

ALISE News



**Lynne Howarth,
ALISE President
2011-12**

Greetings from ALISE President Lynne Howarth

I am honoured to have been elected to serve as President of ALISE this year. What a privilege to work with an outstanding group of Board colleagues, and to be a part of activities and programs that support an engaged membership. I joined ALISE as a doctoral student in 1987, attending my first conference in New Orleans. There I encountered a community of scholars whose prominence in the important research literature of the time was surpassed only by their passion for education in Library and Information Science. While the discipline has continued to evolve, and has confronted the challenges that come naturally with a field in continuous flux, the commitment of the Association and its members to promoting the quality of professionally-focused scholarly education, and to furthering innovation in both theoretical and applied research have never wavered. I am proud to be a part of this vital, vibrant, and international community having served previously as Secretary-Treasurer from 1997-2000.

The 2011 annual conference in San Diego in January, with its theme of **competitiveness and innovation**, generated a level of enthusiasm and energy auspicious to a year of new initiatives. As the contract between ALISE and the Medical Library Association (MLA) was terminating, one of the first Board responsibilities for 2011 was to complete a thorough review of management services, and to decide on an option that would offer excellent support while remaining cost-effective to the Association. I am pleased to announce that the ALISE Board has negotiated another three-year contract with MLA that will ensure continuity of core services, while also supporting strategic new directions. We are likewise delighted that Kathleen Combs will continue as ALISE Executive Director for 2011-2014. As over the past four years, MLA Executive Director, Carla Funk, will liaise regularly with the ALISE Board, providing oversight for quality management services.

At its Spring Board meeting in Chicago, April 9-10, 2011, the ALISE Board reviewed feedback from the Town Hall meeting held during the San Diego conference to discuss the draft ALISE Strategic Plan, 2011-2014. Based on the ranking of priorities, and comments offered by the membership, a final draft will be presented for consideration at the upcoming Summer Board teleconference. The plan, as approved, will be posted to the ALISE.org site.

ALISE is the sum of its members, vibrant and vital because of its members. Along with Board colleagues, my sincere **thank-you** to all who are serving this year on ALISE committees, or as SIG Convenors. For those keen to be engaged in the Association, there are numerous avenues to participation. During the Fall, President-Elect, Melissa Gross, will issue a call for volunteers to serve on ALISE Committees.

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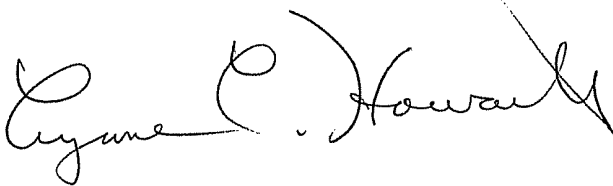
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Take advantage of the opportunity to build your network of colleagues while supporting the important work of the Association!

You can also contribute by nominating a colleague for one of many prestigious ALISE Awards, and by applying for an award relating to your own research. Details of 2012 awards, honors, and grants are posted on ALISE.org. Please note! Deadlines for nominations and submissions are coming soon.

Get involved by responding to the Call for Participation in the ALISE'12 Annual Conference, January 17-20, 2012, in Dallas, Texas. Its theme *Extending Our Reach: Expanding Horizons, Creating Opportunities*, builds on the notion of connectedness – a key direction in the ALISE Strategic Plan. It challenges us to think beyond, to stretch, to extend our reach – beyond disciplinary boundaries, across the academy, outside of North America – to learn from previously unexplored areas, to inform our research and teaching, and to create further opportunities for innovation. Be a part of that conversation. Plan to contribute; plan to attend ALISE'12 in Dallas! The Call for Participation, along with Conference details can be found on alise.org.

Finally, as the ALISE Board and Executive Director, Kathleen Combs, continue to work through the list of action items identified at the recent Spring Board meeting, may I invite you to consider your own “things to do” with and for ALISE. I have highlighted several, above, and regular e-mail updates from Kathleen and postings on alise.org will remind you of others. Add yourself to the list. Participate, engage, connect, create, share. Together we are ALISE!



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ALISE at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference

During the 2011 ALA mid-winter meeting in San Diego, ALISE and the American Library Association Committee on Education (COE) met to discuss planning for the 2012 ALISE Annual Conference in Dallas, TX. Both association agreed that an all-day, joint program between ALISE and ALA/COE should be held during this conference to focus on diversity in higher education. Part of this joint program will take place at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, during the Education Assembly on Saturday, June 25, 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Hilton Riverside, Marlborough Room A/B.

Library School and Instruction Pavilion

Please visit the ALISE booth as part of the Library School and Instruction Pavilion. All Exhibits will be located in the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center, Halls G-J. The official opening ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held on Friday, June 24 at 5:30 pm.

ALISE Service Awards

Deadline: Friday, July 15, 2011

ALISE invites submissions to the following service awards:

- ◆ ALISE Award for Service
Committee Chair: [Deborah S. Grealy](#) (St. Catherine University)
- ◆ ALISE Award for Professional Contribution to Library and Information Science Education
Committee Chair: [Eileen McElrath](#) (Texas Woman's University)
- ◆ ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence
Committee Chair: [Elizabeth Figa](#) (University of North Texas)
- ◆ ALISE / Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award
Committee Chair: [Denice Adkins](#) (University of Missouri-Columbia)
- ◆ ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award
Committee Chair: [Elaine Yontz](#) (East Carolina University)

Winners will receive one complimentary registration to the ALISE annual conference. Further information may be found at: <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=55550&orgId=ali>

ALISE Research Competitions

ALISE invites submissions to the following research competitions:

- ◆ ALISE Research Grant Competition Deadline: October 3, 2011
Committee Chair: [France Bouthillier](#) (McGill University)
- ◆ ALISE/Bohdan S. Wynar Research Paper Competition Deadline: July 15, 2011
Committee Chair: [Gary Burnett](#) (Florida State University)
- ◆ ALISE/Dialog Methodology Paper Competition Deadline: July 15, 2011
Committee Chair: [Pam McKenzie](#) (University of Western Ontario)
- ◆ ALISE/The Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Competition Deadline: June 30, 2011
ALISE. Attn: ALISE Res Com Awards
- ◆ ALISE/LMC Paper Award Deadline: July 15, 2011
Committee Chair: [Patricia Montiel-Overall](#) (University of Arizona)

Audit Reports

As part of its efforts to ensure transparency and accountability in its proceedings, the ALISE Board encourages all ALISE members to view the financial audit reports available in the members only section (www.alise.org)

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**fully developed
 organization, which
 recognizes
 scholarship,
 teaching and
 professional
 service.**

Call for extended abstracts (maximum 1,000 words) Deadline: Friday, July 15, 2011

Notification of acceptance: September 15, 2011

This call for juried paper proposals seeks original contributions including reports of research, theory, pedagogy, best practices, think pieces, and critical essays that contribute to elaboration of the conference theme of "Extending Our Reach: Expanding Horizons, Creating Opportunities."

Proposals should be for original papers, not for papers that have been previously published. There are no restrictions on research methodology. Alternative perspectives, creative and non-conventional responses to library and information science education concerns within the context of expanding our horizons are welcomed and encouraged.

Please submit abstracts via email in PDF or WORD format to Don Latham, Florida State University, dlatham@fsu.edu



Message from Immediate Past President Lorna Peterson



Four hundred and seventy attendees made ALISE 2011 San Diego an eventful conference as the theme "Competitiveness and Innovation" was explored. My sincere thanks to the many volunteers, speakers, presenters, donors, sponsors, and association management, whose contributions in time, expertise, and gifts all made ALISE 2011 memorable. Service as president of ALISE was more than rewarding and there is a particular benefit as president that I now to look forward to as a past president, and that is attending the Past Presidents reception. Contacting our past ALISE presidents and then hearing of all their activities and achievements post ALISE presidency is a treasure. Having all of us in one room to share our milestones, provide updates on our professional and personal lives, gives a glimpse of the organization that illustrates how remarkable this association is.

A past president continues to have a role in the direction of ALISE. As past president, I serve as chair of the Governance Committee. Currently, the Governance Committee is working on updating the Policy and Procedure Manual, aligning the Conference Program Planning Manual with the Policy and Procedure Manual, developing an ALISE and Social Issues Policy, creating a Sun Setting policy for standing as well as special committees and task forces, and undertaking other activities that facilitate effective Board governance. ALISE Executive Board also participates in a board self evaluation and as such this year's evaluation will include a special section as created by the past president, on evaluating the recent conduct of the fall meeting virtually with the goal for possible improvement in its practice. The ALISE past president also serves as Board liaison to the Research Competition Committees. The president's report is available on the ALISE web page at: <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=83253&orgId=ali> and an essay covering the presidential year will be available in the *Library and Book Trade Almanac* 2011 edition.

Thank you all for a great year! Now it is time to enjoy the leadership of President Lynne Howarth as I anticipate an outstanding conference for ALISE 2012, Dallas.

Dr. Heidi Julien appointed as new Director of the School of Library and Information Studies at The University of Alabama



As the result of an international search for the next Director of the School of Library and Information Studies, the Dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences and the faculty and staff of the School are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Heidi Julien to that position, effective August 16, 2011.

Dean Loy Singleton remarked "Our College is extremely pleased to have an internationally recognized scholar and administrator like Dr. Julien stepping into the director position for SLIS. The ability to successfully attract a scholar of her high caliber and experience as director is a tribute to all that the SLIS faculty, students and supporters have done to make it one of the best-known, nationally ranked schools of library and information studies."

Dr. Julien is currently Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. She holds a Bachelor's degree of Education and a Master's degree of Library & Information Studies from the University of Alberta, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. Her academic career has included appointments at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, and at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Dr. Julien's research in human information behavior, information literacy, and information policy has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and has been presented internationally and published in a wide range of journals. An award-winning teacher, Dr. Julien has taught graduate courses in the areas of reference, information retrieval, information literacy, information policy, and management. She has also served as President of the Canadian Association for Information Science, Director (External Relations) for the Association for Library and Information Science Education, and Chair of SIG USE in the American Association for Information Science and Technology.

Professor Steve Miller, chair of the director search committee commented on the search and its outcome: "Dr. Heidi Julien is at the top of her form as a vital faculty member with strong research productivity. In our interviews with her we were impressed with her global vision of LIS education and building a community of scholars at home. The faculty of the School of Library & Information Studies is delighted that Dr. Julien has chosen to help shape the future of our School, and we greatly look forward to working with her."

When asked for her reaction to her new position, Dr. Julien stated "It is an honor to join a School so committed to high quality teaching and to innovative programs, to diversity, to community service, and to exploring important research questions. This leadership position provides an opportunity to build on the superb foundations laid by Elizabeth Aversa, and I look forward to collaborating with SLIS students, with my new colleagues, and with the local professional community."

Dr. Elizabeth Aversa, Professor and Director of the School since 2003, is stepping down from her administrative position on June 30, 2011, and will take a sabbatical leave during the fall of 2011. She will return to the faculty of the School in January 2012 to continue teaching and research in the field.

“I really enjoyed my first time at ALISE and would certainly come again!”

-Attendee comment from ALISE 2011

News from Related Organizations

ASIS&T—The Information Society for the Information Age

Since 1937, the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) has been the society for information professionals leading the search for new and better theories, techniques, and technologies to improve access to information. ASIS&T welcomes involvement by members of ALISE interested in education for information science. Many ALISE member schools host ASIS&T Student Chapters (<http://www.asis.org/Chapters/chapters-student.html>); one of the ASIS&T Special Interest Groups focuses on Education for Information Science (<http://www.asis.org/SIG/ed.html>); and ASIS&T has several awards of potential interest to ALISE members (<http://www.asis.org/awards.html>), including awards for outstanding teaching and student research papers and dissertations. Deadlines for award nominations are coming up in June and July.

ASIS&T publishes the *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science & Technology* (<http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/submit.html>), a bi-monthly news magazine, and the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology* ([http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1532-2890/homepage/ProductInformation.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1532-2890/homepage/ProductInformation.html)), a research journal. A new feature of the latter is inclusion of in-depth review articles, continuing a tradition established by the *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology* (which has ceased publication). Submissions for possible publication are welcome from ALISE members.

Each year ASIS&T holds its annual conference in the fall. In 2011 the 74th annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, October 9-13, with the theme: "Bridging the Gulf: Communication and Information in Society, Technology, and Work" (<http://www.asis.org/asist2011/am11cfp.html>). Proposals for papers, panels, workshops, and tutorials are due May 31; proposals for posters, demos, and videos are due July 1. ASIS&T is also looking ahead to celebrating its 75th anniversary at the 2012 conference in Baltimore.

ASIS&T has begun sponsoring webinars as a source of continuing professional development on timely topics (<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/webinars/>). June Abbas (Oklahoma) and Diane Neal (Western Ontario), co-chairs of the Information Science Education Committee, are leading the effort to develop strategies to expand ASIS&T efforts in webinar development and delivery.



Canadian Library Association Restructures

The Executive Council of the Canadian Library Association (CLA) has developed a plan that will restructure and re-energize the association as it moves into the future. The constitutional changes that are required to bring this plan forward will be voted on by the members at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the end of May.

A sub-committee of the Executive Council, called the CLA Future Committee, put together a Future Plan after reviewing input received from across the country last summer following the CLA conference in Edmonton, Alberta. At that conference the Council was directed to develop a plan that would assist with solving an ongoing financial problem that had seen deficit budgets for a number of years. Over the past months the Executive Council has revised the plan based on feedback received from the library community and a balanced budget has been developed. The Council looks forward to receiving support for the changes.

The plan outlines a leaner organization that will be able to fulfill the role of the national voice for Canada's libraries. There will be a streamlined governance structure and the introduction of grassroots-driven groups called Networks that will bring people together from across the country to work on a wide range of issues that involve the library community. The annual conference will continue as a mechanism to bring people together but the focus will move toward supporting the advocacy role. Other areas of the association such as partnerships, research, awards, and publishing will all be reviewed as part of the important ongoing work. The budget report has also been streamlined and changes made to follow the recommendation in the plan.

The Canadian Library Association plays an important role in the national and international library community and the proposed restructuring will help to strengthen Canada's library voice.

Keith Walker, CLA President

Canadian Association for Information Science/ Association Canadienne des Sciences de l'Information

The 2011 annual meeting of CAIS/ACSI is around the corner (June 2-4, in Fredericton, NB). Thanks to the work of Pam McKenzie, Catherine Johnson and Sarah Stevenson, the conference coordinators, a wonderful program has been prepared, which will provide lots of opportunities for exchange between faculty, students and practitioners from across Canada as well as internationally (U.S., France, etc.).

The Board of CAIS thanked the outgoing editor of the *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science (CJILS)*, Dr. Heidi Julien, for her three years of editorial leadership and vision, and welcomed Dr. Clément Arsenault, who took up his new role on January 1st, 2011. Clément is an Associate Professor and Director of l'École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information (EBSI), Université de Montréal. We are all very much looking forward to Clément's editorial direction of the journal and his plans for its improvement and ongoing development over the next several years.

We also continue to reinforce the national and international character of our association, by developing more links with regional, national, and continental associations. This year, CAIS has been approved to become a member of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, thus providing more visibility to the association and allowing us to be an active member of the Federation. Also, our discussions with ASIST, the American Society for Information Science and Technology, regarding a jointly hosted conference in Canada, in 2013, are ongoing. Lots to look forward to, so check our website at: <http://www.cais-acsi.ca/>

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CAIS President, 2010-2011

Executive Director, Kathleen Combs Says . . .



ALISE is gearing up for a summer full of activities.

Reunion and Booth at ALA

Our first official activities are the two major events that ALISE sponsors at the ALA Annual Conference. While in New Orleans, ALISE will be hosting the Cooperative Library and Information Studies Alumni Reunion. On Sunday, June 26th, 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m., please join your colleagues and friends at the Hilton Riverside in Grand Ballroom C/D. The following schools will be there:

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| ◀ Alabama | ◀ Buffalo, SUNY |
| ◀ Clarion | ◀ Denver |
| ◀ Dominican | ◀ Drexel |
| ◀ Emory | ◀ Florida State |
| ◀ Hawaii | ◀ Kent State |
| ◀ Maryland | ◀ North Carolina - Chapel Hill |
| ◀ North Carolina-Greensboro | ◀ Pittsburgh |
| ◀ Rutgers | ◀ St. Catherine |
| ◀ Simmons College | ◀ South Carolina |
| ◀ South Florida | ◀ Southern Mississippi |
| ◀ Syracuse | ◀ Tennessee |
| ◀ Texas at Austin | ◀ Wayne State |

We sponsor the ALISE/LIS Cooperative Education Shared Booth (#3519). In the exhibit hall on June 24-27, participating schools can display items from their schools for potential new students and faculty, alumni, and those looking for updates regarding the education of the LIS professional. Those joining us in the booth are:

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| ◀ Arizona | ◀ Buffalo, SUNY |
| ◀ Clarion | ◀ Dominican |
| ◀ Emporia State | ◀ Indiana |
| ◀ Kent State | ◀ Maryland |
| ◀ Missouri | ◀ North Carolina-Greensboro |
| ◀ Rutgers | ◀ St. Catherine |
| ◀ South Carolina | ◀ Southern Mississippi |
| ◀ Wisconsin-Madison | |

Exhibit and Dinner at IFLA

we will be off to the 2011 IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) Conference. This conference is being held August 13-18, 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We are in the process of planning our annual Dutch Treat Dinner and will be looking for volunteers to help out at the ALISE table in the exhibit hall. If you are planning on attending this conference, please contact me at kcombs@alisse.org to let me if you would like to join us..

Member Ribbons

If you're at ALA or IFLA this year, don't forget to stop by our booth for your ALISE member ribbon. Add it to your nametag and wear it proudly!

If you have any questions about participating in the ALISE booth and reunion at ALA, the exhibit and dinner at IFLA, or any other activities from ALISE, please feel free to contact headquarters at: 312/795-0996 or contact@alisse.org

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