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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

### AFAS Members,

The AFAS Newsletter is up and ready for your perusal once again!. Look for fall and spring electronic editions of the newsletter. Thank you, Rebecca.

As my term as Chair of the African American Studies Section (AFAS) of ACRL comes to end, there are many thanks to be made. I appreciate and thank the membership for giving me the opportunity of serving you as Chair. It has been an honor.

Thanks to all of you for your continued membership and all who volunteered to serve our organization. This includes the current officers and committee chairs – Johnnie B. Love, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; Angela Williams, Secretary; Aslaku Berhanu, Member-at-Large; Lavonda Kay Broadnax, Member-at-Large; Conference Program Planning-Chicago, 2013 Committee Chair, Akilah S. Nosakhere; Membership Greetings Committee Chair, Lavonda Broadnax; Nominating 2013 Committee Chair, Rebecca Hankins; Publishing and Research Committee Chair, Vivian Fisher; and Access to African American Discussion Group Member, John Venecek. This thank you also extends to all who served on the various committees and or assisted when called upon. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

### Staying Connected

It is very important to stay connected. I encourage members to stay informed through ALA Connect, AFAS Listserv, and our other means of communication. Heather Martin has agreed to continue AFAS website editor duties until a new newsletter editor is appointed. Thanks Heather.

If you were not in attendance at the AFAS 2012 Annual Conference Program in Anaheim on Monday, June 25, you missed an excellent program, “HBCU Library Alliance History and Accomplishments”. The 2012 program committee chair and committee are to be commended.

### Membership as our Goal

One of our goals over the last few years has been to increase our membership. We strive to maintain senior members as well as attract new members. Our membership normally runs between 200 and 250. As of August 2012, AFAS official membership was 225. This goal has become even more important if we are to remain a Section of ACRL. In 2010 ACRL charged a Communities of Practice Board Working Group with reviewing and revising the current policies and procedures for Discussion Groups, Interest Groups and Sections. The CP Task

Force submitted a proposal. Of major concern to AFAS members is the portion of the proposal focused on Sections. If the membership of a section falls below 400 members for three consecutive years the section will have to explore other options. Options include: merging with another Section, Becoming a Discussion Group within another Section, Becoming a Standing Committee within another Section, Becoming an Interest Group, Becoming a Division-Level Discussion Group or Dissolving the Section if no transition option is desired.

### **Implementation of ACRL Communities of Practice Membership Requirement**

AFAS leadership has been in communication with members of the ACRL Executive Board and the Chair of the Task Force. This involved going before the ACRL Executive Board at 2012 ALA Annual in Anaheim, speaking with Lisabeth Chabot, Chair of the Task Force and discussing the proposed change with Mary Jane Petrowski, ACRL Staff and Lisabeth Chabot at AFAS 2013 Midwinter Executive Board meeting in Seattle. ACRL Executive Board will vote on the proposal sometime this spring. **(The January 2013 version of ACRL CP Task Force FAQ is attached to the AFAS General Membership Meeting Minutes on ALA Connect.)** The above proposal and other important issues were discussed at the AFAS Midwinter Executive Meeting and General Membership Meeting at Midwinter 2013 in Seattle.

### **AFAS Survey**

Your input is needed and always appreciated. We are developing a very **brief** survey concerning the future of AFAS as a Section, how to increase membership and other important issues. Please respond when you receive this survey.

### **ALA 2013 Elections**

ALA 2013 election are now closed. It is hoped that all exercised their right to vote. Thanks to the following for consenting to run for AFAS officers: Malaika Grant, 2013 -2014 Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Lavonda Broadnax, Secretary; Derek Mosley, Member-at-Large.

This brings us to the 2014 election. No, it is not too soon to start thinking of the election. Our 2014 slate is due in early fall 2013. I and the other members of the 2014 nominating committee are looking for members to run for the various AFAS positions. If you are interested or know of someone interested in running, please send in the necessary information. If additional information is needed, please contact.

The scheduled time and date of the AFAS General Membership Meeting at ALA 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago is Saturday, June 29 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. You will be notified of the location and any changes. We plan a lively and informative discussion. We encourage all to be a part of this discussion. We will not have a program at the 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago. Unfortunately, our submitted program was not selected for the annual conference. The hard work of Akilah and her committee members is appreciated. A small reception is being planned and will be held during the general membership meeting. Additional information will be sent at a later date.

We still have much to accomplish and I look forward to seeing you in Chicago at our general membership meeting.

Gennice W. King  
2012- 2013 AFAS Chair  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Gennice participated in a conference call with Lizabeth and well as exchanged emails concerning the status of Sections, particularly Sections with less than 400 members. There was also the question about elections which Lis answered. It was emphasized that after looking at the other Sections, there was not another section with the same charge as AFAS.
2. Rebecca, past chair, was contacted concerning archived information from the previous years. A disk with the previous 2 -3 years was received. Gennice is in the process of putting in current communications and information on the disk. There was also the question of do we keep AFAS records in any other location at this time? Do the board members think we should look into gathering the information of the Section and archive it in a particular location? It was agreed, we should tell our story. We have to figure out where we want to put the information and have a complete record of the history and accomplishments of AFAS. A plan must be developed, including send out requests for the needed information and records.
3. At the 2012 Annual Conference, there was the question about how to obtain information about membership numbers. Lisabeth sent the requested information and it was forwarded to Lavonda. It included how to get into ALA Connect and obtain the membership information. Membership committee chairs have access to complete membership information. Lavonda was also sent sample letters for new, returning and dropped members.
4. Our web site was out-of-date. Heather Martin has agreed to assist with the site until someone from the Research and Publication Committee take over the responsibility. When you go to ALA Connect, there is a link to our web site. Therefore, it is important to have the site up to date. It is important to provide current information to members. In updating our web site, it was also noted the Scholar's Corner was in need of new information.
5. We are still working on the survey, concerning the recommendations of the Community of Practice Task Force. The survey is to be sent to all members. Akilah has agreed to assist with the survey. Possible questions include demographic information, type of library employed, years in AFAS, rank the top three options of preference, other possible suggestions, ways to build up membership projects for AFAS, what benefits have you received from AFAS.
6. We are also looking at ways to build up the membership of AFAS. There was also a discussion of how to better communicate with members. Do we use ALA Connect, Face book, website etc?
7. Finally, the meeting dates and times for ALA annual in Chicago have been submitted. Saturday for both meetings was requested. The 8:30 am -10:00 am slot for the Executive Board Meeting and the 10:30 am to 11:30 am slot for the general membership meeting. It should be noted that the 10:30 slot is only one hour instead of the hour and 30 minutes of previous years.

### About AFAS

Established as a section within the Association of College and Research Libraries of the American Library Association, AFAS is the outgrowth of a discussion group consisting of dynamic librarians with interest in and concern for African American Studies and librarianship. Its circle of founding leaders include Clarence Chisholm, Stanton Biddle, Doris H. Clack, William Welburn, and others.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the African American Studies Librarians Section is to study librarianship and collection development as it progresses and relates to African American Studies collections; to conduct ongoing evaluation and discussion of research in African American Studies; to focus on resource sharing, archival materials, bibliographic control, retrospective collecting/purchasing, mechanized information, retrieval selection policies and procedures, oral history, and others as they relate to collection development and librarianship of African American Studies.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Nominating Committee - Rebecca Hankins/ Past Chair (Gennice King)**

Rebecca Hankins was unable to attend the midwinter meeting but sent the nominations for the African American Studies Librarian Sections 2013 platform. Malaika Grant for Vice Chair/ Chair Elect, Lavonda Broadnax for Secretary, Dereck T. Mosley for Member-at-Large.

### **Vice Chair - Johnnieque (Johnnie) B. Love**

As Vice Chair, one of the responsibilities is to appoint standing committee members. Johnnie received communication from Megan that there are two committees to be appointed by February 1, 2013. They are the Nomination Committee and the 2014 Program Committee. Term will run from July 2012 until June 2014. There was a request for potential members for the various committees. Please send all names to Johnnie. Chair for the nominating committee will be Gennice King. The appointment of the other committees are due later in the month, these include the membership, research and publication, etc.

Johnnie would also like to get a better feel for are our current members. She will also do a call for volunteers via email and our website. Call for volunteers is to be submitted by January 31. At the membership meeting today, there will be a call for more volunteers for the various committees. Johnnie will send out additional information on volunteering so all will have a complete details on what is required and the importance of volunteers. It was emphasized to include new members. All volunteers should fill out the required information on the [ACRL volunteer form](#).

### **Membership Committee - Lavonda Broadnax**

Membership information comes through ALA Connect. The information includes new members, dropped members, and reinstated members along with contact information via a spread sheet. Lavonda modified the sample letters. Using how the members requested to be addressed, letters were sent out via email. As far as feedback is concerned, Lavonda received a thank you from one recipient after receiving the welcome letter. One person also mentioned that they would like to volunteer for a committee assignment. There are currently 225 members.

ACRL is moving toward a standardization of its membership initiatives bring all chairs together into an ACRL Section Membership Committee. The Chairs had a virtual meeting with participation from about half of the ACRL units. During the meeting there was a push to use ALA Connect. They are also pushing for individual membership chairs to report the work they are doing. There is a spreadsheet to report the numbers of letters sent out, how many likes on our face book account, how many respond, if we have a newsletter, etc. They are asking for all the activities of the membership so that it can be tabulated. It seems they are trying to have some standardization. They have also asked for copies of letters we send out to other people. This is to perhaps to come up with a standardized letter. This way, new membership chairs will have some type of guide. The committee is also pushing for members of the group to staff the ACRL booth.

Lavonda also had some additional questions about the discussion list and AFAS list serve.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS contd.

### Publications and Research Committee – Vivian

#### Fisher

We need to publish our online newsletter. The newsletter is due out in March. Rebecca has a copy of the template and will be assisting with the newsletter. If you are working on something, please submit the information. Submissions should be made by mid February if possible. This way we put information in the newsletter and members are more informed as to what is going on.

It was mentioned that Heather has been working on our web site and will continue until a new manager is located. Akilah has agreed to work on the website and become a member of the Research and Publication Committee. There will only be one or two people with access to edit the website. (Gennice is to send access information to Vivian and Akilah.)

The Scholar's Corner is also in need of updating. If you are working on something or have published something, the information should be submitted. This could also be helpful for academic librarians working toward tenure. It is a way to get their information

compiled and located in one location.

In reference to the newsletter, different areas can be assigned to the various members of the committee. This way it would be a team effort.

### Conference Program Committee 2013 – Akilah

#### Nosakhere

After AFAS meeting in California (ALA 2012 Annual), we were excited about a program in Chicago at the DuSable Museum (Chicago). A letter was sent to BCALA President concerning partnering with AFAS by providing transportation to the event. After receiving a letter from ALA stating that all programs at the ALA Annual in Chicago were to be held at the Convention Center (McCormick Place), we dropped our plans for a program/reception.

We are now looking at having refreshments at our general membership meeting because our budget of \$1200 does not support a big reception in Chicago. We don't have a formal program for our meeting in Chicago. We will get together and plan our strategies and programming for the next year while enjoying refreshments.

## Get Involved!

What do members of the African American Studies Librarians Section do?

- Participate in AFAS committees whose objectives are promoting, supporting and fostering information services in the field.
- Plan programs of interest to members and their constituents.
- Network with librarians with similar interests. Maintain an online list of core resources in African American Studies.
- Promote librarianship among African American Studies organizations.

## MEMBER NEWS

### African American Librarians Proudly “Represent” at 2012 ASALH Conference

By Sibyl E. Moses, Ph.D.

(with contributions from Kathleen Bethel, Janet Sims-Wood, Aslaku Berhanu, Deborah L. Dandridge, Emily Guss, Rebecca Hankins, and Lavonda Broadnax)

For generations, African American librarians have served as a vital force in the preservation and promotion of African American history and culture. Such was the case on September 26-30, 2012 when more than eighteen (18) African American librarians, many of whom are members of BCALA and AFAS, actively participated in the governance, academic programming, book signings, and general proceedings of the 97th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The conference theme: “Black Women in American Culture and History” attracted well over 250 lectures, panel discussions, films, poetry slams, etc. covering the history of little known and well known African American women and their activities.

Academic and research librarians from several states presented papers on topics that included African American women as health activists, scholars, library and literacy activists, artists, community activists, and club women. The following account provides one lens through which we may see a portion of the extensive scholarship undertaken by African American librarians in the field of African American history and culture.

ASALH Executive Council Members: **Kathleen Bethel**, African American Studies Librarian, Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois and **Janet Sims-Wood**, Librarian, Prince George’s Community College, Maryland.

#### Recipient of an Award:

**Janet Sims-Wood**, received the 2012 Mary McLeod Bethune Award, in honor of her service to the Association for the Study of African American History and Culture for over a 10 year period in the areas of branches, Executive Council, fundraising, Black History Month Kit, essay contest, and the Carter G. Woodson educational programs; the award also acknowledges her service to education, African American history, and to the community.

#### Presenters of Papers:

**Aslaku Berhanu**, Librarian, Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection, Temple University Libraries, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented a paper, “Dr. Caroline Still Anderson: A Nineteenth Century Black Physician,” on the panel entitled “Collecting and Preserving Black Women’s History and Culture: Primary Sources in the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection.”

**Elizabeth Jean Brumfield**, BCALA Executive Board, and Librarian, Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, Texas, presented a paper, “Fitting the First Ladies: Black Female Fashion Designers in the White House,” on the panel entitled “Celebrated and Grassroots Women Leaders.” Cheiko Sato co-presented with Brumfield.

**Deborah L. Dandridge**, Special Collections Librarian, University of Kansas, presented a paper: “Refusing Extinction: African American Responses to Health Care Needs in Jim Crow Greater Kansas City, 1900-1970,” on the panel entitled “We’re Still Here’: Black People

Defining Health.”

**Emily Guss**, Librarian, University of Illinois Library, Chicago,

Illinois, presented a paper, “Vivian Harsh and Charlemae Rollins: Transformation of Chicago’s Hall Branch Library into a “People’s University” on the panel entitled “Grassroots Make Big Trees: African American Women’s Local Organizing Efforts in the Twentieth Century.”

**Ida Jones**, Manuscript Librarian, Moorland Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Washington, D.C., presented a paper “The Sister Six: Select Women Scholars at Howard University during the Golden Age 1926-1960” on the panel entitled “Organized Black Womanhood: A Look at Historical and Contemporary Black Club Women.”

**Georgette Mayo**, Librarian, Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, presented paper “Georgette Seabrooke Powell: Advocating Art on Her Own Terms,” on the panel entitled “Black Female Trailblazers in the 20th Century.”

**Sibyl E. Moses**, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. presented two papers: “Grace Baxter Fenderson (1882-1962) and the Kenney Memorial Hospital Women’s Auxiliary, Newark, New Jersey,” on the panel entitled “Exploring the Legacy and Significance of Black Health Activists”; and, “For the Good of the Order: The Afternoon Tea Tradition among Prince Hall Women’s Organizations” on the panel entitled “Organized Black Womanhood: A Look at Historical and Contemporary Black Club Women.”

**Irene Owens**, presented a paper, “Barbara Johns Powell: A Woman of Courage and Conviction in Virginia Civil Rights History,” on the panel “Pioneering Advocates For Black Children: Barbara Johns Powell and Eloise Greenfield.”

**Janet Sims-Wood**, presented two papers: “Eloise Greenfield: Bringing the Gift of Reading to Children,” on the panel entitled “Pioneering Advocates For Black Children: Barbara Johns Powell and Eloise Greenfield”; and, “Dr. Martha Putney: Pioneer Service in the Women’s Army Corps,” on the panel “Lifting as We Climb: The Role of Education and Activism in the Lives of Terrell, Putney, and Williams.”

#### Panel Chairs:

**Rebecca Hankins**, Certified Archivist, Associate Professor, Texas A and M University, College Station, Texas chaired a panel, “I Am Not My Hair: Re-claiming Black Beauty.” A guide to resources on the subject is available from Rebecca: [rhankins@tamu.edu](mailto:rhankins@tamu.edu)

**Elizabeth Jean Brumfield**, chaired a panel, “Grassroots Make Big Trees: African American Women’s Local Organizing Efforts in the Twentieth Century.”

**Ida Jones**, Manuscript Librarian, Moorland Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Washington, D.C., chaired panel, “Creative Resistance: African American Women Opening Restricted Spaces and Effecting Lasting Social Change.”

## MEMBER NEWS

### **Saving Ancient Africa's Written Heritage: Adda Alhadi and Abdel Kader Haidara**

**Akilah Nosakhere**

While we breathe a collective sigh of relief, let us thank Adda Alhadi Ahmed Baba Institute of Higher Learning and Islamic Research and Abdel Kader Haidara of the Mamma Haidara Library of Mali for leading the effort to save ancient manuscripts of Mali history and culture. Both librarians and their respective staff have saved thousands of ancient manuscripts for the research and study of historic Islamic and African traditions.

The invasion of Mali by Islamic extremists last April has resulted in the destruction of numerous ancient catacombs, the disruption of age-old cultural traditions as well as everyday-life in Mali. At the same time, media coverage has confirmed the existence of Timbuktu and ancient Africa to many who are astounded by the depths of African history!

For several years the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Library of Congress has worked with staff and keepers of Mali's ancient libraries to arrest deterioration and preserve them for research. To learn about these priceless collections visit these sites.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/mali/> <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/malihtml/malihome.html>

### **Congratulations to Lavonda!**

Lavonda Kay Broadnax, Digital Projects Coordinator at the Library of Congress, and AFAS Member-At-Large, was selected as the winner of RUSA's 2013 Zora Neale Hurston Award. The Zora Neale Hurston Award, sponsored by Harper Perennial, honors librarians who have demonstrated leadership in promoting African-American literature. Ms. Broadnax will receive funds to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, tickets to the Literary Tastes breakfast and the FOLUSA Author Tea, and a set of the Zora Neale Hurston books published by Harper Perennial at the time the award is made. (continued on pg. 8)

### **African American Fraternal Organization Provided Vocational Information to Communities throughout the Nation**

**Sibyl E. Moses, Ph.D.**

On March 8-10, 2013, at the fortieth annual convention of The Phylaxis Society, in Atlanta, Georgia, Sibyl E. Moses, Ph.D. presented a paper: “*...A Real Contribution to the Cause of Negro Education, The National Urban League and Prince Hall Masons' Vocational Guidance Institutes, 1951-1954.*” The presentation highlighted the historic significance of an African American fraternal organization that provided vocational information to African American youth and families throughout the nation. A summary follows:

*“The Urban League stepped up its vocational services program through its vocational guidance institutes, made possible through the cooperation and financial backing of the Masonic order (Prince Hall Affiliation).”*

More than sixty years ago, the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the United Supreme Councils, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions accomplished a Herculean feat. They partnered with the National Urban League and hosted vocational and career institutes for African American youth, in major cities throughout the United States. Cognizant of the high drop out rates among “Negro” youth and the high level of unemployment, these organizations agreed on the urgent and immediate need to make “a real contribution to the cause of Negro education.”

The initial concept for the vocational institutes, along with a tentative proposal, was developed by George W. Crawford, Lester B. Granger, and Ann E. Tanneyhill; the plan was enhanced and executed in regions throughout the United States by a team of Prince Hall Grand Masters, top professionals in the field of vocational education, attorneys, college presidents, representatives from industry and labor organizations, leading teachers, social workers, guidance counselors, and members of local Prince Hall lodges. This presentation provided an overview of the “Masonic-National Urban League Project” and brief biographical sketches of the key individuals who planned and executed the project during the period of 1951 through 1954. The methods used to identify resources, and the process for developing a well documented chronology of events were also explored.

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the time the award is made.

Ms. Broadnax was selected for her wonderful bibliography project, Selected Literature Published by the Civil War Soul Sisters. The project showcases the writings of “Black women who lived during the U.S. Civil War, [during] a time when it was illegal for most African Americans to learn to read or write.” The project shows her passion and enthusiasm for this area of study which developed out of her effort to highlight these great works and enlighten others about these important pieces of literature. *(Edited from original announcement as shared on BCALA list)*

### Congratulations to Johnnie!

Johnnieque B.(Johnnie) Love received the James Partridge Award at the University of Maryland as African American Information Professional for 2012 on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the ISchool’s Diversity Symposium. This award is an acknowledgment by the ISchool of long time service and outstanding accomplishments in the field of librarianship. Johnnie has 46 years in the education profession and 38 of those years have been in librarianship, serving at all levels; from elementary school media specialist, high school librarian, Community College and academic librarianship. She has served as adjunct faculty for the ISchool at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

## AFAS LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP!

The Executive Committee invites all AFAS members and supports to attend the AFAS membership reception in Chicago at annual. Plans are underway for a working meeting with reception at the McCormick Place Conference Center. Come add your ideas and energy to revitalize AFAS projects and programming. See you in Chicago!

### AFAS is on FACEBOOK

Have a Facebook account? If so, look for AFAS on Facebook. AFAS has joined ACRL, the Instruction Section, and other ACRL sections on the social networking site.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=22843361484>

**NEW AFAS DISCUSSION LIST**  
**ACRL-AFAS-L@ALA.ORG** THIS IS THE  
 OFFICIAL DISCUSSION LIST OF THE ACRL  
 AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES LIS SECTION.

GO TO [HTTP://LISTS.ALA.ORG/SYMPA/INFO/ACRL-AFAS-L](http://lists.ala.org/sympa/info/ACRL-AFAS-L) AND CLICK SUBSCRIBE





### ACRL e-Learning Program

Looking to expand your professional horizons? Register for an ACRL e-Learning event. Stretch your professional development budget by registering for these affordable distance learning courses and webcasts! For more information, visit [www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm](http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm). Space is limited, so register early to reserve your seat! Group rates are available for live Webcasts.

### ACRL offering Standards and Innovation preconferences in Chicago

ACRL is offering two preconferences prior to the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Friday, June 28, 2013: [Helping Non Innovators through Innovation: Managing Change](#)

Change can be difficult to deal with in any workplace, but the fast pace of change in libraries is particularly difficult. Designed for library supervisors who will need to lead staff (at any level) through change, learn about the potential impact of the stress of change, and how to properly prepare others and one's self for change. Examine the most common responses to change and how to deal with them, effective responses to change and how to instill them in others.

### [Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action](#)

Libraries in higher education are increasingly required to demonstrate their value and document their contributions to overall institutional effectiveness. Through presentation, discussion and group activities, learn how to use the Standards to Libraries in higher education are increasingly required to demonstrate their value and document their contributions to overall institutional effectiveness. The Standards for Libraries in Higher Education is a framework for library planning and assessment that can be used for a variety of circumstances including annual planning, program review, and accreditation self-study.

Complete details, including descriptions, learning outcomes, and registration materials, are [online](#). Contact Margot Conahan at [mconahan@ala.org](mailto:mconahan@ala.org) or call 312-280-2522 with questions.

### Immersion Program

The ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program provides instruction librarians the opportunity to work intensively for several days on all aspects of information literacy. Whether your institution is just beginning to think about implementing an information literacy component or whether you have a program well under way, the Immersion Program will provide you

with the intellectual tools and practical techniques to build or enhance your institution's instruction program. Immersion allows you to embrace your educational role by embarking on a path of teacher development and pedagogical inquiry in a community of practice for academic librarians devoted to collaborative learning, individual renewal, and instructional effectiveness.

**The Immersion Program tracks are not sequential; individuals can apply for and attend whichever track(s) are best for them.**

#### [Assessment Track](#)

November 20-24, 2013

Nashville, TN May 2013

Application materials available February 2013

#### [Intentional Teaching Track](#)

November 20-24, 2013

Nashville, TN May 2013

Application materials available February 2013

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