

ALPS Yodeler

By Danielle Winn.

Introducing your new ALPS Executive

The incoming ALPS Executive for 2011/2012 are:

- Chair: Todd Rowlett (VCC)
- Chair-Elect: Tara Stephens (UBC)
- Continuing Education Coordinator -2nd year: Deb Nielsen (UNBC)
- Continuing Education Coordinator- 1st year: Rebecca Dowson (SFU)
- Recording Secretary: Danielle Winn (UBC)
- SLAIS Student Representative: Cynthia Ng (UBC)

Many thanks to the following outgoing members for all of their hard work over the past year:

- Co-Chairs: Rebecca Dowson and Hope Power (SFU)
- Continuing Education Coordinator -2nd year: Ophelia Ma (UVic)
- Recording Secretary: Susan Paterson (UBC)
- SLAIS Student Representative: Naomi Schemm (UBC)

BCLA ALPS Award for Outstanding Service

Winner- 2011 (By Deb Nielsen)

Kealin McCabe, Research and Learning Services Librarian, from the University of Northern British Columbia is this year's ALPS Award for Outstanding Service Winner. Nominated by faculty and fellow librarians at UNBC for her conscientious effort to partner and collaborate with faculty in the development of curriculum, embedded librarianship, library outreach and roaming reference. The award was presented by Rebecca Dowson at the BC Library Conference's award luncheon April 9th in Victoria, B.C.

A big thank you to the Awards Committee members: Colleen Bell (UFV), Erin Fields (UBC), Yolanda Koscielski (SFU), Katherine Miller (UBC), and Deb Nielsen (UNBC).

BCLA ALPS December Meeting

Save the date! This year's December meeting is being hosted by SFU Library and will take place on December 2, 2011 at SFU Harbour Centre's Canfor Policy Room (1600). Nicole Gjertsen (SFU) will discuss SFU's Text Reference Pilot project and Margaret Friesen (UBC) will give a talk on assessment. We are currently planning the event so please watch for additional details.

Getting Hired in Higher Education: Advice for Future Librarians (By Cynthia Ng)

An annual event at the School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies (SLAIS) at the University of British Columbia (UBC), *Getting Hired in Higher Education* invites students to meet a panel of newly hired academic librarians. The librarians share their experiences, give advice and answer students' questions related to getting hired and working in academic libraries. This year's event, sponsored by BCLA and co-organized by ALPS and SLAIS's ALPS representative, was held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 with 5 academic librarians:

- Aleha McCauley (University of British Columbia)
- Annie Jensen (Langara College)
- Emma Lawson (Langara College)
- Danielle Winn (University of British Columbia)
- Baharak Yousefi (Capilano University)

Panelists provided an overview of their educational and employment backgrounds as well as the application and interview process for their current positions. Additionally, advice was given to students on finding work and securing positions after they graduate, particularly in academic libraries, but also in other areas students might consider exploring.

Key advice for students included taking project or skill based courses, gaining as much experience as possible (especially in instruction and project management), and being involved in professional associations, events, and publishing. Students should also take every opportunity to network, as well as keep up with trends, especially technology. Panelists advised students to get a mentor who can provide more personalized advice and feedback on resumes, cover letters, and interviews.

Panelists noted that there were advantages to being flexible regarding location, type of institution and accepting contract work.

The event was well-received by the more than twenty SLAIS students in attendance. Thanks to ALPS Executive members Tara Stephens and Danielle Winn for organizing an informative and successful event for SLAIS students! For full details on the event, please visit <http://cynng.wordpress.com/2011/10/05/>

Cynthia Ng is the ALPS representative of the BCLA/CLA student chapter and a current MLIS student at the University of British Columbia's School of Library and Archival, and Information Studies.

ALPS Link

ALPS Link is a depository for learning objects. The ALPS Link Committee is currently seeking to recruit new committee members for one and two year terms. The

committee usually meets two or three times a year. Please email Katherine Miller (Katherine.miller@ubc.ca) if you are interested in joining the committee.

ALPS: We want YOU!

Are you interested in meeting and networking with academic librarians? Do you have ideas for a social event you'd like to see us sponsor? We are always happy to welcome new members at anytime. To learn more about us, check out our-BCLA ALPS Website:

<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ALPS/default.aspx>

And don't forget to join the BCLA ALPS email list for all of the latest news and discussions about events and issues of interest to academic librarians in public service across the province.

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