



The Confluence

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President's Message - Carrie Wardzinski

Summer – my favorite season – is nearly upon us. I love nearly everything about summer: the warm weather, the long days, sleeping with the windows open, going to Ken-nywood, weekend trips to Dairy Queen, and catching lightning bugs with my son. But summer also brings something I look forward to each year – SLA Annual. It is a chance for me to catch up with old friends, strengthen my professional relationships with others, and to learn more since I am still an early-career professional.

The format for this year's conference is different than in years past. First, we have returned to the longer four-day format, rather than trying to squeeze all programming – formal and informal - into three days. Secondly, there are defined and well-developed “learning streams” that individuals can choose. Streams include data management and curation, and leadership. There will be keynotes every day, instead of just during the opening session. And there will be more time for unit leaders to get together, which I personally find both needed and beneficial.



Photo Credit: Leslie Poljak

But this does not mean the conference will be entirely new. Many familiar elements will be there too. The IT Dance Party – in all of its glory – will still happen. There will be dine-arounds, the Info-Expo, and receptions in the evenings (including our own informal Pittsburgh Chapter get-together on Monday night at the re-Bliss bar).

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Welcome New Chapter Members!

Rebecca Calfe
Kerri Moriarty

Leif Johnson
Antoni Jonjak

The SLA membership directory is available online. You will need to log in and select Pittsburgh chapter as the unit.

An Interesting Development- An Inside Look Into the Research Development Field

Olivia Glotfelty

Ryan Champagne, the Grants Development Coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Research, gave an insightful presentation to the SLA Pittsburgh Chapter on Thursday, April 6th. Ryan gave an overview of his background, how he came into his role as Grants Development Coordinator, and what exactly his job entails. He then concluded by offering some thoughts on the future of research development and his role in the field. It is exciting to note that this event was also livestreamed as a webinar, as well as live-tweeted through the SLA Pittsburgh Chapter's Twitter account @slapittsburgh. Consider joining us for our next event!

Ryan began his presentation with some background on the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) whose membership, he noted, has recently grown exponentially. He then moved into discussing his role at the University of Pittsburgh-- a new role that was created as an "experiment."

What exactly does a Grants Development Coordinator do, you ask? Ryan offered some fundamentals of his job:

- Locating data sources
- Finding funding opportunities
- Collaboration Administration

As Grants Development Coordinator, Ryan leverages the skills from his MLIS background to search for funding opportunities and connect researchers to the opportunities most appropriate for their projects. Essentially, it all boils down to support and connection. When discussing the intricacies of his role, he noted several successes and challenges that he's encountered-- initiating



From Left to Right: Ryan Splenda, Ryan Champagne, and Carrie Wardzinski



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outreach and receiving a positive response, and figuring out how to be proactive and not reactive. Ryan noted that he sees the future of his role growing more in strategic and competitive intelligence.

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SLA Pittsburgh Promising Professional Award Winner: Olivia Glotfelty



Photo credit: LinkedIn

The SLA Pittsburgh Chapter Awards Committee, Margarete Bower, Eve Wider, and Deb Martin, is pleased to announce that Olivia Glotfelty has been selected to receive the SLA Pittsburgh Chapter's 2017 Promising Professional Award. Olivia will be using the award to attend the SLA conference in Phoenix this June.

Olivia is currently a librarian at The Brady Library of the Health Sciences at UPMC Mercy Hospital. She has been a member of SLA and the Pittsburgh Chapter for less than five years and worked with Donna Beck on the project to digitize the chapter's bulletins. She is currently serving as Employment Chair for the chapter and as a member of SLA's Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council.

Congratulations, Olivia! We look forward to your report on the 2017 SLA Annual Conference, which will appear in a future issue of The Confluence newsletter.

Pittsburgh Chapter Social Media

Recently, an email was sent to all chapter members highlighting new and existing chapter communications. These include the Twitter and Facebook. Below is more information about each and tips for joining the conversation. A special thanks goes to chapter member Stefanie Maclin-Hurd for her Social Media expertise and leadership in creating and maintaining these accounts:

- [Follow and connect with SLAPittsburgh on Twitter](#)
- Join the Special Libraries Association - Pittsburgh Chapter (SLA-CPIT) on Facebook

In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can use [SLA Connect](#) to keep in touch with chapter and other SLA members and divisions and visit the [SLA Pittsburgh Chapter Website](#) for up-to-date information including issues of the [Confluence](#), [chapter events](#), and [chapter meeting minutes](#).

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or are interested in participating, please contact anyone on the chapter board.

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Public Group



Upcoming Chapter Events:

May 25 starting at 6:30 PM
Chapter Tour of Google: May 25
Space is limited
RSVP using [this link](#)

June 19 starting at 7 PM
Informal Chapter get together at
SLA Annual
[Bliss ReBar](#)

July
Librarian Trivia Night hosted by Rick
Sebak

An Interesting Development (continued from page 2)

It was fascinating to hear about a role in the information professions that's not always highlighted, and was inspiring to see how Ryan is being utilized by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and how he is integrating himself (and his position) into the research infrastructure at the institution. This presentation was especially compelling considering current events related to funding. As such, it's interesting to contemplate the prospective role that a Grants Development Coordinator might play in a future fraught with turbulence in the funding realm. Ryan's presentation illustrated the unique roles that information professionals can hold, and the importance and impact of our work within organizations and institutions.

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In case any of this has piqued your interest, there is still time to register for SLA Annual if you would like to attend. Flights to Phoenix are relatively cheap, and housing is incredibly inexpensive compared to recent past conferences. It promises to be a good time. However, if you are not able to attend Annual this summer, there are other, more local opportunities coming up to get involved with SLA. There will be a Pittsburgh Chapter Google tour on the evening of May 25th. And in July, we are holding a librarian trivia night in conjunction with Pitt's Beta Phi Mu chapter, and Rick Sebak is the host! As you can see, there is something for everyone, whether it is educational, informational, or recreational. Stay tuned for more details.

No matter what you do, I hope that you find summer to be a time to slow down a little and enjoy life. Go outside, go on vacation, enjoy some ice cream, or catch some lightning bugs in a jar. And if you have a little bit of time left over after all of that, spend some time with the Pittsburgh Chapter. I look forward to seeing you all of you!



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2017 SLA Annual Conference June 16-20 Phoenix, AZ

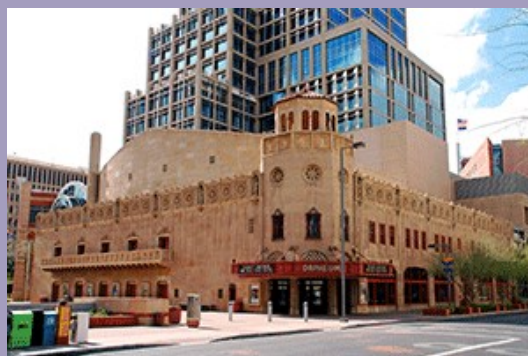


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Attending the Conference?
Here are some helpful Links
from the SLA Arizona
Chapter:

[Transportation Options](#)

[Downtown Phoenix](#)

[Dining Guide](#)

[Things to do in Phoenix](#)

[Museum Mania](#)



What's Trending at SLA:
Click the Pictures for More Information



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Special Libraries Association (SLA)

April 17 at 12:28pm · 🌐

So cool! Check out a Federal Reserve librarian's first-hand account of SLA's 1955 convention in Detroit.

Thanks, FRASER (Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research) for sharing!

TO: Miss Adams June 16, 1955
FROM: Marguerite Burnett
SUBJECT: Report of attendance at Convention of Special Libraries Association Detroit, Michigan, to discuss archives before Financial Group, and with Federal Reserve librarians.

My part at the Detroit Convention of S. L. A. was mainly concerned with two meetings. The main one was the panel discussion on June 14, on "Archives for Companies", on which I was both moderator and first speaker. The other was the informal discussion and experience meeting that the group of Federal Reserve librarians held on Sunday afternoon, June 12, preceding

Report of Attendance at Convention of Special Libraries Association, Detroit, Michigan, to Discuss Archives before Financial Group, and with Federal Reserve...

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April 26 at 9:57am · 🌐

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