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Notes From The Chair



Photo by Nancy Marlatt

Welcome to fall and the new school year. There is a lot of exciting news to share from the Women & Gender Studies Section!

A few recent WGSS highlights: Our Core Books database, edited by Carrie Kruse and Kim Clarke, has a new interface and functionality. Take a look at

this useful resource, as well as our WSSLinks—both are among the vital resources on our website front page, contributed to and maintained by our members.

The Research Committee updated the research agenda, which identifies and promotes important research areas in Women and Gender Studies librarianship. The WGSS Executive Committee approved the revisions, watch our website for the document. This committee also sponsored several excellent poster sessions at ALA Annual 2012 in Anaheim, all showcasing current research in WGSS librarianship. Consider submitting a proposal for WGSS posters for ALA Annual 2013: <http://www.libr.org/wgss/committees/research/postersession/index.html>

Additional news from ALA Annual 2012 in Anaheim: Congratulations to the 2012 WGSS award winners. Ellen Greenblatt received the WGSS Career Achievement Award. The WGSS Significant Achievement Award went to Kayo Denda, Alicia Graham, Rhonda Marker, and Li Sun of Rutgers University Library and Kirsten Canfield and Lucy Vidal of the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University. The 2012 Program Planning Committee's program was well-received by attendees. *Insert Catchy Label Here or the End of Gen Y, Digital Natives and the Millennial Student Myth* provided both important content and a great title.

Our section shares a rotating responsibility to host the Introduction to Women's Issues discussion group. Piper Martin, WGSS Member-at-large, coordinated the discussion at Annual 2012. The focus was a joint project with our colleagues in the Feminist Task Force (FTF) and the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL) regarding gender representation among ALA speakers.

The Membership Committee's WGSS Social had a very large turnout in Anaheim—a fun and important time for us to connect as well as meet new and potential section members.

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Other section news:

Virtual meetings for Midwinter 2013: The WGSS Executive Committee approved to conduct all section meetings virtually this coming Midwinter. This change will enable more individuals to participate. Our one onsite Midwinter 2013 event will be the WGSS discussion group moderated by Vice-Chair Heather Tompkins. If you travel to Midwinter in Seattle for other business, please watch for *Digital Humanities, Libraries, and Interdisciplinary Work: Practices, Possibilities, and Sustainability*.

All of our regularly scheduled meetings, events and programming will be onsite in Chicago at Annual 2013. Congratulations to the 2013 Program Planning Committee's proposal for being accepted in a year the process was revamped and made even more competitive. *Out of the Library and into the Community: Academic Librarians and Community Engagement* is the title of the WGSS program at ALA Annual in Chicago.

WGSS has a new ACRL board liaison, please welcome Irene Herold (see article on p. 5). We look forward to working with Irene, and sincerely appreciate the work of our previous board liaison, Linda Kopecky.

Speaking of liaisons, we will be looking for a new WGSS liaison to the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) as our current liaison Cindy Ingold's term comes to an end in June. Watch for that call in spring 2013. We have a highly qualified, full slate of WGSS candidates, thanks to the Nominating Committee. Don't forget to vote in the 2013 spring election!

On a somber note, WGSS had sad news this past May when a respected, longtime member and past section leader Sandy River passed away (see p.4). Sandy will be greatly missed.

Visit our section website <http://www.libr.org/wgss/> for the latest WGSS information, and to follow us on facebook and twitter. Our blog, online section brochure and newsletters from the Publications Committee are excellent avenues to learn more, too. Thank you to all of our WGSS members, editors, committee chairs, and executive committee members—the reason for our section's success. Please contact me any time regarding WGSS. I look forward to working with everyone.

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Committee Reports

ALA Annual - Anaheim, CA

June 21-26, 2012

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee met at Annual to welcome new members to the committee and discuss goals for the upcoming year. The committee is exploring ways to engage members through social media and surveys to get feedback on the section and highlight WGSS activities throughout the year. The WGSS Social was held at Bar Louie and had almost 30 people in attendance. We gathered on the patio for an evening of great food, drink and conversation.

*Submitted by Juliann Couture,
Committee Chair
Arizona State University*

COLLECTIONS

The Collection Development and Electronic Resources Committees have merged. The charge of the new Collections Committee is to “monitor the ongoing and emerging issues related to collections for gender and women’s studies. The Committee will identify and evaluate relevant resources in all formats, including but not limited to the coverage of women and gender issues in reference tools, databases, online historical collections, and other research

resources. The Committee recommends and implements projects and informs the section of developments in this area.” The new committee will be working on updating resource pages which have been maintained by both committees over the years. Questions? Email Cindy Ingold cingold@illinois.edu

*Submitted by Cindy Ingold
Committee Chair
University of Illinois*

INSTRUCTION

The WGSS Instruction Committee met virtually prior to 2012 ALA Annual to discuss the WGSS Information Literacy Standards. We aim to have a revised draft of the standards for the WGSS Executive Board to review by ALA Midwinter 2013. The Instruction Committee is also developing questions for a survey for the WGSS membership in order to assess professional development needs in the area of information literacy instruction.

*Submitted by Sharon Ladenson
Committee Chair
Michigan State University*

RESEARCH

The Research Committee is happy to announce that the newly revised Research Agenda for Women and Gender Studies Librarian

ship is now available on our website at: <http://libr.org/wgss/committees/research/resagenda.html>. This version of the research agenda includes literature reviews of what has been published in each area since the original research agenda was created and is therefore especially useful to a new researcher. The committee members who each contributed a monumental effort to this task are Marcia Barrett, Jennifer Gilley, Pamela Salela, and Susan Wood. Thank you so much to my fellow committee members for doing such in-depth, beautiful work. The committee is also working on broadening the scope of the Bibliography of Scholarship on Women’s Studies Librarianship to include gender studies. This may change the size of the bibliography to the point where we may need to either put several limits on what gets included (i.e. only academic, only research articles), or we may need to change the format to better accommodate increased content. We will continue to work on this over the next year.

*Submitted by Jennifer Gilley
Committee Chair
Pennsylvania State University*

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Committee Reports

ALA Annual - Anaheim, CA

June 21-26, 2012 (continued)



PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee met in person at ALA and will meet virtually at Midwinter. The committee plans to meet via Google Hangout.

At Annual, we discussed the possibility of an assistant blog editor position, which would assist the blog editor with posting content. After discussing this idea with the Executive Committee, we've decided to create a co-blog editor position. We will discuss this further at Midwinter; we hope to advertise the position in the spring.

We also discussed a collaboration with the Research Committee. The Publications Committee plans to review the research agenda and suggest likely publications

associated with each topic. It is our hope that this will make it easier for WGSS librarians to publish. We'll discuss our progress in more depth at Midwinter, when we will also review the section newsletter.

Please e-mail Nina Clements (ninaclements@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

*Submitted by Nina Clements
Committee Chair*

In Memoriam

Sandy River

WGSS had sad news in May when we learned that longtime member and past section leader Sandy River passed away. Sandy will be greatly missed.

Chair Jennifer Mayer shares this memory:

Sandy worked as a Texas Tech University librarian where she was the Women's Studies liaison, among other roles.

Sandy was a very active Women & Gender Studies Section member. She served as WGSS chair during 2003-2004. Sandy received the Women's Studies Section Career Achievement Award in 2007. Sandy's dedication to our section was obvious--during her involvement with WGSS, she served on every possible WGSS committee!

I first met Sandy a few years ago, and was immediately drawn to her approachability, kindness and dry sense of humor. I will miss Sandy's leadership and support, but the values she demonstrated most certainly continue on in our section.



Photo by Brian Quinn

Welcome Irene Herold!



WGSS has a new ACRL board liaison, Irene Herold. She replaces our previous board liaison, Linda Kopecky.

She shares the following information with us:

Irene M.H. Herold is the dean of Mason Library at Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire. Keene State College is a public liberal arts college located in the Monadnock Region.

Prior to Keene State College, Irene served as director of the Anne Bridge Baddour Library at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire, and as the Public Services Librarian for the Hewes Library at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois.

Originally a native of Washington State, she received her Master of Librarianship from the University of Washington, holds a Master of Arts in history from Western Illinois University where her thesis topic was a woman inventor, and she earned her Ph.D. in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions from Simmons College.

Prior to becoming a librarian, Irene was an educator at the middle school, high school, and college levels in the United States and Germany. Her credentials include an undergraduate degree in English, a teaching certification for 7-12 education, and completion of the Puget Sound Writing Program.

Irene was a pioneer at developing curriculum for the integration of writing with technology for her school district, and began serving on educational technology committees in the early 1980s. In February 2006, she assumed a leadership role in academic technology for academic affairs at Keene State College.



Photo by Mark Corliss

An alumnus of the ACRL/CLS New Directors Program, the ACRL and other sponsoring groups' Women's Leadership Institute, and the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute, Irene's recent publications and presentations have been on mentoring for leadership development, leading organizational change, copyright, technology, access services, and information literacy.

She also has served on ACRL/LPSS and ACRL/CLS committees, is a past chair for ACRL/CLS, and implemented a state-wide mentoring and job shadowing program for the New Hampshire College and University Council Libraries.

She is the New Hampshire delegate to Vision 2020, a national program on gender equality (see <http://www.drexel.edu/vision2020/>) and you can read about her initiative, How Do We Inspire Women to Register to Vote and Then Exercise That Right?, in their blog at <http://equalityinsight.wordpress.com/2012/08/31/how-do-we-inspire-women-to-register-to-vote-and-then-exercise-that-right/>.

ALA Annual Wrap-Up

The Research Committee would like to thank our poster presenters for a fabulous session at Annual. The posters were well-attended and generated great discussions. We would also like to encourage others to start thinking about what you could present at next year's poster sessions. Brand new researchers are welcome, we are a very supportive group!

This year's posters were:

Headscarves Not Allowed: Using Information Literacy to Uncover the Female Turkish University Student's Voice
Leanna Fry Balci, Instruction Librarian
Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University

Critical Pedagogy and Reflective Teaching: Enhancing Information Literacy in the Gender Studies Classroom
Sharon Ladenson, Gender Studies and Communications Bibliographer
Michigan State University

"As If We Were Old Family at a Family Reunion That Hadn't Been Held in a Long Time." Feminism and LIS: The Unconference
Susan E. Searing, University Library
Christine D'Arpa, Graduate School of Library and Information Science
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

(Lesbian* or Gay* or Queer* or Trans*) + not Gaylord: A Meta-Analysis of LGBTQ Research in the LIS Journal Literature
Susan Wood
University of Memphis

The posters can be viewed at: <http://www.libr.org/wgss/committees/research/postersession/index.html>

Want More?

Remember that ALA Midwinter sessions will be virtual, except for the discussion group **Digital Humanities, Libraries, and Interdisciplinary Work: Practices, Possibilities, and Sustainability** moderated by Vice-Chair **Heather Tompkins.**



Photo by Kim Clarke



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Member Updates

Jennifer Mayer, University of Wyoming

Presented at the LOEX of the West conference in Burbank, CA in June 2012. The title of her presentation was "Participation on the High Plains: Increasing Student Engagement in an Upper-Division, Three-Credit Information Literacy Course."

Cindy Ingold, University of Illinois:

Presented a paper at the IFLA Satellite meeting of the Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group on August 9, 2012 in Tampere, Finland. The paper titled "Documenting the History of Women's Library Groups within the American Library Association" discusses a current project to document the history of two women's groups within the American Library Association, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and the Feminist Task Force, as social movement organizations.

Sherri Saines, Ohio University

Created a short video explaining how to create a set of EBSCO databases to search all at once. View it on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/XkTMs8>. Feel free to link with attribution, or use it as an example for creating your own. Ohio Universities Libraries' Alden Library Reference & Instruction Department made several of these short videos this summer to help orient patrons to their new website. People who want to make their own videos might benefit from the video by Chad Boeninger about making videos: <http://bit.ly/Tg-BOZd>.

Welcome New Members!

Angela S. Paul	Samantha Noelle-wood	Morgan M. Montgomery
Alexis Wolstein	Mills	Sarah Campbell
Kelly Battese	Benjamin Fasching-Gray	Ngozi Theresa Ikenga
Michael Grutchfield	Amy Penwell	Ula Gabrielle Gaha
Molly Mansfield	Kellie Meehlhause	Laura M. Quilter
Christine L. Malmsten	Julia Guerrero Reed	Lihong Zhu
Maria Hugger	Isabel Planton	Marie Griffin Davis
Julia Glassman	Nancy A. Bunker	Pamela Morgan
Megan Blair	Elizabeth Smart	Pamela Jo Pierce