

# Alabama Library Association Slate of Candidates, 2019-2020

## **ASSOCIATION OFFICES**

### **ALLA President-Elect**

**Daniel Tackett**, Deputy Director and Teen Services Librarian, Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest

Daniel received his MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2011 and has been active in the Alabama Library Association since 2012. He currently serves as the Children's and School Librarian's Division Secretary. Additionally, he has presented at ALLA in 2017 and 2018 and has led the Young Adult Services Roundtable as Moderator. Daniel is a member of the American Library Association and the Young Adult Library Services Association. He has served on several national committees, including the National Guidelines Committee and the Amazing Audio Books for Young Adults Committee. Locally, Daniel was named the 2018 Librarian of the Year by the Jefferson County Public Library Association.

### **ALLA Secretary**

**Paula Webb**, Outreach & Communications Librarian, University of South Alabama, Marx Library

Paula received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2002. She has been active in the Alabama Library Association. She is currently serving as the Secretary for ALLA and has served in the Government Documents Roundtable as moderator, moderator-elect, and secretary. Additional, Paula has attended the Annual Conventions from 2015 to 2018. Paula is a member of the Southeastern Library Association and the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

### **ALLA Member-at-Large North** (2 candidates)

**Candidate 1: Rex Bain**, Director, Lawrence County Public Library

Rex received his MA in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of West Florida in 1996. He is an active member of PLD and served as the Chair of the 2018 Convention Registration Sub-Committee. Additionally, Rex presented at the 2015 Convention. He is a member of the American Library Association and serves as a Board of Director member of the Society for Human Resource Management - Easter Seals of North Alabama. Rex has been honored as the 2018 Hometown Heroes Award recipient from Modern Woodmen and International Customer Support Team of the Year at Milliken & Company, Floor Covering Division. Finally, he has been inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society, the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society, and the Order of Omega Leadership Honor Society.

**Candidate 2: Ashley Cummins**, Library Director, Russellville Public Library

Ashley is currently pursuing her MLIS from the University of Alabama. She is an active member in the Alabama Library Association, PLD, and YASRT. She is currently serving as moderator-elect for MCIRT and has volunteered at the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conventions. Additionally, she presented at the 2015 Convention. Ashley is an active member of the American Library Association. Her service to ALA includes a 2-Year term with the OIF, a member of the

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Convention Program Committee, and a judge for Eli M. Oboler Intellectual Freedom Award. She is also a member of ARSL, PLA, and YALSA and serves as a judge for the IBPA book awards.

### **DIVISION OFFICES**

#### **CSLD Secretary**

**Caitlin Rogers**, Library Media Specialist, The Altamont School (Birmingham)

Caitlin received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2015. She belongs to the American Independent School Librarians Association as well as the American Library Association and the Alabama Library Association. Caitlin has been awarded two major grants: the Lynn Clark Grant for Creativity in the Teaching of Writing and the E.E. Ford Global Initiatives Grant, where she spent a week at Oxford University immersed in literary history, learned about academic and school libraries in the U.K. and networked with independent school librarians from all over the U.S.

#### **CUS Chair-elect**

**Alex Boucher**, Research & Instructional Services Librarian, University of Alabama

Alex received his MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2013. He has attended the Annual Convention each year since 2010 and has presented at the 2014 and 2016-2018 Conventions. Alex was also a presenter at the American Library Association Conference in 2018. He is an active member of ALA, ACRL, and RUSA.

#### **CUS Secretary**

**Karlie Johnson**, History, Anthropology, and Geography Librarian, Jacksonville State University

Karlie received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2012. She also received a B.A. in Arts and Sciences in 2008 and an M.A. in History in 2011. Karlie is a member of the American Library Association and the Alabama Library Association. She also currently serves as the Vice President for the Alabama chapter of Beta Phi Mu. Karlie has a passion for library instruction and was able to attend ACRL's information literacy immersion program which continues to influence her teaching methods to this day.

#### **CUS MAL for Planning**

**Jennifer Steele**, Electronic Resources/Reference and Instruction Librarian, Mississippi College

Jennifer received her Ph.D. in Communication and Information Sciences from the University of Alabama in 2017 and her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2013. She served as the CUS Liaison for the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies in 2017-2018. She is a member of the American Library Association's Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of all Kinds Committee. Additionally, Jennifer is a member of ACRL Member, ACRL's Committee of

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Professional Values, ACRL's Standards Committee, ACRL's Instruction Section, the Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), and ALISE's Connie Van Fleet Award for Research Excellence in Public Library Services to Adults Committee.

### **PLD Secretary**

**Rosanna McGinnis**, Library Director, Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library

Rosanna received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2010. She is an active member of the Alabama Library Association and PLD. Additionally, she was a presenter at the 2018 PLD MidWinter Conference. Rosanna is a member of the American Library Association, ALA's Young Adult Library Services, and the Public Library Association Library Leadership & Management Association. She received the 2018 Public Library Association Internship Initiative Grant.

## **ROUNDTABLE OFFICES**

### **Alabama Library Instruction (ALIRT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**Dana Hettich**, Liaison to the School of Education, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dana received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2003. She is an active member of the Alabama Library Association and is currently serving as CUS Member-at-Large for Programs. Additionally, Dana is a member of the American Library Association and ACRL.

### **Government Documents (GODORT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**Tim Dodge**, Research and Instruction Librarian/History and Political Science Subject Specialist,  
Auburn University

Tim received his Ph.D. in History from the University of New Hampshire in 1992 and his MLS from Columbia University in 1980. He is an active member in the Alabama Library Association and has served as CUS Chair, GODORT Moderator, the Legislative Development Committee Chair and is currently a member of this Committee, MCIRT Moderator, and the SELA Representative. Additionally, Tim is a member of the American Library Association, ALA's GODORT, ACRL, ACRL's Government Relations Committee, and served as ALA's GODORT Federal Documents Task Force Coordinator from 2004-2015. He also holds memberships in AACRL and SELA. Tim was honored with AACRL's Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award in 2012 and the 1986-1987 Barry University (Miami Shores, FL) Professional Achievement Award.

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## **Government Documents (GODORT)**

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

**Barbara Hutto**, Librarian I, Birmingham Public Library

Barbara received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2006. She has attended numerous ALLA conferences and is a member of the Jefferson County Public Library Association.

## **Multicultural Information (MCIRT)**

### **Moderator-elect**

**Michele Wimbish**, Branch Librarian, Southern Union State Community College

In addition to her current position, Michelle has also held positions at the Lewis Cooper Jr. Library in Opelika and Tuskegee University. Her professional memberships include the American Library Association, the Alabama Library Association, the Alabama Two-Year College Library Association where she held the office of president from 2013 through 2017. Michelle has presented sessions at various state library conventions since 2013 and has experience in working with school library media students.

## **Multicultural Information (MCIRT)**

### **Secretary**

**Laura Tucker**, Head of Children's Services, Homewood Public Library

Laura received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2009. She is an active member of the Alabama Library Association, CSLD, and PLD. She is currently serving as CSLD Chair and has been a CSLD Webinar and Convention presenter. Laura is also a member of the American Library Association, Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), ALSC's Managing Children's Services Committee, and presented at ALSC's Managing Children's Services Webinar. Additionally, she is a member of the Jefferson County Public Library Association and Jefferson County Public Library Association's Youth Services Roundtable. Laura received the TEDx Birmingham Educator Fellow in 2017 and ALSC's ALA Scholarship for the 2017 ALA Conference in Chicago.

## **Paraprofessional (PART)**

### **Moderator-elect**

**Veronica McCoo**, Office Assistant and Circulation Manager, Mobile Public Library

Veronica recently received her MLIS from the University of Alabama. She is involved in both the American Library Association and the Alabama Library Association, as well as representing her coworkers in the Mobile Public Library Staff Association. She has attended state and national conventions. Veronica was an ALA Scholarship Recipient in 2018.

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## **Reference and Adult Services (RASRT)**

### **Moderator**

**Samantha McNeilly**, Teaching & Outreach Librarian/Archives & Special Collections Librarian,  
Auburn University at Montgomery

Samantha received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2012. She is an active member of the Alabama Library Association and CUS. Samantha is currently serving as CUS Member-at-Large for Organization & Bylaws and served as Vice-Chair for the 2017 Convention, Co-Chair of the 2017 Convention's Hospitality Sub-Committee and Volunteer Coordinator. She is also a member of the American Library Association, ALA's LIRT Membership Committee, ALA's Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group, ALA's Instruction Section, ALA's Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group, ALA's University Libraries Section, ACRL, and the Society of Alabama Archivists (SALA). She is currently serving as an Executive Committee member of SALA. Additionally, Samantha received the Betty J. Tims Friends of the AUM Library Faculty and Staff Service Awards in 2012 and 2016.

## **Reference and Adult Services (RASRT)**

### **Moderator-Elect**

**Gail Barton**, Head of Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan, Auburn University

Gail received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2013. She is a member of the American Library Association, RUSA, and the STARS Committee. Additionally, Gail is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

## **Technical Services & Systems (TSSRT)**

### **Moderator-elect**

**Irina Stanishevskaya**, Cataloging Librarian, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Irina received her MLIS at the University of Alabama in 2006. She is an active member of ALLA's Technical Services and Systems Roundtable. She also belongs to the American Library Association where she has recently been elected Member-at-large of the LITA/ALCTS Authority Control Interest Group. Additionally, she has been honored with induction into the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honor Society and received the Best Student Paper Award while working toward her degree at the University of Alabama.

## **Young Adult Services (YASRT)**

### **Moderator**

**Wendy Stephens**, School Library Media Program Chair, Jacksonville State University

Wendy Stephens is the school Library Media program chair in the School of Education at Jacksonville State University. She received her M.L.I.S. from the University of Alabama in 2001 and her Ph.D. in Information Science from the University of North Texas in 2014. She is a

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member of the American Library Association and has served as a board member for the Ethnic and Multicultural Roundtable and American Association of School Librarians. She was the 2014-15 President of the Alabama Library Association and the 2016-17 President of the Alabama School Library Association.

### **Young Adult Services (YASRT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**Tami Genry**, Librarian, Mountain Brook Junior High School

Tami received her MLIS at the University of Alabama in 2003. She is an active member of ALLA. She also has memberships with the American Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians, and the Alabama School Librarian Association. Additionally, Tami has been honored as a Lead Teacher from 2016 to present, the LEAD 2020 Cohort member for Mountain Brook City Schools, the Chiquita Marbury Technology Innovation Award for the elementary level, the Herman Moore LAMP Award for Exceptional Service, a National Board-Certified Teacher from 2011 to present, and as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year.