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President's Message

Some Thoughts from our President, Shana Higgins



The 2016 CARL Conference may seem long past for many, but it's still fresh in my mind given that I'm still sending out "thank-yous," sharing program evaluations, and writing up a conference report.

The conference was an overwhelming success! All gratitude is due to the [incredible volunteers](#) that made it possible. We had a total of 256 attendees for 15 peer-reviewed program sessions, four CARL Interest Group Showcases, two invited talks, and a keynote speaker at this year's conference. About a quarter of the attendees were first-time CARL Conference goers, while many others were CARL Conference veterans. Thank you to all those who participated, and made possible a professionally enriching couple of days.

Highlights from post-conference evaluations:

- Conference hotel, meeting rooms, meals, and free wireless access throughout hotel were rated good to excellent.
- Welcoming atmosphere.
- Over 70 percent of respondents rated Dr. Safiya Noble's keynote talk, "Clarifying Our Values," as excellent. Her talk was variously described as: phenomenal, inspirational, and "we need to hear more 'elephant in the room' topics."
- Best Practices sessions: "Great insights into interesting work being done by our colleagues. I really liked how well they presented, too. Good job by the selection committee, whoever you were!"
- Focus on social justice issues.

- “Always my favorite conference as it is filled with awesome California librarians doing amazing things.”

Lowlights from post-conference evaluations:

- Meeting rooms were too small, too big, too cold, and too hot.
- For some the conference was weighted too heavily toward library instruction.
- Printed program lacked sufficient information.
- Some attendees felt the “political talks” did not provide practicable content.
- Cost of the conference, especially for early career librarians.

The cost of the CARL Conference is always a concern for the CARL Board of Directors and the conference planning committees. Hosting all-inclusive conferences will continue to be an expensive endeavor. All-inclusive, in a hotel setting, was a clear preference in the pre-conference membership survey and in the post-conference evaluations. In order to secure hotel locations CARL commits to certain conditions in contracts—filling X number of rooms and committing to spending a specified dollar amount in food and beverage. Then all of the additional costs—audio/visual, wireless internet, tables and chairs, service gratuities and sales tax, etc. We sign contracts for future locations four years out—we’ve just signed the contract for returning to another Costa Mesa hotel in 2020.

Please contact me if you have questions about CARL conference planning: shana_higgins@redlands.edu, and get involved in the 2018 conference planning or on the CARL Board of Directors. An announcement will be out soon soliciting nominations.

Shana Higgins, President

CARL Conference 2016 Proceedings published

Were you disappointed that you couldn't clone yourself to attend competing sessions at the CARL Conference last spring? Were you unable to attend the conference at all? Well, fear no more! The 2016 CARL Conference Proceedings have been published on the 2016 CARL Conference website [here](#). The Proceedings are open access, so please share widely.

Thanks to all of the 2016 Conference presenters for making the Conference interesting and informative! Also, I want to thank the 2016 CARL Conference Proceedings Committee: Carla Arbagey, Gabriel Gardner, Lauren McFall, Michael Oppenheim, Karen O'Grady, and YiPing Sophia Wang for their diligent assistance in processing and editing the 2016 Proceedings.

Happy reading!

Lee Adams, UC Director-at-Large
Chair, CARL Conference 2016 Proceedings Committee

Executive Board Meeting Notes

CARL Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2016 9:30 a.m.-11:34 p.m. Conference Call

Attendees: Shana Higgins (President), Pearl Ly (VP North), Melissa Browne (Membership Director), Nicole Branch (DAL Private), Ellen Carey (DAL CC), Lee Adams (DAL UC), Cynthia Mari Orozco (ACRL Delegate), David Drexler (Web Site Coordinator), Jenny Yap (Secretary), Ben Lea (VP South), Jordan Nielsen (Treasurer), Brena Smith (IG Coordinator).

Absent: Annette Marines (Past President), April Cunningham (Advocacy Liaison). Jacqui Grallo (DAL CSU), Cynthia McCarthy (Newsletter Editor).

Hellos & Amend/approve Minutes from February meeting: 9:30-9:36

Change to minutes from February Meeting: Junior VP will chair member awards committee.

Minutes approved

Conference report

Shana: This year's conference went very well.

Unexpected expenses: microphones for Saturday and vendor tables.

Opening sessions expensive because of open bar and lots of food.

Conferences rated good to excellent.

People didn't like the cost of registrations, meeting room configurations and temperature, poor wheelchair access, crowded.

Brena: Most attendees are public service librarians. Non public service people attend more specific conferences for their areas. In 2010 we tried to have non public service sessions but they were not well attended.

Future conference planning committee: For consideration: more detailed website and conference program, more sessions outside of instruction and public service, contributed papers sessions longer.

For discussion: Guidelines/Principles for Peer Review for CARL

Shana: Former CARL president Ned Fielden raised concerns about our peer review process because it not transparent and presenters are also peer reviewers.

Shana: write up guidelines on how we do peer review and bring it to the next board meeting

Conferences 9:47-10 a.m.

Our peer reviewers were not judging for the areas they were submitting to.

Ned: Understands we do have a legitimate peer review process but we don't have guidelines and principles. Ned offered to help board write that.

Lee: Journals don't publish who their peer reviewers are.

Ben: Suggests that another state's review board reviews our submissions.

Pearl: Will it affect people's travel reimbursements if it's not a peer reviewed conference?

Brena: Ned has a point. We should lay everything out on website and make it clear. But we publish people's names because it's useful for people's tenure files. We can't predict quality of sessions. Reviewers make best decision as they can from the submissions.

Ben: Interested in making contact with another state's review board to see if we can have relationship and they review our submissions and we review theirs. (Board agreed to hold off on this route and to perhaps task this to Cynthia Orozco as the ACRL delegate)

Long-range conference planning update: I will have recommendations from the committee for the 2020 site. (Brena) 10-10:27 a.m.

Brena: Westin wants our business again, Hilton Costa Mesa wants our business too. Attrition rate a concern (but want to show them we had 80% rate last two conferences).

Food not a problem to meet; AV and parking negotiable

Hilton offers free shuttles for everyone, Westin only two

Hilton very nice property with large rooms

Meeting spaces very separate from rest of hotel on different floors

Westin: 20% attrition, Brena not super happy with the food but didn't hear any complaints. Felt the food presentation was lacking. They're willing to work with us to make general meeting space larger, and there is an advantage to working with them again.

Joseph: Vote for Westin (management willing to negotiate). Brena votes for Hilton because it's nicer

Hilton also near lots of restaurants and airport

Attrition (we pay the 80% of rooms not filled)

We sold our rooms last few conferences

People want hotel experience but don't want to pay for it.

Option to wait two years and not sign contract now.

Shana: Difficulty getting pre-conference proposals and low attendance. Idea to do afternoon conferences and no morning sessions.

Lee: Hard to get proposals, suggests we not do pre conferences

Brena: Another option to change the model of the pre-conferences. Pay experts to lead a workshop. Springshare led one last time that was well attended and they paid us! Maybe more appealing to people if there's an expert leading it. 2010 and 2012 not good too

Cynthia: Maybe IGs can lead something?

Brena: 2014 and 2016 IGs were given a slot so they already have that

Cynthia: immersion is popular. Maybe have a one day immersion session? We need to make a decision about afternoon or morning pre-conferences so we know how many rooms we need to book

Most people liked it but we know what we're dealing with now and can ask for the changes. People liked the food too.

Jordan: Only concern was how much credit they'd give us. (Brena: those issues can be addressed in the contract)

2019 if when the committee will be formed

Shana and Brena: Post on website what costs go into a conference so people understand it

Brena: Will get info about how if we get rid of morning pre-conferences how it'll affect the prices.

Membership Director Report + discussion of CARLALL & CALIBACA mailing lists: (Melissa)
10:27-10:36 a.m.

Membership up during conference years

Set date renewal for everyone on September 1

We have 2 listservs: CARLALL (CARL or ACRL business)

CALIBACA (most CARL members and others. non-CARL and ACRL business. Announcements for workshops and jobs not related to CARL).

People like keeping CARLALL open to everyone

Melissa: Check with Ben Amata and if he agrees we'll merge the lists.

IG Budgets + IG Coordinators Report (Brena, Jordan) 10:36-11:04 a.m.

All IG money surplus is put in one pot. Brena couldn't find it stated clearly anywhere and that's a problem if a certain IG has a surplus and can't access it.

Create a line for individual IGs

If Treasurer had to manage budgets for IGs and make sure they don't overspend it becomes a big job.

Finance Council should help Treasurer with that

IGs don't always tell Jordan they're doing an event so he'll get a bill from the caterer afterwards. Wants IGs to give budget and alert Finance Council before the event

Brena: Guidelines actually state they should tell council ahead of time

Jordan: How do we allot money to IGs? Some bring in more money. What are rules if they overspend or underspend what they got? Seems they need their own treasurer

Finance Council needs to discuss questions like: is seed money not expected to be returned? Get quarterly/monthly updates on their budget

Shana: Make sure 15% overhead covers all the costs

Brena: Happy to reinstitute more oversight for IG money

Collection Development IG is developing

ALIGN, SEAL, DIAL, haven't sent in reports yet

CARL-DIG getting very active and growing as an IG

New IGs have to submit a petition, re-activated IGs don't need a petition

Finance Council and Melissa: have a call to discuss these questions in June

Brena: will have a call with the IG chairs to talk about new expectations. Check guidelines to see if reactivated IGs need a petition. Add in guidelines that reactivated IGs don't need a petition.

Proposal from Ilene F. Rockman CARL/ACRL Conference Scholarship 11:04-11:14 a.m.

Proposal to change requirements for CARL scholarship so that early career librarians can apply as well.

People like the proposal.

Nicole: why not open it up for both? Do they have other plans to increase applicants?

Concern: will it disadvantage students because early career librarians will have stronger applications? Maybe in the rubric give preference to students.

Shana: ask the Rockman Committee for more rationale for why only CARL Conference and not ACRL. Also ask them to create or share the rubric for applicants and include a preference for students.

Election committee: from the Standing Rules -- "The Nominating and Elections Committee shall consist of the senior Vice-President, and four other members, including a chairman. Three of the five members, including the chairman, shall be from the region from which the next Vice-President/President-Elect is to be elected." 11:14-11:17 a.m.

Ben: The way it's written is confusing and can lead to interpretations.

Shana: Reads it as Senior VP is one of the three from the region from which the next VP is to be elected.

Shana: Talk with Pearl to get Nominating and Elections Committee together. Nicole volunteers to be part of the committee

ACRL Webinars (hosted logins): <http://www.ala.org/acrl/webcasts> 11:17-11:21 a.m.

We have 6 logins so 6 different locations could host ACRL e-learning webinars. They need to be hosted at a site for a group of people.

Shana: Share information with IG leadership and talk to Cynthia about it.

New business? None.

For discussion: Continuing Bylaws and/or Standing Rules revision (started several years ago) & considering addition of awards committees' coordination to VP-North role, add oversight and committee charge for long-range planning in Standing Rules, and a Leadership Code of Responsibility (ex:

<https://www.sla.org/governance/leadership-code-of-responsibility/>) -- 11:21-11:32 a.m.

New standing rules, bylaws, need to be revisited and revised.

Shana: proposes that someone from the board act as a liaison to the awards committees, liaison for the long-range planning committee (Treasurer and Archivist

create a Code of Conduct or Responsibility for the Board: people liked that we had a code of conduct for the conference because it shows our commitment to this.

Shana: Will share a draft so we can revise and vote on it together. Perhaps add to bylaws or rules.

Ellen, Ben, Nicole, and Cynthia willing to help with 3 proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34.

Jenny Yap, Secretary

Membership Report

Renew your membership today#

Remember to renew your CARL membership today! Memberships are 12 months and follow an annual renewal cycle, September 1-August 31. For more information <http://www.carl-acrl.org/membership/>. Membership rates are:

- Regular, \$40
- Retirees, \$20
- Students, \$20

February – May 2016

Total Confirmed Members = 452 (up from 421 2/2/16)

CARL Members 404 89%

Student Members 32 7%

Retired members 16 4%

By Region

Northern CA 144 32%

Southern CA 305 67%

Outside CA 3

By Institution Type

Community College 101 22%

California State University 126 28%

Private College/University 135 30%

University of California	50	11%
Research Institution	7	2%
Consortium	1	
Public Library	2	

Interest Groups

CARLDIG 295

DIAL 140

SCIL 238

SCORE 129

SEAL 91

Mentoring Program

Mentors 60

Mentees 66

Melissa Browne, Membership Director

People News

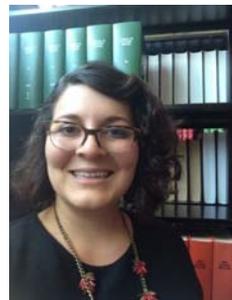
Publications, Presentations, Promotions & Awards

Madelynn Dickerson, Information Resources Coordinator at the Claremont Colleges Library, published the article "Beta Spaces as a Model for Recontextualizing Reference Services in Libraries" in In the Library with the Lead Pipe. Read it [here](#).



Deborah Farber, left, is now Information Competency Librarian at Los Angeles Southwest College. Formerly the Librarian for Casa Loma College from 2011-2016, Deborah holds a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from California Lutheran University and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

Carolyn Caffrey Gardner, right, has joined CSU Dominguez Hills as the information literacy coordinator / liaison librarian. Carolyn had previously served as an information literacy and educational technology librarian at USC.



Ernesto Hernández (UC Irvine), **Kenny García** (CSU Monterey Bay), **Samantha Godbey** (UNLV), **Ariana Santiago** (University of Houston) and **Lindsay Davis** (UC Merced), below, members of ACRL's Instruction for Diverse Populations committee, have a poster session, "[Reading About Diversity: Developing and Reflecting on Inclusive Instructional Resources](#)," at



the upcoming [National Diversity in Libraries Conference](#) at UCLA in August. They will be sharing information about the Instruction for Diverse Population's bibliography, which can be found [here](#).

Mary McMillan is now Electronic Resources Librarian at El Camino College after serving as Public Access Librarian for the past three years.



Mary-Michelle Moore, right, is now the instructional technologies librarian at CSU Dominguez Hills. Formerly an adjunct librarian at CSU San Marcos and library assistant at UC Irvine, Mary-Michelle is currently the secretary for SCIL and a member of the DIG-S Steering Committee.

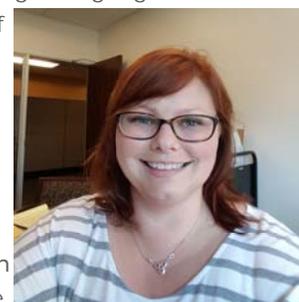


Henri Mondschein, left, (California Lutheran University) presented "Let's Be Direct about Information Literacy Assessment: Using Quick Writes to Capture Direct Evidence of Student Learning" June 22 at the 36th Annual Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) 2016 conference in London, Ontario. The session highlighted how quick writes can be integrated into library instruction sessions as an assessment tool and as an active learning/critical thinking activity. He also published a chapter on the subject in *The Small or Rural Academic Library: Leveraging Resources and Overcoming Limitations*, K. D. Kendrick and D Tritt, (Eds.) Chicago, IL: The Association of College & Research Libraries, 2016. Read more [here](#).



Kai Alexis Smith, left, joined the Reference & Instruction team at Cal Poly Pomona where she is the subject liaison for Environmental Design, Theatre and Dance, Ethnic and Women's Studies, and Foreign Languages. Prior, she was the Librarian-in-Residence at the University of Notre Dame. Smith, an alumna of the 2014 ALA Emerging Leaders Program, was also an Associations of Research Libraries Career Enhancement Fellow at the University of Michigan and the Art Library Society of North America

(ARLISNA)'s Wolfgang Freitag Intern at the National Gallery of Art. She is very active in the profession. Currently, chair of the ACRL/Arts Section, Smith was recently chair of the ARLIS/NA Diversity Committee and has been active in ACRL/NY, ARLIS/NY, ALA's NMRT, Black Caucus of ALA (BCALA) and ALA's Diversity Council.



Wendolyn Vermeer, right, has joined the library faculty at the Leo F. Cain University Library at CSU Dominguez Hills as the Collection Services Coordinator.

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