



ALISE News

Greetings from President Cloonan

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are finding time to relax this summer. Ideally, this is the time of year for renewal and reflection, though increasingly we have less time for those pursuits. Yet the occasional hike, swim or bike ride, and light “beach” reading, help us to enjoy glimpses of summer even as we work. Or as Emily Dickinson wryly observed: To see the Summer Sky/Is Poetry, though never in a Book it lie—/True Poems flee—.

Your Board works throughout the year. During the summer we have monthly conference calls. This summer, in addition to the usual pre-conference work, two other activities are keeping us busy. We will soon be interviewing for candidates for the new ALISE Statistical Data Manager position and we have recently created a membership survey, which is now up on the website.

We have developed the membership survey in order to find out what you value most—or least—about our current services. Additionally, in order to help our strategic planning, we need to know more about you. As far as we can ascertain, ALISE has not gathered data about its membership in recent memory.

The survey is divided into two parts. In part I, we ask you about your membership activities. In part II, we ask a few questions about *you*. Your responses will be anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself. Additionally, we have included places in the survey for your comments. We hope to receive as many responses as possible. We will tally the results this fall and report the findings on the ALISE website. We will also hold an open forum at the ALISE 2009 conference in Denver.

The Board is constantly seeking ways to improve the services that ALISE provides to its members. Thank you very much for your continuing support of and participation in ALISE.

Happy reading and writing.

Best wishes,



Michele V. Cloonan,
ALISE President
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Take Note!

- Plan to join us for the 2009 ALISE conference in Denver

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The Journal of Education for Library and Information Science

The Journal of Education for Library and Information Science (JELIS) recognizes the value and importance of the peer reviewer in the overall publication process – not only in shaping the individual manuscript, but also in shaping the credibility and reputation of a journal. JELIS is committed to the timely review and publication of all credible manuscripts submitted for publication, including both research articles and brief communications. As such, the identification and selection of reviewers who have expertise and interest in the topics appropriate to each manuscript are essential elements in ensuring a timely, productive peer review process. Generally, reviewers are asked to return their comments within two weeks.

JELIS editors Michelle Kazmer and Kathy Burnett invite you to help us meet our goals for the JELIS jubilee volume, including:

- To increase the engagement of the LIS education community in their association's primary publication venue through conscientious selection of peer reviewers for articles.
- To attract and publish the best scholarship through careful monitoring of the peer review process, and active editorial intervention to work with authors through multiple revisions to assist authors in developing their work.
- To attract and publish scholarship that reflects the diversity of the LIS education community and is of interest to all who teach in the broad spectrum of subject matter in library and information science.
- To increase LIS doctoral student engagement in research and authorship through supportive inclusion in the review process.

Your expertise is needed to meet these goals. Please take a moment to let us know of your interest by sending email to jelis@ci.fsu.edu. Include your name, contact information, areas of interest and expertise in LIS education, and indication of how often you are prepared to review manuscripts (e.g., once a month, twice a year, once a year).

Greetings to ALISE School Representatives

Please remember to send the names and contact information for any new faculty, but particularly assistant professors that are joining your faculty this year to Melissa Gross, mgross@fsu.edu,

ALISE would like to extend its congratulations to them and remind them how important ALISE membership is. The letters go out in the fall, but please feel free to send these names to Melissa at anytime. Also, if you need more ALISE brochures, you may request them from Kathleen Combs. Her email address is kcombs@alise.org.

The Board is also looking for short articles for the ALISE newsletter describing any of the many ways you are promoting ALISE membership with your faculty. This will allow you both to highlight your school as well as share your ideas for promotion with others. You may send your write-ups to Susan Roman at sroman@dom.edu.

The next ALISE Board meeting is at the end of September, but we do have monthly phone conferences until then. Please let me know if you have any issues or concerns you would like to share with the board. We will get them on the agenda.

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fully developed
organization, which
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ALA Library Research Round Table announces 2008 Award Recipients

The Library Research Round Table (LRRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) is pleased to announce the 2008 winner of the Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research, which honors work that advances library research.

The Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research is given to provide recognition and monetary support for dissertation research employing exemplary research design and methods. The 2008 recipient is Sharon (Sherri) McQueen, University of Wisconsin Madison, School of Library and Information Studies, for The Story of "The Story of Ferdinand": The Creation of a Cultural Icon.

LRRT was founded in 1968 to contribute toward the extension and improvement of library research by providing public program opportunities for describing and evaluating library research projects and for disseminating their findings. LRRT is dedicated to informing and educating ALA members regarding research techniques and their usefulness in obtaining information. The information must help users reach administrative decisions and solve problems and expand the theoretical base of the field by serving as a forum for discussion and action on issues related to the literature and information needs for the field of library and information science.

For more information on the Library Research Round Table please visit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/lrrt/lrrt.cfm>

The full press release may be found here: <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/may2008/LRRTShera.cfm>

Announcements:

University of Washington Information School Ph.D. candidate Deborah Turner has received a Fulbright award for the 2008-09 academic year. The award, among the most prestigious academic awards bestowed by the Department of State, will allow Turner to continue her dissertation research into how sharing information by talking is different from all the other ways of sharing. Turner will spend a year in Finland to conduct an empirical study of professionals who share information while talking with multinational colleagues in a common second language (e.g., Finnish managers speaking in English with German and Japanese colleagues).

August 2008

Membership Renewals: The 2008 membership campaign ends August 31, 2008. Final invoices will be sent to all institutional and personal members who have not renewed for 2008.

September 2008

ALISE Elections: Nominations from the floor due to Headquarters.

School and Faculty Directory Submission: have your school listed in the ALISE LIS Programs and Faculty Directory. Watch your email and ALISE.org for more details. Submissions are due September 5.

October 2008

Annual Conference Registration Opens

2009 Members Renewal Campaign starts

ALISE Election Voting opens

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Thoughts on ALISE 2008

Miriam Matteson

It was an honor to have been selected by the ALISE board to receive the Doctoral Student to ALISE award. I was grateful for the financial assistance toward registration and travel to the conference in January, and I am particularly thankful to immediate past-president Connie Van Fleet for providing funds for lodging.

I am no stranger to conference going, having attended quite a few SLA, ALA and ASIST conferences over the last ten years. But as a doctoral student beginning a career in LIS education, there is no better place to get started than the ALISE conference. As many know, the conference is a great opportunity for student “on the market” to begin the job search process by having preliminary interviews with schools of interest. And the doctoral student poster session is an outlet for sharing dissertation research with peers and potential new colleagues. But in addition to participating in interviews and the poster session, I discovered several other events that taught me about the organization and the field in which I am entering.

The Business Meeting

I learned a great deal about ALISE in that short hour. The informal formality of the meeting hit just the right note in respecting the history, mission, and purpose of the organization, without taking itself too seriously. The highlight of the meeting was the special moment when the Norman Horrocks Leadership Award was announced. I have never heard of Mr. Horrocks, I confess. But almost everyone else in the room certainly had, and the tribute to him as people spontaneously contributed additional money for that award was really touching.

Birds of a Feather Lunch

The Birds of a Feather lunch, where people with similar interests get together and share past experiences and new ideas, is another good way for students to make their way into the field in a very friendly, low stakes environment. At the table I joined, I heard several folks talk about their experiences teaching management and heard their opinions on what classroom activities they like to assign, what textbooks they recommend, and what they'd like to see changed in the field. Tapping into that level of topic-specific expertise was extremely valuable, and nearly impossible to reproduce anywhere else.

The Awards Reception

The thing I liked best about the awards reception was seeing the collective excitement and pride everyone had towards all those selected to win awards. My impression of that event was that the attendees all wanted to celebrate with the award winners for their outstanding effort. The collective enthusiasm was both welcoming and motivating. I started to realize how satisfying it must be to have your work recognized and awarded by your peers.

There is also that serendipitous moment that cannot be planned. For me, it occurred during the doctoral student poster session. I was standing by my poster toward the end of the long evening. A lovely couple came by and read my poster and chatted for a while with me. The gentleman commented on experiences in his own work that connected with my topic and the lady was warm and delightful. After a few minutes of chatting, I glanced down at her nametag—Arlene Taylor! And then with all the couth of a 12-year-old girl at a boy band concert, I gushed, “Oh, you’re Arlene Taylor of “Organization of Information” fame? I use your book. I love your book!” She graciously thanked me and we talked some more.

There are many great opportunities for students—both planned and unplanned—at the ALISE conference. I certainly got a lot out of this year’s conference, and I encourage other LIS students to join the organization and participate in future conferences. This year in particular, my commitments with interviewing kept me away from attending as many sessions as I would have liked, but I look forward to attending and presenting at future conferences as a faculty member and active member of ALISE.



Executive Director, Kathleen Combs Says . . .



Join us in Denver for ALISE 2009!

ALISE would like to invite you to the 2009 ALISE Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, January 20-23, 2009. Denver is a beautiful city offering many cultural artistic, natural, and (in January) professional-related opportunities. ALISE is very pleased to be hosting its *Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century: I-CREATE* conference in the Mile High City.

Here are some conference highlights . . .

Call for Papers, Programs and Awards: A call for papers is currently located on the ALISE website at: <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelId=70356&orgId=ali>. Here is a list of calls and deadlines:

- **Doctoral Students to ALISE** September 19, 2008
- **Works-In-Progress Poster Session** October 1, 2008
- **OCLC Library and Information Sciences Research Grant** October 1, 2008
- **Doctoral Student Research Poster Session** October 1, 2008

Keynote Speakers: The 2009 speakers are Shirley Amore, City Librarian, Denver Public Library; Martin J. Gómez, President/CEO, Urban Libraries Council; and Joyce Ray, Associate Deputy Director for Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services. Learn more about these speakers at www.alise.org.

50th Anniversary for JELIS: Come and celebrate with ALISE and its members. 2009 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Journal of Education for Library and Information Science. Meet the new Editors! Learn about the upcoming changes to the Journal! And, eat CAKE!

Conference Marketing Opportunities: ALISE is offering institutional members a 10% discount on all Annual Conference Marketing opportunities. Members can feature their schools at a table top display as part of our exhibit; place an ad in our pre-conference brochure or the conference program; or can become a conference sponsor. There is a wide selection of marketing opportunities with a variety of price tags. We are sure that there is something to fit your budget.

The Conference Hotel: ALISE 2009 will be at the Grand Hyatt Denver. The Grand Hyatt is a 4-diamond luxury hotel with unparalleled services and gracious amenities. We know this will be a wonderful place for ALISE, its members and the 2009 conference.

ALISE was able to secure the excellent hotel rates of \$139 (single/double), \$169 (triple) and \$189 (quad). You are currently able to make your hotel reservations by calling (303) 295-1234 and ask for "ALISE" or the "Association for Library and Information Science Education" conference rates.

The City: Denver is an amazing city with many activities and sites to enjoy. If you find the time to step out of the hotel for some local flavor, then check out the ALISE Things to Do In Denver website at: <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelId=66904>.

To find out more about ALISE 2009, the calls for participation, and other conference activities, please see ALISE.org at: <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelId=70356&orgId=ali>.

Registration opens October 2009. Watch ALISE.org and your e-mail for more details.

Come to Denver!

Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century: I-CREATE
Tuesday, January 20, through Friday, January 23, 2009
Denver
Colorado



If you have any questions, concerns or praise, please feel free to contact the ALISE Headquarters at 312/795-0996 or contact@alise.org