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## 2015-2016 SIG ED BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

SIG ED's annual officer elections are coming soon! Look for instructions and a link to your ballot in the next few weeks.



Co-Chair Liya Deng, M.Ed., MLIS, is a doctoral student and Cultural Heritage Informatics Leadership fellow at the School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina. Previously, she served as the Government Information Librarian at an academic library. Her current research agenda lies at the

interpenetration of culture and information technology, focusing on the accessibility issues and the impact of modern technologies on the preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage through the creation of digital libraries, archives, and museums. Her other research interests include equality of access to cultural heritage and the use of inquiry-based learning strategies in libraries and cultural institutions.



Co-Chair Stan Trembach is currently a doctoral student at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science and the recipient of the Cultural Heritage and Informatics Leadership fellowship from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Previously, he has served in academic library settings as the

Instructional Services Librarian and the Library Reference Fellow in Georgia and Texas. In addition to his BA in Teaching English and German, Stan received an MA in History from Clemson University and MLIS from UNC-Chapel Hill. His research interests include universal accessibility of information, history of library and information science, and the use of social media and other modern technologies to increase visibility of brands and products in libraries and cultural centers.



Co-Chair Elect Hassan Zamir is a doctoral candidate at the School of Library and Information Science of University of South Carolina. His research interests revolve around the areas of information retrieval, social informatics, information seeking, information architecture, usability and user experiences. His dissertation topic

focuses on understanding the culture, nature and motivation of information seeking and sharing in social media during social crises. He has visited and presented in various conferences during last three years of his PhD life. He is deeply involved in professional services, namely in various Special Interest Groups (SIGs), student chapters, and university organizations. Apart from study, he thoroughly enjoys watching soccer leagues and has an affection to play cricket on Saturdays. He is fond of traveling in different places with his wife, as well.



Co-Chair Elect Rajesh Singh is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Library and Information Science at St. John's University. He has a Ph.D. in Information Studies from Åbo Akademi University, Finland, and prior to joining the faculty at St. John's, he was a faculty member in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia

State University in Kansas. He has several areas of research interest, including knowledge sharing in virtual environments, information marketing and branding, and examining the impact of emerging technologies on LIS student learning. He frequently teaches courses in management and leadership, research methods, marketing, and foundations of Library and Information Science, and actively pursues management-

related research. Rajesh has been serving as Program Coordinator for the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group on Education (SIG ED) since 2013. He is also a member of the SLA Diversity Leadership Program Committee and is in the External Review Panel Pool for ALA's accreditation review process of LIS programs. More information about his teaching, scholarship and service is available on his website at <http://lisrajesh.com>.



Secretary Anna Ferri is a librarian in Vancouver B.C. In addition to serving as the secretary for SIG ED, she is the Education Liaison for the British Columbia Library Association Readers' Advisory Interest Group and is on the editorial board for the BCLA professional publication, Perspectives. Connect with her on both Twitter and Tumblr at ferribrarian.



Treasurer Dr. Hans-Christoph Hobohm Full Professor for Library and Information Science, at Potsdam University of Applied Sciences, Germany. Teaching: library management, information behavior and knowledge management. Head of program: "Master of Arts, Information Sciences", former dean of the department of Information Sciences.

Before coming to Potsdam: graduating in French and German literary history and in library science at University of Cologne and at EHESS (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales) in Paris; PhD on Censorship of novels in the French enlightenment. Then for several years head of "products and marketing"-dept. at Social Science Information Centre in Bonn/Berlin. He is ASIS&T New Leader 2014-2016 in conjunction with the International Relations Committee. For more information: <http://de.linkedin.com/in/hanschristophhobohm>



Programming Director Liz Hartnett joined the School of Library and Information Science Ph.D. program in 2013. After earning her Bachelor's in Education at the University of Missouri she relocated with her family to Georgia. There she worked as a teacher, and psychometric tester, and after completing the MLIS program at USC, was a librarian in both college

and elementary school libraries. Education and the value of self-directed learning are part of her research interests, and in particular she is interested in the part that libraries play in facilitating the ability of users to effectively pursue their interests and connect with people and information that deepen their learning and skills development. She is watching with great interest the evolution of library Makerspaces as well as other innovative services that libraries are developing to enhance the personal and intellectual development of the user. Liz has taught SLIS 756 - Children's Materials, and maintains an interest in children's books and services as well as developments in technology. She loves to read, travel, and ride her bike.



Communications Officer Suzanne (Suzi) Rogers Gruber has worked in school and academic libraries, publishing, photography, and tech startups, and has volunteered for many nonprofits and community organizations. She currently freelances in information strategy and design. Suzi is one of the recipients of the ASIS&T New Leader Award in 2015. Suzi

served as Chair of SJSU ASIS&T in 2013-2014 and as Public Relations Officer for SIG ED in 2014-2015. Her areas of interest include user experience research and design and community development. Connect on Twitter @srgruber or through her website at [www.srgruber.com](http://www.srgruber.com).

**DID YOU MISS ONE OF OUR 2014-2015 EVENTS?**

**ASIS&T's webinars are freely available to members:**

**<https://www.asist.org/events/webinars/>**

## 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

SIG ED is proud to share that we have had two panels accepted to the 2015 ASIS&T Annual Meeting programming!

### ***Standing Out in the Academic LIS Job Market: An Interactive Panel for Doctoral Students***

The 2015 panel features faculty in various stages of their academic careers, including a relatively new assistant professor to a seasoned chair or dean. The panelists are prepared to address audience questions on such topics as the traditional academic job market, alternative career paths including post-doctoral opportunities, the development of personal research agendas, and the challenges of online instruction. The panel discussion will focus around the academic job market and how applicants can present themselves in the best light depending upon the type of position sought. Doctoral students will gain valuable insights on finishing their dissertation, weighing postdoctoral opportunities, and preparing for their first academic position by interacting with the panelists. This panel will provide for an anonymous mechanism for doctoral students and new faculty to ask questions without feeling inhibited or intimidated. While the panel may be of greatest benefit to those doctoral students nearing the end of their doctoral program, it will also be useful to new doctoral students and new assistant professors.

### ***Knowledge Management in LIS Education: Bridging Research and Practice co-sponsored by SIG KM***

This panel provides a state of the art review of knowledge management (KM) education approaches in the LIS field. The panelists will share thoughts and experiences pertaining to the current treatment of knowledge management concepts in Library and Information Science education. The panel is comprised of professionals who have experience in both the knowledge management and LIS disciplines, in both academic and in practical roles. Panelists represent perspectives from several contributing disciplines.

***SIG ED will also conduct its annual business meeting during AM '15.*** Members will have the opportunity to meet SIG ED officers in person and participate in planning activities for 2016. Business meetings are a fantastic way to learn more about your SIG and its operations. We'd love to see you there!

To register for the annual meeting, see the ASIS&T website at <https://www.asist.org/events/annual-meeting/annual-meeting-2015/>

## 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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