



2018 Election Candidates

Chair Elect

Helen-Ann Brown Epstein, AHIP, FMLA

Virtua, Mt. Laurel, NJ

Helen-Ann will bring her enthusiasm, energy and past experience as Chapter Chair to the Chair-Elect position. She feels her past participation on the CE Committee and her membership of the Philadelphia Chapter will be an asset as our Chapter merges with the Philadelphia Chapter. Also, once upon a time, Helen-Ann, as President of her college sorority successfully merged it with another. Helen-Ann is eager to carry on our tried and true traditions, but also be open to fresh new ideas to keep our members and attract new ones.

Secretary

Jungwon DeVone, BLIS

Matheny Medical and Educational Center, Peapack, NJ

Jungwon DeVone was born and grew up in Seoul, South Korea, and graduated from Kangnam University in South Korea with a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science. Currently, she is pursuing her MLIS degree at Valdosta State University in Georgia (Online program). Since 2006, she has been working as a medical librarian at Matheny Medical and Educational Center, a special hospital for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. She is the co-chair of HSLANJ Reorganization Task Force Team, and a member of MLA NY/NJ Chapter Program Committee. In June 2018, she received a 2018-19 ALA Spectrum scholarship in the NLM/MLA category.

Treasurer-Elect

Gregg A. Stevens, MSLS, MST, AHIP

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Gregg Stevens is a health sciences librarian at Stony Brook University. He is the liaison to the university's School of Nursing and its new School of Pharmacy. Before 2017, he was a health sciences librarian at Mercer University in Atlanta.

He is an active member of the Medical Library Association and he is a convener for MLA's LGBTQ Health Sciences Librarians Special Interest Group. Previously he was active with the Southern Chapter of MLA as well as local and state organizations in Florida and Georgia, working on several committees. Gregg was a participant in MLA's Rising Star program in 2016-2017.



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Executive Board Members, 2 Votes Needed

Jessica Koos MLS, AHIP

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Jessica Koos, MLS, MS, AHIP, is a Health Sciences Librarian at Stony Brook University, where she is the liaison to the School of Medicine, Program in Public Health, and Department of Biomedical Informatics. Prior to coming to Stony Brook, she was a Pharmacy Librarian at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. She is currently the President of Medical & Scientific Libraries of Long Island (MEDLI). She is also serving on the MLA NY/NJ Chapter Program Planning Committee. Jessica has been a member of the Medical Library Association since 2013, and is a member of the Research Section, where she is a reviewer for the journal Hypothesis. She is also a member of the Educational Media and Technologies Section, as well as the Public Health/Health Administration Section. She has served on various MLA juries over the years. She is an Evidence Summary Writer for Evidence-Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP). She was a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) from 2014-2017, where she was a member of the Library and Information Science section. She participated as an abstract reviewer for the annual meeting and was a contributor to the bibliography, “Basic Resources in Pharmacy Education.”

Tim Roberts, MLS, MPH

NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

Tim Roberts would be able to bring a unique perspective the NY/NJ MLA Executive Board based on his diverse experiences as a Medical Librarian over the past 22 years. He has worked for the National Network of Medical Libraries in 2 regions, ran a health education center in a CBO, worked as a vendor, a hospital librarian, and, currently, as an academic medical librarian. As a vendor, he had the opportunity to meet librarians from across the country learning what strategies worked in securing a library’s resources. While working as a solo hospital librarian at Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) the connection to the chapter became an important professional lifeline. He served as co-chair of the NY/NJ MLA Programming Committee in 2010 and 2011. Also while at HSS, he served on the (NN/LM) Middle Atlantic Region – Library Improvement Committee in 2007 and on the Metropolitan New York Library Council Hospital Library Services Program Advisory Committee from 2007 – 2011. After a brief stint as Director of Graduate Medical Education at HSS, he began an academic medical library position at NYU Health Sciences Library as the Population Health Librarian in 2016. He currently serves as the Program Chair for the NY/NJ MLA 2018 Meeting “Eyes on US” and is a member of the Nominating Committee. Tim is eager to continue his work with the chapter and would be honored to serve on the NY/NJ MLA Executive Board.



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Rachel Pinotti, MLIS, AHIP

Levy Library, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY 10029-6574

Rachel Pinotti is the Associate Library Director for Education & Research Services at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS). In this role she oversees reference, consultation and instructions services for ISMMS and the hospitals of the Mount Sinai Health System. She enjoys working with a diverse group of patrons including medical and graduate students, faculty, residents, fellows, and staff. Rachel serves as co-director of the longitudinal evidence-based medicine curriculum, co-course director of Lessons in Scientific Publishing and course director for Introduction to Systematic Reviews. Prior to joining Mount Sinai Rachel spent five years working in the field of electronic resources publishing, first at ARTstor, a non-profit, digital library of images, and next at McGraw-Hill Professional. Rachel earned her B.A. summa cum laude from Emory University and her Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science. She is a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP). Rachel has been an active member of the MLA NY-NJ Chapter since 2012 and was a member of the planning committee for the 2014 and 2015 annual chapter meetings. She is humbled to have been nominated as an Executive Board Member and welcomes the opportunity to become more involved in the chapter.

Chapter Council Representative

Latrina Keith, MLS

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Latrina Keith is Head of Resources Management, Cataloging & Metadata at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Trina has been a member of the NY-NJ Chapter of MLA since 1997 and a member of MLA since 2002. She has been highly active on both chapter and national levels. Her activities on the chapter level include: Secretary (2003-2005), Member, Membership & Recruitment Committee (2005-Present), Chair, Professional Recognition Committee (2004-2009), Executive Board Member (2009-2011), Member, MLA Quad Chapter Meeting Printing/Publicity Committee (2011-2012), and Chapter Council Alternate (2016-2019). Her activities on the national level include Jury Chair, Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year (2018-2019), Member, Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year (2017-2018), Member, MLA Nominating Committee (2015-2016), Section Council Representative, Technical Services Section (2014-2015), Chair, Technical Services Section (2013-2014), Chair-Elect/Program Chair, Technical Services Section, (2012-2013), Jury Chair, MLA Minority Students Scholarship Jury (2011-2012), Member, MLA Minority Students Scholarship Jury (2010-2011), Member, MLA Local Assistance Committee, (2010), Member, Consumer and Patient Health Information Section (2005-Present) and Member, Membership Committee (2008-2009). Trina received her master's in library and Information Science from Pratt Institute in 2000.



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Allison Piazza, MLIS, AHIP

Seton Hall University , Nutley NJ

Allison Piazza is a Health Sciences Librarian at the Interprofessional Health Sciences Library at Seton Hall University. Prior to this position, she was the Reference Services and Outreach Librarian at the New York Academy of Medicine Library. Other positions have included Health Sciences Librarian Fellow at NYU Langone Health and Clinical Librarian Intern at Weill Cornell Medicine. She is the immediate past Chair of MLA's Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee. Allison is a 2015 graduate of Pratt Institute's School of Information. She holds her undergraduate degree from Fordham University.

Alternate Chapter Council Representative

Michelle Demetres, MLIS

Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

Michelle Demetres, MLIS is a Scholarly Communications Librarian at the Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medicine, assisting and supporting researchers in all aspects of the scholarly publishing lifecycle. As a member of WCM faculty, Michelle has developed and taught courses to a range of health professionals and students, helping to incorporate research skills and resources into the curriculum. Michelle is also an active collaborator in the library's Systematic Review service, Grant Editing service, and Institutional Repository. An MLA NY-NJ member since 2016, Michelle is a newer Chapter member, looking to become more involved in Chapter business.

Nominating Committee Members, 2 Votes Needed

Andrew L. Hickner, MSI

Seton Hall University , Nutley NJ

Andrew Hickner is a Health Sciences Librarian at Seton Hall University, where I'm a liaison to Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. Prior to Seton Hall, I was Web Services Librarian at the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library at Yale University. I have been involved on a national level with MLA since 2013 in various capacities, including as past chair of the Funk Governmental Relations Committee; past co-convenor of the LGBTQ SIG; and most recently, as a member of the Governmental Relations Committee and chair-elect of the Social Justice Section. I'm a new member of the Chapter, and currently serve on the Chapter's Web Committee.



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Jaclyn Vialet, MLS, AHIP

St. John's University

Jaclyn Vialet, is a solo-health sciences librarian and the director of the Health Education Resource Center for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, at St. John's University. During her tenure as the director, she has converted the center's capabilities from a general facility holding reference materials and serials, to a library that offers reference, research support, and technical support services, as well as engages in collection development and information literacy activities. Jaclyn also serves as a member of the college's Library Committee and is the liaison to the Marketing and Communications department. As a member of Medical Library Association, Jaclyn is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, is currently the chair of the Continuing Education Award Jury, and is also serving a three-year term as a member of the Professional Recruitment & Retention Committee.

MLA Nominating Committee Members

Antonio P. DeRosa, MS, MLIS, AHIP

Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

Antonio DeRosa serves as the Oncology Consumer Health Librarian (OCHL) which is a patient and caregiver oriented clinical role specializing in oncology information and managing a patient-focused oncology resource center within the Myra Mahon Patient Resource Center (PRC). Antonio works in close collaboration with the Oncology Service Line at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and on interdisciplinary teams in the WCM Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center. Working directly with leadership at both institutions, Antonio serves as an oncology information ombudsman to patients, families/caregivers, faculty, and students. He participates on the cancer care team by offering information therapy to patients and their caregivers, is a key resource to oncology staff and medical students surrounding evidence-based medicine, point-of-care tools, and consumer health resources, and advises on strategies to enhance patient comprehension of care plans to optimize quality of life and the overall patient experience.