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Message from the Outgoing Chair

Cindy Sheffield

It is hard to believe this year has come and gone already! We have accomplished much as a Division. DBIO held successful programs in Baltimore in June, and there were two well-attended virtual programs as well. Our website continues to be a stable point of reference for the membership, serving not just as an information source for current developments, but as an archive for the division. For me, it has been a beacon of continuity while SLA as an organization continues to evolve and learn what works for all members. I want to thank Buzz and Lori for making *Biofeedback* a continued success. Their persistence and dedication to getting this publication out is highly commended. It is not easy to find and produce content, but they have both done an excellent job. I strongly encourage members to submit articles for this publication. Contact Lori and let her interview you for your profile.

I want to thank Janet Weiss for consulting with me on Awards this year, and Gail for her willingness to pull everything together. Janet's historical knowledge of the division and her editing skills are greatly appreciated. Congratulations again to this year's award winners:

Distinguished Member Award
Chair's Recognition Award
Chair's Recognition Award

Donna Gibson
Neyda Gilman
Claudia Lascar

The awards have been mailed and should arrive early next week. Note I've attached a photo of the packaged awards, but you can't see the award itself. I'd like for each receipt to see their award first, and I'm hoping all three of them will send a selfie in for next year's first issue of *Biofeedback*. (*Editor's note: Articles on Donna Gibson, Neyda Gilman and Claudia Lascar follow the incoming Chair's Message, beginning on page 3.*)

Earlier this year Peggy put out a call for a Communications Chair, and Darra Balance from Augusta University answered

that call. Darra will be working with Peggy next year to coordinate social media accounts for the division. Perhaps, they'll include news Neyda shared earlier this week, that all of the DBIO programs have been accepted for 2019. Congratulations to Neyda and the committee on putting forth all of those successful proposals! I'm sure there will be much publicity about each program in 2019.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Board Members for serving this year, as well as all of the volunteers who have contributed in both big and small ways. I am always amazed by the level of volunteer time that everyone provides to make the division a rewarding experience, and as diverse as we are, it always seems to come together rather nicely. I have enjoyed serving as Chair, and I look forward to working with the Board next year as exciting things unfold for DBIO.

Happy Holidays! I wish each of you, health, prosperity and joy in the New Year!



DBIO Awards, presented to Donna Gibson, Neyda Gilman and Claudia Lascar

Message from the Incoming Chair Peggy Murphy

Happy New(ish) Year!

Thanks to the hard work of our Past-Chair, Cindy Sheffield, our board members, committees and members appointed to several roles, DBIO hit the ground running in 2019. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve a new [strategic plan](#) that emphasizes the pillars of Education, Member Engagement, Communications, Recruitment and Networking.

On the Communications front, Darra Ballance has taken on the role of Communications Coordinator, and she is busy re-envisioning the DBIO [Facebook](#) page, posting to [Twitter](#) and sending out useful information via [SLA Connect](#). (Editor's note: Read more about Darra on [page 3](#).) We look forward to her important work "corraling" information that will help DBIO members and others in the SLA community.

It's thrilling to share that of the sessions submitted to SLA by our 2019 Program Chair and DBIO Chair-Elect Neyda Gilman—all were accepted! We'll be busy preparing for the [Annual Conference](#), which will be held June 14-18 in beautiful Cleveland, Ohio. For those of you who have visited the conference website: yes, that is a giant purple guitar pick.

I hope that you will reach out to me with questions, comments and news. I would like to get to know the individuals who are the heart and soul of our Division.

Distinguished Member Award

November 15, 2018

Presented to: Donna Gibson

Presented by: Cindy Sheffield

My nomination for the Distinguished Member Award is Donna Gibson. Donna has led the Vendor Relations event for at least the past six years. Whether it was being held early in the morning or in the rush of midday Donna ensured it was properly hosted. Donna has spearheaded the fundraising efforts for this event, and worked with others, specifically Nalini Mahajan, in raising funds for DBIO. She has attended numerous committee meetings to prepare for these events, prepared the publicity, determined the budget, and helped to coordinate local arrangements for this event, one that is critical for DBIO's financial success. Each of these events has brought considerable sponsorship funding to the Division. For these reasons Donna is being recognized as a Distinguished Member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA.



Chair's Recognition Award

November 15, 2018

Presented to: Claudia Lascar

Presented by: Cindy Sheffield

Claudia has been a long-time member of DBIO and I know she has served in a variety of roles. Claudia has been very engaged in ensuring the DBIO website is current, so all members have access to the information they need. She has been invaluable to me, reminding me when certain things need to be taken care of. That historical knowledge is truly priceless. Claudia has confessed to me that she does not think her technical skills are cutting-edge; however, like all good managers she knows exactly who to contact to get the job done. Claudia along with Monica Kirkwood has done a great job with our website, and it really is one of the most, if not the most informative websites for SLA units. It is also very current, which is an amazing feat for a Division. Thank you, Claudia, for all of your hard work and devotion in keeping us current. I am happy to give Claudia the Chair's Recognition Award for her service.



DBIO's New Communications Coordinator

Darra Ballance, MLIS, has joined the DBIO team as its communications coordinator. In this role she will work with the DBIO board to post to Twitter, update the Facebook page and share information via SLA Connect. Please welcome Darra to her new role!

Darra is the Director of Retention Programming and Technology for the Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia (AU). She is also a faculty member in the Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library at AU. At the AHEC her work has focused on retention of health professionals in rural and underserved areas. Darra has worked at AU (formerly the Medical College of Georgia) since 2006. She is webmaster for the

AHEC Network in Georgia and also manages the AHEC's Facebook page.

Before joining AU in 2006, Darra was a Senior Librarian at the Savannah River National Laboratory (a Department of Energy defense nuclear site) in Aiken, South Carolina from 1998-2005. During that time she served as chair-elect, chair and past chair of SLA's Sci-Tech Division. Previously she worked as a hospital librarian at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, from 1992-1998.

Darra received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina, and is a South Carolina native.



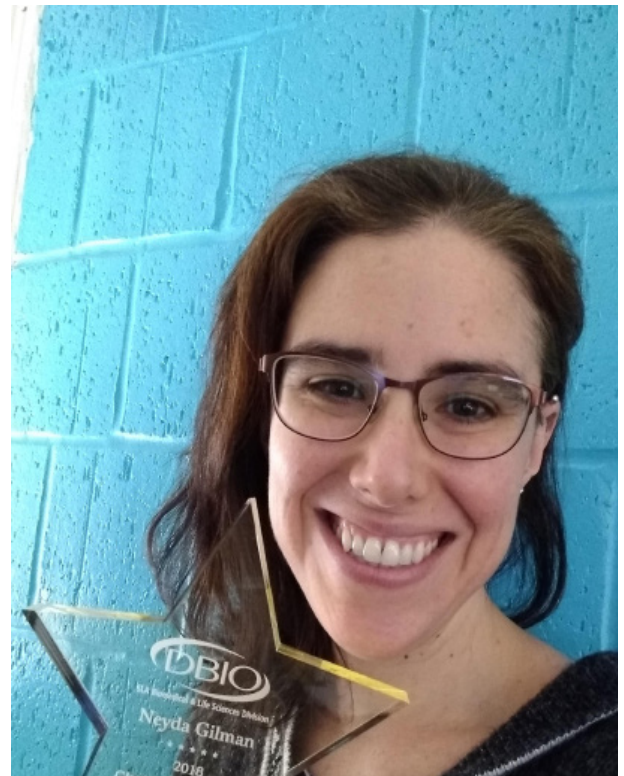
Chair's Recognition Award


November 15, 2018

Presented to: Neyda Gilman

Presented by: Cindy Sheffield

This nomination is for Neyda Gilman. Neyda has been an active member of DBIO for the past 5 years. Neyda served on the Home Page Committee from 2014-2016. She served as Membership Chair from 2016-2017, and I am grateful she stepped up to be the Program Planning Chair for 2018 and 2019. In each of these roles she has offered thoughtful suggestions and has been a supportive team player. She kept the Planning Committee organized, which culminated in excellent programming with several of these programs making the list for "Best Session Attended" in the post conference survey. For these reasons it is my pleasure to award Neyda the Chair's Recognition Award. Thank you for all of your diligence in planning DBIO's programs.





SLA 2019
Annual Conference
Friday, June 14 – Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

DBIO on Facebook and Twitter

Darra Ballance

Hi all: Our Division has two social-media accounts that you may wish to follow: <https://www.facebook.com/SLADBIODivision/> (our Facebook page) and our Twitter account: @dbiosla (<https://twitter.com/dbiosla>).

Your likes, comments and shares are always appreciated! As your new Communications Coordinator I will be posting to these sites on a regular basis. I hope you will find them informative—and if you have news to share on these platforms, feel free to send it my way.

Navigating the Constantly Evolving Information Landscape

The Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division of SLA is pleased to announce its Spring Meeting: **Navigating the Constantly Evolving Information Landscape**. The meeting will be held April 14-16, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the Hilton Penn's Landing Hotel. We have an engaging agenda with top-notch speakers and two keynote addresses as well!

The website is ready and [registration](#) is open!

Your full meeting registration includes the Sunday evening reception and the Monday evening social event at the National Constitution Center.



Science Under Scrutiny, Continued

Buzz Haughton

Some of you may have had a look at the article I wrote for the fall 2018 issue of *Biofeedback* regarding recent discoveries that some of the research scientists have done and published in the juried literature was based on biased premises and methods. Since this is a topic that interests and concerns me, I did a bit more searching for up-to-the-minute articles, again in peer-reviewed journals, about this problem. Here are a few more citations that I came up with:

Palus, Shannon: Make research reproducible. **Scientific American**, 18 September 2018, Vol. 319(4), pp.56-59. DOI: 10.1038/scientificamerican1018-56

Palus discussed Kate Corker's psychology experiment and redoing experiments that other scientist attempt. Corker is a psychologist at Grand Valley State University who is trying to make a replicate on the original findings published in 2008 in the prestigious journal **Science** concerning the temperature of the hot coffee which is distributed to subjects.

Cyranoski, D.: China introduces sweeping reforms to crack down on academic misconduct. **Nature**, June 2018, Vol. 558(7709), pp.171. DOI: 10.1038/d41586-018-05359-8.

Moreels, T.G.: Ethical aspects in medical publishing in Belgium. **Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica**, January-March 2018, Vol. 81(1), pp.45-48.

In addition, the journal **Anaesthesia**, in its January 2018 issue, has three articles, all beginning with the title "Seeking and reporting apparent research misconduct", the first containing the research uncovering misconduct, with two replies appended.

In order to avoid the Google Effect, i.e. way too many returns if I do a keyword search, as a cataloger I much prefer, whenever possible, to use a subject search in the databases available to us. In PubMed, of course, the controlled vocabulary is MeSH. For this subject I looked using **Scientific Misconduct** (<https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/record/ui?ui=D015871>) and **Retraction of Publication as Topic** (<https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/record/ui?ui=D012180>), and sometimes **Plagiarism** (<https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/record/ui?ui=D015714>). For searching in Biological Abstracts, I recommend consulting the **Concept Codes** web page (https://images.webofknowledge.com/images/help/BIOABS/hp_concept_codes.html) for appropriate subjects. These are five-digit codes for topics, e.g. **00502** for **General Biology--Philosophy**. When searching as subject, one can truncate after the third digit using an asterisk.

I hope some of you have learned more about the existence of this particular subject, i.e. scientific misconduct, and more generally how to zero in on topics that you need more information about using controlled vocabularies.

Member News

Lori Bronars

Ramune Kubilius, from the Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, has several recent accomplishments to share:

PRESENTATIONS:

Kubilius, Ramune K. On the Winds of Change: The Health Sciences Institutional Repository Landscape-Highlights from a recent survey's findings. Presentation in: On the Winds of Change- Repositories, Researchers, and Technologies (18th Health Sciences Lively Lunchtime Discussions)]. Charleston Conference: Issues in Book & Serial Acquisition, 2018 annual conference, Charleston, SC, November 5-9, 2018.

Kubilius, Ramune K. Anniversaries and Commemorations: Opportunities for Health Sciences Librarians. Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI) annual conference, Rockford, IL, September 26-28, 2018. [lightning talk]. DOI: 10.18131/g3-hbvn-dh57

SPECIAL ISSUE EDITOR / AUTHOR OF INTRODUCTION:

Kubilius, Ramune K., Special health sciences issue editor (and author of Introductions), : Trends in the Health Sciences and Biomedical Sciences Information Landscape: Introduction . Against the Grain: Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians: 30(4), September, 2018.

Lori Bronars has collaborated on another digital exhibit.

Navigating the World: Geospatial Approaches at Yale. Curated with Gwyneth Crowley and designed by Mark Saba. The exhibit is on display at the Center for Science and Social Science Information, Yale University, November 2018-April 2019 and online after that at <https://csssi.yale.edu/exhibits>.

***Biofeedback* is still seeking bios of DBIO members. There are still many of you out there who haven't yet told your stories! If you're interested, get in touch with Lori Bronars: lori.bronars@yale.edu**

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For a complete list of current board and committee members, see the Division Website at: <http://dbiosla.org/inside/officers/officers.html>

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