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## GLA Academic Library Division: 2022 Yearly Wrap-Up

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## GLA Academic Library Division 2022 Yearly Wrap-Up

The 2022 officers of the Academic Library Division (ALD) are proud to report that they had a fruitful year in 2022 that included professional development opportunities through ACRL, the annual research paper competition, their first in person meeting at the Georgia Libraries Conference since 2019, and the election of new officers.

### Elections

The elections for the Academic Library Division were held in September 2022. ALD is pleased to announce that William Brogdon from the University of North Georgia will serve as the 2023 vice-chair/chair-elect and Sheeji Kathuria from Georgia State University will serve as secretary in 2023. The new officers will join the incoming chair, Jolene Cole from Georgia College & State University, and the current ACRL Chapters Council representative, Lamonica Sanford from Georgia College & State University.

### Academic Research Paper Contest

Jessica Lee and Rob Griggs-Taylor are the 2022 recipients of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) ALD Research Paper Award for "[Rising from the Flames: How Researching Burnout Impacted Two Academic Librarians](#)." Jessica Lee (she/her) is the electronic resources & serials librarian at Valdosta State University. Her professional presentations and publications focus on electronic resource management, consortial data migrations, work-life balance, and copyright. Rob Griggs-Taylor (they/them) currently works as a cataloging and gifts librarian for Valdosta State University. Their scholarly contributions and research interests focus on: equity, diversity, and inclusion; burnout; metadata mischief; and tabletop games. The pair had the following to say on their win:

As librarians, managers, and parents we are very excited that our article on librarian burnout won the ALD Research Paper Award. Burnout is something that we all need to recognize is here to stay and we need to be vigilant about addressing it when it arises in our employees and coworkers. Using current tools and workplace best practices, managers bear a responsibility to make institutional changes to alleviate burnout, increase morale, and foster healthier work environments.

Congratulations to Jessica and Rob on their winning paper!

### ALD 2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 Georgia Libraries Conference was held in hybrid format with in person and virtual components, and the ALD business meeting was held in person at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, GA, on October 13, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. This was the first in person meeting in two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, the ALD executive committee provided a recap of the year, announced the ALD Research Paper Award winners, and shared professional development opportunities available through ACRL and ALA. There was also time for networking during the meeting to discuss accomplishments and challenges in academic libraries among attendees.

### ACRL Virtual Webinar Series

ALD offered a free webinar from ACRL entitled "What it Takes to Become an Informal Leader: Opportunities, Challenges, and Benefits" on February 10, 2022. While all were encouraged to attend, the target audience for this webinar was

new or midcareer academic librarians and library school students.

The learning outcomes for this webinar included identifying opportunities for taking on informal leadership roles, strategizing ways to control the scope of informal leadership without becoming overwhelmed, and exploring relationships and management strategies.

The two presenters for this webinar were:

- Linda Miles, assistant professor, head of reference, and OER librarian at Hostos Community College of The City University of New York
- Susanne Markgren, assistant director of library operations at Manhattan College

An additional webinar offered through ACRL entitled “Building Community Partnerships Through Digital Literacy Workshops” was scheduled for August 11, 2022. ACRL has postponed this webinar. Once ALD receives the new date, it will be posted to the ALD list.

As a reminder, ACRL offers a free webinar series called *ACRL Presents* that provides webinars on issues of broad interest and importance to the academic and research library community. Please visit <https://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/elearning/acrlpresents> to view upcoming and archived recordings of webinars.

Lastly, the 2023 ACRL Conference will be held on March 15–18, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Conference registration opened in October 2022. Please visit <https://acrl2023.us2.pathable.com/> for more information about the conference. Lastly, ALD wants to hear from you if you are a GLA member and you are presenting at one or more of the following ACRL session types:

- contributed papers
- panel sessions
- workshops
- lightning talks
- poster sessions
- roundtable discussions
- virtual presentations

Please let ALD know about your presentation by completing this short survey located at <https://forms.gle/sGeHyRzw3ZmWTEmh9>. ALD would love to encourage their members to attend your session!

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