

# ALISE News

## Greetings from President Van Fleet

Dear Colleagues,

Happy end of the semester and happy holidays! It is exciting and a bit daunting to realize that our conference - and the end of my presidential year - is less than 6 weeks away. When I wrote in September, I highlighted the strategic plan and several key areas in which the Association was progressing. Today I'd like to bring you up to date on other activities that support our strategic directions.

Our 2008 Conference Program Planning team, chaired by Michele Cloonan and Ann Bishop, has worked diligently to produce an event that reflects our enduring purpose and mission. Jim Elmborg and the Conference Juried Papers Committee are to be commended for the "goodness of fit" of the selected papers with the conference theme, "Community Engagement: Integrating Learning, Research, and Practice." The first ALISE Linworth Youth Services Paper Award recipient will be recognized and two new and exciting awards will be announced in Philadelphia.

ALISE continues to develop professional development opportunities for our members. As a result of a recommendation of the Membership Advisory Committee, the Board has established the "ALISE Academy: Managing Your Career from Ph.D. to Retirement," a series of professional development workshops beginning with the 2009 ALISE Conference. This year, a publishing panel offers an opportunity to meet with editors of LIS journals to gain insights into the scholarly publishing process.

ALISE is working to enhance LIS education and to broaden membership. In recognition of the growing number of adjunct faculty in LIS programs, and in support of our strategic direction, ALISE will submit a proposal to the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Past-president John Budd is lead author on the proposal, "Enhancing Instructional Quality: Preparing Adjunct and Part-Time Teachers."

Jerry Saye, who has contributed so much to the ALISE Statistical Report, resigned as editor earlier this year. As we make the transition to a new editor, the data gathering procedures, content and format of the Report are being evaluated. The ALISE Statistical Report Advisory Committee, ably chaired by Kathleen Burnet, conducted a needs analysis, surveying Deans and Directors, Report chapter authors, and School Representatives. Significant work has been done to bring the Report up to date and good progress is being made. If you have ideas, about the Report, I invite you to send them to Kathy Burnett, Gloria Leckie (chair of the Publications Coordinating Committee), or me.

Finally, I want to congratulate Linda Smith, Vice-President/President-elect and Susan Romans, new Director for External Relations for their recent election. On behalf of the Association, I also extend my appreciation to Joe Mika and Ann O'Neil for their willingness to stand for office and for their past and continued support of ALISE. ALISE works best when we all work together.

See you in Philadelphia!



**Connie Van Fleet,  
ALISE President  
2007**

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### Take Note!

- ALISE has a re-designed website
- Check out our new membership system
- Plan to join us for the 2008 ALISE conference in Philadelphia
- Check out the new job placement center

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## IMLS Grants

### **\$2.2 Million for Native American and Native Hawaiian Communities for Library Enhancements**

Fourteen Native American tribal communities and Alaska Native villages received awards totaling \$1,753,300 to improve library services to their communities, announced Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Ph.D., Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funds for U.S. museums and libraries. Radice also announced an award of \$519,700 to Alu Like, Inc.'s Native Hawaiian Library in Honolulu. For more information on the Enhancement Grant and Native Hawaiian Library Services recipients, please see the list of awarded institutions at [www.ims.gov/news/2007/091107c\\_list.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/091107c_list.shtm) (from *JESSE*, September 11, 2007)

### **IMLS Awards \$1,007,740 for Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Grant Program**

Grants Enable Tribes to Preserve, Protect, and Promote Valuable Cultural Resources

Twenty-three federally recognized tribes will receive grants for museum projects totaling more than \$1 million from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Anne-Imelda Radice, Ph.D., IMLS Director announced the awards Sept.11. A list of awarded institutions is available at [www.ims.gov/news/2007/091107b\\_list.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/091107b_list.shtm) (from *JESSE*, September 17, 2007)

### **Three Institutions Awarded over \$1 million in Grants for Digital Innovation**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced the first three grant recipients under Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership, a funding opportunity that brings together museum, library, archive, and IT professionals with humanities scholars to spur innovative digital projects. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Tufts University, Medford; and the University of California, Berkeley will receive a combined total of \$1,047,455 for their work. (from *JESSE*, September 17, 2007)

### **\$2 Million Awarded to Promote Leadership in Nation's Museums**

Ten organizations will receive \$2,074,017 in 2007 awards under the 21st Century Museum Professionals program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The program supports leadership development and professional training in museum operations. Institutions receiving these grants will match the awards with \$2,507,736 in non-federal spending. Visit [www.ims.gov/news/2007/091807\\_list.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/091807_list.shtm) to see a list of awarded institutions. (from *JESSE*, September 18, 2007)

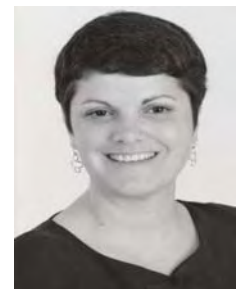
## Volunteer Opportunities

*ALISE is always seeking members to serve in a range of roles, from members of the Board, to Committee Chairs and Committee members. If you have an interest in serving ALISE to further our goals, please contact Executive Director Kathleen Combs ([contact@alise.org](mailto:contact@alise.org)).*



**John Budd**  
Past President

*“Grants Enable Tribes to Preserve, Protect, and Promote Valuable Cultural Resources”*



**Julie Hersberger,**  
Director for SIGs

## New Appointments

The School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta is delighted to announce that Ann Curry will begin a five-year term as Director of SLIS in January 2008. Dr. Curry will come to us from the School of Library and Archival Studies at the University of British Columbia, where she is presently Professor and Chair of the Doctoral Studies Program. Dr. Curry is an award-winning teacher, a productive researcher, and an actively contributing member of both the professional and the scholarly LIS communities. For more information, please visit her website at <http://www.slais.ubc.ca/PEOPLE/faculty/curry-p/index.htm>



**Melissa Gross**  
Director,  
Membership

## Fellow of the Society of American Archivists

Dr. Robert Martin, professor and Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies, recently was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists. This is highest individual recognition given by the SAA. "It is extremely gratifying to receive recognition of this kind from one's peers, especially colleagues with whom I have been associated for many years," Dr. Martin said. "I am deeply honored to be included among the distinguished Fellows of the Society." Dr. Martin was honored for his extraordinary contributions to the archival profession over a period of many years. Fellows are elected by a select committee comprising the five immediate past presidents of SAA and three Fellows selected by SAA's governing council. (from the *Open Library/Information Sciences Education Forum*, October 1st, 2007)

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## Honorary Fellow of the CILIP

Dr Fiona A. Black, Director, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). She was cited in recognition of "her distinguished contribution to librarianship research and education." Only three individuals in Canada have received this award since it was established in 1896 and two of them are members of Dalhousie's school. In addition to Dr Black, Dalhousie Professor Emeritus Dr Norman Horrocks OC, was elected in 1998. CILIP is the United Kingdom's leading professional body for information specialists, librarians and knowledge managers. It includes members from the United Kingdom and 31 other countries. (from *JESSE*, October 9th, 2007)

## 2007 Outstanding Contribution to Online Learning Award

Dr. Denise Agosto, Associate Professor at The iSchool at Drexel, College of Information Science and Technology, was selected by Dean David E. Fenske as the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Contribution to Online Learning Award. This award recognizes one person from each college/school at Drexel University, as selected by his/her dean, who has demonstrated a commitment and contribution to the field of online learning. The award recipients will be honored at an awards reception to be held on November 13, 2007. (from the *Open Library/Information Sciences Education Forum*, October 23rd, 2007)



**Heidi Julien**  
Director,  
External Relations

## University of Maryland College of Information Studies Receives New National Science Foundation Grant for Research on Information Technology Innovations

The College of Information Studies is proud to announce that faculty members Ping Wang, Douglas W. Oard, and Kenneth R. Fleischmann have received a three-year \$700,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Human and Social Dynamics program. The program seeks to foster breakthroughs in understanding the dynamics of human action and development by creating new knowledge about organizational, cultural, and societal adaptation and change. This new research project on "Scalable Computational Analysis of the Diffusion of Technological Concepts" aims to leverage emerging techniques from computational linguistics to populate models that describe the generation and dissemination of specific technological innovations.

By applying automatic tagging and classification to high-volume information flows from multiple sources, the project seeks to create a new middle ground between narrowly focused (but richly analyzed) case studies and existing scalable techniques (e.g. citation analysis) that leverage fewer types of evidence. The project will begin with a focus on information technology as an exemplar field, leveraging the broad and accessible discourse on specific information technologies from both formal and informal sources. Findings from those initial studies will then serve as a basis for applying similar techniques to other fields. This project is one of several in which faculty and students in the College of Information Studies are applying "computational thinking" to create new opportunities that address important research challenges in the social sciences and humanities. *(from the Open Library/Information Sciences Education Forum, October 8th, 2007)*

## Toni Samek Brings the First Annual Library Journal Teaching Award Home to SLIS

Toni Samek, winner of the first annual LJ Teaching Award sponsored by ProQuest, "is a light for human rights and core values", writes John N. Berry III in Library Journal, 11/15/2007. Dr. Samek will accept the award at a special reception to be held at ALA-midwinter in January 2008 in Philadelphia. The award honors Toni's teaching of the core value of the profession, especially intellectual freedom and social responsibility, and comes with an LJ cover and feature story and a \$5000 prize. *(From the University of Alberta SLIS Website, November 20, 2007)*

## Introducing ALISE's "Development & Advancement" Committee

This year, I have had the pleasure of chairing a new ALISE committee on "Development and Advancement" (D&A). A sub-committee of the ALISE Budget and Finance Committee, the D&A committee's terms of reference include identifying and pursuing new revenue streams and enhancing existing membership streams beyond member dues.

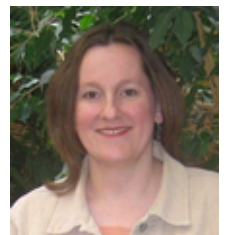
In 2007, our committee has focused on developing a plan for sponsorship of ALISE activities and programs, identifying potential sponsors for existing awards and activities, and creating a strategy for streamlining policies and procedures. As this is a new committee, much of our time has been devoted to identifying issues and creating an action plan for 2007-2008. We will hold our first in-person committee meeting at the ALISE annual conference in Philadelphia in January 2008, where we will discuss such topics as endowments and sponsorship opportunities.

Lisa M. Given, Secretary-Treasurer, ALISE



**Michèle V. Cloonan**  
Vice-President/  
President-Elect

*"The program seeks to foster breakthroughs in understanding the dynamics of human action and development by creating new knowledge"*



**Lisa Given**  
Secretary-Treasurer



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## **Board Update—We're Working for You!**

The ALISE Board meets in person three times during annual conference, as well as twice during the year. In addition, discussion and decision-making occurs by email and via monthly conference calls. Recent Board activities include:

- *Establishing a Development and Advancement Committee, Chaired by Lisa Given, our Secretary-Treasurer*
- *Working on organizational details for the upcoming ALISE Conference*
- *Developing and launching a new website for ALISE*
- *Ensuring the success of the ALISE Pavilion and the ALISE Cooperative Reunion at the annual conference of the American Library Association*

All Board members actively participate in decision-making and in carrying out the work of the Association. Current Board members (and their replacements, as of January 10, 2008) include:

Connie Van Fleet, President (Michèle V. Cloonan)

Michèle V. Cloonan, Vice-President/President-Elect (Linda Smith)

John Budd, Past President (Connie Van Fleet)

Lisa Given, Secretary-Treasurer

Melissa Gross, Director, Membership

Julie Hersberger, Director, Special Interest Groups

Heidi Julien, Director External Relations (and newsletter editor) (Susan Roman)

## **Next Issue of ALISE News: March 2008**

Please forward news and announcements and associated photographs to Kathleen Combs, ALISE Executive Director. Publication of the newsletter will occur quarterly: March, June, September, and December.

## Meet Executive Director, Kathleen Combs



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### Kathleen Says...

#### Headquarters Update

ALISE Headquarters has been working hard to provide you with professional association services. Below are a few of the standout services for the membership.

**ALISE 2008 Annual Conference** – The conference is just around the corner. ALISE is working to give you a conference filled with quality programs, special keynote speakers, valuable job placement services, enjoyable social events, and much, much more. Some of the highlights include:

- 120 Doctoral Student and Works-in-Progress Posters
- 33 Program Sessions (Panels Discussions, Juried Papers, SIG Programs)
- 8 Receptions and Coffee Breaks (Plus numerous other food events)
- 1 Evening with Gary Radford and the Professors band
- Immeasurable - Attending the 2008 ALISE Annual Conference

**ALISE Job Placement Center** – At the annual conference, ALISE will be hosting a job placement center. A conference room will be set up so that members can view candidate resumes or position openings. This room will serve as an informal place to meet candidates before moving to a formal room for an interview. You will also be able to leave messages for candidates or search committee members in the placement center.

**The New ALISE.org** - The ALISE Board of Director is proud to unveil the new ALISE.org website. The new look and the new functionality of the site are much improved from the old site. Three of the newest features are the members-only section; the secure, searchable Membership Directory; and the secure, online Annual Conference Registration and Membership Renewal systems.

ALISE at the ALA Annual Conference - ALISE participated in the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. At the conference we hosted the LIS Cooperative Booth that was part of the main exhibits. ALISE was joined by 21 Institutional member schools for a very successful turnout.

ALISE also hosted the Cooperative School Reunion. Twenty-six schools participated. Although the room was tight, everyone had a wonderful time.

If you have any questions, concerns or praise, please feel free to contact the ALISE Headquarters

### Join Us in Philadelphia!

Community Engagement: Integrating Learning, Research, and Practice

Tuesday, January 8, through Friday, January 11, 2008

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



*"I just wanted you to know first of all how much I appreciate the energy of ALISE to put together the joint reunion."*

*- Feedback from Reunion attendee*