

GELA nominations

U of A Student Rep

Sarah Milmine

My name is Sarah Milmine, and I am just wrapping up my first year at SLIS. I would like to nominate myself for one of the U of A SLIS student positions for the 2018-2019 year.

I am originally from Surrey, BC, but completed all my undergraduate work at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I currently hold a BA (English/History double major), an Arts Certificate in Criminology, and a B. Ed. (Intermediate/Secondary Education). I'm working through my MLIS at U of A and intend to graduate in 2019. My current library-related areas of interest include information literacy and technology in libraries. On a personal note, I enjoy perusing comic books and manga and playing my flute. I am also an avid lover of snails and own fourteen identical t-shirts. I hope to contribute positively to promoting GELA among SLIS students, and look forward to another great year as a member of GELA.

Christina Borys

Christina has just completed her first year at the UofA's School for Library and Information Studies and previously obtained a BA in Anthropology and Classics from the UofA as well. During this past year she served as the Junior Fundraising Coordinator on the Forum for Information Professionals (FIP) committee as well as the Graduate Student Representative on the Graduate Academic Affairs Council (GAAC) at the UofA. Currently she volunteers with GELA's Storybook Program. She hopes that through this position she can act as an effective and innovative liaison between GELA and the UofA SLIS program, and bring synergy and collaboration to the programs that both offer. In her spare time she likes to read science fiction, play women's ball hockey, and go camping with her girlfriend and their dog.

Secretary

David Mucz

I would like to nominate myself for the position of GELA Secretary. I am currently an Intern Librarian at Edmonton Public Library and am eager to engage and contribute to the greater library community in Edmonton. My role as an Intern Librarian has allowed him to gain a better understanding of the diversity of library customers, the services provided by the public library and the ways in which qualitative research can be used to evaluate customer experience. I have an MLIS degree from the University of Alberta (2016) and an MA in history from Nipissing University. Before taking on this position I worked in Rutherford Library during my MLIS and NorQuest College after graduating. I am a detailed orientated individual with a dedication to providing appropriate information in a timely manner.

Alison Pitcher

My name is Alison Pitcher and I am very interested in running for the position of GELA Secretary. I currently work as a librarian at MacEwan University and am also a member of the AAAL Communications Committee.

I've worked in academic, public, and specialized libraries in the Edmonton area and have been a part of the Edmonton community since 2011, when I started at the SLIS program at the University of Alberta. I am used to organizing agendas, taking minutes, and communication information to end users, both of which I do for several teams and committees at MacEwan. I enjoy being involved in the library community; over the past year I organized and managed the Edmonton Information Literacy Teaching Triangles and am currently the team lead for the IL Palooza Planning Committee. I look forward to the engagement with the Edmonton library community that this position offers.

Anastasia Atwood

Anastasia is currently the Research & Information Coordinator for the Alberta School Boards Association. In this position she researches and provides information resources to members on board governance, policy reviews, and other topics of concern to school boards in Alberta. She graduated from the University of Alberta MLIS program in 2016 and worked in academic and public libraries in various capacities since 2014. 2016-2017 she worked at Edmonton Public Library as the Impact of Spaces Intern Librarian and afterwards did a brief stint in the library vendor world.

During her studies she served on LISSA as the Secretary and was a co-chair for the Partners Week committee; in a previous life she served as a governance and executive board member for a students' association. Along with being a governance nerd, Anastasia enjoys reading, cuddling with cats, and being a karaoke superstar. Currently, she volunteers at PALS Edmonton as a computer literacy tutor but is now looking for an opportunity to contribute further to the library profession. As the Secretary for GELA she will contribute her knowledge of good governance and stellar organizational skills ensure the accuracy of GELA's records.

[Program Councilor](#)

Quincy Hiscott

I would like to nominate myself for the Program Councilor position with the GELA executive.

I will be working as an Intern Librarian with the Edmonton Public Library for the 2018/2019 internship after completing my MLIS at the U of A this April. I have extensive experience with planning and committee work. During my undergrad I served as Secretary and then President of the Society of Dalhousie Music Students, and organized the James Faraday Memorial Concert and the Dalhousie Music Community Outreach initiative. At SLIS I served as Communications Coordinator for LISSA and SLIS Representative for the DSUA, participating in the organization of the Benefits of Failure Symposium. I was also part of the 3-person planning committee for University of Alberta Libraries Science Literacy Week 2017. My interests in LIS include community outreach and innovate programming, which I believe lends to my suitability for this position. Since I am new to Alberta, I look forward to the opportunity to become a part of Edmonton's vibrant LIS community.

Robyn Gray

Robyn Gray is currently the Instructional Media Commons (IMC) Coordinator for the Battle River School Division (BRSD) in Camrose. Within this position, she organizes events for the librarians working at BRSD's 30+ schools, facilitates the sharing of resources, and manages the IMC's budget. Before beginning this position, Robyn worked as a Public Services Consultant at the Northern Lights Library System (NLLS), and played a major role in planning two NLLS Annual Conferences including creating the brochure, organizing registration, and

planning catering and vendors. At NLLS, Robyn was the Social Club Chair, and facilitated several events for staff members.

Robyn completed her MLIS at Dalhousie University in 2016. She was Finance and Fundraising Co-chair for the student-run Information Without Borders Conference in 2015 and 2016. She maintained the executive bank account and the chequebook, and kept the budget up-to-date. In 2015-16, she was secretary for the Dalhousie Chapters of both the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians, and the Canadian Library Association.

During her spare time, Robyn enjoys yoga, reading, and playing the bagpipes. She is passionate about librarianship and effective program planning, and would love to contribute to the Greater Edmonton library community by joining this executive!