International Relations Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: Yes

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Black Caucus of ALA,

Brenda Pruitt-Annisette ()

Educator
DeKalb County Schools
Stone Mountain, GA

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Assistant Professor	Kent State School of Information Studies	Jan. 2020- Dec. 2020
Assistant Professor/Coordinator of School Library Programs	Chicago State University	August 2012- August 2017
Coordinator K-12 School Library Programs	Fulton County School District, Atlanta, GA	July 1997- August 2012

Degrees and Certifications

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, Georgia

Ed.D.

Education Leadership/Supervision

May 2008

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, Georgia

Ed.S.

Administration and Supervision

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERISTY, Durham, North Carolina

M.L.S.

Library and Information Science

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina

B.A.

Major: French Minor: Education

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

Councilor-at-Large (2023-2026)- Governing Body of the *American Library Association (ALA)*- 4th term

Councilor-at-Large (2014-2017) – Governing Body of the *American Library Association (ALA)* – 3rd Term

Councilor-at-Large (2011-2014) – Governing Body of the *American Library Association (ALA)* - 2nd Term

Councilor-at-Large (2007-2010) – Governing Body of the *American Library Association (ALA)* – 1st Term

ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA), 2025- 2029

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART) Nominating Committee Chair, 2023-2025

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART), Chair 2020-2023

African American SACO Funnel, (ACRL), Member - 2017 - Present

Offices Held

- **Chair (2016 -2017) – Special Interest Group (SIG) for School Librarians** – *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)*
- **Co-Chair (2015 -2016) – Specialist Interest Group (SIG) for School Librarians** – *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)*

Honors and Awards

- **Teacher of the Year**, Bethune Elementary School - Atlanta Public Schools, 1995-1996
- **People to Peoples' Conference Attendee to Barcelona, Spain** - Atlanta Public Schools, 1996
- **DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest National Library Power Media Specialist and Media Program**- Atlanta Public Schools, 1993 – 1997
- **Guadalajara Book Festival Attendee** – ALA Sponsorship, 2005 – 2008
- **Hong Kong International Book Fair Attendee** – ALA Sponsorship, 2009

Major Accomplishments

My major accomplishments involve my work preparing graduate students to deliver effective instruction to with K- 16 learners. In addition, I continue to challenge myself to become a better listener so that I may meet people where they are, not where I may wish them to be, which leads to more open communication/understanding. My new mindset promotes authenticity, empathy and growth oriented feedback. (As a life-long learner, radical empathy, is now my new pursuit!)

As we, library/information studies professionals, prepare the next generation of library users/leaders, let us continue to promote student (of all ages) driven inquiry and critical thinking. The American Library Association must remain a leader in this area by initiating policies and programs that increase our professional ranks for the next 150 years. We owe this to ourselves and those we serve daily.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

If re-elected to serve as a Councilor-at-Large member, I will use my leadership skills to boost trust, performance and innovation within ALA. When honest information is effectively (and often) communicated, inclusivity and empowerment are evidenced (and welcomed) by all members.

Council is an excellent forum to ensure that communication is shared across the country. A vibrant and engaged council becomes a conduit of information to our members. I hope to continue providing my services toward this endeavor.

Hopefully, during my next term, increasing the number of elected council members will be revisited and I will share my voice in support of this necessary change. Existing and new members need to feel that they have a voice in the governance process. The more voices will increase feelings of inclusivity and empowerment for ALA's next 150 years!

Links

1. Pruitt-Annisette, B. and Gangwish, K. (2020). *Changes for the future of School Librarianship: 2019 ALA/AASL/CAEP Preparation Standards for School Librarians. Teacher Librarian*. Print publication date October 2020. Online access will be available at: www.teacherlibrarian.com (<http://www.teacherlibrarian.com/>) (Last Accessed 10/20/21)
2. *School Library Specialists: Effective Leaders in P-12 School Library Programs and Student Achievement*. 2018. *Journal of Education & Social Policy*. Vol. 5, No. 1. March 2018.
3. Dissertation: *Highly qualified school library media specialists: Perceptions of teacher preparation training requirements and the impact on P-12 student achievement*. Chicago: ProQuest-UMI. (2008) (Digital Commons @Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center (<http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu>) (<http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/>) Last Accessed 4/2/16)

ALA Membership Years: 31.0

Divisions:

American Association of School Librarians
Association of College & Research Libraries
Association for Library Service to Children
Young Adult Library Services Association

Round Tables:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table
Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Library Research Round Table
Social Responsibilities

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Black Caucus of ALA,

Leah Richardson (she/her)
Director of Archives and Special Collections
George Washington University Libraries
Washington, DC
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Research, Outreach, and Instruction Librarian	George Washington University Libraries	2015-2022
Reference, Instruction, and Outreach Librarian	University of Chicago Library	2012-2015
Research Services Coordinator	George Mason University Libraries	2009-2012

Degrees and Certifications

Drexel University, MSLIS: Archival Studies, 2011; George Mason University, MA: Philosophy and Cultural Theory, 2009; George Mason University, BA: Philosophy, 2009

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

- ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2023-2026
- ALA Nominating Committee, 2025
- ALA Executive Board Election Ad-Hoc Committee, 2024-2025
- ALA President Advisory Committee for Emily Drabinski, 2022-2024
- ALA President Advisory Committee for Sam Helmick, 2024-2026
- ALA 150th Commemoration Steering Committee, 2023-2025
- ALA Chapter Relations Committee, 2023-2025
- ALA representative to CoSA-NAGARA-RAAC-SAA Joint Working Group on Archives Issues and Awareness, 2024-present
- ALA-APA Salaries & Status of Library Workers Committee, 2022-2024
- ALA-APA Working Group, 2023-2024
- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Rare Book and Manuscript Section (RBMS):
 - New Professionals Mentor, 2019-present
 - Membership & Professional Development Committee, 2022-2024
 - RBMS19 Conference Program Planning Committee, 2019-2021
 - RBMS Seminars Committee, 2017-2019, chair

Offices Held

Executive Board of the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA):

Career and Leadership Director, 2025-2027

Director of Membership, 2024-2025

Secretary, 2022-2024

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

- Served on the Joint RBMS/SAA Task Force that developed the first iteration of the Guidelines on Information Literacy Standards for Primary Source Research, 2015-2017
- Served on the ACRL-RBMS Task Force to Revise Competency Standards for Special Collections Professionals, 2013-2015
- Certified Software Carpentries Instructor, 2020-present
- Advanced Academic Advisory Committee (AAPAC), Fairfax County Public Schools, 2022-present
- Scripps National Spelling Bee Judge for Fairfax County Public Schools, 2024-Present
- Sleepy Hollow Elementary School PTA: President, 2024-present; Corresponding Secretary, 2022-2024

Publications

Year	Publication
2019	Eller, S. L. and Richardson, L. (November 2019) "Labor and Materials: Towards a Sustainable Special Collections Instruction Program," in Teaching Undergraduates with Archives Anthology, eds. Bartlett, Nancy, Gadelha, Elizabeth, and Nofziger, Cinda. https://www.fulcrum.org/epubs/zk51vj51w?locale=en#/6/34[Bartlett-0017]!/4/2[ch09]/2/2[p129]/1:0
2023	Richardson, Leah, and Holly Dugan. "A Pedagogy of Possibility: Towards Transformative Learning in the Special Collections Classroom." Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship 9 (2023): 1-26. https://doi.org/10.33137/cjal-rcbu.v9.40961
2023	Richardson, Leah. Review of "Cheryl Oestreicher. Reference and Access for Archives and Manuscripts,(SAA) Archival Fundamentals Series III. Chicago, IL: Society of American Archivists, 2022. Edited by Peter J. Wosh. (ISBN: 978-1-945246-40-1)." College & Research Libraries 84, no. 3 (2023): 468. https://crl.acrl.org/index.php/crl/article/view/25882/33804 .

Statement

To be sustainable and successful, ALA needs an engaged Council where members with diverse perspectives work together to direct limited resources towards the things that matter most. It would be an honor to serve as a Councilor-at-Large for a second term. I was humbled in my first term to learn in practice what effective ALA Governance requires. The courage and vulnerability demonstrated by my Council colleagues taught me that Council is at its best when we take the time to listen and learn from each other. I stand committed to continuing to learn more about ALA, the libraries and library workers it represents, and the needs of ALA members and staff. I will continue to push for transparency and communicate more broadly about the decisions that come before Council. I remain hopeful and ready to work for the creative solutions I know we can create together.

Links

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ALA Membership Years: 15.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Round Tables:

Library History Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Je Salvador (all: ey/they/he/she)
Research & Instruction Librarian
University of Washington Libraries
Bothell, WA
Academic

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Public Defense Investigator	King County Department of Public Defense	2018 - 2019
Instructor	Walla Walla Community College	2010 - 2014

Degrees and Certifications

University of Washington (Professional and Continuing Education), certificate, Private Investigation, 2018;

University of Washington, MLIS, 2018;

Walla Walla University, MA, Teaching, 2010;

Whitman College, BA, Studio Art, 2007

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Board Election Ad-Hoc Committee, member, March - October 2025

ALA | ACRL Leadership Recruitment & Nomination Committee, member, 2024 - present

ALA | ACRL Training & Equity in Library Work Discussion Group, co-founder & co-convener, 2024 - present (for more information, please see: <https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/discussiongroups/acr-dgtelw>)

ALA | ACRL Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Committee, member, 2020 - 2024

EDI Committee Past-Chair, 2023 - 2024

EDI Committee Chair, 2022 - 2023

EDI Committee Vice-Chair, 2021 - 2022

Offices Held

Scouting America | Chief Seattle Council | Northern Trails District | Pack 427, Den Leader, 2025 - present

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 925 | UW Libraries Union (UWLU) Chapter, member, 2020 - present

UWLU Chapter representative to UW coalition of unions, 2025 - present

UWLU Chapter Bylaws Committee member, 2023 - present

UWLU Chapter Bargaining Committee member, 2021 - 2023

Honors and Awards

Major Accomplishments

My most significant work is raising, with my partner and our village, a child who cares deeply and engages the world with curiosity.

Other meaningful work in my life includes building **strong relationships** with other library workers (in this association and other spaces); helping create and sustain **the ACRL BIPOC and Disabled Library Workers membership initiative**; participating in **the 2022 ACRL Plan for Excellence revision** to include and create an equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) goal; helping organize my **library workplace union** and bargain our first contract; walking El Camino de Santiago **pilgrimage** in Spain; working to complete my **teaching degree** after two quarters of failed classes and academic probation; and graduating college as a **first-generation student**.

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

I am excited to participate in ALA's policy-making body and am committed to transparency in decision-making.

My experiences on the ALA Board Election Ad-Hoc Committee, the ACRL Leadership Recruitment & Nomination Committee, and as an ALA member more generally have shown me that **members prize transparency, dialogue, and informed decision-making in this association's shared governance**. I am particularly interested in how, in the current moment, ALA Council attends to the ALA budget and honors ALA staff needs while **increasing member education about our governance**.

What creative ideas can we engage for encouraging an informed and active membership in these times?

I hope this can be an effective way to serve this community.

Links

ACRL Member of the Week post: <https://acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/acrl-member-of-the-week-je-salvador/>

ALA Membership Years: 9.0

Divisions:

Association of College & Research Libraries

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Round Tables:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Library Support Staff Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Amanda Sand ()
Consultant
Library Leverage
Dubuque, IA

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
Consultant	Library Leverage	2025-present
Dubuque County Library District	Library Director 2021-2024; Assistant Director 2019-2021	2019-2024
Orange City Public Library	Director, 2017-2019; Assistant Director, 2015-2016; Additional Roles, 2010-2016	2010-2019

Degrees and Certifications

San Jose State University, MLIS, 2019

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

ALA Councilor, Iowa Chapter, 2021-2024

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, Member, 2024-2026

ALA IF Programming Sub-Committee, Co-Chair, 2025-2026

ALA Ecosystem Public Libraries Task Group, 2025-2026

ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table Programming and Events Committee, Chair 2025-2026

ALA Core Values Interpretations Working Group: Intellectual Freedom & Privacy, 2024-2025

Planning and Budget Assembly, 2022-2024

Round Table Coordinating Assembly, 2022-2025

Intellectual Freedom Round Table Chair-Elect/Chair/Past-Chair, 2022- 2025

Intellectual Freedom Round Table, Nominations Committee Chair, 2024-2025

Intellectual Freedom Round Table Coalition Building Committee, 2019-2021

Intellectual Freedom Round Table Publications Committee, Member, 2019-2020, Chair, 2020-2021

Offices Held

Iowa Library Association, Governmental Affairs Committee, Chair 2025-2026, Member 2024-2027

Iowa Library Association, Executive Board Member, ALA Councilor, 2021-2024

Iowa Library Association, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Chair, 2021-2024, Member, 2020-2024

Iowa Library Association, Conference Planning Committee, Local Arrangements Co-Chair, 2023

Iowa Library Association, Communications Committee, Chair, 2017-2018

Freedom to Read Foundation, Conable Scholarship Committee, Member, 2024-2025

Freedom to Read Foundation, Nominations Committee, Member, 2025

Honors and Awards

Freedom to Read Foundation, Conable Conference Scholarship, 2019

Major Accomplishments

Publications

Year	Publication
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Statement

I am honored to stand for election as an ALA Councilor-at-Large and to once again serve the members of the association. My passion for intellectual freedom drives my work, and I am committed to building connections within the profession and with partners who champion libraries, library workers, and the essential services we provide.

As Councilor, I will support the work of ALA's committees, round tables, interest groups, and staff in advancing our shared ethics and professional standards. I am equally dedicated to strengthening legislative and public policy efforts to ensure ALA's voice protects the future of libraries.

I believe the association plays a vital role in supporting our profession—not only by defending core values like intellectual freedom, but also by serving as a resource that helps library workers excel. ALA and ALA-APA provide the tools, training, and advocacy needed so every worker has the knowledge and support to thrive.

Links

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/amandarsand>

<https://www.libraryleverage.com>

ALA Membership Years: 10.0

Divisions:

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures

Public Library Association

United for Libraries

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Rainbow Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships

William Wallace (he/ him/ Mr.)
Asst. Branch Manager
Wicomico Public Library, Pittsville & Centre Branch
Salisbury, MD
Public

[Previous Positions](#)

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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[Degrees and Certifications](#)

Valdosta State University, Master of Library and Information Science, 2024; University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Bachelor of Arts in History, 2011; Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Educator License: Professional Public Librarian, 2024; Maryland Library Associate Certificate, 2021.

[ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:](#)

[Offices Held](#)

Maryland Library Association: Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Panel, 2024–present; Member, Advisory Council, 2024–present; Member, MLA/DLA Conference Committee, 2025.

Friends of Harriet Tubman UGRR Visitor Center: President, Executive Board, 2025; Member, 2024–present.

[Honors and Awards](#)

[Major Accomplishments](#)

My commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is reflected in my service to my community and profession. As Chair of the Maryland Library Association's EDI Panel, I lead efforts to make our profession more accessible and representative. I've actively contributed to governance through my work on the Wicomico Public Library's Community Advisory Board and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Committee on Public Trust, helping to shape the future of library services and public policy in my state.

Through my work with the Wicomico Truth & Reconciliation Initiative and the Friends of Harriet Tubman UGRR Visitor Center, I've helped foster a deeper understanding of local history and its connection to library services. This work, combined with my leadership in the local PFLAG chapter, demonstrates a career-long dedication to serving and advocating for marginalized communities, bringing a vital perspective to the ALA Council.

[Publications](#)

Year	Publication
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[Statement](#)

As a Black gay man and rural librarian, I believe my professional journey uniquely positions me to represent the diverse voices of the American Library Association (ALA) membership. My core belief is that libraries must be proactive agents of change, not neutral custodians of knowledge. I reject the notion of neutrality, understanding that our profession is inherently political and must actively work to dismantle systemic biases.

My commitment is to elevate the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) at the national level. I will advocate for ALA policies that support rural and marginalized library professionals and the communities they serve. I aim to foster a culture of transparent leadership, accountable governance, and reciprocal respect, ensuring the ALA remains a powerful and relevant advocate for libraries and a model for our profession.

[Links](#)

ALA Membership Years: 4.0

Divisions:

Public Library Association

Round Tables:

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Black Caucus of ALA,

Steven Yates (he/him)
Associate Dean / Associate Professor
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
Other

Previous Positions

Title	Organization	Dates Employed
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Degrees and Certifications

University of Alabama, PhD, Instructional Leadership, 2017; University of West Alabama, EdS Library Media, 2010; University of Alabama, MLIS, 2006; University of Alabama, MA Communication Studies, 2005; University of Alabama, BA Geology and History, 2003.

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

- ALA Executive Board 2023-2026
- Finance and Audit Subcommittee, 2023-present
- ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2022-present
- ALA 150th Commemoration Fundraising Steering Committee (Co-chair), 2024-present
- ALA Policy Corps Advisory Group, 2022-2024
- ALA Executive Director Search Committee, 2019, 2024-25
- ALA President-elect/Presidential Advisory Committee for Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, 2021-2023
- ALA Committee on Library Advocacy (Chair), 2021-2023
- ALA Forward Together Working Group (Co-chair), 2020-2021
- ALA National Network Advisory Committee / Pilot State Participant (Public Policy & Advocacy Office), 2019-2021
- ALA Candidate for 2021-2022 President, 2019-2020
- ALA Policy Corps, 2019-present
- ALA Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness, 2018-2020
- ALA Committee on Appointments, 2016-2017
- ALA Committee on Diversity, 2013-2015
- ALA Emerging Leaders Program Subcommittee, 2013-2015
- ALA Emerging Leader, 2010
- AASL Innovative Reading Grant Committee, 2021-2022
- AASL Legacy Committee, 2020-2021
- AASL Immediate Past President, 2018-2019
- AASL American Association of School Librarians, continued
- AASL Chair, Leadership Development Committee, 2018-2019
- AASL President, 2017-2018
- AASL President-Elect, 2016-2017
- AASL Member-at-Large, Board of Directors, 2014-2016
- AASL Board-Elected Representative to Executive Committee, 2015-2016
- AASL Chair, Fall Forum 2014 Committee

AASL National Conference 2013 Committee / Virtual Conference Subcommittee Chair

AASL Professional Development Advisory Group, 2013-2015

AASL Knowledge Quest Editorial Board, 2010-2013

AASL Annual Program Committee, 2011, 2012

Core Awards and Scholarships Coordination Committee, 2020-2022

Core Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology Committee (Chair), 2020-2021

United for Libraries Board, Friend-at-Large, 2022-2023

Offices Held

Alabama Library Association (ALLA) Convention Committee, 2025

ALLA Awards Committee, 2019-2023

ALLA President, 2011-2012

ALLA Young Adult Services Roundtable Moderator, 2009-2010

Alabama School Library Association, Treasurer, 2007-2009

Honors and Awards

2021 Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship, American Library Association

2017 Lois E. Henderson Presidential Award, Alabama School Library Association

2015 Teaching Award, University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies Student Advisory Committee

Major Accomplishments

2023-2026 ALA Executive Board Member

2017-2018 American Association of School Librarians President

2011-2012 Alabama Library Association President

First generation college graduate

Publications

Year	Publication
2017	Karen Chapman and Steven Yates. "The Impact of the Monographs Crisis on the Field of Communication." <i>The Journal of Academic Librarianship</i> , Volume 43, Issue 3, 2017.
2024	Gwendolyn Nixon, Steven Yates, and Jamie Campbell Naidoo. "School and Public Librarians Can Change the World! Cultivating Sustainable School and Public Library Programs and Partnerships with the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals." <i>Children and Libraries</i> , Volume 22, Issue 4, Winter 2024.
2024	Gwendolyn Nixon, Jamie Campbell Naidoo, and Steven Yates. "Understanding and Using Open-Access, Global Digital Picturebook Platforms to Scaffold Cultural Connections." <i>Knowledge Quest</i> Volume 53, Issue 1, 2024.

Statement

As a former school and public librarian turned library and information science educator, I appreciate the leading role that ALA has in international conversations around intellectual freedom, library funding, and advocacy. As a past president of the American Association of School Librarians who is completing a term on the ALA Executive Board this year, I remain committed to the member-focused vision first discussed through the organizational effectiveness groups who started their work over eight years ago. As ALA faces the most

significant financial crisis in recent memory, Council must remain committed to ALA's core values and fiscal sustainability. I stand for election in this cycle to continue supporting the dedicated work of our divisions and roundtables as we navigate structural change in our Association. I remain committed to celebrating our phenomenal ALA staff as we navigate these needed organizational changes together.

[Links](#)

ALA Membership Years: 20.0

Divisions:

American Association of School Librarians
Association of College & Research Libraries
Association for Library Service to Children
Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
Public Library Association
United for Libraries
Young Adult Library Services Association

Round Tables:

Intellectual Freedom Round Table
International Relations Round Table

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: Yes

[National Associations of Librarians of Color \(NALCo\) Memberships](#)

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, American Indian Library Association,