

ALISE News

ALISE News is Back!

After a couple of years focused on getting ALISE back into organizational ship-shape, the quarterly ALISE News is back in business! We hope to produce an interesting collection of highlights from ALISE headquarters, the Board, as well as personal and institutional members. If you have news to share, pass it along!

Greetings from President Van Fleet

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an exciting year working to fulfill our mission to promote excellence in research, teaching and service for Library and Information Science through leadership, collaboration, advocacy and dissemination of research. Last spring, your Executive Board built on the work of previous boards and developed a new strategic plan for excellence. Many thanks are due to Ken Haycock for his generous contribution of expertise and time in facilitating this process.

We are working with MLA to develop and implement a new membership management system that will make membership renewal and conference registration more convenient for members, while making production of the membership directory more efficient. Committees are reviewing other membership services and recommending revised procedures and products. The Board and Governance Committee continue to work on working policies and procedures to make administration more efficient and transparent.

This is the time of year when the work of many committees becomes apparent. As committee and SIG reports come into the Board, it's truly exciting to see the energy our members have and the commitment they are willing to make to library and information science education. Last year at conference, I had the honor of announcing the establishment of the ALISE Linworth Youth Services Paper Award, the result of an initiative of the Youth Services SIG. The first award will be given at our upcoming 2008 conference.

The conference program planning committee has submitted the first draft schedule for the 2008 conference, Community Engagement: Integrating Learning, Research, and Practice. It's obvious that we can expect another conference with challenging speakers and many opportunities for career development, intellectual stimulation, networking with colleagues and celebrating their achievements. We'll even have a chance to jam with our very own Gary Radford and the Professors!

Please visit the website to view the strategic plan. But don't stop there. Share your ideas and energies to help realize ALISE's vision. Write to a board member or committee chair. Volunteer for committee service where you believe you can make a difference.

See you in Philadelphia!



**Connie Van Fleet,
ALISE President
2007**

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Take Note!

- ALISE Board Elections coming soon— watch for your ballot in October
- Submit an application for an award or competition
- Plan to join us for the 2008 ALISE conference in Philadelphia
- Visit www.alise.org

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IMLS Grant to SISLT

The School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (SISLT) of the University of Missouri-Columbia is very happy to announce the awarding of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The project title is: **Preparing Tomorrow's Academic Library Managers**. SISLT will partner with four Missouri libraries—University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Missouri State University. The purpose of the project is to prepare students at the master's level for leadership and management careers in academic libraries by creating an academic library fellows program. In collaboration with the partner libraries, SISLT will recruit 20 qualified individuals (over the three-year period of the grant) who have academic librarianship as a career goal. The project is designed to provide the students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed as leaders, enable them to gain functional experience at one of the four partnering university libraries, and provide them with a deep and broad understanding of present and future issues facing academic libraries. Project Director John M. Budd of SISLT will oversee the \$766,000 grant.



John Budd
Past President

New Appointments

The School of Information Science and Learning Technologies of the University of Missouri-Columbia is very pleased to welcome a new colleague to our faculty. **Oliver Chen** is joining us as an assistant professor. He was most recently on the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin. Oliver's doctorate is from the University of Pittsburgh, and his research interests include human-information interaction, digital museums and libraries as well as socio-technical aspects of information technologies. His interests have also evolved from a concern with technical implementation to one more centered on the socio-technical aspects of information studies.

The Wayne State University Library System has announced the appointment of **Stephen T. Bajjaly**, a veteran information professional and administrator, as director of its Library and Information Science Program, effective August 1, 2007. Bajjaly will join the LIS Program with over 15 years of experience in the information science field. Most recently, he served as an associate professor and associate director for undergraduate studies at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, where he oversaw all aspects of the implementation of the school's recently approved bachelor of science program in library and information science. He also has been active in the community, including serving on various university committees at USC, consulting with area libraries and organizations, and as a representative on the site visit team for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation. (from the Wayne State website)

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).

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."



Julie Hersberger,
Director for SIGs

New Youth Services Book Published

Susan E. Higgins has recently published *Youth Services and Public Libraries*. Higgins is Assistant Professor with the School of Library and Information Science, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. *Youth Services and Public Libraries* offers strategies to match the information needs and wants of children and young adults in public libraries and translates these into knowledge for providing relevant services. The latest trends in service provision are covered within the context of appropriate management, programming and marketing of services. The book is grounded in the principles of public library services to children and young adults everywhere.

This information was copied from the Chandos Publishing website (http://www.chandospublishing.com/catalogue/record_detail.php?recordID=92).

2007 Scholastic Library Publishing Award Winner

The American Library Association announced that **Dr. Eliza T. Dresang** is the recipient of the 2007 Scholastic Library Publishing Award. The honor was presented June 26, 2007, during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, and is bestowed on a librarian whose extraordinary contributions to promoting access to books and encouraging a love of reading for lifelong learning exemplifies outstanding achievement in the profession. Dresang received a citation and \$1,000 prize, donated by Scholastic Library Publishing.

This information was copied from the ALA website (<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2007/april2007/ScholasticLibraryAward.htm>).

Lotsee Patterson will serve on the National Museum and Library Services Board

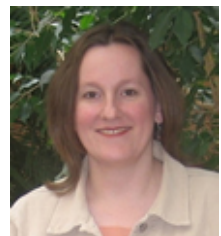
Lotsee Patterson, Ph.D., Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma was born and raised in rural southwestern Oklahoma. A member of the Comanche Nation, she credits her experience growing up in Indian country with developing her passion for libraries and library services for Native Americans. She is a recipient of the Oklahoma Library Association's highest honor receiving their Distinguished Service Award and being designated by this association as a Library Legend. Patterson has also been honored for her work with tribal libraries and for recruiting and mentoring American Indian librarians by the American Library Association. Patterson's research interests focus on library and information services to indigenous populations. In this context she has been an invited presenter at symposia and conferences throughout the United States and in Sweden, New Zealand, Ukraine and Canada. She has been a visiting scholar at the University of British Columbia and a visiting lecturer at the University of Maryland. She has served as consultant to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Studies, as well as many universities, publishers and organizations. Most recently she was a senior advisor to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

The National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB) is a twenty-four member advisory body that includes the IMLS director and deputy directors for libraries and museums, the chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and twenty presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services. Informed by its collective experience and knowledge, the NMLSB advises the IMLS director on general policy and practices, and on selections for the National Awards for Museum and Library Services. For more information about the National Museum and Library Services Board visit the Institute's Web site at www.imls.gov/about/board.shtm. (from the IMLS website)



Melissa Gross
Director,
Membership

"Patterson has also been honored for her work with tribal libraries and for recruiting and mentoring American Indian librarians by the American Library Association."



Lisa Given
Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Marcia Lei Zeng Appointed to the International Federation of Library Institutions and Association's World Digital Library Working Group on Digital Library Guidelines

Dr. Marcia Lei Zeng, professor, School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, has been appointed to the International Federation of Library Institutions and Association's (IFLA) World Digital Library Working Group on Digital Library Guidelines. Dr. Zeng is the only American information professional serving on the IFLA working group. The working group, consisting of ten members from ten countries of six continents, is developing digital library guidelines and best practices for use by libraries and other cultural institutions around the world. Established at the conclusion of the UNESCO experts' meeting on the World Digital Library on December 1, 2006, the group's guidelines are expected to be of value to all libraries that are creating or that intend to create digital libraries. The objectives of the World Digital Library are to promote international and inter-cultural understanding and awareness, provide resources to educators, expand non-English and non-Western content on the Internet, and to contribute to scholarly research. The World Digital Library will make available on the internet, free of charge and in multilingual format, significant primary materials from cultures around the world, including Librarian of Congress James H. Billington proposed the establishment of a World Digital Library in a speech to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO in June 2005. Participants in the planning process include national libraries and other libraries and cultural institutions from around the world that have expressed interest in joining the project, as well as UNESCO and IFLA. The planning process is being underwritten by a gift from Google, Inc. Dr. Zeng's scholarship, research, and teaching have centered on knowledge organization and representation; metadata; digital libraries; and database quality control. She has been a faculty member for Kent State's School of Library and Information Science since 1992. *(from JESSE)*

Lisa O'Connor and Diane Owens receive Emerald Research Grant Award

Lisa G. O'Connor, assistant professor, and **Diane M. Owens**, a masters of library information science candidate, School of Library and Information Science, University of Kentucky at Lexington, are co-recipients of one the 2007 Emerald Research Grant Awards, administered by the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS), a section of the Reference and Users Services Association (RUSA). "ALA recently announced a major partnership between itself and the NASD Investor Education Foundation to promote libraries' involvement in investor education," stated O'Connor and Owens, award co-recipients. "Our research, which is now being made possible through the generosity of Emerald, has the potential to provide useful information for such an initiative." O'Connor and Owens are receiving the award for their research project to study the information seeking behaviors of amateur financial investors both in individual and social-networked contexts. This is one of two \$5,000 cash awards donated by Emerald Group Publishing Limited to an American Library Association (ALA) member seeking support to conduct research in business librarianship. "Independent and personal investing research has been increasing rapidly in public and academic libraries, and this project will provide business librarians with usage data to assist this growing body of library users," said Gillian Etienne, head of Corporate Communications, Emerald Group Publishing. The award was presented at RUSA Awards Ceremony on June 25, 2007, during the ALA Annual Conference in DC. RUSA, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), presents the award to a candidate who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career as a business reference librarian and has the potential to be a leader in the profession. *(from an ALA posting to JESSE)*



Michèle V. Cloonan
Vice-President/
President-Elect

"Dr. Zeng is the only American information professional serving on the IFLA working group."



Heidi Julien
Director,
External Relations

Meet Executive Director, Kathleen Combs



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Kathleen Says...

It has now been one year since ALISE began working with the Medical Library Association (MLA) as its new management company. Through this year of learning, hard work and growth, Kathleen Combs has served as the executive director.

Kathleen has sixteen years of association experience, including twelve years as MLA's continuing education (CE) coordinator. In this senior management position, she organizes and implements the entire CE program for the association. This includes annual conference coordination and implementation, webcast and e-learning production, grant proposals and implementation, new program development, budgets, the CE marketing program, and many other aspects of national association management.

Before becoming the ALISE executive director, Kathleen served as MLA's liaison to ALISE for approximately 10 years. Kathleen has attended

eight ALISE annual meetings as a member.

Kathleen is proud of her work with ALISE, especially the success of her first annual conference in Seattle. "The Annual Conference was my first big project for ALISE. I am so glad that the members enjoyed themselves and appreciated all of our hard work," she says. "The conference is so important to the association and its members. It is a great way for members to learn from others, meet new colleagues, and catch up with friends and make a few new ones."

Currently, Kathleen and her team at ALISE, now located in Chicago, IL, are working on a new membership management system that will allow members to view their member records, search for member colleagues, and renew their membership using a new, password protected members-only site. Kathleen works on all aspects of ALISE business, but her favorite is working with the members. "The

ALISE members are very kind and considerate. I do enjoy working with them," she says. I am always impressed with their knowledge and dedication to the profession."

Kathleen has spent most of her career working in association and non-profit work, including the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes and Housing for the Aging (AOPHA) and the Diocesan Child Guidance Center.

Kathleen grew up in Ohio. She attended The Ohio State University, where she earned a bachelor's of arts in journalism with a minor in Russian. She lives with her husband and two boys in a northwest suburb of Chicago.

These days Kathleen spends most of her time with her family playing in the backyard. She enjoys traveling and took the boys on their first trip to Disney World this past spring. When she gets some free time she loves reading, shopping, organizing the house, taking pictures, and spending time with family and friends.

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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.

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. The Board's April and September meetings are held at headquarters in Chicago. In addition, discussion and decision-making occurs by email and via monthly conference calls. In addition to normal business, during the past two years the Board's efforts have focused on the move to a new management firm, MLA, and getting administrative and financial systems in order. Kathleen Combs, Executive Director, has been working with her team to organize our annual conference (this year in Philadelphia), and to support the work of the ALISE Board and ALISE committees. Recent Board activities include:

- *Updating the ALISE Strategic Plan, to ensure that our activities meet our vision, mission and goals*
- *Working on an updated version of the Policies and Procedures Manual*
- *Developing new materials about ALISE to send to new faculty members*
- *Revising and refining policies and procedures for awards and competitions*
- *Reviewing policies and operational structures of publications such as the Membership Directory, the ALISE Statistical Report, and the Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*
- *Working to update the ALISE website for functionality and appearance*
- *Selecting and implementing a new membership management system*

All Board members actively participate in decision-making and in carrying out the work of the Association. Current Board members include:

Connie Van Fleet, President

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

John Budd, Past President

Lisa Given, Secretary-Treasurer

Melissa Gross, Director, Membership

Julie Hersberger, Director, Special Interest Groups

Heidi Julien, Director External Relations (and newsletter editor)