Notes From The Chair

Dear WGSS Members and Friends:

I can’t believe we are getting near the end of the spring semester. Before we know it, it will be time for ALA Annual in Orlando.

The 2016 Program Planning Committee, chaired by Diane Fulkerson, is currently organizing a discussion panel on the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston. The panel will have a specific focus on collections in Florida related to Hurston. Hurston grew up in Eatonville, Florida, which is located just a few miles outside of Orlando. Please join us for the panel on Monday, June 27, 2016, during our discussion forum time of 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (Room assignments are not available at the time of this writing. Please check the ALA Scheduler for location information closer to the conference date.)

Looking ahead—we will be in Chicago for Annual in 2017. I’m excited about chairing the 2017 Program Planning Committee. If you have any ideas for our Chicago program, please contact me.

I also have great news regarding our membership numbers that Emily Scharf, WGSS Membership Committee Chair, recently shared with me. Our membership keeps increasing! We currently have 676 members! This includes 658 personal memberships, 17 organizational memberships, and 1 corporate membership. Our membership is up 22% from this time last year!

Thank you for your dedication to our amazing section. I became a member of WGSS when I was a library school student and recall how kind and welcoming the librarians were. Discovering the section was a gift. It was through (continued on p. 2)
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WGSS that I started to become more active in our profession and I met so many librarians who continue to inspire me. It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the section. I hope to see many of you in Orlando in June. I wish you all the best with the remainder of this semester.

Stacy Russo
Chair, ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section
Santa Ana College
Santa Ana, California

Rare Books & Manuscripts Section (RBMS) 2016 Conference – Early Bird deadline May 20!
Opening Doors to Collaboration, Outreach, and Diversity
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 – Friday, June 24, 2016

http://conference16.rbms.info/

Conference housing, tours and workshops are filling fast for what is sure to be a diverse and exciting program at the historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL. If you have yet to register, join us for all of the engaging plenary speakers, fantastic seminars and short paper sessions, as well as interactive discussion and poster sessions.

We look forward to seeing you in sunny Coral Gables!

Aislinn Sotelo and Lori Dekydtspotter
2016 RBMS Conference Program Planning Co-Chairs
COLLECTIONS

The Collections Committee met virtually for Midwinter this year. We continue to work on the Core Journals project, an effort to identify the current landscape of academic journals in women, gender, and sexuality studies fields and specialties by soliciting feedback from WGSS practitioners nationwide. Going forward, an emphasis will be placed on identifying key publications in under-represented regions of the world.

The Collections Committee has also begun work on identifying core videos in WGSS fields. Initial queries have been sent to WMST-L and related listservs in order to seek grassroots feedback about which videos faculty are using in their classrooms. We are developing a questionnaire to be sent to WGSS-liaison and media collection development librarians in order to gather statistics and other information about highly-used titles in existing academic collections.

Submitted by Susan Wood
Committee Chair
Suffolk County Community College

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Submitted by Tara Baillargeon
Committee Chair
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RESEARCH

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- Information Behavior of Cam Models – Lou Wainer, Samantha Sermeño, Katiana Yeo, Katrina Gertz, Megan Mitchell, and Nicole Sonett, iSchool, University of Washington
- Engaged Library Pedagogy: Channeling bell hooks in the Library Classroom – Caitlin Shanley, Temple University

We hope to see you there!

Submitted by Jennifer Gilley
Committee Chair
Penn State University

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee met via Google hangout in January. Erin Stalberg will be transitioning out of her role as web editor, and Carrie Dunham-LaGree will become the new web editor in June. Erin and Carrie are working together to transition WGSS content to a new web platform, though it will not take place until the summer. The Publications Committee is also looking for an assistant newsletter editor and a blog co-editor this spring/summer. If you’re interested or would like to recommend someone, please contact Nina Clements at ninaclements@gmail.com.

Submitted by Nina Clements
Committee Chair
Claremont College

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Join us in Orlando! Don’t miss these WGSS events!

- **General Membership Forum, followed by WGSS Social**
  Saturday, June 25, 4:30 p.m.

- **Discussion Forum**
  Monday, June 27, 8:30 a.m.
  Discussion panel on the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston. The panel will focus on collections in Florida related to Hurston, who grew up in Eatonville, Florida, just a few miles outside of Orlando.

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**ACRL preconferences @ 2016 ALA Annual Conference**
ACRL is offering three preconferences in conjunction with the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando on Friday, June 24, 2016. Complete details, including descriptions, learning outcomes, and registration materials, are online.

**Building a Curriculum on the Intersections of Scholarly Communications and Information Literacy**
This half-day, hands-on preconference will build librarians’ capacity as leaders on issues and projects of campus-wide interest that involve elements of scholarly communication, information literacy, and their connections (i.e., data literacy, intellectual property, open access, etc.).

**Crossing the Threshold with Threshold Concepts: Redesigning a Library Instruction Lesson Plan**
The Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education offers a more conceptual approach to information literacy instruction by providing a set of “interconnected core concepts” rather than standards. In this full-day preconference, participants will learn and put into practice strategies to incorporate these threshold concepts into lesson design.

**Teaching Data Information Literacy: A Hands-on Introduction**
This interactive preconference, presented by the ACRL Instruction Section, consists of two parts. First, presenters will share their experiences in developing instruction around data information literacy. Part two will be conducted through hands-on exercises, in which participants will have the opportunity to formulate what they see as the most important skills for their target audience to acquire.

Contact Margot Conahan at mconahan@ala.org or call 312-280-2522 with questions.
Denda wins 2016 ACRL WGSS Career Achievement Award

Kayo Denda, head of the Margery Somers Foster Center and Women’s Studies librarian at Rutgers University, has been selected as the 2016 winner of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS) Career Achievement Award. The award honors significant long-standing contributions to women and gender studies in the field of librarianship over the course of a career.

A plaque will be presented to Denda at a WGSS event during the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

“Throughout her career, Kayo has been involved in planning and implementing academic and research programs in women and gender studies that are exemplary,” said award Chair Diane Fulkerson, director of information commons/library services at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. “She is an active member in WGSS and IFLA, and is a role model for not only women and gender studies librarians, but for all academic librarians.”

Denda is a past chair of WGSS. She led the team of activists and librarians that created the Center for Women’s Global Leadership Poster Collection, which won the 2012 ACRL WGSS Significant Achievement Award. Denda currently serves as liaison to Rutgers University’s Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, the Institute for Women’s Leadership, the Institute for Research on Women, the Center for Women’s Global Leadership and the Douglass Residential College.

Denda received her master’s degrees in Women’s and Gender Studies and Library and Information Science from Rutgers University.

For more information regarding the ACRL WGSS Career Achievement Award, or a complete list of past recipients, please visit the awards section of the ACRL website.

New Books on Feminist Print Culture from WGSS Members


Today’s academic and research librarians increasingly act as change agents in the higher education community while being called on to demonstrate their value on campus. ACRL's one-day scholarly communication and Standards for Libraries in Higher Education workshops help you achieve those goals through learning more about these important topics at your campus, chapter, or consortia. Facilitated by our team of expert presenters, both workshops provide a framework for libraries to grow, innovate, lead, and succeed.

Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement
To help empower our community in accelerating the transformation of the scholarly communication system, ACRL is pleased to offer the day-long workshop workshop, “Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement.” The workshop helps participants in very practical ways, such as preparing for library staff or faculty outreach, contextualizing collection development decisions to internal and external stakeholders, and initiating or supporting new models for scholarly communication. Details are available on the ACRL website at www.ala.org/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow.

“The workshop helped me connect complex issues like the relationship between the open movement, copyright, and economics in a coherent way. It is good to have this conceptual framework moving forward.”
- Scholarly Communication Workshop Participant

Standards for Libraries in Higher Education Training Workshops
The ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education provide a framework for planning and assessment that can be adapted for a variety of circumstances including strategic planning, program review, and accreditation self-study. ACRL’s “Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action” workshop provides information on using the standards and other foundational documents as a framework to develop benchmarks, evaluate quality and performance, and demonstrate value. Details are available on the ACRL website at www.acrl.org/standardsworkshop.

“Hosts are responsible for the full cost of both workshops and may choose to recover costs through registration fees. Stay tuned for more information on two new workshops currently under development that you can also bring to your campus, chapter or consortia on research data management and the intersections of scholarly communication and information literacy.

“The workshop, the assessment process was presented in a clear, understandable way. Great job on difficult material!”
- Standards Workshop Participant

At the Helm: Leading Transformation
March 22-25, 2017 | Baltimore, Maryland

The ACRL 2017 Call for Participation is open. Details available at http://conference.acrl.org/conference-content/
The 2015 National Women’s Studies Association Conference was held November 12-15, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Librarians Task Force sponsored a roundtable entitled “Stare at my Insides: Feminist and Queer Zines Inside and Outside the Academy,” featuring Jenna Freedman (Barnard), Honor Moody (Schlesinger), and Alana Kumbier (Hampshire College) as speakers, with Kelly Wooten (Duke) as the moderator.

Two other panels were of great interest to women’s studies librarians as well: first, a great workshop by faculty and librarians from Grand Valley State on integrating information literacy into the women’s studies curriculum entitled “Resisting Information Containment: Putting the Politics in Information Literacy.” Second, Karla Strand, Joanne Lehman, and Helen Klebesadel from the University of Wisconsin joined with Joanne Goodwin of the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada to talk about documenting women’s history at the state level in a panel entitled “Challenging Distortions: Making Our Histories Visible through Public Media Initiatives.”

In addition to all this great programming, the Librarians Task Force met and discussed updating our statement of purpose and improving communication among potential members. (We now have a Google Group.) Long-time co-chairs Cindy Ingold and Alana Kumbier passed the torch to new co-chairs Jennifer Gilley and Karla Strand.

The NWSA 2016 Annual Conference will be held November 10-13 in Montreal and centers on the theme of “Decoloniality.” The keynote speaker will be writer and activist Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, member of the Alderville First Nation. The Librarians Task Force has submitted a panel proposal on the theme of global information inequality. Please consider going, I hope to see you there!

-Submitted by Jennifer Gilley, NWSA Liaison

Call for Submissions Submitted by Carol Smallwood

Women’s Studies in the Library: Case Studies, Programming, Outreach | Book Publisher: McFarland

One or two chapters sought from U.S. practicing academic, public, school, special librarians, LIS faculty, sharing practical know-how about what works for women’s studies programs and resources. Chapters are encouraged that could apply to more than one type of library: useful to public, school, special, LIS faculty. Proven, creative, case studies encouraged. How-to chapters based on experience to help colleagues; innovative workshops, outreach, grant resources highly valued.

Library Outreach to Writers and Poets: Interviews and Case Studies of Cooperation | Book Publisher: McFarland

One or two chapters sought from U.S. writers, poets, academic, public, school, special librarians, LIS and Creative Writing faculty, sharing practical know-how about outreach, workshops, literary festivals, readings, librarian/author/poet visits to schools and other groups, spotlights-on-authors, book talks/clubs. Interview format chapters by librarians/writers/poets welcomed.

Male Gender Studies in the Library: Case Studies of Innovative Programs and Resources | Book Publisher (tentative): Rowman & Littlefield

Anthology: 3,000-4,000 word chapters by public, school, special, academic librarians, LIS faculty and those involved with library outreach, programming, collection development, resources, community partnerships in the United States and Canada. Innovative chapters on a rapidly changing topic in popular media and an increasing presence in college and graduate classes.

Please send titles of proposed chapters, each described in a few sentences by June 28, 2016; include brief bio on each author, your name on subject line in email to smallwood@tm.net.