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ACRL/NY 2004 Symposium Scholarly Communication: Evolution or Revolution?

The 2004 annual ACRL/NY Symposium will take place on December 3, 2004 at Baruch College, CUNY. The title of this year's symposium is "Scholarly Communication: Evolution or Revolution?"

Over the last half-century, pressures from a variety of sources have resulted in a radical transformation of the way research has been published and disseminated. These pressures have included enormous growth in the number of scholarly and research journals, increases in the prices of subscriptions—coupled with decreasing library budgets—and the advent of electronic publication formats—accompanied by publishers' attempts to exercise control over access to proprietary material. The result has been a conflict of interest affecting the various stakeholders in the scholarly community: scholars and researchers, students, libraries and publishers. The stalemate affecting the entire process of scholarly communication is the theme of this year's symposium.

We invite everyone in the library community to join us on December 3 for lively and enlightening discussions on this important and timely issue. As has been the practice at ACRL/NY symposia, the topic will be discussed from a variety of perspectives. Our invited speakers are:

- **Frances Maloy**, President ACRL
- **James Neal**, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University and Chair of the Steering Committee of SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
- **Daviess Menefee**, Director of Library Relations at Elsevier
- **Bruce Heterick**, Director of Library Relations at JSTOR
- **Liz Bishoff**, Vice President, Digital Collection and Metadata Service at OCLC
- **David Goodman**, Associate Professor at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University

Our speakers will participate in a panel discussion in the afternoon during which the audience will have an opportunity to pose questions to the speakers. In an effort to increase participation from the wider library

community, the 2004 Symposium will be the first ACRL/NY symposium to host poster sessions. These will round out our symposium by treating issues related to the general theme of scholarly communication.

We look forward to an exciting day as we grapple together with the issues that we all confront in our own institutions. We hope you can join us.

Ann Grafstein,
Chair, ACRL/NY Symposium Committee

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<http://www.acrlny.org>

New Cultural Diversity Discussion Group

The ACRL/NY Cultural Diversity Discussion Group is a forum for sharing ideas on the many diversity issues that impact on our profession. Electronic discussion lists provide an opportunity for ongoing discussion among members and others with shared interests. Since getting to meetings is sometimes very problematic, this will be just that - a virtual exchange of ideas. No need to leave your office. Presently, the topic under discussion is offering information literacy classes to students with diverse language backgrounds and skill level. Open to ACRL/NY members. If you are interested in joining this forum, contact Tess Tobin, New York City College of Technology (CUNY) at ttobin@citytech.cuny.edu



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If you are attending ALA Midwinter, consider these ACRL programs on statistics, assessment, libraries in the 21st century and one on faculty relations titled: **Getting teacher/faculty attention for information literacy: new practical approaches.**

All things considered, there are a lot of offerings out there through this organization to keep your mind active! So all I can Say is JOIIN US! You

Join ACRL/NY
when you register for the
Annual Symposium
and get the member rate.

Message from the President

Gloria Meisel

Welcome back to all of our members, old and new! The summer and most of the fall have whizzed by us much too quickly. The fall semester has gotten off to a wonderful, productive beginning as you will see from the articles about Symposium 2004, and happenings in the sections and discussion groups. Symposium 2004 *Scholarly Communication: Evolution or Revolution* promised to bring you a great deal to think about. You can read a fuller discussion of this in Ann Grafstein's column. Ann is this year's symposium chair and our president-elect, and she has done a mammoth task of coordinating the myriad issues, people and items necessary to produce as fine a program as the one coming to you on December 3, 2004 at Baruch College. As President, I urge you to register early because our symposia fill up very quickly. Go to our website, so wonderfully designed by Monica Berger, at www.acrlny.org and click on conferences and events. There you will find a link to details on the Symposium. This exciting page was also designed by Monica Berger. Read about the program in detail and quickly go to the registration form so you can register early! You can get a membership application form through this site as well.

We offer Geographic Sections so that you can be involved on a more local basis and Discussion Groups on Cultural Diversity, Information Literacy and Education Curriculum Materials.

One item you should be aware of is the 12th ACRL National Conference which will be meeting in April 2005 in Minneapolis. (I think – hope – that the snow will be gone by then!) The Conference is titled *Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change*, to be held in Minneapolis, April 7-10, 2005. Registration is now available on the Web at www.acrl.org/minneapolis. If you register early (by February 7, 2005) you can save more than 20 percent on your registration.

The pre-conferences are always stimulating. Some of this year's topics are:

Assessment in Academic Libraries: Using ACRL Standards for Continuous Evaluation

Born with a Chip: Making Libraries Relevant to the Millennials!

Copyright in the Library: Finally, a Reality Show for the Squeamish

Information Literacy in the Disciplines: Librarian/Faculty Collaboration for 21st Century Research Skills

There will be others on LibQual and MINES, a management symposium and one on digital repositories.

If you have never attended a national meeting, you have missed an intense week of intellectual stimulation, camaraderie, food, and a wee bit of occasional imbibing!

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Two More New Discussion Groups—Collection Development and Electronic Resources

The Collection Development Discussion Group will be led by Debbi A. Smith, who is the Collection Development and Management Librarian for the Adelphi University Libraries. She has previously served as a Senior Reference Librarian at the New York Public Library's Humanities and Social Sciences Center, where she was also subject bibliographer for psychology and the book arts. She has an M.S. in Library Science from Columbia University, as well as an M.A. in History from Columbia and an M.B.A. from New York University. Discussion groups are open to all ACRL/NY members. If you are interested in joining this forum, contact Debbi Smith at (516) 877-3522 or at SMITH8@adelphi.edu.

Lois O'Neill, who recently joined the faculty of the Adelphi Libraries as Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian, will lead the Electronic Resources Discussion Group. Her areas of expertise include online searching, in which she has had more than 15 years of experience, and website development. Professor O'Neill has worked at Mt. Sinai Medical Center and New York Public Library as a Reference Librarian. She also worked at Helen Keller National Center, where she developed information services for a library center and 10 satellite campuses, and at the Research Division of Lexington Center for the Deaf, where she managed the website, coordinated conferences and workshops, and disseminated information to stakeholders in the field of hearing assistive technology. She received an M.S. in Library Service from Columbia University. As Electronic Resources Librarian, her goals are to make sure the library's electronic resources are as user-friendly, efficient, widely used, and relevant to Adelphi's curriculum as possible. Discussion groups are open to all ACRL/NY members. If you are interested in joining this forum, contact Lois O'Neill at oneill@adelphi.edu.