This About Our Leaders provides a short biography of our leaders for our LYRASIS Leaders Forum in Pittsburgh on May 30, 2019. The Leaders Forums are face-to-face meetings across the US, Canada and soon the globe, to gather leaders to discuss, explore and workshop ideas, problems and potential solutions. Our theme this year is Local to Global.

Experts from the LYRASIS team and from the community will discuss new concepts, trends and ideas surrounding innovation. Forum participants are members of the LYRASIS Leaders Circle, the general LYRASIS membership and invitation only community drivers within the archive, library and museum profession. By reading each short biography below, you'll get to know our leaders engaging in our LYRASIS Leaders Forum, Local to Global. Thank you for attending.

About Our Leaders

Aaron Brenner is Coordinator of Digital Scholarship for the University of Pittsburgh. He has held several positions at the University over the course of his 17 years of service. He holds a Masters of Library Science from University of Pittsburgh and Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin. He is the principal investigator for the Institute of Museum and Library Services sponsored National Leadership grant awarded to the university in 2017. This grant develops public and academic libraries as key partners in civic open data ecosystems.

Janet Carleton is Digital Initiatives coordinator for Ohio University Libraries where she works on digitization and digital preservation of the Libraries unique resources, as well as promoting their use through social media. She is active in SAA, regional, and state archives organizations, and is the convener for the Ohio Digitization Interest Group. She holds a MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin, archives specialization; a post-master’s certificate in the curation and management of digital assets from the University of Maryland; and Bachelors in History and Art History from Ohio University. She is a LYRASIS Member.

Sarah Clark is Dean and University Librarian at La Salle University in Philadelphia. She received her MLIS from the University of Oklahoma in 2006 and her PhD in Higher Ed Administration from Oklahoma State University in 2018. She is a LYRASIS Member.

Ronalee Ciocco is the Director of Library services at the Clark Family Library at Washington and Jefferson College. She previously was the Director of User Services at Musselman Library, Gettysburg College. Ronalee was a Reference and Web Services Librarian at Musselman Library for 6 years, and she continues to manage the content and design of the library web pages and online resources and implement services such as virtual reference and a library toolbar. She has been published in Computers in Libraries and had a presentation at the Virtual Reference Desk conference. Prior to being a librarian, Ronalee spent 10 years as a corporate technical trainer and 3 years as a computer science instructor. She is a LYRASIS Member.
Mary Frances Cooper, the 11th President and Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Mary Frances Cooper, MLS, is a nationally recognized library leader. Cooper served as the Library’s Deputy Director overseeing Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Main and Neighborhood Library Services, Youth Services, Teen Services, Technical Services, Volunteer Services and Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. With 30 years of experience, Cooper has worked in all facets of library service and has distinct experience in the operations of urban public libraries, including Deputy Director, Public Services, Branch Libraries for New York Public Library (NY), where she was responsible for the operation of 87 branch libraries in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island; Chief of the Central Library at Minneapolis Public Library (MN) and Assistant Director of the Louisville Free Public Library (KY). Cooper is the current chair of the board of the Electronic Information Network (EIN), which provides network and computer integration services to all libraries within Allegheny County. She also is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association and Library Administration and Management Association. Cooper holds a M.S. in Library Service from Columbia University School of Library Service and a M.Ed. in Community Counseling from the University of Louisville. She is a LYRASIS Member.

Julia Corrin is the University Archivist at Carnegie Mellon University Libraries. She is responsible for the administration and management of Carnegie Mellon University Archives, located in Hunt Library. Corrin comes to Pittsburgh from Arkansas State University, where she was the Political Collections Archivist. She holds a BA in American Studies from Carleton College, and an MS in Information, Archives and Records Management from the University of Michigan. She is a LYRASIS Member.

Bradley Daigle is content and strategic expert for the Academic Preservation Trust and other external partnerships at the University of Virginia Library. Currently he is Chair of the Virginia Heritage Governance Team and NDSA Coordinating Committee. Having been in the library profession for twenty years, he has published and presented on a wide range of topics including mass digitization, digital curation and stewardship, sustaining digital scholarship, intellectual property issues, mentoring in libraries, and digital preservation. In addition to his professional field, his research interests also include the history of the book, natural history, and early modern British literature. He received his MA in literature from the University of Montreal and an MLS from Catholic University. He is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Karen Diaz joined the West Virginia University Libraries in January 2016 and was appointed to Interim Dean in July 2018. Karen came to WVU from Ohio State University Libraries where she was head of their Teaching and Learning Department. While at OSU Karen also co-founded and headed a cross-campus Digital Storytelling Team for 10 years. Her research and publication has been in the areas of digital storytelling and information literacy. She is completing her term as president of the board of the LOEX organization that provides professional development for instruction librarians. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the University of New Orleans in 1984 and her Master’s in Library Science from Louisiana State University in 1987. She is a LYRASIS Member.
Leigh Ann DePope is the Head, Acquisitions & Data Services at University of Maryland, College Park. She received her MLIS from Clarion University, Pennsylvania. She has worked as an Electronic Resources and serials librarian at Salisbury College. She also served as the Library Director at Seaside District. Leigh Ann is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Catherine Doyle is the Library Director at Nazareth College of Rochester. She has served as a Director at a number of institutions including Westfield State College, and Christopher Newport University. She is experienced and a leader within libraries, higher education and teaching. She has a MSLS from Simmons University, Master of Arts from Nazareth College of Rochester and BA in History from Rutgers University. She is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Danielle Emerling is Assistant Curator and Congressional and Political Papers Archivist at West Virginia University Libraries. She manages the curation and preservation of modern political collections, works with donors, and coordinates instruction and programming efforts with the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics. In 2018 she was awarded a LYRASIS Catalyst Fund grant for the feasibility project, “America Contacts Congress.” She has served as chair of the Society of American Archivists Congressional Papers Section and is the treasurer for the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress. She is a LYRASIS member.

John Fudrow Repository Administrator and librarian at the University of Pittsburgh. A Pitt alumus, he earned an MLIS from the School of Information Sciences in 2007. He also has a BFA in painting from Lock Haven University. Fudrow had been Carnegie Mellon’s administrative and reference coordinator for science libraries.

Katherine Furlong is Director of the Blough-Weis Library and University Librarian at Susquehanna University. Previous professional positions include Director for Access & Technical Services at Lafayette College. Katherine also served as Access Services Librarian and Project Manager for Lafayette’s $22 million expansion and renovation of Skillman Library. Katherine’s experience includes Instruction Coordinator and Reference Librarian at Gettysburg College and User Education/Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Maine at Farmington. A native of western Pennsylvania, Katherine was destined for librarianship after completing an undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in History with dual certificates in Medieval and Renaissance Studies and Western European Studies. She has served as president of the local chapter of ACRL and as President of the Board for the Pennsylvania Interlibrary Delivery Service. She is a LYRASIS member.

Ed Galloway is the Associate University Librarian for Archives & Special Collections at the University of Pittsburgh. His responsibilities are vast and varied from supervising to providing the resources for student assistance, supplies, or collections. He is responsible for digitization initiatives within the ULS and has broad responsibility for the digital collections that are primarily accessible on our Historic Pittsburgh and Documenting Pitt websites.
Toby Greenwalt is Director of Digital Strategy and Technology Integration at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Exploring the intersection of community-building and cutting-edge technology, Toby works to create memorable library experiences for users in the physical space and the virtual space – and everywhere in between. He currently serves as an advisory committee member for the American Library Association’s Center for the Future of Libraries and writes and speaks frequently on issues related to building community through technology. Toby received his MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a LYRASIS Member.

Adrienne Johnson is the Assistant Library Director/University Archivist/ Associate Professor at Wilmington University. She earned her MLIS from Drexel University and her Masters of Archives and Records Management from San Jose State University. She is a LYRASIS member.

Michael B. Jones, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Library and Learning Commons at Carlow University. He has served as a faculty member and administrator in higher education for over 25 years. He is a LYRASIS member.

Alecia Kerr is the Library Director at La Roche College John J. Wright Library. She received her Bachelors in English from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama and her Masters of Library and Information Science from Dominican University, located in River Forest, Illinois. Before coming to La Roche in August 2018, she has been a tenured faculty member for City Colleges of Chicago, where she was a Librarian, Library Chairperson, and Instructor; which includes teaching for their Library Technical Assistant program. In 2016, she completed the Master of Online Teaching program at the University of Illinois. Also, she was accepted and completed the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians program, at Harvard University. She is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Erika Linke is Associate Dean of University Libraries at Carnegie Mellon University. Erika has been an ACRL member since 1985 and served as ACRL President for 2008-2009. Erika is a national spokesperson for academic libraries; building library collections; copyright, intellectual property and scholarly communication; access to information and research resources. She earned her MLS from the University of Minnesota. She is a LYRASIS member.

Alexis Macklin is the Dean of Helmke Library at Purdue Fort Wayne in January 2017. Dean Macklin earned her Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2007. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh and her Bachelor of Arts from Chatham College. She is a LYRASIS member.

Mark Mattson has been working as the Global Partnerships and Outreach Librarian in the Penn State University Libraries since September 2016. His work includes fostering collaborative international partnerships, organizing intercultural programming, and outreach to international patrons. Mark is a member of the Leaders Circle.
Cathryn Miller is the Social Sciences Librarian at Duquesne University. Her professional interests include statistical analysis, data literacy, and research data management. Along with her colleagues, she participated in the NYU pilot entitled “Facilitating the Development of Research Data Management Services at Health Sciences Libraries” and she is currently working to develop data services at Duquesne University. Cathryn earned her MLIS from Rutgers University and her MA in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Cathryn is a member of the Leaders Circle.

Tony McMullen is the Systems Librarian at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He has written numerous articles on technology, opensource, electronic reserves and OPACS. He has a Master’s degree in Educational/Instructional Design from Capella University and holds a MLS from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Anita Norton is the Director at the Sheridan Library at Johns Hopkins University. She is a LYRASIS member.

Raeanna Paterson is the Digital Instructional Services Librarian and an adjunct English instructor for Westmoreland County Community College. She first began her library career as a cataloger for the Scottsdale Public Library and after completing her Master's degree became the Hospital School Program Coordinator and Children’s Librarian for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Her current professional focus is on upgrading the student research experience and making information literacy a staple for all college disciplines. She is a LYRASIS member.

Lianglei Qi is the Digital Collections Librarian at West Chester University. She is a LYRASIS member.

Bethann Rea is the Digital Production Supervisor for the Preservation, Conservation and Digitization department at Pennsylvania State University. A Pennsylvania native, as well as a Penn State Alumna with undergraduate degrees in Art History and Visual Art. Ms. Rea continued her education with a MLIS degree focusing in academic librarianship at Syracuse University. Prior to her employment with Penn State, she managed the Processing and Imaging Center for the Registrar’s Office at the University of Kansas. Bethann is a Leaders Circle Member.

Angela Rice is the Dean of the Jerry Falwell Library at Liberty University. Serving more than 25 years in education, Angela Rice has spent the last four as dean of the Jerry Falwell Library at Liberty University focusing on communicating the library’s impact on student success and using data to guide budgetary decisions. With also a background in business, she has overseen a customer service model where library decisions are student centered. With degrees from Longwood University and Syracuse University, her research interests include the impact of customer service on library usage and student success. Angela is a Leaders Circle Member.

Carla Sarratt is the Library Director for the Langston Hughes Memorial Library at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. She received her Master of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. She is a LYRASIS Member.
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Tim Schlak is Dean of the Robert Morris University Library and has held this position since 2014. Previously, he was the library director of the DeWitt Learning Commons, a 58,000sf, $13.5 million project he spearheaded at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. He holds a PhD and MLIS in Library & Information Science as well as an MA in Russian Literature from the University of Pittsburgh. He is very active in researching the intersection of academic libraries with social and intellectual capital and has a forthcoming edited volume slated to appear in print in fall 2019 and entitled The Social Future of Academic Libraries. He is a LYRASIS member.

Brooke Sansosti is the Digitization and Special Projects Lead at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She previously held positions at Reed College, Tulane University, University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. She has expertise in visual resources, museums, curation and digitization. She holds a MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a LYRASIS member.

Bret Stiffler is the Systems Librarian at Carlow University serving as the project lead on all things relating to the ILS. He also maintains the university’s website, web presence and is the liaison between the library and e-resource vendors and partners. He previously worked at Citizens Library and Carnegie Mellon University. He holds a MSLS from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He is a LYRASIS member.

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