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Academic Paper Competition

This year's Georgia Library Association (GLA) Academic Library Division (ALD) academic paper competition garnered support among numerous academic libraries throughout the state. Traditionally the competition is announced in January, and participants have until the beginning of August to submit their paper, with the winners presenting at the Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC) in October.

The competition's goal is to encourage scholarly research and writing by academic librarians and library school students and to introduce participants to the process of scholarly review. Academic librarians from different institutions evaluate each submission through a double-blind review. To help new researchers become more comfortable with the scholarly writing process, the ALD introduced two new elements this year: a hands-on online workshop to assist in scholarly writing and the option for peer-review prior to submission. Sarah Steiner held the webinar "Getting Started in Scholarship: A Scholarly Publishing Primer for Librarians" in February. Competition participants utilized the peer review option with excellent results. For the first time this year, the ALD also offered complimentary GLC registrations to the top-scoring participants to help with costs associated with conference attendance.

This year's top two papers presented at the Georgia Libraries Conference were "Are Electronic-Based Reference Collections Really a Good Idea for Academic Libraries?" by Jennifer Putnam Davis and "The Academic Library's Challenges with Stakeholder's Influence in a Digital Age" by Jerry McRae.



ALD Academic Paper Award Winner Jennifer Putnam Davis

Academic Library Division at the Georgia Libraries Conference 2017

In addition to the academic papers presentations, the ALD sponsored a preconference workshop and a panel on promotion and tenure.

Jennifer Townes (Georgia College & State University), Fred Rascoe (Georgia Tech), and Mariann Burright (University of Georgia) led the preconference workshop "Open Access: Advocacy and Action." This workshop focused on developing a "stealth" advocacy plan for open access action. The majority of participants were school librarians from Columbus, Georgia, and each discussed their advocacy issues and barriers to access. During the workshop, participants identified strategic partners at their respective institutions and worked on conversation starters.

Incoming ALD chair Jennifer Townes moderated the panel on promotion and tenure. Panelists Andrea Stanfield, Emily Rogers, Fred Smith, and Linda Marie Golian-Lui discussed their own experiences with promotion and tenure and gave their opinions on the concept and process.



Andrea Stanfield, Emily Rogers, Fred Smith, and Linda Marie Golian-Liu

Each panelist brought a unique experience to the conversation, from being protenure to con, and each gave advice and wisdom to those going through the promotion or tenure process.

ACRL Webinar Viewing Parties

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) offers its chapters two free webinars per year. The ACRL encourages group viewings of the webinars to promote networking, communication, and collaboration among librarians. The ALD conducted a survey of its members to select webinar topics that were most relevant for academic librarians in Georgia and locations that would ensure opportunities for professional development across the state. This year's selections were "Essentials of Usability Design for Library Research Guides" and "Fighting Fake News with the ACRL Framework" in July and August.

The viewing parties, coordinated by the outgoing ACRL Chapters Council Representative, Kimberly Boyd, were well attended and were held simultaneously in six locations across the state in Athens, Augusta, Carrollton, Cartersville, Decatur, and Savannah. In addition, the Savannah and Decatur location held one-hour postwebinar workshops on topics relevant to the webinars.

The Academic Library Division and in particular the outgoing ACRL Chapters Council Representative, Kimberly Boyd, would like to thank the libraries and the librarians who worked closely with us to make these webinar viewing parties happen, including Elizabeth Clark at Georgia Highlands, Melissa Johnson at Augusta University, Casey Long at Agnes Scott College, Sandra Elaine Riggs at the University of Georgia, Kristi Smith at Armstrong State University, and Naomi Stuesser at the University of West Georgia.

2018 ALD Election Results

Incoming ALD Chair: Jennifer Townes, Scholarly Communication Librarian, Georgia College & State University

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Chris Sharpe, Assistant Director of Access Services, Kennesaw State University

Secretary: Jennifer Price, Business Librarian, Washington Memorial Library

ACRL Chapters Council Representative*: Sofia Slutskaia, Metadata Strategist, Georgia Institute of Technology. (* three year term)