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ACRL New England Chapter News (for June 2014 issue of Chapter Topics)

Happy spring from the ACRL New England Chapter! This latest issue of Chapter Topics is perfectly timed for a report on our 2014 Annual Conference, held May 9 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. This event, themed “We're All in This Together: Strengthening Librarians Through Professional Development,” was attended by more than 280 librarians from New England and beyond. Our keynote speakers were Susanne Markgren and Tiffany Eatman Allen, authors of the book *Career Q&A: A Librarian's Real-life, Practical Guide to Managing a Successful Career*. Speakers, panels, posters, and vendors filled the remainder of the day, along with a fun networking activity called “Librarian Scavenger Hunt.” The conference included a book signing with the keynote speakers, our popular student-pairing program, in which library school students and professional librarians are matched for the day, appointments for resume review, a workshop on cover letters presented by Sarah Evelyn Bordac and Erika Severson (Brown University), a networking event for our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and a ride-share program. Visit the conference website for the full program:

<http://conference2014.acrlnec.org/>

During the conference business meeting outgoing President Eleta Exline (University of New Hampshire) thanked the board of directors, including officers, SIG chairs, and committee chairs, for their hard work over the past year and handed over leadership of the chapter to incoming President Phil Waterman (Assumption College). Results were announced for the election of new 2014/2015 officers: David Bretthauer, Vice President/President Elect (University of Connecticut, Storrs); Treasurer-Elect/Treasurer, Jessica Adamick (University of Massachusetts, Amherst); Secretary, Alan Witt (Rivier University); and Member-at-Large, Laura Kohl (Bryant University). Recipients of chapter scholarships and awards were also announced: Best Paper Awards sponsored by OCLC, Mona Niedbala (University of Rhode Island), and Laura Saunders and Mary Wilkins Jordan (Simmons College); ACRL National Conference Scholarships, Dawn Cadogen (University of Connecticut) and Rukmal Ryder (Salem State University); Continuing Education Scholarship, Jennifer Shallcross (Providence College). The first recipient of the Christine Drew Scholarship was Julie Adamo (Mount Holyoke College). The Christine Drew Scholarship includes a registration and travel stipend of up to \$1000 to attend the ACRL Immersion program and complimentary registration and a travel stipend to attend the ACRL/NEC Annual Conference. A memorial profile of Christine Drew is available at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute website:

<http://www.wpi.edu/news/20123/drewmemoriam.html>

Over the summer a new Conference Planning Committee will assemble under the leadership of David Bretthauer. Our colleagues from other chapters are welcome to submit speaker proposals next fall and to attend in May 2015!

Throughout the year our chapter's special interest groups develop, plan, and coordinate events on a variety of topics of interest to our members:

The Access Services Group (ASIG) held its conference, "COEXIST: Workplace Culture," on February 21 at College of the Holy Cross. Featured speakers were Michael Krasulski, an editor of *Twenty-First-Century Access Services: On the Front Line of Academic Librarianship* and Brian Greene (Northeastern University), who gave a presentation on the process of combining Northeastern's service desks last summer. Gail Gaiser (Rhode Island School of Design) serves as Chair.

Martha Kelehan (Tufts University) and Susan Raidy-Klein (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth), Co-chairs of the Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) are planning a program for the fall on building and sustaining diverse collections.

The Electronic Resources Interest Group (ERMIG), Co-chaired by Kim Maxwell (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Galadriel Chilton (University of Connecticut), is planning the program "Managing E-Resources to Measure Value in Academic Libraries" for the fall.

The Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) DigiCamp 2014 unConference was held on Friday, March 14 at Simmons College. Co-chairs Kieran Ayton (Rhode Island College) and Veronica Kenausis (Western Connecticut State University) report "(the program) was attended by over 65 people and was a huge success. A follow up survey was sent to all attendees. Breakout sessions were rated from Average to Excellent. The Simmons location was very popular and several attendees expressed interest in holding (the unConference) there again. Both the Simmons College Library Director and Deputy Library Director said they enjoyed being able to host an ACRL/NEC Special Interest Group. Additionally, several Simmons College Librarians acted as co-facilitators during the breakout sessions."

The New England Library Instruction Group's (NELIG) 2014 Annual Program will be held June 6 at UMass Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA. *Teaching Across Difference* will feature keynote speaker Yu-Hui Chen, co-author the article (with Mary K. Van Ullen) "Helping International Students Succeed Academically through Research Process and Plagiarism Workshops." The program will explore how instruction librarians negotiate and accommodate difference in their work. Program details and registration can be found at the program website: <http://nelig.acrlnec.org/content/nelig-annual-program-june-6-2014>. This active SIG is led by Erica Charis (Berklee College of Music) and Rob Walsh (Trinity College).

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG), led by Co-chairs Hillary Corbett (Northeastern University) and Andrée Rathemacher (University of Rhode Island), held its spring program on Thursday, May 8 at College of the Holy Cross as a preconference to the chapter annual conference. The program, "Teaching Research Data Management with the New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum," was a "train the trainer" class for librarians who will be teaching best practices in research data

management to science, health science, and/or engineering students and faculty. During the workshop, Elaine Martin, Andrew Creamer, and Donna Kafel (University of Massachusetts Medical School) and Regina Raboin (Tufts University) demonstrated the components of the *New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum* and discussed ways that the curriculum materials can be used and customized. The curriculum can be found here: <http://library.umassmed.edu/necdmc/index>.

Co-chairs Nancy Dennis (Salem State University) and Amy Robb (Simmons College) report that the Women's Studies Interest Group (WSIG) is planning a tour of Schlesinger Library that will be followed by a discussion of current issues relating to women's studies scholarship and collections. Nancy Dennis and Gina Bastone (Brandeis University) are planning the meeting.

The Leadership Development Committee presented a workshop on March 7 entitled "Numbers and Budgets and Spreadsheets (Oh my!)," led by Diane Klare (Wesleyan University) and Doris Ann Sweet (Assumption College). From Co-Chair, Melissa Behney: "Thirty-two participants registered for the program. Verbal comments and evaluations were overwhelmingly positive, and the committee hopes to offer this program again next year in another geographic area." The committee also presented a program at the chapter's annual conference on May 9, "Emotional Intelligence in a Stupid World," with Diane Klare, Melissa Behney, and Barbara Ferrer Kenney (Roger Williams University) and is planning a program for the fall. Tracey Leger-Hornby (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) also Co-chairs this group.

Our chapter board of directors is looking forward to its annual retreat on June 19, where incoming and outgoing officers, committee chairs, and SIG chairs exchange information and discuss plans for the next year. For the past several years we have held this event at the beautiful Tower Hills Botanic Gardens in Boylston, MA. Send us best wishes for pleasant weather that day!