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## **Editorial**

Welcome to the Fall 2016 issue of the *African, Asian and Middle East Section Newsletter!*

In this issue, you will find:

- The minutes of from the June 2016 AAMES Executive Board Committee in Orlando, FL
- A summary of upcoming conferences and events in African, Asian and Middle East Librarianship
- The announcement of a recent IFLA publication focusing on librarianship in the Middle East and North Africa (Global Studies in Libraries and Information series)

Hoping you'll enjoy the read, I wish you a wonderful academic year!

Anais Salamon

**2016 Association of College and Research Libraries  
Asian African and Middle East Section/ACRL Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

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Saturday, June 25, 2016, 3:00 p. – 5:30 p.m.

Orange County Convention center, Orlando, FL  
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PRESENT: Deepa Banerjee (University of Washington : [dbaner@uw.edu](mailto:dbaner@uw.edu)), Jie Huang (Penn State : [jieh44@psu.edu](mailto:jieh44@psu.edu)), Hong Wu (Reynolds Community College : [hwu@reynolds.edu](mailto:hwu@reynolds.edu)), Ping Situ (University of Arizona : [psitu@email.arizona.edu](mailto:psitu@email.arizona.edu)), Angela Ko (University of Hong Kong : [aywko@hku.hk](mailto:aywko@hku.hk)), Shuyong Jiang (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign : [shyjiang@illinois.edu](mailto:shyjiang@illinois.edu)), Qian Liu (Arizona State University : [qian.liu.2@asu.edu](mailto:qian.liu.2@asu.edu)), David Hirsch (UCLA : [dirsch@library.ucla.edu](mailto:dirsch@library.ucla.edu)), Fagdeba Bakoyema (Alabama State University—Montgomery : [fbakoyema@alasu.edu](mailto:fbakoyema@alasu.edu)), Binh P. Le (Penn State : [bpl1@psu.edu](mailto:bpl1@psu.edu)), Araba Dawson-Andoh (Ohio University : [dawson-a@ohio.edu](mailto:dawson-a@ohio.edu)), Amed Demirhan (Barzani National Memorial : [ademirhanbnm@gmail.com](mailto:ademirhanbnm@gmail.com)), Katherina Lee ([lee\\_katherina@yahoo.com](mailto:lee_katherina@yahoo.com)), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA : [rbellgam@library.ucla.edu](mailto:rbellgam@library.ucla.edu)), Yue Li (Chair : Florida State University : [yli3@fsu.edu](mailto:yli3@fsu.edu)), Deborah La Fond (SUNY at Albany : [dlafond@albany.edu](mailto:dlafond@albany.edu)), John Hickok (International Relations Round Table Chair : California State Fullerton : [jhickok@fullerton.edu](mailto:jhickok@fullerton.edu)), Doris Seely (University of Minnesota : [d-seel@umn.edu](mailto:d-seel@umn.edu))

I. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Self-introductions.

Members introduced themselves.

III. Announcements

IV. Report from Yue Li (AAMES Chair)

Deepa Banerjee has agreed to be the first convener for the Asian, African and Middle Eastern Studies Interest Group (AAMES-IG) when AAMES converts to an interest group in July 2017.

I. Report from Ruby Bell-Gam (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect)

Ordinarily the Vice-chair/Chair-elect would appoint committee members, but because of the impending dissolution of the section and conversion to an interest group Ruby was advised not to do so last year. At first there was some pressure to make the transition immediately and we prepared the required documents, but the AAMES Executive Committee members preferred to go more slowly as previously agreed to with ACRL in order to have time to get it right. Last spring, the ACRL Board agreed that we could remain a section for one more year. Since no new committee members had been appointed some of the current committee chairs agreed to stay on for the one more year and committee members were appointed for one-year terms.

II. Update from Megan Griffin and Marilyn Ochoa (ACRL Staff and Board Liaisons)

None; neither was able to attend this year.

III. Report from Jingfeng Xia (Past-Chair).

None.

IV. Report from David Hirsch (Member-at-Large)

None.

V. Report from Qian Liu (AAMES Member-at-Large; Program Committee)

We are working on the program for next year; we need your ideas and support.

VI. Report from Liladhar Ramchandra Pendse (Member-at-Large)

None.

VII. Report from Ping Situ (Chair, Membership)

Ping reported that AAMES total membership as of summer 2016 is 360, up from 293 in 2015; this is a 22.87% increase. Organizational membership is down from 34 organizations to 29.

ACRL is changing the way in which committees are appointed in an effort to get more young people serving on division-level committees. We need to try to find funding for new AAMES members to attend ALA and to promote AAMES whenever we go to meetings. We need better marketing for AAMES.

XII. Report from Fagdeba Adjola Bakoyema (Chair, Constitution and Bylaws)

The name chosen for the new interest group is Asian, African and Middle Eastern Studies Interest Group. The charge and governance procedures for an interest group are shorter and simpler than those for a section. An interest group has a convener, not a chair.

We need to let ACRL members know that they can now join as many ACRL committees as they want for free, so it costs them nothing extra to join AAMES. We need to advertise on the Web sites of the various professional groups concerned with Asian, African and Middle Eastern studies and librarianship.

XIII. Report from Binh Le (Chair, Conference Program Planning)

XIV. Report from Anais Salamon (Chair, Publication)

None.

XV. Announcements

Ruby: The ACRL 2017 Conference will be held in Baltimore in March and I would like to see AAMES participate, possibly with a roundtable or a poster session. I will be asking you for your ideas.

John Hickok, Chair of the International Relations Round Table (IRRT): IRRT has appointed Marie Paiva of the University of Utah as its liaison to ACRL and Irina Stanishevskaya of the University of Alabama at Birmingham as its liaison to the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS). These liaisons can help AAMES in our relationships with ACRL and ALCTS. IRRT can help AAMES to advertise our conference programs. On Monday evening of every ALA annual conference, IRRT hosts an international reception, which is a very festive occasion. This year there are more than 300 international librarians here, many of them from AAMES areas. Tickets are \$40.

XVI. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. EST.

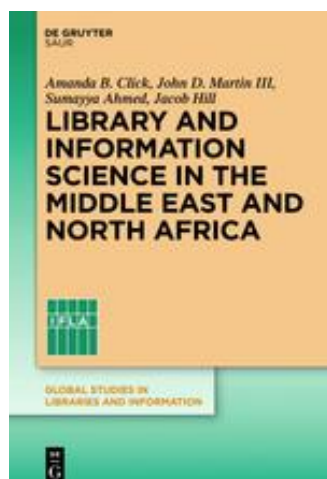
The remainder of the meeting time was devoted to the AAMES Annual Research Forum. The topic of this year's colloquium was: Asia, Africa and the Middle East: Library Resources and Development. All the papers will be posted on the AAMES web page.

Respectfully submitted by Doris Seely, July 6, 2016

## What's coming up in our fields?

Date(s)	Conference
October 14-15, 2016	<b>Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (SWCAS)</b> , University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX. For more information: <a href="http://www.trinity.edu/org/swcas/2016meeting.html">http://www.trinity.edu/org/swcas/2016meeting.html</a>
October 14-16, 2016	<b>Midwest Conference on Asian affairs (MCAA)</b> , University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL. For more information: <a href="http://www.eaps.illinois.edu/mcaa-2016/">http://www.eaps.illinois.edu/mcaa-2016/</a>
October 14-16, 2016	45th annual <b>Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies (MARAAS)</b> conference, Towson University, Towson, Maryland. For more information: <a href="http://maraas.org/2016-maraas-conference-pivot-asia">http://maraas.org/2016-maraas-conference-pivot-asia</a>
November 15-17, 2016	<b>Middle East Librarians Association (MELA) annual meeting</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA. For more information: <a href="http://mela.us/annualmeetsmela.html">http://mela.us/annualmeetsmela.html</a>
November 17-20, 2016	<b>Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting</b> , Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA. For more information: <a href="http://www.mesana.org/annual-meeting/index.html">http://www.mesana.org/annual-meeting/index.html</a>
To be announced	<b>Africana Librarians Council (ALC) Fall meeting</b> , Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC. For more information: <a href="http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/africa/ALC/">http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/africa/ALC/</a>
December 1-3, 2016	<b>59th annual meeting of the African Studies Association</b> , Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC. For more information: <a href="http://www.africanstudies.org/annual-meetings">http://www.africanstudies.org/annual-meetings</a>
January 5-7, 2017	<b>Japan Studies Association conference</b> , Hyatt Place Wikipiki Beach, Hawai'i. For more information: <a href="http://www.japanstudies.org/2017-conference-honolulu-hawaii.html">http://www.japanstudies.org/2017-conference-honolulu-hawaii.html</a>
March 16-19, 2017	<b>Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference</b> , Sheraton Center Toronto, Toronto, ON. For more information: <a href="http://www.asian-studies.org/AASAnnualConference">http://www.asian-studies.org/AASAnnualConference</a>
Summer 2017	<b>Middle East Librarians Committee International (MELCom International) conference</b> , Cambridge University Library, Cambridge, U.K. For more information: <a href="http://www.melcominternational.org/?page_id=793">http://www.melcominternational.org/?page_id=793</a>

## Recently published



### Library and Information Science in the Middle East and North Africa

Ed. by Click, Amanda B. / Ahmed, Sumayya / Hill, Jacob / Martin III, John D.

**Series:** Global Studies in Libraries and Information

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Donate by December 31, 2016

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/givetoacrl/givetoacrl>



Your contribution of any amount will provide scholarships for our new professionals and students to attend the [ACRL 2017 Conference \(http://conference.acrl.org/\)](http://conference.acrl.org/) and help to ensure the future vitality of the profession, the higher education community, and the association. We invite you to invest in the profession's future leaders as they seek to gain the experience, knowledge, and connections needed to advance learning and transform scholarship in the 21st century.

We've already raised more than \$34,000 during the advance phase of the campaign and I hope you will join me in meeting our scholarship goal of \$50,000 by December 31, 2016.

*Lori Goetsch*  
*Chair, ACRL 2017 Conference Scholarship Campaign*



## Call for Award Nominations

### Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

*\$3,000 and a plaque*

Sponsored by YBP Library Services

### Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

*\$5,000 and a plaque*

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**DEADLINE: December 2, 2016**

More information about these and all other ACRL award opportunities can be found on the ACRL website:

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards> or by contacting Chase Ollis at (312) 280-2521 or [collis@ala.org](mailto:collis@ala.org)

# Scholarly Communication

From Understanding to Engagement

## ACRL Licensed Workshops

Looking to build your professional skills? Bring one of ACRL's licensed workshops to your campus, chapter, or consortia. Led by expert presenters, these one-day immersive workshops are designed to engage participants and help academic librarians strengthen competencies in multiple areas of concentration. ACRL currently offers several licensed workshops available upon request on an ongoing basis, including:

- [Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement](#)
- [Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action](#)
- [Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM into Your Liaison Work](#)
- [Two Paths Converge: Designing Education Opportunities on the Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy](#)

Please contact ACRL Program Coordinator Chase Ollis at [collis@ala.org](mailto:collis@ala.org) or (312) 280-2521 to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.



**The 58th Annual RBMS Conference**

The Stories We Tell

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – Friday, June 23, 2017

Iowa City, Iowa

<http://conference.rbms.info/2017>

**The Stories We Tell** focuses on storytelling as practice and metaphor in the mission and daily work of special collections. From writing traditional scholarly monographs to encoding digital humanities landscapes, from building deep and inclusive collections to designing new curriculum, the ability to craft a compelling narrative is at the heart of cultural heritage work. Registration opens in February!

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