



# SCARLA

The Student College, Academic, and Research  
Libraries Association at Rutgers University

Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2013

## Officers Present

Co-Presidents: Jen Hunter and Cassidy Charles  
Vice President: Kristen Mapes  
Secretary: Roslyn Grandy  
Treasurer: Karen Jason  
Webmaster: Kathleen DiGiulio  
Faculty Adviser: Marie Radford  
Library Liaison: Gene Springs

**The meeting came to order at 5:55 pm.**

**Attendance sheet and agenda were distributed.**

**We were unable to set up Adobe Connect because the OIT lab attendants were gone.**

- Introductions
- Webmaster nomination – Kathleen DiGiulio has agreed to be our new webmaster.
- Programming/Events
  - Institutional repository panel – Jen has been talking with Gracemary Smulewitz, head of DTS at RUL. There is a lot of controversy in academia about this subject right now, so doing a panel this semester would be ideal. The colloquia for the 502 class are already planned, so this might be a SCARLA event. We would need a sponsor. We could possibly do a panel at NJLA.
  - Forum on fellowship and funding option – Gene gave a presentation on this in the past and it would be useful to have another presentation for newer students. We would need to have it soon as many of the fellowships have deadlines in December/January. Fellowships are nice entry level positions, sometimes lead to full-time hires, are good for recent grads, and often pay, in contrast to many of the internships in our field.
- Blog posts
  - So far on the blog, people have written about internships, the academic library job interview process, experiences at conferences and events, and

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new job postings. We would welcome posts on issues, interests, or other hot topics. We try to post weekly, although frequency varies. Who should be responsible for editing blog posts?

- NJLA Internship program – deadline September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Article Share
  - Singleton, B. (2003). Entering academic librarianship: tips for library school students. *College and Research Library News*, 64(2), 84-86.
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – priority deadline for ALA Midwinter conference registration. Student rate is \$140, which is an excellent deal.
  - Student meet-up at Midwinter with Drexel students is in the works
  - The LIS department could sponsor a bus to Philadelphia for students
  - ACRL has programs and committees at Midwinter – opportunities for networking, alumni event at a bar with drink & food tickets
- Join ALA and NJLA - Membership rate is \$35 for both
- Advice from Dr. Radford
  - Students can present at conferences – either as a presentation or a poster, like the one SCARLA did on information literacy instruction. Sometimes the posters grow out of an assignment or are related to your particular interests.
  - Academic librarians are expected to publish and add to the knowledge base. Show leadership and network. This is how we get jobs.
  - NJLA is always looking for newsletter content. They are eager to hear from students because we are technologically savvy and are the “bright shining lights of the profession.”
  - Always dress professionally at conferences
- SCARLA meetings are 5:50 pm – 6:20 pm in the SC&I Student Lounge unless otherwise noted
  - October 10
  - November 7
  - December 5

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.**