Notes From The Chair
Dear WGSS members and friends,

I am so honored to serve as Chair of WGSS this year. WGSS is where I first found community within ALA, and I am grateful to all the current and former members who welcomed me to the Section and to committee service in a professional organization. I look forward to lifting up the important work our members have been doing, and continuing to create a home in WGSS for colleagues and new professionals.

I’m writing at a time when our work feels more important than ever, as censorship challenges and book bans abound, and state legislatures seek to restrict the rights of trans youth. I’m heartbroken that I couldn’t be among our colleagues in the streets of DC as Roe v. Wade was overturned during the ALA Conference. I hope that you’re all taking action where you can while also taking care of yourself and your loved ones in these challenging times.

I continue to be so inspired by the dedication of WGSS committee members to increasing transparency and access, both to the Section itself and to students and scholars of women’s and gender studies. Ongoing projects include exploration of potential mentorship programs, improved WGSS documentation, and ever-growing resources dedicated to OER/OA and information literacy.

Our members collaborated with ANSS on an ALA 2022 program on classification and justice, and despite a mysterious mixup with this year’s annual poster session, the Research Committee has gathered a set of four new research posters on a fascinating array of topics. I’m excited to see what’s in store for WGSS over the next year, and to provide as much support as I can to enable your work.

I want to thank Julie Adamo for her service as last year’s Chair, and welcome our new officers: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Kari D. Weaver, Secretary Elia Trucks, and Member-at-Large Cindy Ingold. Thank you also to our many committee leaders and members. I look forward to working with everyone over the coming months!

This is my first time in a leadership position at this level, so I welcome any and all advice, feedback, ideas, etc. from WGSS members and friends, both new and returning. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at cshanley@temple.edu, or the full WGSS Executive Committee at ALA-ACRL-WGSSExec@connectedcommunity.org.

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Committee Reports

Volunteers Needed for
WGSS Publications & Communication Committee

The Publications & Communications Committee has two openings. The committee is in need of a newsletter editor and a web editor.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Kari Weaver, karidweaver@gmail.com.

Additional information on the committee can be found at this link: http://www.alala.org/acrl/wgss/acrl-wgsspb

Membership Committee

We hosted our first in-person social meetup since 2019, Dinner & Drinks, at La Cosecha Food Hall this past June for interested, new, and existing members. What a success!
- Lorrain LaPrade, Membership Committee Chair

Member Updates

Check out member Pamela Salea's book review coming out this fall in Resources for Gender and Women’s Studies titled Reproductive Justice Subverted: Race and Class on the Front Lines of the War on Women, a review of Michele Goodwin's Policing the Womb: Invisible Women and the Criminalization of Motherhood (Cambridge University Press, 2020).
Research Posters at ALA 2022

The following posters were exhibited as part of the WGSS poster session at ALA Annual in 2022.

**Balancing Profession and Family: A Survey of the Challenges Working Moms Face in Libraries**
Suzanna Yaukey (Towson University) and Lesley Brown (Montgomery College)

**Developing an Inclusive and Diverse Artificial Intelligence (AI) Collection in the Humanities and Social Sciences**
Colleen Seale and Stacey Ewing, University of Florida

**Dressing Down: Sexism, Racism, and Classism in “Professional” Attire and the new Librarian**
Jenni Jacobs, Texas Tech University

**Information and Communication Technology Literacy for Women in Sustainable Employment**
Lesley J. Farmer, California State University Long Beach

Click the title for the poster or go to the [ACRL WGSS website](#) to learn more.
Off-RoadShow Virtual Workshops

Bring robust online learning directly to your library, chapter, or consortium with ACRL’s virtual Off-RoadShow workshops! Led by expert presenters over multiple days, these online workshops are based on our popular in-person RoadShow workshops and support academic library professionals in tackling the greatest issues facing the profession. Workshop hosts can work with presenters to adapt the content to their institutional contexts. Schedule a virtual workshop for your library or organization today. Organizational members of ACRL receive a 10% discount off the hosting cost!

ACRL Books

ACRL books provide timely and practical advice and thought-provoking research for academic library workers worldwide. Some recent titles:

- **Designing Libraries for the 21st Century**
- **Intersections of Open Educational Resources and Information Literacy**
- **Learning in Action: Designing Successful Graduate Student Work Experiences in Academic Libraries**
- **3D Data Creation to Curation: Community Standards for 3D Data Preservation**
- **Embracing Change: Alternatives to Traditional Research Writing Assignments**

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ACRL 2023, Forging the Future, March 15 – 18, 2023, Pittsburgh, PA

Higher education has changed dramatically over the last few years. Academic libraries are addressing an increased emphasis on remote learning, rising calls for social justice, and an acknowledged need for flexibility that supports a sustainable work-life balance. At ACRL 2023, we will explore these issues and more around the theme of Forging the Future. If you are interested in finding strength in a community of academic library professionals, discussing our mutual issues while crafting innovative ways to solve them, enhancing relationships with faculty, and re-engaging with students, we welcome you to join us in Pittsburgh or virtually! Registration opens in October, and proposals for select session types are being accepted through October 14, 2022. See the ACRL 2023 Conference Website for details.

RRBMS 2023, A New Kind of Professional, June 27 – 30, Indiana University Bloomington

The need for greater focus on diversity, equity, and accessibility in all areas of Special Collections work, from hiring to acquisitions to researcher services, requires us all as practitioners to rethink how we recruit and retain special collections workers. This conference will explore how we educate both new and established workers at a time when the need to reframe and reimagine our collections and audiences is even more vital. The call for proposals will be announced this fall and registration will open in the spring. Watch rbms.info for details.

ACRL eLearning

ACRL's live webcasts and multi-week online courses are designed to meet the demands of your location, schedule, and budget. Learn more about these events on the ACRL website.
Project Outcome

Project Outcome is a FREE online toolkit designed to help libraries understand and share the impact of essential library programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Participating libraries are also provided with the resources and training support needed to apply their results and confidently advocate for their library's future. Project Outcome’s standardized surveys allow libraries to aggregate their outcome data and analyze trends by service topic, program type, and over time. Sign up today at https://acrl.projectoutcome.org/.

Benchmark

Benchmark is the newest tool for data-driven planning and advocacy in academic libraries. Launched by ACRL in late 2021, Benchmark provides enhanced access to ACRL annual survey data from 1998-2020. With Benchmark, you can illustrate ongoing activities and usage in a compelling fashion for different audiences, as well as generate key metrics for strategic planning, budget justifications, annual reports, fundraising, and more! Benchmark is also where you can contribute your library's data to national surveys to further research and advocacy. Login to you free account today to complete the 2022 Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey, which includes trends questions on the topic of post-Covid library service and workplace trends!