

ALPS Update

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Getting Hired in Higher Education

ALPS hosted its annual Getting Hired in Higher Education panel on Tuesday, October 29 at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia (UBC). This was a great opportunity to learn more about navigating the hiring process and securing professional employment.

Organized by the ALPS section of the BCLA/CLA Student Chapter, the panel featured academic librarians in both colleges and universities who have graduated within the past five years. Our panelists were:

- **Leah Hopton** (Project Coordinator, BC Electronic Library Network)
- **Elyse Neufeld** (Information and Instruction Liaison Librarian, Simon Fraser University)
- **Franklin Sayre** (Pharmacy & Dentistry Liaison Librarian, University of British Columbia)
- **Mari Paz Vera** (Assistant Department Head & Librarian, Vancouver Community College)
- **Jenna Walsh** (Indigenous Initiatives Librarian & Liaison for Archaeology, First Nations Studies and Political Science, Simon Fraser University)
- **Hillary Webb** (Systems and Technical Services Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art and Design)

The panelists discussed their paths from graduation to employment and the tips, tricks, and strategies they found useful as new librarians and information specialists. The event gave SLAIS students and other interested individuals an opportunity to hear the firsthand experiences of academic librarians new to the field and to ask questions on how to best prepare themselves for success as academic librarians.

ALPS would like to thank the panelists, the organizers for all their hard work and UBC for hosting this event.

Save the Date!

Planning for ALPS's annual business meeting is underway. Tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 6, the annual business meeting is an opportunity for BCLA members to gather and discuss current issues in academic librarianship.

This year's sessions will focus on emerging technologies. We are currently planning the event, so please watch for more information as it emerges.

Reaching Out

The social media outreach initiative undertaken last year is continuing with the current executive committee. ALPS is continuing efforts to reach out to the community via Facebook, Twitter, and through the BCLA ALPS mailing list.

We're committed to providing information on the latest news, events, and issues that impact academic librarians in public service throughout British Columbia.

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Interested in Academic Libraries?

Then ALPS wants to hear from you! Whether you're interested in networking with other professionals, promoting events or discussing issues, ALPS welcomes new members.

To find out more about ALPS and its mandate, please visit our web site at

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

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