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As we near our 150th anniversary as an association, the ALA faces a number of challenges to remain the leading presence of our profession. As a mid-career professional with experience across the association, including AASL President (2017-2018), I am energized by the opportunity to serve with the thoughtful member leaders working with Executive Director Hall and ALA staff to overcome these challenges and lead libraries and library workers in an evolving world. I know we can realize the potential of the pivot strategy while operationalizing the governance changes currently in motion to support our work ahead.

Executive Board. Our current cultural dimate continues to test the capacity of our dedicated Public Policy and Advocacy and Office of Intellectual Freedom staff. We must bolster and expand our capacity in these areas to more robustly respond to federal, state, and local issues and more fully participate in the coalition building that is working to provide sustainable policy solutions that align with our core values.

My passion for this profession and our association remains steadfast. The work we are doing now gives our association the best chance to continue serving our evolving field for the next 150 years. If elected, I will bring my experiences as a volunteer, Emerging Leader, division leader, educator, and library advocate to the Executive Board as we continue to sustain th together to create the responsive association we all want to succeed.

Faculty, University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, 2013-present

Associate Professor, 2022-present Assistant Director, 2018-present Assistant Professor, 2017-2022 Instructor, 2013-2017

School Librarian, Mountain Brook High School (AL), 2010-2013 School Librarian, Spain Park High School (AL), 2007-2010 Library Assistant (part-time), Hoover Public Library (AL), 2007-2008 Media Aide, North Highland Elementary School (AL), 2007

Doctor of Philosophy (Instructional Leadership), University of Alabama, 2017 Education Specialist (Library Media), University of West Alabama, 2010 Master of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, 2006 Master of Arts (Communication Studies), University of Alabama, 2005 Bachelor of Arts (History and Geology), University of Alabama, 2003

ALA Divisions: AASL (American Association of School Librarians), ACRL (Association of College and

Alabama Library Association, 2006-present
Awards Committee, 2019-present
President, 2011-2012
Young Adult Services Roundtable Moderator, 2009-2010
Alabama School Library Association, 2007-present
Treasurer, 2007-2009
Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) Council, 2016-2017

2021 Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship, American Library Association 2017 Lois E. Henderson Presidential Award, Alabama School Library Association 2015 Teaching Award, University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies Student Advisory Committee