

Mini-MiALA Conference

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University of Michigan-Dearborn

Fairlane Center North

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Dearborn, MI 48128

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Building on the momentum from our successful inaugural conference, the Administration, Collections, and User Experience Sections are hosting a Mini-MiALA Conference to encourage the continued sharing of insights and experiences through concurrent programs as well as an opportunity to network with your MiALA colleagues during lunch and afternoon meetings.

The cost to attend is \$20 for MiALA members and \$40 for non-members.
Join MiALA when you register to receive the MiALA member discount rate.

To register, go to the [2016 Mini-MiALA Conference registration page](#).

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 am

Registration/Check in

9:30 – 10:00 am

Opening Remarks/Section Updates

10:15 – 11:00 am

Concurrent Sessions A

The Library Bill of Rights and Michigan's Academic Library Collections: A Participatory Discussion
– Room 110

Deborah J. Margolis - Michigan State University

In this session, we will look at the Library Bill of Rights in groups and discuss how our academic library collections and policies are reflecting our professional values, as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights/Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries. What challenges to professional values are we confronting in our libraries, with changing formats and new uses of library space, in the current higher education and political landscape? Issues such as privacy and privatization, licensing and accessibility of library materials and services to various user groups may be discussed. Who and where are our users; how are our collections and services used locally, statewide, and beyond? Are we providing balanced collections, equally accessible to all in our academic communities? What are our visions for academic library collections today and in the coming years? Stepping back to look at our professional guidelines may help to shape activities in our libraries and in our professional associations.

Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship Services – Room 120

Devin Higgins, Digital Library Programmer - Michigan State University

Megan Kudzia, Digital Scholarship Technology Librarian - Michigan State University

Scout Calvert, Data Librarian – Michigan State University

Elisa Landaverde, Metadata Librarian – Michigan State University

This program will discuss services and labs in support of digital humanities/digital scholarship work in libraries. The presenters will address what services have worked well and those that have not in addition to the types of services would ideally be created in the future. The presenters will provide examples of projects they have worked on with faculty and students on campus and will discuss tools and software available to those who are interested in starting services in their libraries.

Merging Two Information Services Departments: Challenges and Opportunities – Room 121

Rebecca Renirie – Central Michigan University

Stephanie Mathson - Central Michigan University

Jennifer Rundels – Central Michigan University

Monica Craig – Central Michigan University

Organizational change is always a challenge, but especially when merging departments that have been in existence for decades. One mid-sized public university is facing such a change: After 40 years of exclusive service to remote students, the distance education library services unit is merging with the on-campus reference department to form a single service point. While the merger makes sense in light of declining enrollment at remote centers and increasing enrollment in online classes, it is no easy task after such a long period of providing parallel services. Staff members determined to come out of this process with the best of both worlds are now looking with fresh eyes at the minutia of day-to-day work and closely examining the logistics of that work. How will these departments share one reference calendar, especially when three members of the distance services unit are far from campus? How will two distinct library websites be consolidated to accurately reflect a location-neutral student services philosophy? One unit has traditionally handled all online library instruction sessions, so what will be required for all librarians to feel comfortable teaching in that environment? Please join librarians from both units as we discuss this process while still in the midst of the consolidation. We will share summaries from initial discussions about the merger and comments from an ACRL external review, as well as present the work of several ad-hoc committees charged with bringing the two units together.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions B**

Critical Librarianship 101 – Info. Lit. Applications – Room 110

Angie Kelleher - Alma College

Edwina Murphy – Library of Michigan

Critical librarianship is about bringing social justice principles into our work in libraries. There are many ways to do this, but this program will introduce the topic in an accessible way, and engage in a group discussion about incorporating it into our daily IL work. After framing basic terms & theories, the discussion will move on to critical teaching styles & structures. We will then share ways to introduce information literacy content using examples that illustrate critical concepts. The session will be interactive and participants should be prepared to share their own classroom experiences.

A Tale of Two Colleges' OER Projects: Learnings and Plans for Sustainability – Room 120

Tina Ulrich – Northwestern Michigan College

Regina Gong -Lansing Community College

Librarians at Lansing Community College (LCC) and Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) initiated Open Educational Resources (OER) projects in the past two years. While both used the same bottom-up approach by starting their initiative with librarian and faculty champions as leaders, two years later, they find themselves in very different places. Both experienced significant textbook savings for students, fresh and exciting pedagogical approaches for faculty, and new challenges for administrators. However, institutional and administrative support for the two projects has varied widely.

Let's Get Together: Planning a Topic-Based Conference for Mi-ALA Interest Groups— **Room 121**

Amelia Mowry - Wayne State University

Maurine McCourry - Hillsdale College

This presentation will discuss the planning and outcomes of the upcoming RDA-focused pop-up conference given by the Technical Services and Cataloging/Metadata Interest Groups. The program will detail all aspects of planning the conference including the selection of presentations, space considerations, and financial decisions. We will describe the efforts to provide streaming access to the conference. The success of these efforts is still to be determined. Finally, we will discuss the conference itself, its outcomes, and any lessons we learned along the way. We hope that this presentation will provide useful information for others hoping to put on this type of event.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 pm

Section Meetings

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Interest Group Meetings

3:00 pm

Conclusion