SLA Illinois Symposium and Dinner

AUGUST 16, 2018
Welcome remarks by Galen Kelly, chapter President, and Rachel Cole, President-Elect

Remarks from Roberto Sarmiento, Special Libraries Association President

*Alternative Careers for Library Skills: Manager of Peer Review,* presented by David Bender, Manager, Medical Ontology, Radiological Society of North America

*Using the Lightboard for Inclusive Teaching,* Presented by Becca Greenstein, STEM Librarian, Northwestern University

*The Obama Presidential Library: An Intern’s View from the Inside.* Presented by Elizabeth Morris, MLIS


*Time for Questions and Comments will be reserved for the end of the presentations.*

Dinner and Networking
Alternative Careers for Library Skills: Manager of Peer Review

Abstract

Larger and more technical academic, scientific, and medical journals employ full-time staff to manage the peer review process. Known as Peer Review Managers, these people check-in manuscripts and matchup the manuscripts with the proper reviewer. Librarians actually have the perfect set of skills to work in these positions. While manuscript authors and peer reviewers often select subject terms to identify topics and review skills, the selected terms are more often than not incomplete or vague. It falls to the peer review manager to determine the actual topics of the manuscripts and the actual skills of the reviewers, and match them up accordingly. The process is, at its heart, a reference interview; one of the cornerstones of professional librarianship.

About David

David is the Manager of Medical Ontology for the Radiological Society of North America. In this position he works with the creation and application of controlled vocabularies for such diverse projects as semantic enrichment, data warehousing, and structured reporting.

David has been the library director for the William D. Block Memorial Law Library, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois and for the Skokie branch campus of Sanford-Brown College. He has done indexing/taxonomy work for The Philosopher’s Index, Commerce Clearing House, Inc., the American Bar Association, and Lexis-Nexis.

In 1998 David’s work at the Block Library saw the library named Library of the Year by the North Suburban Library System (NSLS), the first non-public library to earn that distinction. David was also named Special Library Staff Member of the Year by the NSLS in 2000. He is also a certified Court Management Professional from the National Center for State Courts.
Abstract:

The lightboard is a glass chalkboard for creating short video lectures. A presenter can face the viewer while writing or drawing on the board with fluorescent markers. The lightboard is newly available to all members of the Northwestern community, in an easy-to-use studio in Mudd Library. The lightboard is well suited to supplemental problems, flipped classroom lectures, or explanations of more complex topics. Students who learn both visually and aurally benefit from lightboard-based instruction, as do those who have trouble taking notes and listening simultaneously. All students appreciate that they can refer back to the video as needed. I will illustrate use of the lightboard and its capabilities, go over some best practices in planning lightboard lectures, and show videos of the lightboard in action.

About Becca:

Becca Greenstein is the STEM Librarian at Northwestern University Libraries, where she serves as the liaison to the Mathematics, Statistics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Applied Mathematics departments. She has worked at Northwestern since 2017, and previously worked at the EPA Library and Smithsonian Institution Libraries. She is grateful to have been welcomed into the SLA-IL community over the past year and is excited to share the lightboard with this group. She is interested in open access, creating inclusive library environments, research metrics, and information access for everyone: users and non-users alike.
The Obama Presidential Library: An Intern’s View from the Inside

Abstract

Learn how the library is gaining intellectual control of eight years of texts, AV, and 250 terabytes of digital material. Hear about the staff effort to create master files and gain intellectual control. Hear about Elizabeth’s processing of AV, text and museum objects. And enjoy a small brief on the Nixon Tapes Project.

Experience the daily decisions of collection access (reference) and how FOIA and the Presidential Records Act (PRA) impact these records. Why are presidential libraries an extreme hybrid?

Understand how the Presidential Libraries Act (PLA) affected the Obama Foundation’s decision to not have a traditional presidential library and NARA staff. What happens to the records when they return to D.C.? Follow along on an intern’s tour brief on the National Archives in Chicago.

About Elizabeth

Elizabeth Morris is a native of Evanston, Illinois and graduated with an MLIS from Dominican University in May 2018, specializing in digital curation and digital libraries. Elizabeth is currently looking for a position in digital asset management, special libraries or archives while she interns at the Obama Presidential Library in Hoffman Estates. She recently received a scholarship from the SLA Illinois Chapter to attend the SLA annual conference, and presented her takeaways in the chapter recap webinar. Elizabeth’s first career was in retail, running a large corporate store, employing consultation and collaboration to design custom solutions for clients.
Panel Discussion
Special Libraries: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

In the last 20 years, our jobs in special libraries have changed drastically due to technology/the Internet and a bad late 2000s economy. How did we adapt to stay relevant? What will the next 20 years bring us? Three longtime SLA IL members will discuss how their careers have changed, how they have adapted, and what they see for special libraries and their careers in the future.

About Lorene
Lorene Kennard has worked in special and public libraries for the last 19 years. She has worked as a solo corporate librarian, public library director and public library reference librarian. She has owned a freelance research business. She served as the 2011 SLA IL chapter President after volunteering in many chapter roles for 10 years.

About Katrina
Katrina Perez is the Resource Management Librarian for Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, a AmLaw 100 law firm headquartered in Philadelphia. Her position entails maintaining and selecting content for the DBR intranet, managing the Library's print and electronic resources, and coordinating training on those resources and the intranet for firm attorneys and staff. She works closely with the firm’s IS department in testing, rollout, and training electronic resources. Katrina’s background includes working at the Michigan State University Libraries as a student, working at a publishing company, and a public library. Katrina has been active in SLA for over 25 years, serving as President of the Chapter in 2009, and currently as Secretary of the IT Division.

About Paty
Paty Schintgen has been at Bain & Company for 14 years. Currently she is the manager of the Central region Information Services group and the Americas Industrial Goods Team Lead. Previously she worked as a business researcher at Intecap, an intellectual property consulting firm and as a researcher at Financial Relations Board, an investor relations firm. Paty has also served as SLA IL’s Treasurer and President.