

# asis&t SIG ED

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The SIG ED newsletter is published in January, April, July, and October, and features updates on SIG ED activities and news of interest to SIG ED members.

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## 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

SIG ED would like to thank everyone who presented, attended, and participated in our 2015 Annual Meeting activities.

**SIG ED would also like to congratulate all of our 2015 Award Winners!**

- 2015 ASIS&T New Leaders *include* Chair-Elect **Hassan Zamir** and Communications Director **Suzanne Rogers Gruber**
- Former Chair **Chris Cunningham** received the ProQuest Doctoral Dissertation Award for *Governmental Structures, Social Inclusion, and the Digital Divide: A Discourse on the Affinity Between the Effects of Freedom and Access to Online Information Resources*.
- Past Chair **Karen Miller** received the James M. Chrestos Leadership Award.
- **Christian James** received the SIG ED Student Travel Award.



Travel Award Winner Christian James and Chair Stan Trembach

## SIG ED Travel Award Winner: Christian James

In St. Louis this November, I had the honor of accepting the SIG ED Student Travel Award. The award helped support my travel to St. Louis for the ASIS&T 2015 Annual meeting. This gave me the opportunity to hear cutting-edge scholarship, present my student research in a rigorous academic environment, and learn more about leadership in ASIS&T.

I arrived in St. Louis on Sunday and attended the brunch for first-time attendees, where I got to network and hear remarks from ASIS&T leadership past and present. I also attended the plenary session and enjoyed an afternoon session on Information and Social Good.

On Monday, I presented along with my panel on "Breaking Traditional Barriers: Collaboration, Impact and Information Technology in the Humanities." I later attended business meetings for SIG ED and SIG AH. It was a pleasure meeting everyone in SIG ED, and sitting in on the business meetings really helped give me a sense of how ASIS&T works on the ground level.

In the summer of 2015, I earned my Master of Library Science degree at the University of Maryland, College Park iSchool. I am currently working as Technical Information Specialist at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Md. Attending this year's annual meeting was an excellent help to transition from my graduate education to my career, where I am both answering reference questions and performing research on our customers' information needs. Thanks again to SIG ED!

**Christian James** is Technical Information Specialist at the National Agricultural Library. He earned his MLS from the University of Maryland, College Park in August, 2015, and a MA in History from George Mason University. His previous employment includes ProQuest and the Center for Population Economics at the University of Chicago.

## SIG ED's Business Meeting Report

The new SIG ED Board held their first business meeting during AM 15 and were joined by several members. After briefly reviewing the past year's successful activities, the chairs presented the annual Student Travel Award and introduced the new officers.

Our chairs also announced the establishment of a new advisory board consisting of past chairs to provide guidance and advice to current leadership when needed. Four past chairs have generously agreed to serve on this committee. This advisory board will help strengthen SIG ED by expanding the leadership's knowledge and experience and helping to preserve institutional knowledge for future members.

We also discussed planning for the coming year. Several possibilities for webinars were mentioned, continuing SIG ED's excellent history of developing informative and appealing programming with a wide variety of collaborators.

SIG ED continues to be in good financial health, and looks forward to continuing to administer the annual Student Travel Award of \$500 to encourage more student members to join and participate in the Annual Meeting.

SIG ED Officer meetings will continue to be held monthly. All members are welcome to participate, and recordings are available for those who can't attend.

## Volunteer with SIG ED

SIG ED has a number of opportunities for members to contribute their skills and expertise!

One of this year's upcoming projects is moving content from our old website to our new one.

Another project is to revisit the Resources page on the former SIG ED WordPress site to update and revise listings while moving them to the new, ASIS&T-hosted website.

This is a great project for new or student members looking to improve their WordPress skills and require just a few hours of time to complete. If you'd like to know more, email Suzi at [srgruber@gmail.com](mailto:srgruber@gmail.com).

Other volunteers are needed for our Programming plans in the coming year. If you're interested in contributing to future webinars and presentations, please contact SIG ED for more information!

# GET INVOLVED

*SIG ED is always happy to hear from you. Have an idea for a future webinar or annual meeting? Do you have news or an announcement for the quarterly newsletter? Want to volunteer but not sure where to start? Contact the SIG ED board.*

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