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## News and announcements

### CoA announces accreditation actions

At the CoA 2023 Winter Meeting

Continued Accreditation status was granted to the following programs by the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2022

- x Master of Library and Information Science at Dominican University Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.
  
- ™ Master in Information Science at the University of Montreal Follow up reporting required by October 1, 2023, regarding Standard I.2) and section I.10 of Process, Policies, and Procedures (APP. I.10).
  
- ™ Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies at University of Wisconsin Meets all standards. No follow-up reporting required.

Conditiona Accreditation status was granted to the following program with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2025:

- ™ Master of Library Science at East Carolina University. Standard elements found to be out of compliance: Standard 1.1. Demonstration of ongoing broad-based planning that includes feedback from all constituents, beyond the advisory council (e.g., broader group of employers, alumni, and the professional library community served by the program); Standard II.1 and II.3. Evidence that the program is providing pathways and appropriate curriculum beyond school librarianship; Standard III.1. Evidence that the full-time tenure track faculty are not unduly burdened by the phased retirement of two faculty members; Standard III.2, III.3, III.5, and III.8. Evidence that the program is providing adequate support for research beyond the teaching releases during the first two years, given the 3/3 teaching load, which is reported as inconsistent with university policy, that the unit is ensuring the successful recruitment and retention of faculty from diverse backgrounds, and that non-tenured tenure track faculty are mentored for research within their respective research area; Standard V.6. Provide evidence that the program receives equitable funding at an institutional level relative to program, college, and university revenues.

### External Review Panel (ERP) Training at 2023 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Room: Boulevard AB

New and experienced External Review Panelist (ERP) pool members are invited to attend training session on the role of ERP members in the ALA accreditation process. Participation in training is a prerequisite for serving on a review panel. Experienced review panelists will share their experience and OA staff will present resources for use in the review process. LIS program representatives who are interested in learning more about the comprehensive review process are also encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to [accred@ala.org](mailto:accred@ala.org) June 6, 2023, and include “ERP Training” in the subject line.

## Open COA meeting at 2023 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Astoria Room

Join Committee on Accreditation (COA) members for a discussion of the draft [revised Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies](#). Members of the COA will highlight changes in the proposed draft and will present information on the standards review process, including the research methodology.

Once a revision is approved by the ALA Council, programs will be asked to begin responding to it in the next report. Programs that have already begun a comprehensive review cycle will remain responding to the same version of the Standards throughout the review.

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## From the Director of the Office: Of Note

By Karen L. O'Brien, Director, ALA Office for Accreditation

Spring is a time of connection to all programs involved in the ALA LIS program accreditation process. Reporting, statistical and narrative, is reviewed and responded to by the Committee on Accreditation (CoA, the Committee). This reporting helps programs navigate beneficial change, truly the purpose of the accreditation process.

At its Spring Meeting, the Committee discusses each program’s reporting in light of what is being accomplished in the interim to its last comprehensive review. Programs’ preparation of the reporting, intake of it, the Office’s preparation of it for the Committee, and the Committee review process, are a major undertaking. Each year the process grows in intensity as more programs come forward seeking ALA accreditation. Two applications for Precandidacy are in

motion and one Candidate will have its visit next spring. Bringing all ~~of~~ heads together to



Dr. Lesley S. J. Farmer, Professor Library Media at California State University Long Beach,  
External Reviewer

Q. Describe your career path, including any interesting projects you have been involved with lately.

I've worked in librarianship since fourth grade. As a latch key kid in July when I was 10, my dad dropped me off at the main public library all day during the week.

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- ¾ James Vorbach, Director & Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. John's University
- ¾ Ann C. Weeks, Professor of the Practice, Emerita, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland
- ¾ Maurice Wheeler, Associate Professor, Department of Information Science, University of North Texas
- ¾ Cabot Yu, Manager, Information Management Business Solutions, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Government of Canada

New external review panelists sought

Find out more about what is involved in serving on an external review panel at <https://www.ala.org/accreditedprograms/resourcesforerp/becomereviewer/ERPfaq> if you are interested in becoming a reviewer

- x Northeastern State University, Library Media Specialist
- x Northern Illinois University, Library Information Specialist
- x St. John Fisher University, MS in Library Media

National Recognition is awarded to master's programs in school librarianship that have been reviewed and approved by AASL's program reviewers using the ALA/AASL Standards for Initial Preparation of School Librarians.

Fall 2022 reviewers appreciated

We extend our appreciation to the following program reviewers and auditors who served during the fall semester

- ¾ Kelli A. Carney (Assistant Professor of Library Media, Northeastern State University)
- ¾ Cassandra Barne (Library Media Specialist, Curriculum Support, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education)
- ¾ Rene Burres (Department Chair and Associate Professor, Dept. of Educational Technology and Library Science, College of Education, University of Central Missouri)
- ¾ Judy Biven (Chair, Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program, Trevecca Nazarene University)
- ¾ Elizabeth A. Burn (Associate Professor, Dept. of STEM Education and Professional Studies, Old Dominion University)
- ¾ Audrey P. Church (Coordinator, School Library Media Program, Longwood University)
- ¾ Patsy Couts (Professor, Advanced Professional Services, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of Central Oklahoma)
- ¾ Sherry Crow (Professor and Department Chair, Advanced Education Programs, Fort Hays State University)
- ¾ April M. Dawkins (Assistant Professor, Library & Information Science (LIS) Department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro)
- ¾ Lesley Farmer (Professor, Librarianship Program, California State University Long Beach)
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¾ Holly A. Weima (Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Library Science, Sam Houston State University)

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