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Outgoing President's Message - Jennie Crowley

Hello SLA Pittsburgh Chapter members, and Happy New Year! I have a few items to share since our last issue:

First, we had a great turnout at our Holiday Brunch and Business Meeting on Sunday, December 8. The private room at Frisch's was perfect for our group. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the brunch. The crème brûlée french toast was definitely my favorite dish!

Second, SLA recently released the details for the (now) mandatory restructuring plan for all units. We'll discuss the implications for our chapter at our first board meeting of 2020 so please don't hesitate to reach out to our chapter board members if you have any questions or comments.

Third, I had a blast at SLA Annual in Cleveland last June. My conference highlights include meeting new friends at the Annual Cider Meetup, enjoying Lebanese food with Pittsburgh Chapter members, learning how NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory uses controlled vocabularies to organize data, dancing the night away at the IT Dance Party, and feeling empowered by Safiya Noble's closing remarks on

the importance of librarians to curating web content.

Finally, while I may have won a Sherwin-Williams gift basket at Cleveland's INFO-EXPO, I will always buy PPG for my painting needs.

Thanks again for being a part of our Chapter. It was an honor to serve as your chapter president in 2019, and I hope to see many of you at an event in 2020!



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

2020 New Chapter Officers

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering

Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering is the Medical Librarian at UPMC Mercy, where she provides clinical information, library, and archival services to hospital staff, students, and members of the community. She also serves as Adjunct Faculty at Duquesne University. Olivia graduated from the University of Florida with degrees in Anthropology,

Russian, and Art History. She continued her studies at the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned her MLIS in 2016. From the Pittsburgh Chapter, Olivia has been awarded the 2016 Leadership Award, the 2017 Promising Professional Award, and the 2019 Publication-Authorship Award. In her free time, Olivia enjoys exploring Pittsburgh with her husband, Tyler, and chocolate lab, Darcy; volunteering; traveling; and attending hockey games (Go Pens!)

TREASURER: Linda Hartman

Linda has worked as a Reference Librarian and a Medical Librarian for the University of Pittsburgh. She has been a contributor for the popular Systematic Review Workshop offered by the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System (HSLS).

Thank you Olivia and Linda for accepting our call and volunteering your time and skills to be leaders of our chapter!

Chapter Member Updates:

Donna Beck: Has a new relationship with Carnegie Mellon University: “Senior Librarian Emerita” and, since January 2019, has worked for the Teaching, Research, & Engagement unit at Gumberg Library at Duquesne University. Her title is STEM and Health Sciences Librarian. She is very busy at Duquesne with teaching 2 sections, 67 freshman, of an in-person, 1 credit course, Health Research Skills!

At the end of 2019, Donna will also be rotating off the Board of HSLC-Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting. For anyone thinking of volunteering (what a rewarding experience!), please find details on HSLC’s website: <https://www.hslc.org/>

Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering recently had her first article published. The article, [Leveraging the Librarian in a Nurse Residency Program](#), was published in Volume 38, issue 2, of *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*.

Congratulations Donna and Olivia!

Welcome New Chapter Member!

LaMonica Wiggins

Congratulations Eve Wider!



Photo credit: Jim Tchobanoff

Eve Wider received the Rose L.Vormelker Award at the 2019 SLA Annual Conference. Pictured above is Eve with fellow chapter members after receiving the award.

Congratulations, Eve, on this well deserved award!

Stay Connected! Pittsburgh Chapter Social Media

Connect with chapter news and events by joining the [SLA Pittsburgh Chapter Facebook Group](#) and by following the chapter on Twitter [@slapittsburgh](#)

For more ways to stay up-to-date with the chapter, be sure to use [SLA Connect](#) for chapter conversations and visit the [SLA Pittsburgh Chapter Website](#) for information including issues of the [Confluence](#) and [chapter meeting minutes](#).

SLA Annual Business Meeting, Brunch, and Awards

December 8, 2019



Chapter members from left to right:

Ryan Splenda, Jennie Crowley, Kiera Addair, Bryan Brown, Leslie Poljak and Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering



2019 Award Winners:

Promising Professional Award:
Kiera Addair

Publication Authorship Award:
Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering

Service Leadership Award:
Brooke Hyatt and Leslie Poljak



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SLA 2020 Annual Conference

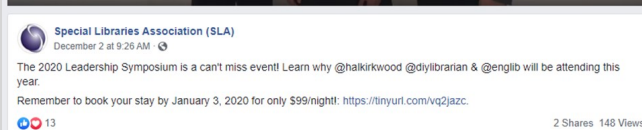


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More information about the annual conference in Charlotte, NC be found on the [2020 Annual Conference Connect Page](#).



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