

2020 Executive Board Candidate Bio

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Student Success and Community Engagement Librarian
University of Michigan (UM) Library
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Type of Library: Academic

Statement of Professional Concerns:

As a longtime librarian and twenty year ALA member leader, I am proud of the work of our association. We are at a critical juncture as we re-envision ALA to meet the needs of the future. We must maintain our focus on the professional development and engagement of our membership so they (we) can continue to be effectively responsive to our communities' needs. We must also persist with advocating for our professional values, especially pertaining to intellectual freedom, equitable access to information, fostering critical thinking and embracing cultural intelligence as we promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across all library institutions. It sustain these critical initiatives and advance our professional mission.

Previous Positions:

Outreach and Instruction Librarian, University of Arizona Libraries, Tucson Arizona -
2005 - 2011
Interim Coordinator, Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives – 25%, UM Library, Ann Arbor, MI

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Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)
Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)
New Member Round Table (NMRT)

Ethnic Affiliates:

Joint Council of Librarians of Color, Inc. (JCLC)
National Association to Promote Literacy and Information Skills to Latinos and Spanish Speaking (REFORMA)
Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:

ALA Council, Councilor-at-Large, 2012-present
2019 ALA Nominating Committee, Chair, Nov. 2017 - Feb. 2019
ALA Committee on Committees - Member, June 2016- 2

Technology and Research Initiative Fund Grant-Higher Education for Rural Southern Arizona
Initiative – May 2009
UA International Travel Grant - August 2007