

ACRL Strategic Area I: Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes

Objective 2. Promote the impact and value of academic and research libraries to the higher education community.

A section member—Mohamed Berray—gave a presentation to the Teaching and Learning Conference at the most recent American Political Science Association. Section members are discussing plans to reach out to political science faculty to see what information literacy means to them, and what kinds of student outcomes would be desirable. Plans also include curriculum mapping and studying the role that libraries play in Political Science Education.

ACRL Strategic Area II: Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

Objective 1. Challenge librarians and libraries to engage learners with information literacy skills in a way that is scalable and sustainable.

Activities relevant to addressing this objective include:

Devising a section-specific Framework for Information Literacy that would focus on law, politics and policy.

Information literacy-focused webinars on fake news and hosting controversial speakers on campus.

ACRL Strategic Area III: Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

Objective 2. Enhance members' capacity to address issues related to scholarly communication, including but not limited to data management, library publishing, open access, and digital scholarship.

In 2013, LPSS (predecessor of PPIRS) did a survey, which showed that section members viewed data reference skills as the most important contribution that the section could make. Future plans involve pursuing professional development in this area for section members.

Work continues to update the Grace York statistical archives from the University of Michigan and make this resource accessible on the internet.

Strategic Area V: Enabling Programs and Services

Objective 4. Member engagement: (Examples: promotion, recruitment, social events, social media)

PPIRS Membership Committee chair Erin Ackerman, along with Committee member Sara Arnold-Garza, has led a series of engagement efforts:

- Social events at the ACRL 2017 Conference in Baltimore, and the ALA 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago
- Marking the LPSS/PPIRS transition by sending "thank you for your membership" emails to all new and renewing section members
- Participating in the Engagement Fair event at the ACRL 2017 Conference
- Participating in the ACRL 101 event at the ALA 2017 Annual Conference
- Distributing PPIRS fliers at ALA Conference events
- Inviting LIS students from Dominican and the University of Illinois to PPIRS events at ALA in Chicago