



Literatures in English

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LES Conference Program Planning Committee - Orlando

2016 ALA Annual Conference Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27, 8:30-10:00am EST

Hilton Orlando Room Florida Ballroom 2

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Zara Wilkinson and Kristina De Voe (chair).

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review and Discussion of Forum

The joint LES/WESS/SEES forum took place on Saturday, June 25th 1:00-2:30pm with 40-50 attendees present. The forum's title was "Archiving the Present: Primary Sources & New and Distinctive Collections in European and American Studies." This program convened a panel of librarians and other collectors to discuss efforts to collect, catalog, and preserve print and digital ephemera associated with high-impact events (i.e. Charlie Hebdo, Euromaidan, Sandy Hook school shooting), contemplating ways in which research libraries are or should be evolving policies and practices to support contemporary evolutions in research. Panelists and their talks included:

- *Archiving the Aftermath: Curation & Access in American Grief Archives*
Ashley R. Maynor, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- *Collecting Ephemera from Russia and the Near Abroad: 2013-2016*
Thomas Keenan, Princeton University
Zina Somova, East View Information Services Inc.
- *Documenting current socio-political events: The Charlie Hebdo Archive at Harvard*
Lidia Uziel, Harvard University

Kristina De Voe moderated the forum. The presentations were timely, engaging, and complemented one another well. Questions were asked during the FAQ, and attendees actively tweeted about the individual presentations. Print and online surveys were distributed following the forum; however, low response rate precluded in-depth analysis.

The forum was promoted multiple ways including via the sections' listservs, newsletters, and social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook); attempts were also made to target RBMS members to attend via Twitter.

4. Suggestions for Upcoming Year/Committee

Suggestions for next year's committee and LES Executive team included:

- Consider a different time slot. The 1:00-2:30pm is a popular time slot, and the forum competed with individual DHIG and IS programs -- both of which are of interest to our membership.
- Continue to work with other sections to increase the likelihood of proposal acceptance for next year.

5. Old / New Business

There was no additional old/new business.

6. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 9:15am.