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Abebe Rorissa
Director & Professor
UT School of Information Sciences
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Welcome to our second ALISE Virtual Conference! While we wish we could be joining together in person this year for the conference, meeting virtually seems an appropriate way to engage in this year’s conference theme: “Crafting a Resilient Future: Leadership, Education, & Inspiration.” Meeting virtually for our 2021 annual conference is itself an act of resilience!

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the other global economic, social, and environmental crises that have occurred over the last 18-months have forced us to grapple with unimaginable challenges in our personal and professional lives. We have had to re-envision almost every aspect of how we live and work. During these unprecedented times, one of the terms we have heard repeatedly is “resilience.” Resilience is fundamentally the capacity to recover quickly from struggles or hardships. This year’s conference theme addresses how library and information science education has already changed -- and needs to continue changing -- to ensure relevancy, viability, and sustainability. The conference explores how LIS education can take a proactive role in thinking about and defining the future we want to have. While the concept of resilience can be used at an individual level as a way to encourage (or guilt) people to do more with less, this conference is focusing on the concept of resilience at a more systemic level, with a focus on recuperation and leadership in changing times and contexts.

Our keynote panel brings together three outstanding speakers who will deliver “TED Talk”-esque talks to address the three areas of resilience noted in the conference title: “Leadership” will be addressed by Dr. Ruth Huard, Dean, College of Professional and Global Education, San José State University; “Education” will be addressed by Dr. Mary K. Biagini, Chair of the Department of Information Culture and Data, University of Pittsburgh; and “Inspiration” will be addressed by Miguel Figueroa, President and CEO of Amigos Library Services. The session will be moderated by Kelvin Watson, an innovative, award-winning leader who is the executive director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

My deepest appreciation goes to the Conference Program Planning Committee, especially to co-chairs Sue Alman and Kim Thompson, who have done an outstanding job of putting together this virtual conference. They were creative and resilient throughout the entire planning process, and they were fun to work with too. Thank you to SJSU School of Information MLIS students Heather Hillas and Leah Stinson for their excellent work in developing the Resiliency Resources Toolkit to accompany the 2021 conference theme. Thanks to Yunseon Choi and Meghan Harper for their hard work in preparing the Conference Proceedings, and to the awards committee chairs and members who devoted their energies and expertise to select worthy recipients for this year’s awards. And sincere thanks to all the members who volunteered this year to review conference submissions and to serve on the several ALISE committees and governing groups. I am also grateful to my colleagues on the ALISE Board of Directors and to our Executive Director, Cambria Happ, and her staff at McKenna Management.

We wish all conference attendees an engaging, inspiring, and enjoyable virtual conference experience.

Sandy Hirsh, 2020-2021 ALISE President
As conference co-chairs, we are excited to welcome you to the virtual ALISE 2021 Annual Conference! We are especially grateful to President Sandy Hirsh, Cambria Happ and Sara Aldrich from the ALISE management team for their expertise and leadership as well as the amazing ALISE members who have submitted and reviewed the conference awards, papers, presentations, panels, and posters. Hosting an online conference during a time of continuing uncertainty would not have been possible without the collaboration of the entire team. We were pleased to receive so many strong submissions, and we are confident that the high-quality video productions and virtual social events for this year’s conference will add to your educational and social experiences.

Building an engaging conference program has been made possible through the dedicated efforts of 140 peer-reviewers, who invested their time and expertise during an unusually challenging year in terms of socialization and collegial engagement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Juried Papers Co-chairs Abebe Rorissa and Lisa Hussey; Juried Panels Co-chairs Ina Fourie and Karen Snow; Director Community Building (SIG Panels) Lilia Pavlovsky; ALISE Academy Co-chairs Africa S. Hands and Renee F. Hill; Works-in-Progress Posters Co-chairs Rebekah Willson and Sarah Barriage; ALISE/Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Poster Competition Co-chairs Laura Saunders and Michele A. L. Villagran, and ALISE Proceedings Chairs Yunseon Choi and Meghan Harper. This year, we are partnering again with the Illinois Digital Environment for Access to Learning and Scholarship (IDEALS) for the publication of our online open-access conference proceedings and for making them discoverable.

We are very grateful to our three keynoters for this year, Ruth Huard, Mary K. Biagini, and Miguel Figueroa, and our keynote moderator Kevin Watson. We are very excited to hear the perspectives they bring to this ALISE conference and we hope the ideas they share will be of benefit to all of us as we shape our leadership, teaching, and service to the wider community. We hope you enjoy the 2021 ALISE Virtual Annual Conference and the many sessions and events now included in the full conference schedule. We are looking forward to connecting with you virtually this year and in Pittsburgh in 2022!

Sue Alman and Kim Thompson,
ALISE 2021 Conference Co-chairs
The ALISE Code of Conduct Policy sets forth ALISE’s expectations as to how each member or other participant will conduct themselves when participating in ALISE. This policy also includes any non-member who participates in an ALISE program or activity. ALISE programs and activities include, but are not limited to, ALISE conferences and events (no matter the modality), publications, awards and honors, and all appointed, elected, and volunteer positions. Finally, the policy outlines a process for addressing alleged violations of the Code of Conduct Policy.

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The ALISE Board of Directors may impose discipline, at its sole discretion, upon any individual found to have violated the Code of Conduct Policy.

**Virtual Conference Guidelines:**

The recording or transmissions of any presentations or content in any format is strictly prohibited.

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Presentations, postings, and messages should not contain promotional materials, special offers, job offers, product announcements, or solicitation for services. ALISE reserves the right to remove such messages and potentially ban sources of those solicitations.

**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PLATFORM**

To access the ALISE ‘21 virtual conference platform, visit: https://eventmobi.com/alise2021/

- **Login Instruction:**
  - Enter the email address you used when registering for the conference
  - Create your password
  - Registered attendees are able to access all live and recorded sessions, learn more about conference presenters, meet sponsors and exhibitors, participate in discussions, and more!

- Questions regarding the ALISE 2021 Virtual Annual Conference can be sent to office@alise.org.
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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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Members: Heidi Julien, Dietmar Wolfram, Louise Spiteri

CONFERENCE EVALUATION
The feedback attendees provide on the conference evaluations are critical to improvements for future conferences. Conference Evaluation can be accessed in our virtual conference platform, EventMobi.

PROCEEDINGS
The proceedings for the 2021 ALISE Annual Conference have been published online at https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/110338.

PLACEMENT SERVICES
Placement Services are within the virtual conference platform. Schools must register in advance of the conference to access the Placement Services. Resumes/CVs and job postings are available on the ALISE 2021 website (https://ali.memberclicks.net/alise-2021-placement-services). Arrangements for interviews should be made directly between candidates and recruiters in advance of the conference.

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NOTES:
- Detailed schedule including full session descriptions can be found in our virtual conference platform.
- All times are ET. Events and times are subject to change.
- Breakout Session Color Key:
  - Juried Papers
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**ALISE Awards Ceremony Ceremony Day 1**

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**Breakout Session 1.** Information Behavior - Juried Papers

A. Integration of Information Behavior Theory, Models and Concepts into Basic Reference Courses: A Survey

B. Exploring Language Archiving Education for Information Professionals and Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Support Information Access

C. Knowledge Work in the Library: Practices, Environments, and Competencies

**Breakout Session 1.2. - Panel**

Rethinking Resilience: Inclusive Instruction to Support Success

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**Community Building Committee - Meet SIG Conveners**

SIG conveners are invited to a meeting organized and hosted by the ALISE Community Building Committee.
Did you purchase a raffle ticket when registering online for the conference? If so, you might be the lucky winner who will receive a complimentary registration for the ALISE 2022 Annual Conference. The virtual drawing will take place at the conclusion of the conference and the winner will be notified.

SIG Meetings

SIG meetings will be held the week of September 13th. See ALISE website for a the SIG Meeting Schedule.

Committee Meetings

The 2021-2022 Committee chairs are scheduling these meetings. See ALISE website for more details

Leadership Orientation:

Monday, September 20, 2021: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

- 2021-2022 Committees, taskforces, SIG conveners, and appointees are invited to attend the orientation led by ALISE’s Past President Stephen Bajjaly and President-elect Lisa O’Connor
**ALISE Awards**

**Service to ALISE Award**  
Heidi E. Julien, University at Buffalo

**ALISE Excellence in Teaching Award**  
Beth Brendler, University of Missouri

**ALISE/Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award**  
Heather Moulaison-Sandy and Felicity Dykas, University of Missouri

**ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award**  
Michele Villagran, San José State University

**ALISE Community conn@CT Mini-Grants**  
Travis Wagner and Vanessa Kitzie, University of South Carolina  
*Creating Sustainable Digital Spaces for Sharing Health Information with South Carolina Transgender and Non-binary Communities*

**ALISE/Connie Van Fleet Award for Research Excellence in Public Library Services to Adults**  
Noah Lenstra, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE AWARDS & GRANTS**

**Doctoral Student to ALISE Grant**  
Maria Ortiz-Myers, Rutgers University  
Jieun Yeon, Syracuse University

**Diversity Travel Award to the ALISE Annual Conference**  
Shannon Williams, Florida State University

**Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition**  
Winners will be selected during the ALISE 2021 Annual Virtual Conference

**ALISE/University of Washington Information School Youth Services Graduate Student Travel Award**  
Kerry Townsend, University of Missouri

**RESEARCH COMPETITIONS**

**ALISE Research Grant Competition**  
Michele Villagran and Darra Hofman, San José State University  
*Educating for Equity?: Sexual and Gender Minority Privacy in Library and Information Studies Education*

**ALISE/Bohdan S. Wynar Research Paper Competition**  
Joseph Winberry and Devendra Potnis, University of Tennessee  
*Social Innovations in Public Libraries: Types and Challenges*

**ALISE/Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Competition**  
Darra Hofman, San José State University  
*Between Knowing and Not Knowing: Privacy, Transparency, and Digital Records*
Explore the Master of Information (MI) Program at Rutgers, School of Communication and Information

People-focused, information technology intensive, data-driven, and career-oriented, our Master of Information (MI) program engages students from a wide variety of professional and academic contexts to focus on information: its creation, organization, classification, retrieval, preservation, management, and use. Built upon the values and foundations of Library and Information Science, the MI program focuses on the integral relationships between people, information, and technology.

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• Archives and Preservation
• Interaction Design and Informatics
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“Go back and get it” is one of the literal interpretations of the term Sankofa, a symbol used by the Akan people of Ghana. The Sankofa is generally depicted as a bird with its head turned backward taking an egg from its back. It is a metaphor reminding us of the importance of reaching back to knowledge gained in the past and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress. It is a command, a direction that we must undertake now in order to hear the voices of people who were left behind. It forces us to rewrite our history as we shift from a single to a complex narrative in order to incorporate unacknowledged knowledge and wisdom so that we can make positive progress. The concept of “Sankofa” is entering the collective consciousness of library professionals as evidenced by conferences such as the 2021 National Conference of African American Librarians. As LIS educators, we must prepare future generations of librarians to take part in this evolving LIS landscape.

Incorporating marginalized voices into the narrative of LIS education requires us to respond to difficult questions. As educators we must ask ourselves how we may be perpetuating systems of injustice. How might LIS education move beyond performative “diversity” efforts toward measurable, significant, lasting change? How do we continually re-adjust our programs to prepare our students to fearlessly challenge injustice? The ALISE 2022 Annual Conference invites participants to add their own voices to the LIS narrative by sharing your innovations, research, pedagogical tools, and unique perspectives.

The theme of The ALISE 2022 Conference, “Go back and Get It: From One Narrative to Many” signifies our intention to provide a fearless space to examine how the history of LIS education, and academia as whole, impacts the profession in the present. It is designed to encourage participants to ask difficult questions and to provide a platform for transformative conversations. Amplifying multiple voices from the past and present demands engagement with a wide range of topics, pedagogies, and research methodologies. Such wide-ranging dialogue can only occur through proposals from the entire spectrum of LIS and related fields. We welcome responses to the conference theme via proposal submission to ensure we have meaningful dialog at the conference.

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