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### President's Message



S. Layla Heimlich

I have always loved fall, a season full of both endings and beginnings. The school year starts up again, many other activities come out of their summer hibernation, and the SLA year winds down.

For SLA and the Biomedical and Life Sciences Community, the end of summer was a flurry of activity, with a panel of programs at the Annual Conference ably put together by a program planning committee led by BLSC chair-elect Ruth Gustafson. Several conference round-up posts praised the BLSC programs, particularly The New World of Vaccines: Medical, Legal & Equity Issues (co-sponsored with the Legal community) and Mapping the Pandemic (co-sponsored with the Humanities and Social Sciences community), both for their insights into complex topics and for highlighting diversity and equity issues. (continued on page 2)

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The conference was also notable for the many opportunities to see old and new friends, particularly at the BLSC and Natural History Caucus joint annual meeting and social event, where attendees shared stories about washing groceries and starting new hobbies during rounds of Quarantine BINGO.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a call for nominations for the 2022 board. I hope you consider getting involved in whatever way appeals most to you. There are many opportunities to participate in our community, both large and small.

Serving as president of Biomedical and Life Sciences this year has been a privilege and an honor, as well and I am deeply grateful to the many people who continue to make this a wonderful community. Thank you all for everything you do.

Respectfully  
Layla Heimlich

Past President's Message  
Neyda Gilman

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Community will be holding elections for the President Elect and Secretary positions in early November. If you are interested in either of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, let us know! You can contact Neyda at [ngilman@binghamton.edu](mailto:ngilman@binghamton.edu).

Member News  
Roxanne Bogucka

Ramune Kubilius of Northwestern University's Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center shared news:

The inaugural Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries Symposium 2021 (MIRL21) will take place Wednesday, November 17, 2021 (Time forthcoming). It will be a free virtual event (Registrants will be provided with a zoom link). For more information, go to the symposium website: <https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/mirl/2021/>.

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In April 2021, Northwestern University's Galter Health Sciences Library and Learning Center was named the National Evaluation Center for the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), a five-year award. The NNLM Evaluation Center is a collaborative effort, with leadership from numerous groups represented on its advisory council, in addition to prominent national leaders in program evaluation, libraries, health disparities and health equity, data science, rural and medically underserved areas, and social change.

More information: [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/NNLM\\_Cooperative\\_Agreement\\_Announcement\\_Statement.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/NNLM_Cooperative_Agreement_Announcement_Statement.html)

Darra Ballance, MLIS, was awarded one of 18 Sewell Scholarships to attend the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting virtually this October. The scholarship aims to increase librarians' effectiveness at providing reliable and relevant information to health care professionals in the fields of public health and pharmacy. To achieve this purpose, the stipend offers reimbursement funds to librarians and other information professionals to defray association membership/registration/travel and per diem expenses of attending and/or participating in activities of APHA. Darra was previously awarded the Sewell Stipend in 2013.

From Darra Ballance of Augusta University:

From Roxanne Bogucka, University of Texas at Austin:

On August 13, 2021, a team of science librarians (Roxanne Bogucka, Univ. of Texas-Austin; Khue Duong, California State Univ.-Long Beach; Jessica Martinez, Univ. of Idaho; Kelee Pacion, Princeton Univ.; Melanie Radik, Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst) presented "Journal Selection Showdown: 90 Minutes to Improved Scholarly Communication Consultations" at the SLA 2021 Annual Conference. Data management challenges, open access availability, wariness of predatory publishers, and an overwhelming abundance of information avenues make publishing research more difficult than ever before. The session employed active learning techniques using case studies and small group discussions to examine our choices as content creators and the value we assign to journals according to their various attributes and our own career situations. The session used these discussions to envision the future of scientific publishing that we would like to see, to prepare attendees to communicate with researchers about their publishing choices and current scholarly communication trends.

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From Lori Bronars, Yale University:

Lori Bronars, Marx Science and Social Science Library | Yale University Library, presented with her Yale colleague, Miriam Olivares, on "Mapping Natural History Field Guides for Discoverability," as an educational session on Aug. 12 at the SLA Annual Conference. The two also published an article on this work which appeared in *College & Research Libraries News* 82(7):319-322 July/Aug. issue. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5860/crln.82.7.319>

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