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Type of Library: Academic

Statement of Professional Concerns:

Membership in the ALA has been on the decline in the past two decades. It is time for us to redouble our efforts to stop the decline in our membership. I believe that one of the ALA's greatest strengths lies in the size of its membership.

Inadequate library services in underserved communities remain a critical challenge for us. In my view, it is very important that we pay particular attention to the inequity in library services, provided by libraries of all types, to the economically depressed, geographically isolated, and technologically unconnected communities across the nation.

Operational and material costs continue to rise. To align with the ALA's motto: "The best reading, for the largest number, at the least cost," I believe that we must leverage available digital technologies to help us in reconfiguring our organizational structures as well as in developing new programs and services to serve users across geographical boundaries without spending a significant amount of our limited resources.

If elected, I will work hard to support and advance the policies and programs that address these issues. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Previous Positions:

Reference and Instruction Librarian, Purdue University. West Lafayette, Indiana, 1987-1988

Education:

EdD Higher Education Leadership and Innovation. Wilmington University
MLS Library and Information Science. Indiana University.
MA Political Science. Western Michigan University
BA Political Science. Eastern Michigan University

Harvard's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians

Affiliations:

ALA, ACRL, APALA, and CALA

ALA activities:

American Library Association (ALA)

Councilor-at-Large, ALA, 2020-2023

Member, ALA Council's Committee on Committees, 2021

Member, ALA Council's International Relations Committee, 2020-2022

Chair, ALA Council's International Relations Committee's East Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee, 2014-15

Member, ALA Committee on Diversity, 2013-15

Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

Member, ACRL 2023 Experience and Inclusion Committee, 2021-2023

Member, ACRL Budget and Finance Committee, 2019-2023

Member, ACRL Standards Committee, 2016-18

Chair, ACRL/AAMES Nominating Committee, 2015-16

Member, ACRL/AAMES Executive Committee, 2005-15

Member, ACRL/AAMES Member-at-Large, 2013-15, 2002-04

Member, ACRL Community of Practice Implementation Task Force, 2011-12

Secretary, ACRL Community of Practice (Sections Council), 2011-2012

Chair, ACRL International Relations Committee, 2011-2012

Chair, Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section, 2011-2012, 2006-07

Member, ACRL Conference Program Planning Committee, 2006-07

Chair, ACRL/AAMES 2007 Annual Program, 2006-07

Member, ACRL Sections Council Nominating Committee, 2005-06

Member/Ex-officio, ACRL Membership Committee, 2003-06.

Chair, ACRL/AAMES Membership Committee 2002-06

Co-Chair, ACRL/AAMES Program Committee 2000-01

Public Policy, Politics, and International Section (formerly Law and Political Science Section [LPSS])

Member, Public Policy, Politics, and International Section, 1999-

Chair, LPSS's Marta Lange CQ/Award Committee, 2004-05, 2005-06

Reference and User Services Association

Member, Reference Service Press Award Committee, 2000-02

Member, Collection Development and Evaluation Section:

Chair, RUSA Liaison with Users, 1997-01 (Chair, 1999-2000)

Library and Information Technology Association

Member, International Relations Committee, 1997-2001

Affiliations

Member, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, 2019-
Member, Chinese American Librarians Association, 2019-

Service to the Public

Member of the Board of Directors. The Penn Asian Senior Services (PASSi), 2018-
PASSI Board Secretary. The Penn Asian Senior Services, 2021-
Member of the Board of Directors. The Library and Education Assistance Foundation for Vietnam (LEAF-VN), 2003-
Member of the Board of Trustees. The Upper Moreland Public Library, 1995-97

The Pennsylvania State University, Abington College

Abington College Faculty Senate (AFS)

Member, Finance Committee, 2017-
Member, Curricular Affairs Committee, 2021-
Senator, Abington Faculty Senate, 2013-15
Past Chair, Abington Faculty Senate, 2008-09
Chair, Abington Faculty Senate, 2007-08
Chair-elect, Abington Faculty Senate, 2006-07
Chair, Finance Committee, 2006-07
Member, Finance Committee, 2009-12
Chair, Academic Environment Committee, 2006-07
Co-chair, Academic Environment Committee's Lecture Series Subcommittee, 2002-04
Co-chair, Academic Environment Committee, 2001-02

Campus-wide

Chair, Library's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2021-
Member, MakerSpace Advisory Board, 2019-
Member, Associate Dean Search Committee, 2017-18
Member, Search Committee/Chief Operation Officer, 2014
Member, Search Committee/Sociology, 2014
Member, Search Committee/Asian History, 2009-10
Member, Search Committee/Early American History, 2009-10
Divisional Councilor, Division of Social Sciences, 2008-10, 2003-04
Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, 2007-08
Member, the Chancellor Cabinet, 2007-08
Member, Honors Working Group, 2003-2004
Faculty Mentor 2002-03
Faculty Advisor/Asian Student Club, 1988-96, 2001-2004

The Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries

Member, Second-Level Promotion to Full Librarian Committee, 2021-2022
Member, Second-Level promotion to Full Librarian Ad-hoc Committee, 2021
Chair, Reference and Instruction Librarian (Abington) Search Committee, 2017

Member, Distinguished Librarian Committee, 2017-18
Member, First-Level Promotion to Full Librarian Committee, 2017-18
Member, Head Librarian (Lehigh) Search Committee, 2017
Member, University Libraries' Award Committee, 2017
Member, Research Committee, 2008-11, 2004-06, 1993-94,
Member, Curricular and Instructional Affairs Committee, 2002-03, 1991-92
Member, Diversity Committee, 1999-2000
Member, Campus College Libraries Peer Review Committee, 1999-00

The Pennsylvania State University

Member, University's Tuition Task Force, 2019-2021
Member, University's Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee, 2017-
Member, University Faculty Senate's Centennial Committee, 2017-2021
Member, University Faculty Senate's Executive Director Search Committee, 2017
Councilor, University Faculty Senate Council, 2013-17
Senator, University Faculty Senate, 2017-22, 2013-17, 2003-07
Member, University Faculty Senate's Intercollegiate Athletics, 2021-
Member, University Faculty Senate's Committee on Committees and Rules, 2018-19
Member, University Faculty Senate's Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-18
Member, University Faculty Senate Council's Nominating Committee, 2013-16
Member, Assistant Vice Provost for Educational Equity Search Committee, 2015-16
Member, Penn State Speaker Forum, 2015-16
Member, Administrative Fellows Program Search Committee, 2016
Member, Educational Opportunity Planning Committee, 2015-16
Member, University Faculty Senate Council's Unit Constitutions Subcommittee, 2014-15
Member, Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations, 2013-15, 2006-07
Member, Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs, 2003-06
Member, Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs' Intercultural and International Subcommittee, 2003-06
Commissioner, The President's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CORED), 1991-95

Honors and/or Awards:

2016 The Pennsylvania State University's University Libraries Diversity Award
2016 ALA/ACRL Member of the Week
2016 ALA/ACRL/AAMES Special Recognition Award
2015-16 The Pennsylvania State University Administrative Program Fellow
2015-16 The Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program Fellow
2015 Penn State University Libraries' Nancy Eaton Endowment Grant
2012 ALA/ACRL/AAMES Special Recognition Award
2007 ALA/ACRL/LPSS Marta Lange CQ/Press Award
2007 Distinguished Faculty Service Award. The Pennsylvania State University, Abington College
1982 Pi Sigma Alpha (The National Political Science Honors Society)

Sabbaticals:

7/1/2000 - 6/30/2001
7/1/2013 - 12/31/2013
7/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Publications (selected)

Book chapters

“The Changing Roles of the University Librarian,” in *Building Libraries for a New Age: Perseverance, Transformation and Disruption: The Proceedings of the Tenth Shanghai International Library Forum*. Shanghai, China: Shanghai Scientific Institute Literature Press, 2020.

“The Library Directors of the Ivy League Institutions: A Preliminary Study of Leadership Attributes in the Eyes of the Hiring Administrators,” in *The Proceedings of the International Conference on Marching Beyond the Libraries: Managerial Skills and Technical Competencies*. Odisha, India: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, 2018.

“The Big Ten Academic Alliance Library Directors: An Exploratory Study of Leadership Development and Attainment,” in *The Proceedings of the 9th Shanghai International Library Forum: Library for All: Towards a Smarter and Inclusive Society*. Shanghai, China: Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of Shanghai, 2018.

“Library Administrative and Leadership Preparation: An Asian American Perspective,” (invited) in Janet Hyunju Clarke, Raymond Pun & Monnee Tong (eds.), *Asian American Librarians and Library Services: Activism, Collaborations, and Strategies*. Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2017.

“Public Service: A Foundation of Leadership Development and Attainment,” (invited) in Antonia P. Olivas, (ed.), *Choosing to Lead: The Motivational Factors of Underrepresented Minority Librarians in Higher Education*. Chicago, IL: Association of College and Research Libraries, 2017.

“Characteristics of Library Leadership in the 21st Century,” in *Libraries: Enabling Progress: The Proceedings of the Eight Shanghai International Library Forum*. Shanghai, China: Shanghai Scientific and Technical Literature Press, 2016.

“Asian American Academic Library Leadership Attainment: Challenges and Development,” in Dawn M. Meuller, (ed.), *Creating Sustainable Community: The Proceedings of the 2015 ACRL Conference*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association, 2015.

“Academic Library Leadership in the Digital Age,” in *Libraries in the Transition Era: New Space, New Services, New Experience. The Proceedings of the Seventh Shanghai International Library Forum*. Shanghai, China: Shanghai Scientific and Technical Literature Press, 2014.

“The Digital Age and Information-poor Societies: The Case Vietnam,” in Ravi Sharma, (ed.), *International Librarianship: Critical Concepts in Media and Cultural Studies*. London: Routledge, 2015. (Republished)

“Information Technology in Vietnamese Libraries,” in Ravi Sharma, ed. *Technology and Libraries in the Twenty First Century: An International Perspective*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter Saur, 2012.

“Multipurpose Telecenters: Transforming South Asian Societies into ‘Information Societies,’” in Rajwant Singh Chilana, ed. *Challenges for South Asian Resources and Information Services*. New Delhi, India: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.

“The Digital Age and Information-poor Societies: The Case Vietnam,” in Ravi Sharma, ed. *Impact of Technology on Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Library Collections and Services*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2006.

Scholarly articles

“Academic Library Leadership: Race and Gender,” *International Journal of Librarianship*, vol. 6(1), 2021, pp. 13-26.

"The Big Ten Academic Alliance Library Directors: An Exploratory Study of Leadership Development and Attainment," *International Journal of Librarianship*, 4(1), 2019, pp. 19-37.

“Choosing to Lead: Success Characteristics of Asian American Academic Librarians,” *Library Management*, vol. 37(1/2), 2016, pp. 81-90.

“Leadership Aspirations of Asian American Academic Librarians,” *International Information & Library Review*, 48(2), 2016, pp. 1-10.

“Academic Library Leadership in the Digital Age,” *Library Management*, 36(4/5), 2015, pp. 300-14.

“The Value of Faculty Recognition Programs for Libraries: More Than Just ‘Good Will’,” (co-authored with John Riddle and Rebecca Mugridge) *Library Administration and Management*, 19(2), 2005, pp. 75-81.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 25+