

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SECTION (CODES)

**2017
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

Emily Hamstra

Current Position: Intermittent Librarian, Seattle Public Library, Seattle WA

Type of Library: Public

Previous Positions:

Learning Librarian, Kinesiology Librarian, University of Michigan Library, 2009-2016

Public Service Associate, University of Michigan Library, 2007-2009

Archive Intern, Grand Rapids Public Library, 2007

Degrees and Certificates:

University of Michigan, MSI, 2009; Calvin College, BA, English, History, 2007

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): RUSA

Were/are you an Emerging Leader? Yes

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities

RUSA-CODES Executive Committee, Member-at-Large, 2015-2017

RUSA-CODES The Reading List Council, 2013-2014, 2016-2017

RUSA Membership Committee, 2016-2017

RUSA Professional Development Committee, 2016-18

RUSA Access to Information Committee, 2015-2017

RUSA Awards Coordinating Committee, 2015-2017

RUSA-CODES Louis Shores Award Committee, Chair, 2013-2015; Member, 2012-2013, 2015-2016

RUSA Just Ask Task Force, 2012-2013

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES)

Peer Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) Site of the Month, April 2015.

Emerging Leader, American Library Association, Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), 2012.

Major Accomplishments

I became involved in RUSA after RUSA sponsored my participation in the Emerging Leaders

program in 2012. Since then, I have served on many RUSA and RUSA-CODES committees, including the Reading List Council, Louis Shores Award Committee, and am currently a RUSA-CODES member-at-large.

I have worked in both public and academic libraries with responsibilities in reference, collection development, readers' advisory, and instruction services. I have contributed to readers' advisory services on a national and local level. In addition to reviewing for Library Journal, I have served on the Reading List Council, awarding outstanding genre fiction for adult readers. In my previous position at the University of Michigan Library, I created readers' advisory services in an academic library—a place where readers' advisory is not a traditional service. I re-envisioned the library's popular fiction and nonfiction collection by collecting books that are on trend with the community of Millennials that I served.

Publications:

Reading List Council. "Cool summer reads: hit the beach with these genre fiction favorites." Library Journal 141.9 (2016): 72.

Oehril, Jo Angela and Emily Hamstra. (2015). "Authority is contextual: scholarly/ non-scholarly." In Patricia Bravender, Hazel McClure, and Gayle Schaub (Eds.), Teaching Information Literacy Threshold Concepts: Lesson Plans for Librarians. Chicago: Association of College and Research Libraries.

Hamstra, Emily. "New adult: the genre." Roundtable Discussion, Association of College and Research Libraries Conference, Portland, OR, March 17, 2015.

Links to further information:

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Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

In this position, I will lead RUSA-CODES through changes that reflect our exciting and evolving approaches to collection development. This will include updating our committee manuals. Our book award committees need to make important updates to their manuals to reflect changes and developments in publishing, and make changes in their award requirements and processes. I plan to form a CODES task force to help the award committees update their manuals and processes, and will continue the good work set in place by the CODES Executive Committee.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 7

Matthew J. Wayman

Current Position: Head Librarian, Penn State Schuylkill, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania

Type of Library: Academic

Previous Positions:

Reference Librarian, Penn State Abington, 2000-2008

Degrees and Certificates:

Temple University, M. A., History, 2005; Rutgers University, M. L. S., 2000; Rutgers University, B. A., History, 1997

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): RUSA**ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities**

CODES Member-at-Large, 2015-17; CODES Representative to RUSA Organization and Planning Committee, 2015-17; CODES Representative to RUSA Publications and Communications Committee, 2015-17; RUSA Representative to ALA Advocacy Coordinating Group, 2011-13; RUSA History Section Historical Materials Committee (member, 2012-16; chair, 2014-16); CODES Communications Committee (member, 2008-12); CODES Materials Reviewing Committee (member, 2008-10); CODES Dartmouth Medal Committee (member, 2006-08; chair, 2007-08); CODES Reference Sources Committee (member, 2002-06; chair, 2005-06); History Section Instructional and Research Services Committee (member, 2003-05, 2006-08)

Publications:

Compiler: Selected Bibliography, World War II: The Definitive Encyclopedia and Document Collection, 5 vols. Edited by Spencer C. Tucker, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016.

Editor: "From Committees of RUSA: Best Historical Materials 2015," Reference & User Services Quarterly 55, no. 3 (Spring 2016): 239-40.

Author: Review of Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution, by David Preston, Journal of Military History, Volume 80, Number 1 (January 2016): 205-6.

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

Libraries are at a crucial point with regard to collections. In addition to my regular position, I currently serve as Acting Acquisitions Librarian for Penn State University. I am frequently exposed to issues we face with regard to licensing, pricing, inflation, and budgets. Collection development grows more complex, costs grow, and funding remains largely stagnant. We purchase rights to stream some content, but other times must find venues for hosting content. While electronic resources have grown in significance, print is not dead, and demand for print materials continues to be a factor. My professional concerns therefore involve efficiency and collaboration in acquiring collections, and advocacy for those involved in such processes.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 15

01. Curtis Ferree

Current Position: Collection Development Librarian for Non-Licensed Resources, Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut

Type of Library: Academic

Previous Positions:

Senior Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian, Fairfield University 2006-2015

Degrees and Certificates:

Syracuse University, MSLIS, 2006

University of Arizona, MFA in Creative Writing, 1999

Ohio State University, BA in English, 1995

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): RUSA

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities

RUSA CODES Outstanding Reference Sources Committee, Chair, 2014 -2015

RUSA CODES Outstanding Reference Sources Committee, Member, 2011-2013

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 7

Debbie Luchenbill

Current Position: Evergreen Coordinator, MOBIUS, Columbia MO

Type of Library: Other (if other enter below)

Other:

Consortium Headquarters

Previous Positions:

State Coordinator, National History Day in Missouri, The State Historical Society of Missouri, 2007-2012

Degrees and Certificates:

University of Missouri, MALS, 2006; Boston University, MTS, Biblical and Historical Studies, 2000; University of Arizona, BA, History, 1998.

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): ASCLA, LLAMA, RUSA

To which Round Tables do you belong? (check all that apply)

Games & Gaming (GAMERT)

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities

Co-chair, RUSA CODES Readers Advisory Research and Trends Forum committee, 2012-2014

Member, RUSA CODES Sophie Brody Award committee, 2011-2013

Member, RUSA CODES Readers Advisory committee, 2010-2012
Member, YALSA Outreach to Teens with Special Needs committee, 2007-2009

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES)

Missouri Library Association, Co-Coordinator, 2018 Conference, 2016-present
Missouri Library Association, Member, Missouri Author Award Subcommittee, 2016
Evergreen Community, Member, Conference Site Selection Committee, 2014-present

Beta Phi Mu Psi Chapter, President, 2012-present
Columbia Chorale Board of Directors, Member, 2012-2014
Missouri Library Association, Membership Committee, 2009-2013
Missouri Library Association, Archivist, 2009-2012
Missouri Library Association, Genealogy and Local History Special Interest Group, 2008-2011
(Recorder, 2008; Vice-Chair, 2009; Chair, 2010; Past-Chair, 2011)
Library and Information Science Graduate Students' Association, University of Missouri-Columbia, President, 5/2005-8/2006
Graduate and Professional Council, University of Missouri-Columbia, Member, Finance Committee, 10/2005-5/2006
Library and Information Science Graduate Students' Association, University of Missouri-Columbia, Vice-President, 1/2005-5/2005

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES)

Beta Phi Mu Psi Chapter, inducted 2008

Publications:

Luchenbill, Deborah: Review of Fables: Rose Red, by Bill Willingham and Mark Buckingham. In Neal Wyatt, "From the RA Horse's Mouth: Favorite Reads of 2011 | The Reader's Shelf." Library Journal, December 15, 2011.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 11

Magan Szwarek

Current Position: Director of Reference Services, Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg IL

Type of Library: Public

Previous Positions:

Adult Services Director, Forest Park Public Library 2014-16

Readers Advisory/Popular Materials Supervisor, Aurora Public Library 2010-2014

Information Professional, CompassLexecon, 2008-2010

Degrees and Certificates:

Dominican University, MLIS, 2004

North Park University, BA Politics & Government, 1998

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): LLAMA, PLA, RUSA

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities

RUSA CODES Readers' Advisory Research and Trends Committee Member 2016-2018

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES)

Adult Reading Round Table Steering Committee Member 2010-present

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

The continued survival of public libraries is critical to the communities we serve and depends upon our willingness as a profession to constantly examine the services we offer and the manner in which we offer them. I am committed to exploring ways that library collections can be expanded to meet the needs of the community in the most meaningful way possible and the only way to accomplish this is by meeting people where they are and fostering collaboration between institutions and communities.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 13

Cathleen Towey Merenda

Current Position: Executive Director, Westbury Memorial Public Library, Westbury NY

Type of Library: Public

Previous Positions:

Head of Adult Services, Port Washington Public Library, 1991-2001

Adjunct Professor, LIU C.W. Post 1997-2011

Visiting Professor, Queens College 2004-2006

Degrees and Certificates:

MA, Library Science, Queens College, CUNY, 1988

BA, History, Lehman College, CUNY 1977

Division Affiliation(s) (check all that apply): RUSA

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities

University Press Books for Public and School Libraries, Carnegie Medal for Fiction and Nonfiction, Notable Books Council, RUSA Member at Large, Collection Development Committee, Readers' Advisory Committee, National Advisory Committee for Walgreen's Consumer Health Education Project

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES)

2013 Librarian of the Year RWA/NYC, 1999 Putnam and Grosset Group Award

Major Accomplishments

I've built a talented team of librarians to serve the needs of a very diverse community. We are always innovating and seeking ways to expand and build services. We take particular pride in the quality of our collections and our circulation figures reflect that quality. Although we are a medium sized library, my staff thinks big, and serving with ALA CODES has allowed me to strengthen that thinking.

Publications:

How the Westbury Library Helped the Community after Hurricane Sandy, Journal of Leadership and Management, NYLA 2015

Considering Attitude and Values in Hiring Public Librarians, Public Libraries September/October 2004

Flor: The Benefits of Pleasure Reading and Tapping Readers' Interests, Reader, Reading and Librarians, 2001

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

As the Director of a medium-sized public library I have a front-line perspective that enhances my understanding of collection development and how a community uses collections. I'd like to bring that perspective and the experience I've had on CODES committees to influence future growth of CODES in a positive and practical way.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 27