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Gary Lare named ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian

This year's ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian is Dr. Gary Lare. He was the author of *Acquiring and organizing curriculum materials: A guide and directory of resources* which went to a 2nd edition in 2004, and the *Social Studies teaching activities book: An annotated resource guide* which came out in 2006. He developed three education facilities including a Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) at Oral Roberts University, as well as a CMC and an education library at University of Cincinnati.

Gary Lare co-chaired the EBSS committee that developed the first set of ALA guidelines for curriculum materials centers in academic libraries.

The award was presented during the EBSS program at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Unfortunately, Dr. Lare was unable to attend. Paula McMillan, Chair of the Distinguished Librarian Award Committee presented and accepted the award in his name.

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Have an idea for a research project, but don't know where to start? The speakers at the EBSS Annual Conference Program inspired listeners to think critically about research questions, methodology, the research process, and publishing/presenting results. Insight on best practices and common missteps in the process was provided, while active researchers in our field shared their experiences with qualitative and quantitative research.

The program was a highlight of the 2009 ALA Annual Conference Program. Speakers were: Dr. Peter Hernon, Simmons College; Dr. Robert Labaree, VonKleinSmid Library, University of Southern California; and Dr. Penny Beile, University of Central Florida.

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Dr. Robert Labaree speaks on *Qualitative Research Design*



Chicago welcomes the librarians

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Deborah

My year as Chair of EBSS flew by. I am so very proud of what we accomplished together. Our program on creating a research agenda at ALA in Chicago was both well attended and well received. Congratulations to Stephanie Davis-Kahl and her program committee (Vanessa Earp, Catherine Haras, and Bruce Stoffel) for their success. Another conference highlight was the Research Forum, which was organized by the Research Committee chaired by Helga Visscher. Several librarian scholars presented their research findings and received constructive feedback from their peers. EBSS truly appreciates the generosity and support from the American Psychological Association (APA), which continues to sponsor the Forum presentation and reception.

Several EBSS committees have made excellent progress this year in developing information literacy guidelines for its subject areas. I am grateful to the Ad Hoc Information Literacy Committee and its Chair, Judith Walker. This group has been working closely with the committees to bring the guidelines to fruition.

Technology is playing an even more active role within EBSS. This newsletter will no longer be available as a print publication. I am looking forward to seeing how the newsletter as an electronic publication will morph in the forthcoming issues. Another area where technology will make a difference is with committee participation. The EBSS physical presence at Midwinter 2010 will be scaled back, as many Section committees have chosen to utilize other means of meet-

ing in place of face-to-face attendance. I am hoping that this will mean that more persons will be able to be directly active within the organization, as the requirement to attend two conferences a year is no longer in effect. We shall see!

Thank you for electing me as your Chair. I have enjoyed becoming better acquainted with so many EBSS members over this year. I wish the very best to Lori Mestre, EBSS Chair, the officers, and the committee chairs and members. I encourage Section members not currently involved with the Section as a committee member to heed the upcoming call for volunteers. This is a wonderful organization with many opportunities to contribute to our profession.

Lori

What a great time to be part of EBSS! There are so many innovations and explorations occurring. This newsletter is one example. In an attempt to reduce costs, ACRL encouraged sections to go completely virtual with their newsletters. EBSS is one of the few sections that agreed to do so immediately. So many exciting developments for EBSS, including the awarding of the ERIC contract, the spur of dialogue around the APA error debacle and virtual meetings.

In an attempt to reduce hardship on individuals who cannot attend both midwinter and annual meetings, ACRL is supportive of most committees meeting virtually for midwinter. This was a welcome message to most people. In fact, 19 of the 22 EBSS committees voted to conduct a virtual meeting instead of meeting face-to-face at midwinter. Commit-

tees will post the agenda to the EBSS list and to the secretary in advance of the meeting. They will also send the minutes to the EBSS secretary after the meeting. The form of the virtual meeting is up to the committee. Some committees will be hosting phone conference calls. Some will be using conferencing tools like Adobe Connect, Eluminate, Dim Dim, Skype, Google Video, ACRL On Point Chats (using Meebo <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/onpoint/index.cfm>) and other chat rooms like tinychat.com, and FriendFeed. The experiences of hosting and conducting these meetings, as well as lessons learned will be shared within EBSS and beyond. For more information on conducting virtual meetings please refer to <https://connect.ala.org/node/78769>. The Online Learning Research Committee is also putting together web and wiki resources to help with virtual meetings. See <http://www.library.illinois.edu/digitlit/coop/olrc/networking/conferencing.html>

Highlights from the 2009 ALA Annual Conference include: the EBSS Conference Program “Librarian/Scholar: From Research Question to Results.” Dr. Peter Herson, Dr. Robert Labaree and Dr. Penny Beile, active researchers in our field, shared their experiences with qualitative and quantitative research, including best practices, the research process,

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Committee Highlights

Complete minutes are available at www.ala.org/ebss

Communication Studies Committee discussed their Information Literacy Standards. They plan to share the Google doc version of the Standards, along with other relevant documents, with incoming committee members. They also discussed a possible media tour at Midwinter.

The **Curriculum Materials Committee** discussion included their Webliography. They decided to focus more narrowly on Curriculum Materials Center related websites: and include lesson plans and resources for CMCs.

Education Research Libraries Forum discussed ongoing projects. The Teachers College Review issue on education informatics should be published soon. ERIC's new contract is being decided and announced this summer. Libraries may request ILL documents from the National Library of Education.

Electronic Resources in Communication Studies discussed having formal liaisons with various professional organizations. The group is also working on a comparison of news databases.

ERIC Users Committee meeting included a panel discussion. Guests and their topics included:
-Dr. Lesley Farmer, Trends in Educational Research;
-Christina Dunn, Update from the National of Education;
-Larry Henry and Pete Dagitis, Update from the ERIC Contractor (CSC).
They concluded with questions from the audience.

The **Higher Education Committee** discussed the current economic climate's effects on libraries. Topics included: budget cuts, furloughs and buyouts, reorganizations in the

workplace, merged service desks, program cuts in the division of teacher education, and journal package cuts.

Instruction for Educators Committee noted the progress made on their Information Literacy Standards for Education. Committee members plan get comments on the standards from their campus faculty and to use the EBSS listserv to section members' comments.

Membership & Orientation Committee tackled the problem of declining membership in EBSS and the resulting decreased funding. Strategies included: surveying lapsed members, increasing opportunities for virtual attendance, and suggesting ways ACRL might change their criteria for funding sections.

Online Learning Research discussed progress made on the Committee's Toolkit. They plan to work toward moving it to the EBSS wiki. Various members will take responsibility for the updates. A category for Assessment was added. They are also working on a survey article.

The big news from the **Psychology / Psychiatry Committee** was that it will soon be the Psychology Committee. The name change better reflects the committee and its work within EBSS. They got an update from APA including information about the new edition of the Publication Manual. Other topics discussed included: Information Literacy Standards, Core Journals lists, and webpage updates.

Reference Sources and Services Committee is putting together an article for C&RL News (More information is on page 7). The article covers



Chicago landmark, the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower)

recommended statistical websites. Various committee members are compiling lists of sites to review for inclusion in the article.

The **Research Committee** discussed the afternoon Research Forum. They talked about using a wiki for Committee work. They also decided to conduct another research forum at ALA Annual 2010, and the continue to use the same format.

Social Work/Social Welfare Committee started with literacy standards and open access on their agenda. Their information literacy standards include completed drafts, with others still in process. They also discussed open access journals and how to get needed information to library users.



Curriculum Materials table at the EBSS Consolidated meeting

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Publishing, and presenting results. This was preceded by the EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award presentation to Dr. Gary Lare (in absentia). After the program the EBSS Research Forum, sponsored by APA, again hosted three library researchers who provided brief poster sessions followed by questions/suggestions. It was also a pleasure to chat informally with so many EBSS colleagues at the social organized by the Membership committee. Kudos to Scott Collard for his work on this. Another fun (and delicious) event was the EBSS Dutch Treat, organized by Members at Large Ann Brownson and Bernadette Lear. Look for similar events at Midwinter 2010 in Boston for those of you still attending.

EBSS Committees

Several committees are working on articles and web resources. The Reference Sources and Services Committee is working on an article for C&RL News related to Internet Resources. The Online Learning Research Committee is finalizing a draft of an article to submit to ACRL "Creating Learning Objects for Information Literacy: Librarian Practices" based on a survey and work they've been doing to create a Toolkit For Online Course Development. The EBSS Curriculum Materials Center continues work on a Webliography. Many committees are working towards converting their web pages to wikis to allow for smoother and more fluid editing of content. The Communication Studies Committee was the first to convert their web page to an EBSS wiki.

Three committees are finalizing their Information Literacy Standards (the Psychology Committee's "Psychology Information Literacy Standards", Journalism Information Literacy Standards—via Communication Studies committee, and the

Education Information Literacy Standards—via the Instruction for Educators Committee. The effort for this undertaking was incredible and very time intensive. There are multiple steps for getting these standards reviewed and vetted. Thank you to all who have been diligent in continuing on through the final step.

Upcoming Events

Members of the Online Learning Research Committee, led by Mona Florea, current chair of the committee, Lori Mestre, Lisa Baures and Veronica Bielat submitted a proposal that was accepted to facilitate a discussion through the Instruction Section at ALA midwinter related to Course Management and Discussion Strategies. The chairs of the planning committee felt that this presentation would lend itself to a virtual presentation. This will, in fact, be the first virtual presentation done by that section.

Stephanie Davis-Kohl and Lori Mestre submitted two Action Plans on behalf of EBSS: One was funded for \$300.00 to create an EBSS Podcast Series that will be a series of podcasts for all ACRL members that will provide perspectives and commentary from scholars, librarians, information technologists, and academic administrators. The second "Meeting Virtually: How to Conduct and Moderate an Effective Virtual Meeting" received great encouragement for the need for the work to be done, but funding could not be provided for the technology and printing needed. Therefore, this project will be turned over to the Online Learning Research Committee, in collaboration with the IS committee to develop tutorials and tips for conducting virtual meetings.

ERIC Users Forum

Lesley Farmer (Professor, California State University, Long Beach), presented an update on educational research. She listed trends in research methods, and commented on some of the newer methods of gathering, analyzing, and using data.

Christina Dunn (Director, National Library of Education) spoke about changes in the Department of Education. ERIC's mission is to provide a database of educational research and information and make it accessible. Ms Dunn mentioned that there is also an ERIC quality assurance contract that evaluates the ERIC website, database, and collection with a goal of continuous improvement.

Larry Henry and Pete Dagutis of CSC gave an ERIC update. ERIC is increasingly thought of as a digital library rather than a database. They see the term "database" as having a variety of meanings depending on the audience, but "digital library" is a term with a singular meaning.

ERIC has moved from informal relationships with publishers to formal agreements that detail rights that a publisher conveys to ERIC related to their copyrighted material. This change occurred as ERIC moved to an all-electronic system. The agreement process ensures regular, rapid, and seamless delivery of electronic content and reflects respect for copyright law, and for publishers' and authors' intellectual property

The Next EBSS Distinguished Librarian

One of the highlights of ALA Annual Conference for EBSS is presenting the Distinguished Education & Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award to a librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the field of behavior sciences librarianship. Although many of the past recipients have been education librarians the award is open to librarians in any/all of the behavior sciences—psychology, social work, sociology, communication studies, etc. If you think you know someone worthy of this illustrious award consider nominating him or her for the award. Nominees should have demonstrated achievements in one or more of the following areas:

- Service to the organized profession through ACRL/EBSS and related organizations
- Significant academic library service in the areas of education and/or behavioral sciences
- Significant research and publication in areas of academic library services in the disciplines
- Planning and implementation of academic library programs in the disciplines of such exemplary quality that they could serve as a model for others

The award includes national recognition by peers as well as a \$2,000 gift and plaque sponsored by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Nominations are due December 4, 2009.

For more information and access to the nominating form visit the webpage at <http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/awards/achievement.cfm>

2009 EBSS Research Forum

by Helga B. Visscher

The third annual Research Forum of EBSS, Saturday, July 11, 2009 3:30-4:30 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Conference Center, 12 a-c, had more people attend than ever before. Next year, we hope to do better than the 60 or so attendees and participants. The Forum followed the EBSS Program, "The Librarian as Scholar, from Research Questions to Results."

Linda Beebe of the American Psychological Association began the Forum by presenting a plaque and check to an outstanding librarian with their *Excellence in Librarianship Award*.

Marietta Plank, Librarian Emerita of the University of Maryland was the recipient. Her work with journal sources and vendor relations broke new ground with collection development for APA and other databases. The generosity of the APA, under the direction of Susan Hilson, provided refreshments for the social time while viewing the poster sessions. APA training specialists, Anne Breitenbach and Tim McAdoo, were also on hand.

The Forum had three synchronous presentations given by librarians beginning their re-

search. Each presentation was given twice, with a different group of listeners for each one. At the end of the forum, Research Committee representatives offered summaries of comments and discussion for the presenters' feedback on their research. The 2009 Research Forum Presenters are as follows:

Beth McDonough of Western Carolina University, Cullowee, NC shared her research on "Off-Campus Graduate Students: Perceptions of the Library Research Process."

Erika Bennett of Capella University, Minneapolis, MN presented her findings on "Embedded Librarianship: The Quantitative Impact for Library Reference."

Yui Hui Chen and Mary K. Van Ullen of SUNY Albany presented "Staying Out of Trouble: Helping International Students Navigate the Research Process and Avoid Plagiarism."

Many thanks to the presenters and all the committee members who worked hard on evaluating the submissions, keeping the program an interesting and edifying Forum.

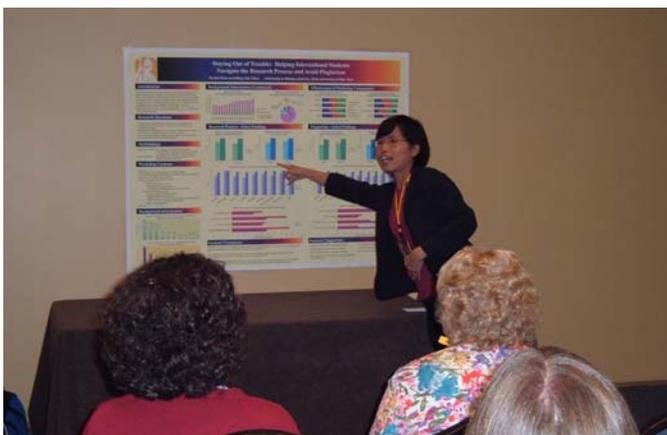


Erika Bennett spoke about her research on Embedded Librarianship

Would you like to present your research at ALA Annual in June?
Instructions for applying are on page 6 in this newsletter



Beth McDonough discusses her research on Off-Campus Graduate Students



Yui Hui Chen refers to her statistics as she answers a question from the audience

Scholarly Communication Committee

This new EBSS committee has been proposed and approved. Its charge is to advance ACRL's scholarly communication agenda to disciplines represented in EBSS; to work in partnership with ACRL, other library organizations, and other higher education organizations to develop or support their scholarly communication agendas; to assess the state of discipline-specific needs and to formulate an agenda specific to disciplines represented in EBSS; to develop programming and tools to educate and support EBSS members and other librarians working with faculty on related institutional initiatives.

Linda Beebe of American Psychological Association honors Marietta Plank with their Excellence in Librarianship Award, at the beginning of the Research Forum.



EBSS-L

If you haven't tried the EBSS Listserv, you're missing out on a great resource. The Listserv is a great way to find out about upcoming conferences, other Section information, and much more.

Subscribing is as easy:

- 1 - Go to the EBSS home-page, (www.ala.org/ebss)
- 2 - Click the Listserv link
- 3 - Follow the directions for subscribing to the list

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Dr. Peter Herson spoke on the advantages of being published. He explained how to choose which journals to submit articles and included definitions of peer-reviewed and double blind review. He also suggested checking journal impact. He went on to discuss editor and reviewer expectations.

Dr. Robert Labaree's presentation focused on Qualitative Research. He discussed basic methodological features and included general pitfalls. He outlined various research methods such as interviews, focus groups and surveys. A benefit to qualitative research is that it "provides a multi-dimensional and dynamic picture of group experience."

EBSS member, past chair, and final speaker, **Dr Penny Beile**, spoke on Quantitative Research. She listed the issues to be considered when planning a study. She advised building an infrastructure that supports research.

Text Messaging, Twitter, and Libraries

Learn about text messaging and Twitter and their various roles and value for libraries.

Registration is now open, with an advance registration deadline of Dec. 4, 2009. Complete workshop details including registration materials are available at www.acrl.org (click "Conferences & Events").

Information Literacy Standards

The Instruction for Educators Committee continues to make progress on crafting the Information Literacy Standards for PK-12 Educators, the focus of the Annual meeting.

After Annual the committee leadership changed hands from Kathy Dobda and Alison Graber to new co-chairs Elisa Slater-Acosta and Kate Zoellner, and committee membership shifted some as well. All ten members of the committee are passionate about information literacy instruction and the standards document.

The committee aims to have the document finalized and approved by Annual. As of October 2009, the Standards draft has been through several iterations, and most recently was reviewed by the Instruction Section liaison Ellysa Cahoy and EBSS leadership.

You will soon see it in your email inbox – if you haven't already – for EBSS membership review. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Research Forum — Summer 2010

The EBSS Research Committee is holding its 4th Annual Research Poster Session and Discussion Forum during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, Saturday, June 26, 2010. The Research Forum and reception follows the EBSS Program, and will probably take place from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.

The Forum seeks to provide beginning and established researchers an opportunity to present research in progress, receive collaborative feedback on their work and recommendations for future publishing. Research / Posters will be simultaneously presented and discussed in small informal groups. Attendees at the forum will find an arena for discussion and networking with their colleagues interested in research related issues and trends in the profession. The committee will use a blind review process.

SELECTION CRITERIA
Proposals will be evaluated based on the extent to which they:

1. Measure and/or investigate library and information aspects in the fields of communication, psychology, social work and education.
2. Represent an original research project.
3. Clearly identify what stage in the research project has been completed and estimate a timeline for the remainder of the project.
4. Represent the current interests of the membership of EBSS.

Note Research that has been previously published or accepted for publication by December 1, 2010 will not be considered.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Proposals should be no more than three pages.
2. The first page should include:

- Date of Submission
- Name of applicant(s)
- Institution(s)
- Applicant address(es)
- Phone number(s)
- E-mail address(es)
- Title of the proposal

3. The second page should include:

- Title of the proposal
- Statement of the research question
- Research goals and objectives
- Description of the methodology
- Conclusions

Format: Double spaced, 12 pt. font, one inch margins

4. E-mail or mail your submissions by January 2, 2010 to:

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News From Members

Sharon Weiner Appointed Endowed Chair in Informa- tion Literacy

Sharon Weiner, the dean of library services at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, has been appointed as the W. Wayne Booker Endowed Chair in Information Literacy in Purdue Libraries.

In addition to her role as a dean at Massachusetts Dartmouth, Weiner was director of Peabody Library at Vanderbilt University and was a department head at the University of Buffalo's (N.Y.) Health Sciences Library. She is vice president of the National Forum on Information Literacy and co-chair of the Peabody Academic Library Leadership Institute. She is a distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and past chair of the Special Libraries Association Education Division. She also received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 1999.

Her research interests focus on information literacy, academic library leadership, the role and contribution of libraries to higher education, and the organization of the literature of emerging and cross-disciplinary fields.

At Purdue, she will be professor of library science with tenure. She will conduct research and launch additional initiatives to increase students' ability to collect and collate information and work with Purdue Libraries faculty and faculty throughout the university.

Lori Mestre is now the Head of the Undergraduate Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her previous position at UIUC was Digital Learning Librarian.

EBSS Committee working on column for *C&RL News*

Members of the EBSS Reference Sources and Services committee are working on an article for the Internet Resources column of *C&RL News*. The article will cover statistical sources in education, psychology, social work, gerontology, and school demographics. Members of the committee writing the article are Monique Andrews, Adis Beesting, Marija Freeland, Wendy Mann, Geoffrey Morse, and Pam Werre. The article is scheduled for publication in early spring 2010.

Go mobile @ ACRL Mid- winter Workshops

Friday, January 2010 - Boston, Massachusetts
Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device: Developing a Mobile Website for Your Library
Learn about the current state of mobile technologies both within and outside of libraries, and learn how to launch a mobile library Web site.

Ann Dutton Ewbank Appointed ACRL Liaison to AERA

Dr. Ann Dutton Ewbank, Education Subject Librarian at Arizona State University, has been appointed to a three year term as ACRL liaison to the American Educational Research Association (AERA). Ann has been an active member of AERA since 2004. She served as the Teacher as Researcher Special Interest Group Secretary/Treasurer from 2004 to 2005, has reviewed annual meeting proposals for several years, and has participated as a discussant. Ann is also a founding member of the Research, Education, Information, and School Libraries (REISL) SIG.

As a member of the ACRL Council of Liaisons, Ann will facilitate communication between ACRL and AERA. According to ACRL, "The Council of Liaisons is charged to carry out a program of in-depth liaison activities with targeted professional associations. Liaisons help target organizations understand the value-added assets libraries and librarians can bring to their respective missions and goals. Fur-

ther, liaisons bring information and higher education issues of the target associations to the attention of the ACRL Board and membership; develop strategies on issues of significant importance to the profession and implement them among the named liaison organizations."

Over the next few months Ann will be asking EBSS members for information regarding their participation and interest in AERA, and also provide members with information on the association and its annual meeting (Denver, April 30-May 4, 2010). Ann is happy to hear any questions, comments, or concerns regarding AERA or educational research in general, and will respond accordingly. Contact Ann at ann.ewbank@asu.edu.

For more information about the ACRL Council of Liaisons see <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/councilofliaisons/liaisons.cfm>



The Convention Center featured this display highlighting the architectural design and artwork found in Illinois Libraries. EBSS member, Ann Brownson was among the Illinois librarians working on the project.

Art & Architecture in Illinois Libraries

EBSS IN CHICAGO

The Friday Night EBSS Social gave members a chance to relax and chat with Section friends.



Seeing the sights in Chicago!



The EBSS Dutch Treat Dinner was started a number of years ago by Leslie Bjorncrantz. It has continued and is a opportunity to meet with Section friends in a great restaurant and enjoy a really good meal.



It wouldn't be ALA without committee meetings

CHICAGO



Millennium Park



Preparing for the Segway Tour of Grant Park



*Chicago has the skyscrapers,
the parks, and Lake Michigan,
and they all meet here.*



The park by the Art Institute of Chicago