Open Access: Change, Challenge, Opportunity

Academic Librarians Section- New England Library Association
November 13, 2015 – Bridgewater State University
Heritage Room – Maxwell Library
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Schedule of Events

9:30-10:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00-10:15  Opening Remarks: Jason Soohoo

Chair of the Academic Librarians Section; New England Library Association

Welcome: Michael Somers

Director of Library Services; Bridgewater State University

10:15-11:15  Keynote Speaker: Jeff Gallant

Visiting Program Officer for Open Educational Resources; Board of Regents Library Services / GALILEO; University of Georgia System

11:30-12:30  Breakout Sessions (attendees can attend either presentation)

Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon (L112): Sara Marks; Reference Librarian; UMASS, Lowell

Instructional Design and Open Educational Resources (Heritage Room): Marisha Marks; Instruction Designer; UMASS, Amherst

12:30-1:30  Lunch

1:30-2:45  Open Access Policies Panel Session

- Caroline Kent; Director of Research Support & Instruction; Connecticut College
- Julia Lovett; Digital Initiatives Librarian; University of Rhode Island
- Andrée Rathemacher; Head of Acquisitions; University of Rhode Island
- Vika Zafrin; Institutional Repository Librarian; Boston University

2:45-3:00  Closing Remarks: Jason Soohoo

3:00-3:30  Dessert & Networking
**Speaker Biographies**

**Jeff Gallant** is the Affordable Learning Georgia Visiting Program Officer for Open Educational Resources for the University System of Georgia. His position includes assistance, training, and consulting in the implementation of open and affordable resources in all Textbook Transformation Grants projects, enrollment and savings impact data analysis and reporting, organizational communications including a weekly newsletter and the ALG website, development and coordination of an online Training and Development Series, and both presenting and planning in-person educational events regarding OER and affordable resources.

**Caroline Kent** is the Director of Research Support & Instruction at Connecticut College. She was part of the team responsible for collaborating with faculty to create and draft the Open Access Policy that is currently in place at Connecticut College. Her responsibilities include working specifically with faculty and students to find materials for populating their institutional repository. She collaborates with the appropriate students and staff to find, vet, and enter appropriate materials into the repository.

**Julia Lovett** is currently Digital Initiatives Librarian at the University of Rhode Island, where she worked on passing an Open Access Policy (March 2013). She now manages the day-to-day implementation of the Policy and serves as the URI Faculty Senate’s designated OA Policy liaison. She is involved in professional organizations such as the Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions and the ACRL/NEC Scholarly Communication Interest Group. Prior to URI, she served as Special Projects Librarian at the University of Michigan, where she was a project manager for the Michigan Digitization Project and the HathiTrust Digital Library. She holds an MSI from the University of Michigan and a BA in English from Wellesley College.

**Marisha Marks** is an Instructional Designer at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Continuing & Professional Education. She has a graduate certificate in Instructional Technology Design and a Master’s in Education. She brings her background in building engaging science programs to help instructors design and develop online courses with student success in mind. Marisha joined the C&PE team in 2013 after working as an instructional designer at UMass Boston.

**Sara Marks** is an Instruction and Outreach Librarian at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, where she has hosted a series of 4 Wikipedia Edit-A-Thons with members of the campus community and city of Lowell this past spring. She earned her MLIS in 2004 from Simmons College and has a second MS (Applied Communication) from Fitchburg State University.

**Andrée J. Rathemacher** is Professor and Head of Acquisitions in the University Libraries at the University of Rhode Island, where she manages the materials budget of approximately $4 million. She is an advocate of open access and scholarly communication reform. In 2013, she played a leadership role in the passage of an open access policy by the University of Rhode Island faculty. The following year she initiated the creation of the URI Open Access Fund to support faculty publishing in open access journals. She actively promotes the University Libraries' support of collaborative open access initiatives, including SCOAP3, Knowledge Unlatched, Reveal Digital, and the Open Library of Humanities.

**Vika Zafrin** has been Boston University’s Institutional Repository Librarian since that position’s inception in late 2010. She is an active open access advocate on campus, and was a principal participant in the adoption of Boston University’s opt-out open access policy for faculty-authored scholarly articles. Currently Zafrin is an operational lead on policy implementation. She has a PhD in Humanities Computing from Brown; she is active in the BU and global digital humanities community; her OA work is strongly informed by her humanities background.

*If you are interested in working with the Academic Librarians Section of the New England Library Association (NELA), please contact Jason Soohoo at jsoohoo@salemstate.edu. We always welcome new members or current members that would like to be involved in programming for NELA!*