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Georgia Library Association Research and Assessment Interest Group

New Online Professional Learning Community

The Research and Assessment Interest Group (RAIG) now offers members the opportunity to participate in an online professional learning community and collaboratively explore core assessment concepts and skills. This opportunity is thanks to the generosity of Dr. Amanda Ferster, Assistant Professor with the University of Georgia (UGA) Educational Psychology Department, who is volunteering her time and expertise to guide RAIG members in discussions about assessment outcomes, data collection strategies, and data analysis tools. Dr. Ferster has previously served educational agencies and universities as an institutional researcher/continuous improvement specialist, research scientist, and psychometrician in support of large-scale assessment programs.



Dr. Amanda Ferster

Hosted on UGA's eLearningCommons, the series started in September and will run through May 2018. Monthly modules consist of a thirty minute pre-recorded video lecture, recommended readings, and discussion questions. Anyone interested in joining RAIG's professional learning community can contact Cristina Hernández Trotter at: chtrotter@gmail.com.

Hybrid Meetings Around the State Continue

The Research and Assessment Interest Group (RAIG) met on July 21, 2017 for another casual

day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration. Half of the twenty-seven attendees enjoyed meeting at the University of Georgia in Athens, while the other half attended online. The meeting started with the panel discussion "LibQUAL and Beyond: Evolving Assessment at UGA" presented by Chandler Christoffel, Diana Hartle, and Nan McMurry. This was followed by two lightning talks presented by RAIG members: "Correlating Impact via Secondary Analysis" by Christina Holm and "Policy Assessment through the Diversity Lens" by Jennifer Price. Members then engaged in dynamic, small-group discussions about their own challenges, experiences, and ideas about library assessment.

The Miller Learning Center (MLC) at UGA offered not only an attractive and inspiring meeting space, but also the technology and support needed to make this interactive hybrid meeting a success. RAIG would like to thank MLC's staff for their technical support, Jittery Joe's for the donation of coffee and fixings, and the Georgia Library Association for funding this event.

Given the success of this year's two hybrid meetings, RAIG is committed to continuing this activity. Plans are now underway for a spring meeting in Valdosta to be followed by a summer meeting in Carrollton. Keep an eye out for details!

2018 Officers

RAIG held an online election of officers in September. Officers for 2018 are Cristina Hernandez Trotter (Chair), Jennifer Price (Vice-

Chair), and Andrea Stanfield (Secretary-Treasurer).

Any GLA members who are interested in LIS research and/or library assessment may join

RAIG at no additional cost. To learn more, please contact Cristina Hernández Trotter at chtrotter@gmail.com or visit: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest-groups/>