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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Georgia Library Association GLA Officer Candidates for 2019

First Vice-President / President Elect

Laura Burtle, Georgia State University

Laura Burtle seeks the position of GLA first vice-president/president elect because she feels it is important to engage with the Georgia library community. Public, academic, and school libraries share interests around teaching, training and instruction, state and local legislative and political funding and influence, collections and publisher/vendor interaction, legal issues including copyright, contracts, and first amendment concerns, and security. The Georgia Library Association is the organization that can bring librarians from different constituent groups together and expose commonalities, while also recognizing differences.



Laura regularly speaks at the Georgia Libraries (COMO) Conference, recently presenting on teaching faculty about their copyrights, fair use and the Georgia State copyright lawsuit, and copyright exceptions for libraries. She is past chair of the Academic Library Division, served as the GLA Webmaster, and was a long-term member of the Georgia Library Quarterly editorial board. Laura was awarded the GLA McJenkin-Rheay Award for early career librarians in 2004. She was co-convenor of the ACRL University Libraries Section (ULS) Current Topics Discussion Group and chair of the ULS Procedures Committee and currently serves on the ALA Committee on Legislation Copyright Subcommittee.

Laura is the associate dean for scholarly communications and digital library services at the Georgia State University Library. She earned an MSLS from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a JD from the Georgia State University College of Law. In her current role, Laura advises faculty and graduate students on copyright and publishing, including fair use and licensing, open access, author rights, and publishing contracts. She manages the university's institutional repository, contacting publishers and advising faculty on article versions. She has responsibility for the Digital Library Services department and is a member of the library's senior leadership team.

Angela Megaw, University of North Georgia

Angela Megaw joined the library faculty of the University of North Georgia (previously Gainesville State College) in 1998. She's served in several different capacities at multiple campuses and is currently an



associate professor of library science and reference services librarian in Dahlonega. Angela earned her MLIS from the University of South Carolina in 1997 and her MEd in Instructional Technology from the University of Georgia in 2005. Her current research interests include health sciences literacy, the development and use of learning objects, and accessibility of library materials.

GLA has provided Angela many opportunities to grow and develop as a library professional. She joined GLA fresh out of library school and attended her first COMO conference in 1998. She has participated in several interest groups including Reference Services, Professional and Continuing Education (co-chair 2008), and Distance Learning. Angela served as vice-chair (2014) /chair (2015) of the Academic Library Division and as a member of the Executive Board (2015). Over the years she has also been a member of multiple GLA committees including Scholarship, Membership, and for the past three years she's served on the Conference Planning committee coordinating conference registration. You also may remember her as the

budget manipulating branch manager, "Deanna," in last year's Murder by Design event at the Georgia Libraries Conference.

Angela has a passion for teaching and serving. She has taught for-credit information literacy classes for the University of North Georgia (UNG) and Shorter University and has conducted several workshops for UNG's Center for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership. Angela was a founding member of the Library and Information Services Board for MERLOT (2008–2009). She's served as a mentor and on the board for the Clarke County Mentor Program (2013–2014), served as a board member (2001–2005), president (2002–2003) of the Gainesville Theatre Alliance's Theatre Wings and served as president of the Theatre Wings endowment fund (2003–2006). She is also a 2013 graduate of LEAD Athens and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Angela is excited at the prospect of serving GLA as first vice president/president elect. She hopes to continue the legacy of great volunteer leadership GLA has experienced and look for new ways the organization can support and advocate for Georgia libraries.

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Vice-President of Marketing & Branding

Amanda Roper, Brenau University

Amanda Roper is the resource sharing and library communications specialist at Brenau University and has 13 years' experience in libraries. She is the 2017 recipient of the Georgia Library Association's Hubbard Scholarship, chair of GLA's Paraprofessional Division, and an active member of GLA's Marketing and Branding Committee. Amanda has presented on marketing, library communications, and student engagement for the Carterette Webinar Series, GA COMO, and the Library Marketing and Communications Conference. She is currently pursuing her MLIS at Valdosta State University where she



is the Student Organization for Library and Information Science (SOLIS) communications officer. Amanda is focusing her library studies on marketing and communication, student engagement and instruction, and collection development. As vice president of marketing and branding, Amanda will seek to further strengthen and solidify the GLA's branding and messaging by conducting thorough market research, collaborating with committees and interest groups, listening to the needs of the GLA membership community, and constructing a comprehensive and strategic marketing plan to invigorate and inspire the Georgia Library Association constituency.

Jacqueline Radebaugh, Columbus State University

Jacqueline Radebaugh currently is the head of technical systems and services at Columbus State University (CSU) Libraries. She has been with Columbus State University for nine years. A few years ago, Jacqueline started

the CSU ePress to house the university's publications. To grow the CSU ePress, Jacqueline created several marketing campaigns using both print and electronic marketing materials.

From 2011–2012, Jacqueline served as the chair of the CSU Distance Learning Conference Committee. In this position, Jacqueline marketed two well-attended conferences to educators from across the Southeast.

As part of her regular duties at CSU, Jacqueline maintains the libraries' website and blog. She also set up the libraries' Facebook and Twitter accounts. Jacqueline regularly provides advice, guidance, and information on library computer technology needs and manages the libraries' technical services activities.



From 2013–2015, Jacqueline served as the GALILEO visiting program officer for the Georgia Knowledge Repository (GKR). In this role, she helped participating libraries contribute to the GKR and coordinated a large digitization project. Moreover, Jacqueline helped to design the GKR website and created a monthly newsletter highlighting its activities and accomplishments.

Prior to working at CSU, Jacqueline worked at the Library of Congress in the Network Development and MARC Standards Office. In this position, she was responsible for the creation of technical documentation for the MARC 21 formats. She also designed the online MARC 21 documentation website and worked closely with the American Library Association (ALA) MARC Advisory Committee.

Jacqueline has been a member of the Georgia Library Association since 2009. She currently serves as the vice chair of the GLA Marketing & Branding Committee. In this position, Jacqueline is working on a social media policy for the association. Jacqueline has been a member of the GLA Marketing & Branding Committee for two years. As a committee member, she volunteered to assist in creating the public relations communication policy, as well as the GLA style guide.

Jacqueline has presented at the Georgia Libraries Conference (formerly GaCOMO) several times and gave a paper for the GLA Academic Library Division. She previously served on the GLA Membership Committee and on the Distance Learning Interest Group. Jacqueline would like to become more involved in GLA and help to forward its mission to empower libraries in Georgia.

Jacqueline holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Louisville.

When not working, Jacqueline enjoys writing in her fitness blog, playing with her dog, Alice, and cooking.

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Treasurer

Justin Nobles, West Georgia Regional Library System

Justin Nobles is currently the assistant director of materials management for the West Georgia Regional Library System, a five-county library system headquartered in Carrollton. He has worked with the system for seven years. His duties include managing the acquisitions and cataloging departments of the system, overseeing the materials budgets for the system's 19 libraries, and providing collection development and management training to all member libraries. He is actively involved in the budget and financial reporting process of the library system and believes that the skills used in his position can be directly applied to the role of treasurer for the Georgia Library Association. Some of the duties of treasurer include creating financial reports, keeping accurate financial records, and preparing an annual report. These are all responsibilities that Justin has experience with in his work for the library.



His involvement in the Georgia Library Association has allowed him to expand his professional interests beyond his daily work in the library. It has also given him the opportunity to network with librarians and library workers throughout the state, helping to learn more about the field of librarianship and advancing his professional interests. He wants to serve in a larger capacity within the organization that has given him these opportunities, and he believes that the role of treasurer matches his skill set perfectly. Justin is currently the chair of the Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) Interest Group and served on the Conference Advisory Taskforce from 2016–2017. His professional affiliations include the American Library Association (ALA), Public Library Association (PLA), ALA Learning

Roundtable (LearnRT), and Georgia Library Association (GLA). Please consider Justin Nobles as the right fit for the role of treasurer of GLA.

Ben Bryson, Marshes of Glynn Libraries

As a candidate for the office of treasurer in the Georgia Library Association (GLA), Ben Bryson's priority is to continue fulfilling the association's goals of accountability and transparency to its members in relation to its finances. Both his background in library administration and his experience working with library grants have prepared him to successfully fulfill the duties of this position within the GLA.

Since starting as assistant director for the Marshes of Glynn Libraries in July 2015, Ben has participated in his system's annual budget planning process and has overseen the budgets for the library system's programming, printing, and preservation areas. He has also written and administered grants and sub-grants from a variety of funding sources, including LSTA, GPLS, Georgia Humanities, and Georgia Council for the Arts. Additional job duties include working with the system's Board of Trustees, through which he has gained valuable experience with organizational governance, strategic planning, and decision-making.



Ben's previous library experience includes positions at Altamaha Technical College (ATC) and Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC), which was created from the merger of Altamaha and Okefenokee Technical Colleges. As interim director of library services for ATC and assistant director for library services at CPTC, his accomplishments included successful preparation of narratives and documentation for SACSCOC accreditation and participation on the Consolidation Steering Committee, which developed all institutional policies and procedures that resulted from the merger of the two colleges.

Since joining the librarian ranks, Ben has enjoyed attending or presenting at library conferences such as COMO (now GLC), the Georgia International Conference of Information Literacy (GaCOIL), and the ACRL Conference. He has also presented at other venues such as the TCSG Library Council, GPLS Public Library Directors Meeting, and a Carterette Series Webinar. Other statewide contributions to supporting libraries include serving as a representative from the TCSG on the USG Next Generation/Alma Exploratory Committee, participating in the GALILEO Strategic Planning process as a public library representative, and last, but not least, volunteering at the GLA Scholarship Raffle tables.

After growing up in Coastal Georgia, Ben is appreciative of the opportunity to continue giving back to these communities as a librarian. He and his wife live on St. Simons Island with their dog and cat. When Ben is not working, he enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, such as running, bicycling, and paddle boarding, which let him appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Secretary

Amy Eklund, Gwinnett County Public Library

Amy currently serves as Collection Development Librarian, Gwinnett County Public Library. A GLA member since 2007, Amy has served in various leadership positions within the association. She served as the secretary for the Technical Services Interest Group, ACRL chapter councilor, and Nominating Committee chair for the Academic Library Division, and chair of the planning task force for the GLA booth at last year's ALA Midwinter Conference in Atlanta. She was co-recipient of the GLA Team Award for her previous role as volunteer runner coordinator for the Georgia Student Media Festival Committee. She is completing her 2016–2018 term as ALA councilor (a voting member of the GLA Executive Board) and was recently elected as vice-chair for the Collection Development Interest Group. Amy feels honored to be nominated for the GLA secretary position and would continue to enjoy using her association knowledge and skills to help the GLA Executive Board grow and develop the association.



Emily Williams, Georgia State University

Emily Williams is the cataloging & metadata librarian at Georgia State University (GSU). She has worked in cataloging since 2014, when she began as a copy cataloger at GSU. She obtained her first professional position as the metadata & resource management librarian at Kennesaw State University where she worked until 2018. Prior to technical services, Emily worked in access services at the GSU College of Law Library, the Clarkston campus library at Georgia Perimeter College (pre-consolidation) and at the downtown branch of the Boise Public Library in Idaho. Throughout her career, she has made an effort to forge and maintain relationships within the library community.

As a GLA member since 2012, Emily has served the association in a number of capacities: as a conference GLA scholarship raffle volunteer, creator of organizational info materials for the GLA booth volunteers at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, volunteer at that same booth, and as the 2018 chair of the New Members Round Table division. She has volunteered and acted as secretary for a number of work committees and understands the importance and value of thorough notes, attention to detail, and follow-through when communicating. She would be honored to serve GLA in such a capacity. Emily achieved her MLIS from Valdosta State University and a BA in anthropology with a focus on archaeology from the University of Georgia.