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Chair's Message

Cindy Sheffield

The Annual Conference is just around the corner. DBIO is hosting a great CE on E-Direct with terrific instructors from NLM. I have taken the course and found E-Direct an enormous help with a couple of big projects. It's a great tool to use and a valuable skill to know. The day's session includes breakfast and lunch. Bring your own laptop and learn how to get specific data from PubMed in the format you need. Remember to sign up for the Vendor Relations Breakfast featuring presentations from Annual Reviews, EBSCO Information Services, JoVE, and Wolters Kluwer! Learn what you need to know from these fabulous resource providers.

Baltimore is my home town, and if you haven't been here lately you'll want to visit. In addition to great conference programming, SLA will feature three outstanding Keynote Speakers for the conference. [Carla Hayden](#) is well known for the outstanding job she did with outreach services for the Enoch Pratt Free Library here in Baltimore. She is now the 14th Librarian of Congress, and happens to be not just the first **woman**, and not just the first **African-American**, but amazingly the first **professionally-trained librarian** to be appointed to that role. She is a delightful person and an inspirational speaker. You will also want to listen to [Sayeed Choudhury](#) if you use data or perhaps archive anything. (I believe that would be all of us.) In addition to being the Hodson Director of the Digital Research and Curation Center at the Sheridan Libraries at Johns Hopkins University, among other prestigious titles, Sayeed is always happy to share his leading-edge vision for data and content management. He is also just a really nice guy in general. [Wes Moore](#) sounds like an equally engaging and inspirational speaker with great life experiences that span the globe yet are grounded to the roots of our very own Charm City.

Discussions have begun for forming our Strategic Planning Committee which will address key topics such as: Should we consider a merger with another division such as Pharmacological and Health Technologies? or Should we select Option 1 or Option 2 sponsorship models next year? If you have

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thoughts or opinions on these topics and others concerning DBIO, then now is the time to become involved. Everyone's opinion counts so please become involved by either joining a committee or casting a vote once solicited. We will be holding a **Virtual Ice Cream Social/Summer Splash Meeting** sometime in July. During this event we will have opportunities for discussion. Watch in late June for more details.

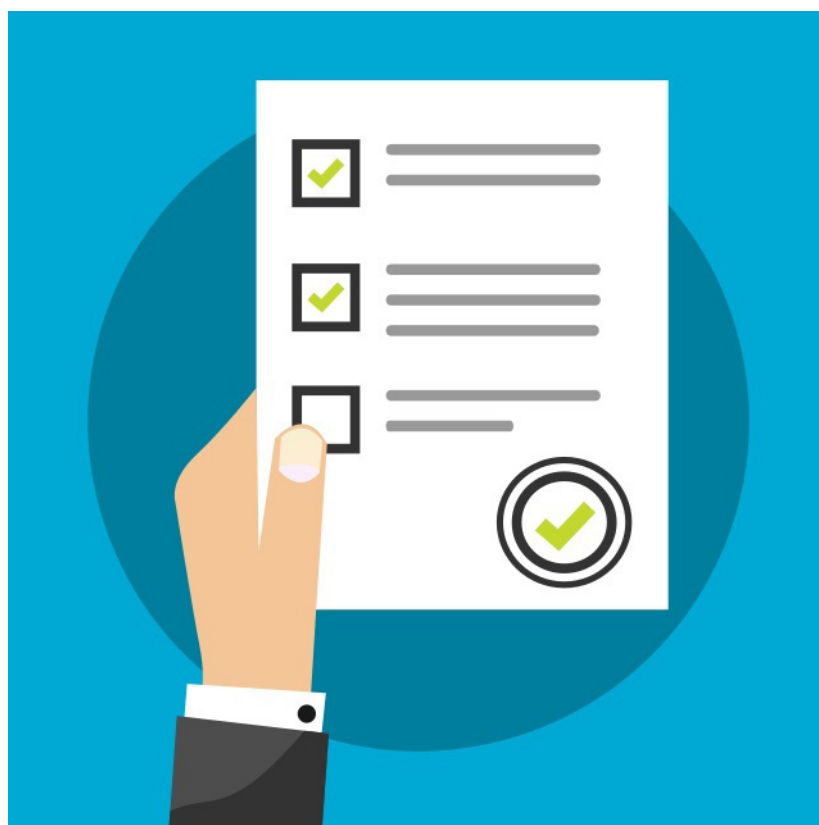
DBIO has a twitter account! @dbiosla

Add it to your feed. Even better: Volunteer to manage it!

Most importantly I want to thank all of the DBIO Volunteers, Board Members and Committee Members from the bottom of my heart, for all that you do to make our division run. A community such as DBIO would not exist without all of the effort you put forth to accomplish our unified goals. I'd like to acknowledge the following individuals in particular order for the services they provide for the division. If I have missed anyone, someone [please let me know](#). There is no doubt I will miss some of the services provided because much is done by members behind the scenes, as a testimony to our commitment to the profession we love.

- **Peggy Murphy**—Chair Elect, Fund Raising Chair, Strategic-Planning Co-Chair, helped write Division's Best Practices
- **Nalini Mahajan**—Past Chair, Fund Raiser, Nominations Chair, Photographer, Awards Committee, All-around champion for the Division
- **Danielle Walker**—Secretary, Medical Section Chair, Strategic Planning Co-Chair, Book Club Convener
- **Nancy Curtis**—Treasurer, who had to jump enormous hoops to transfer accounts and has put mechanisms in place to make these processes easier in the future
- **Gail Hendler**—Director, Contributed Papers Chair, Awards Chair
- **Neyda Gilman**—Program Planning Chair, and former Membership Chair
- **Donna Gibson**—Vendor Relations Event, Fundraising
- **Ruth Gustafson**—Natural History Caucus Convener, Donated tickets for students for Vendor Relations Event
- **Nancy Dickenson**—Awards Chair, and long-time volunteer for the Division in a variety of capacities
- **Claudia Lascar**—Homepage Co-Chair
- **Monica Kirkwood**—Homepage Co-Chair
- **Kristen Chapman**—Membership Chair
- **Buzz Haughton**—*Biofeedback* Editor, *Biofeedback* (Oxygen Therapy) Committee Chair
- **Lori Bronars**—Professional Profiles Column for *Biofeedback*

Have a great summer and I hope to see you in Bmore to Experience SLA for Career Success!



Biofeedback SurveyMonkey Questionnaire Feedback

Buzz Haughton

Those of you who read *Biofeedback* regularly will remember that I, your humble editor, put together a questionnaire to solicit opinions of DBIO members about the state of *Biofeedback*: Are we happy with it? How might we improve on it? and other questions. In this effort I was assisted by an ad-hoc committee, which Cindy Sheffield, our esteemed chair, has decided to call the *Biofeedback* (Oxygen Therapy) Committee. (Cindy has a more fertile imagination than I do!)

The response to the survey has not what I had hoped, but I do want to express my appreciation for those who did complete the survey questions. Among the small sample, there appeared to be general satisfaction with the job *Biofeedback* is doing. As to how we might improve our service to DBIO members, there were two suggestions: biographical information about DBIO members and “on-the-ground” views of the SLA conference by DBIO members not involved in the upper echelons of DBIO. The first suggestion is, in fact, being acted on: four bios have appeared, and this issue of *Biofeedback* has three more, with more to follow. The second suggestion is eminently doable, and I intend to address a request in SLA Connect after the Baltimore conference for views and ideas about the conference.

As to the question about whether to swap *Biofeedback* to a different format, e.g. a blog, the small survey sample indicated it is happy with the present PDF format posted quarterly to the DBIO website.

Again: Sincere thanks to those of you who took advantage of the questionnaire. Please [email me with any further ideas or questions about *Biofeedback*!](#)

In hopes of whetting your appetite for The Charm City, here are some photos.

If you're not registered yet, go here: [Registration](#)



Baltimore Inner Harbor

Camden Yards



Peggy Murphy

As the incoming chair for DBIO, I would like to introduce myself. Those who already know me can stop reading this article now.

I come from a humble background, walking barefoot through the snow for fifty miles a day with fifty pounds of rocks in my backpack to get to school. My mom would have put fifty pounds of food in there but who has that much food lying around with seven kids to raise? I was actually brought up in New York, first in the Bronx, then Ossining, then Somers. It was a pretty idyllic childhood with lots of trips to our favorite swimming hole, listening to the Monkees and fighting with my sibs. We moved to St. Charles, Illinois when I was unfortunately going into 8th grade, but I survived.



College consisted of a degree in Biology, and one in Art, just because, at Knox College, a premier liberal arts school that nobody's ever heard of. Did you know that one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates took place there? Now you know.

After graduating, I waited a number of years before deciding that working in a laboratory wasn't for me, and received my library degree from the University of Michigan. This included some of the highlights of my life such as a summer spent at a field station in northern lower Michigan (for those of you unfamiliar with Michigan geography, it is necessary to use both "northern" and "lower" in this context) where I lived in an unheated cabin and almost set the library on fire.

Now a solo librarian for a research institute based in a children's hospital whose faculty work at a large university, I find articles, do literature searches, answer reference questions, confiscate people's fidget spinners, fix the bad stuff that patrons leave on the computers, even occasionally catalog books. I am also responsible for the research institute's presence on the hospital's website, which means I have a lot of haters. Recently I have taken on the role of communications overlord for the research institute's relocation to a large building that juts oddly skyward near Chicago's lakefront. NOTE TO FACULTY who will be relocating: there is NO parking available in this new location.

In the suddenly separate part of my life that doesn't involve work, I live bucolically in northwest Indiana, not that far from Chicago. I don't have any chickens yet but have my eye on some. I love to read (and if you take even a random poll, you will find that this is a must for any librarian), garden and quilt. I have an annoying habit of breaking into song at a moment's notice (and, sadly, also dancing) for any reason and for no reason at all. I am hard at work converting my entire one acre of property into a garden, which is not a good idea if you're like me and don't appreciate weed-killing chemicals. I would specialize in prairie plants if my garden didn't have a proclivity for growing weeds, and if my across-the-street neighbor weren't a retired firefighter (future prairie enthusiasts: a good prairie needs a nice fire once in a while!). Birdwatching is another passion, but I reserve this pastime to Baltimore Orioles (see what I did there?).

If you have any questions or want to know what's on my mind (take my word for it, there's a lot rolling around in there) please don't hesitate to ask.

And despite having just convinced you otherwise, I am here for you and would love to meet you! On a serious **serious** note, DBIO is desperately seeking volunteers to join the Board of Directors or become involved in a committee. This is actually a lot of fun and looks good on your CV! Even if you have very limited time to spare, we would love your participation.



Kristin Chapman

Where were you born?

I was born at a Washington DC hospital where my parents met. My mom was an ER nurse, and my dad was a paramedic who brought her patients.

Where did you grow up (childhood-high school)?

I grew up just up the road in a small town called Eldersburg.

When did you decide you wanted to become a librarian?

My work/study job in my freshman year of college. I wanted to be a historian or a curator, and the museum was fully staffed so they stuck me in the library: the rest was fate!

Where did you study to become a librarian?

I have my master's degree from University College of Dublin.

Approximately how long have you been a member of DBIO?

I just became a member this year!

What is your favorite DBIO-related memory?

Being asked to be the secretary! I'm looking forward to SLA this year in Baltimore. There are some great things being planned.

What type of reading do you do for pleasure?

I have a sizable collection of books at home: over 2000. I will read anything!

Have you recently read a book, an article, or a blog that you would recommend?

The "fakelibrarystatistics" Twitter and Facebook feeds are always funny.

What are some of your non-work interests? I am an amateur arenophile. If you get any cool sand samples from anywhere in the world, I'd talk you ear off about it!

Where did you travel to for your longest trip and from where?

I travel a lot. Not sure about longest trip but I am only two states away from finishing the whole of the United States, and after next year I will have traveled to 110 countries.

If you currently work, what is your position and where do you work?

I'm at National Library of Medicine where I work as a librarian on special projects.

Gail Hendler

Where were you born?

New York City.

Where did you grow up (childhood-high school)?

Born, raised, and will ultimately return to NYC upon retirement.

When did you decide you wanted to become a librarian?

I decided to become a librarian when I realized how exciting and rewarding it would be to support medical education, research, and patient care as a medical librarian.

Where did you study to become a librarian?

I earned my MLS from Queens College, City University of New York.

Approximately how long have you been a member of DBIO?

I've been a DBIO member for about five years.



What type of reading do you do for pleasure?

I read everything: fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

Have you recently read a book, an article, or a blog that you would recommend?

A current recommendation from our library's faculty and staff book group is *Men Without Women*, a collection of short stories from Haruki Murakami.

What are some of your non-work interests?

I love the arts and regularly attend ballet, opera, theater, and music events in Chicago and New York City. When I'm not doing the arts scene, I love to walk, swim, and cook.

Where did you travel to for your longest trip and from where?

On separate trips I've traveled to Tahiti and to Israel and Jordan, but I'm not sure which is furthest. I traveled from NY to Tahiti and from Chicago to the Levant.

If you currently work, what is your position and where do you work?

I'm the library director at Loyola University of Chicago Health Sciences Library. I love my job and am very fortunate to work with the greatest faculty, students, and staff.



DBIO Member News

Lori Bronars

Lori Bronars co-curated a media exhibit: *The Yale University Herbarium: Its People, Specimens, and Contributions*. The exhibit is on display at the Center for Science and Social Science Information (CSSSI), Yale University, April-October 2018. After the display the exhibit will be available perpetually at <https://csssi.yale.edu/exhibits>. Lori is Science Research Support Librarian-Life Sciences at CSSSI.

Cindy Sheffield has had a poster accepted for the SLA Annual Conference All Sciences and Engineering Poster Session: *An Approach to Pedagogy for Information Professionals, or Teaching Old Librarians New Tricks*. Cindy Sheffield has been honored with a Core Values Award: Integrity from the NIH Office of Research Services. Cindy is Project Manager for the Alzheimer's Disease Preclinical Efficacy Database (AlzPED) and she works for the NIH Library as a contractor.

Lori Bronars



Cindy Sheffield

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