

Alabama Library Association 2021 Election Ballot

Executive Council - Officers

President-Elect

AMANDA MELCHER

Amanda Melcher has been a member of the Alabama Library Association since 2007. Her professional career in libraries started in 2003 as a paraprofessional. She received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2008 and is currently the Head of Technical Services/Associate Professor at the University of Montevallo, Carmichael Library. Amanda has served on the ALLA Education Committee, she co-chaired the NAAL Online Content Committee, and she currently chairs the ALLA Awards Committee. She has presented solo or been co-presenter at four ALLA conventions and she leads the convention's annual Alabama Library Association Awards presentation. Amanda has published several peer-reviewed articles, a book chapter, and she serves as a peer-reviewer for two library journals. She's been president and co-president of the Montevallo Branch of the American Association of University Women since 2016 organizing approximately 5 programs each year on topics such as women holding political office, Medicaid expansion in Alabama, and women's pay wage disparity. Amanda lives in Montevallo with her partner Michael and their senior cat Franny.

CHRIS SHAFFER

Dr. Christopher Shaffer is Dean of Troy University Libraries. Prior to entering the library field, Shaffer spent 8 years as a history teacher in Georgia and one year teaching English as a second language in Slovakia. He received his MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2005 and his Ed.D in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Law from Alabama State University in 2014. He has been published in several peer reviewed journals, has considerable experience writing and implementing grants, and has presented nationally. In 2015 the Carnegie Corporation, American Library Association, New York Times, and the New York Public Library presented him the I Love My Librarian Award for his work in public outreach. Shaffer has previously served as Chair of CUS and Member at Large, South for ALLA. He has also been previously recognized by the ALLA as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and the Intellectual Freedom Award.

Secretary

DANNY STEWART

Stewart is the current Pell City Public Library director. A 2001 recipient of Alabama Library Association's Humanitarian Award, Stewart has previously served as ALLA's Secretary and chair of the Public Library Division. He has also served as the chair of the Alabama Virtual Library committee and the LSTA Advisory Council. He is a current member of the American Library Association/Public Library Association, Pell City Rotary, St. Clair Historical Society, St. Clair Historic Commission, and Louisa Count VA Historical Society.

Member-At-Large, North

CRAIG SCOTT

Scott has a Master's degree in Library and Information Technology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is the library director at Gadsden Public Library. An active ALLA member, Scott served as the 2016 Convention Chair.

ALA Councilor

PAULA LAURITA

A University of Alabama SLIS graduate, Laurita is the senior librarian at the Marshall Space Flight Center Technical Library. Since 2018, Laurita has represented the Alabama Library Association as ALA Chapter Councilor; she has also served on the ALLA Legislative Committee and Public Relations Committee. Additionally, she has worked with the ALA Budget and Planning Committee, ALA Government Documents, Freedom to Read, and Intellectual Freedom.

MARLIESE THOMAS

Thomas has a BA in Communications from Loyola University and a MLIS from University of Alabama; currently the Fine Arts Librarian at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, she has worked previously at Auburn University Libraries, Samford University Library, and Ex Libris. She is a member of the Alabama Library Association, Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, Medical Library Association, and American Library Association/Association of College & Research Libraries. Thomas was recently elected as national co-chair of the Association of Vision Science Librarians and was a nominated Fellow with the American Academy of Optometry. She is a member of the Costume Society of America and its Southeastern Region, from whom she received the 2020 Colleen Callahan Professional Development Award.

Division – Officers

College, University, and Special Libraries Division

Chair-Elect

KARLIE JOHNSON

Johnson is the History, Anthropology, and Geography Librarian at Jacksonville State University and obtained her MLIS in 2012 from The University of Alabama. Karlie is a member of the American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Alabama Library Association. She also currently serves as the President for the Alabama chapter of Beta Phi Mu and as the AnniCon Vending Chair for the AnniCon Asian Culture Convention for the last four years. She is currently serving in ALLA as the Education Committee Chair and the CUS Member at Large for Projects.

Secretary

KIM WESTBROOK

Westbrooks is Assistant Professor, Business and Social Sciences Librarian at Jacksonville State University (JSU), Jacksonville, Alabama. Kim has been an active member of ALLA, since 2011. She was elected as Chair of the College, University, & Special Libraries Division (CUS) of ALLA in 2018 and began serving as ALLA's Membership Chair in 2019. She is currently President-Elect of AACRL. She holds a Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Arts from JSU in Music with a concentration in vocal performance, a minor in mathematics, and a minor in English. Kim has 13 total years of library experience, 8 years in public libraries and 5 years at JSU.

Member-at-Large, Projects

ALEX BOUCHER

Boucher is a Research & Instructional Services Librarian at The University of Alabama Libraries – a position he has held since 2013. Alex has a Bachelor's Degree in History from The University of Alabama-Birmingham, a Master's Degree in History from The University of Arkansas, and an MLIS from The University of Alabama. Alex was elected to be chair-elect of the College, University and Special Libraries (CUS) division in 2019-2020, and he was chair of CUS in 2020-2021.

Member-at-Large, Planning

JESSICA HAYES

A graduate of the University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies, Hayes is the Head of Public Services Librarian at Auburn University at Montgomery. Hayes has served as the Alabama Library Association president, chair of the College, University & Special Library division, and the 2017 Convention Committee chair; she currently serves as ALLA Past-President and on The Alabama Librarian editorial board. She is a member of the American Library Association/Association of College & Research Libraries and serves as chair of ALA/RUSA Sharing & Transforming Access to Resources (STARS) – Continuing Education & Training Committee.

Public Library Division

Secretary

JUSTIN ROGERS

Justin has an undergraduate degree in communications from UAB and a Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. He has been working at the Hoover Public Library for the past 14 years, working his way up from a page. Justin has also made appearances working and volunteering at other libraries throughout Jefferson county during his career. He is currently employed as the Fiction Department's Digital Librarian and works with patrons and vendors to provide digital materials to the patrons of Hoover and Jefferson County.

Youth Services and School Library Division

Chair-Elect

CAITLIN ROGERS

Caitlin Rogers is a graduate of SLIS at the University of Alabama. After working for the Hoover Public Library and the Homewood Public Library for 4+ years, she transitioned to school librarianship. Caitlin is currently the Library Media Specialist at The Altamont School in Birmingham, AL. She teaches 5th and 6th grade Library and Research Skills, and 12th grade Honors Russian Literature, in addition to coordinating all standardized testing and overseeing the Altamont Bookstore. Active on the Junior Board of The Literacy Council of Central Alabama and in The Alabama Library Association, Caitlin enjoys networking and discussion with other librarians and literacy educators locally and nationally. She is the current Chair of the Youth

Services and School Library Division of ALLA. Caitlin enjoys reading above most things, except running, gaming, loving her 2 small dogs, and spending time with her (also librarian) husband.

Secretary

WENDY STEPHENS

An Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Jacksonville State University, Stephens holds a Ph.D. in Information Science from the University of North Texas and a MLIS from the University of Alabama. Over the past five years, she has served as the moderator for both Alabama Library Association's Multicultural Information Round Table (MCIRT) and Young Adult Services Round Table; Stephens is an active participant on the Alabama Author Awards Committee and Association Awards Committee. Currently, she is moderator-elect for the ALLA College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) Division. A former Beta Phi Mu Librarian of the Year, Stephens also sits on the American Library Association (ALA) Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Action Council Board of Directors. She is also active in the United States Board on Book for Young People, NCTE Children's Literature Assembly, Freedom to Read Foundation, Council of Leaders of Alabama Schools, and the Alabama School Library Association

Roundtable – Officers

Alabama Library Instruction Round Table

Moderator-Elect

DANA HETTICH

Hettich is an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she currently works as the Liaison to the School of Education. Prior to coming to UAB Dana worked as a Collection Development Librarian at a community college where she taught and helped create credit bearing courses on research and design. She holds Master's degrees in both History, and Library & Information Sciences. She is a former chair of the ALLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and has previously served as ALIRT moderator.

Government Documents Round Table

Moderator-Elect

TIM DODGE

Dodge holds a BA in History from Swarthmore College, a MLS from Columbia University and a MA and Ph.D in History from University of Hampshire. He is a Research and Instruction Librarian at Auburn University Libraries, and serves as subject specialist to the Auburn University History Department. Over the past five years, he has been an active Alabama Library Association member, working on the Legislative Development Committee and the editorial board for The Alabama Librarian. Dodge served as the chair of the College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) Division and chaired CUS's Legislative Development Committee. Additionally, since 2018, Dodge has served as Alabama Library Association's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Moderator; furthermore, Dodge currently serves as secretary for the Multicultural Information Round Table (MCIRT). He is a member of Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL) and the Southeastern Library Association (SELA), serving as its President from 2019-2021. In addition to his 2012 Sue O. Medina Award for Significant Contributions from AACRL, Dodge received the ALLA 2020 Eminent Librarian Award and the 2020 Auburn Author Award from Auburn University.

Secretary

RICKEY BEST

A MLIS graduate from the University of California Berkeley, Best is the Collection Development Librarian at the Auburn University at Montgomery. He is a member of Alabama Library Association's College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) Division, and Government Documents Round Table (GODORT); Best currently serves as the Secretary-Treasurer for GODORT.

Multicultural Information Round Table

Moderator-Elect

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Paralibrarian Round Table

Moderator-Elect

SHATENA COLEMAN

A graduate student at Colorado Technical University, Coleman is a Library Associate at the Mobile Public Library.

Reference and Adult Services Round Table

Moderator-Elect

GAIL BARTON

Barton holds degrees from Union University and the University of Alabama; from 2014 to early 2019, she worked as the Resource Delivery/ILL Librarian and interim Acquisitions & Collection Development Librarian at the University of Memphis. Since February 2019, Barton has worked as the Head of Document Delivery & Interlibrary Loan at Auburn University Libraries.

During her time at University of Memphis, Barton was an active participant with the Tennessee Library Association where she served as a Legislation Committee member and the moderator for the Access and Patron Services Round Table. After her return to Alabama librarianship, Barton rejoined the Alabama Library Association, serving as the 2019-2020 Reference, Adult Services Round Table (RASRT) Moderator-Elect, and then the 2020-2021 RASRT Moderator.

Technical Services and Systems Round Table

Moderator-Elect

DOROTHY OGDEN

Ogden received her MSIS degree from the University of Tennessee; she currently works as the Emerging Technologies Librarian and Head of the Emerging Technologies and Systems Development Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). A member of the Alabama Library Association, she presented on LibWizard Lite at the 2017 ALLA Convention and had a Data Visualization Framework presentation accepted for the 2020 ALLA Convention but was canceled due to the COVID-19. She is a joint fellow on the Visualizing the Future Symposia, an IMLS-funded National Forum on Data Visualization in Libraries. Additionally, she is a distinguished member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals

Secretary

LISA LEINHOS

A graduate of the University of Alabama, School of Library & Information Studies, Leinhos works as the Cataloging Library Technical Assistant II at the University of South Alabama. Over the past five years, she has been an active member in the Alabama Library Association (ALLA), specifically the Alabama Author Awards committee, the Young Adult Services Round Table (YASRT) and Technical Services and Systems Round Table (TSSRT). Leinhos served as the 2020 TSSRT secretary and presented at the 2018 and 2019 annual conventions.

Young Adult Services Round Table

Moderator-Elect

NICOLE TUDOR

The Library-Media Specialist at Oscar Adams Elementary School, Tudor has a MLIS from the University of Alabama. She recently served as the Alabama Library Association Young Adult Services Round Table Secretary; she is also a member of the American Library Association and the Alabama Education Association

Secretary

RACHEL COLE

Cole is the Teen Department Manager at Gadsden Public Library and is an active member of the Alabama Library Association and the American Library Association/Young Adult Library Services Association (YASLA), participating in the YASLA symposium, "Girls Who Code." She has also served as a member on the Community Thanksgiving Committee, a board member of the Love Center Homeless Shelter for Women, and participated in the Susie Parker Stringfellow Fire Soul.