

# Georgia Library Association Election Guide

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## Introduction

Elections for GLA Executive Board and Division level positions occur electronically September 1 - September 20th each year ([GLA Bylaws, Article II, Section 2](#)).

On September 1, 2020, all members of the association will receive an email with a link to the ballot for the Executive Board elections. In addition this email will include a link to ballot addressing changes to the GLA Constitution and Amendments that need to be approved by the membership. The email will also include a link to the ballot for any division level unit of which the recipient is a member. Note: Interest Group and Interest Group Council elections are held separately later in the year.

To preview the list of candidates and amendments, please see use the links below:

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# GLA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

## ONE

### ARTICLE IV. Divisions, Sections and Interest Groups of the Georgia Library Association

#### Section 4. Constitutional Authority of Divisions and Interest Groups.

- a. Each division shall have and shall operate under a constitution and bylaws, ~~two-a copies~~ of which must be ~~posted on the division website and one copy~~ filed with the ~~Association's Administrative Services Coordinator~~ Georgia Library Association archives. No article or section of such constitution or bylaws may conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association.
- b. Each section, the Interest Group Council, and each interest group ~~may shall~~ have and ~~may shall~~ operate under a constitution and bylaws, ~~two-a copy~~ of which must be ~~posted on the section, Interest Group Council, or interest group website and one copy~~ filed with the ~~Association's Administrative Services Coordinator~~ Georgia Library Association archives. No article or section of such constitution or bylaws may conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association.

## TWO

### Article V. Officers, the Association Board, and the Executive Committee

#### Section 3. Vacancies in Office

- c. The President with the advice and consent of the Association Board shall make appointments to fill vacancies in other elected offices of the Association until the next regularly scheduled election. The Board can approve special elections when vacancies occur before a candidate takes office.

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## THREE

### Article VI. Chapter in the American Library Association

#### Section 2 . Nomination

The Nominating and Elections Committee shall present the nominee(s) for Councilor every three years along with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the American Library Association's constitution and bylaws. The election of the new Councilor will take place one year before the end of the term of the sitting Councilor to allow the sitting Councilor to serve as a mentor for the new Councilor.

### Article VII. Member of the Southeastern Library Association

#### Section 2. Nomination

The Nominating and Elections Committee shall every four years present the nominee(s) for Representative along with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the Southeastern Library Association constitution and bylaws. Only members of the Georgia Library Association who are members of the Southeastern Library Association may vote for this office.

## FOUR

### ARTICLE XI. Parliamentary Authority

#### Section 1. Rules

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order*, the latest edition, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Bylaws, or special rules of order of the Association.

#### Section 2. Parliamentarian

A parliamentarian shall be appointed annually by the President, with the advice and consent of the Association Board, to serve at each business meeting of the Association.

# GLA BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

## ONE

### ARTICLE I. DUES

#### Section 1. Association Dues

~~Dues are payable annually upon the receipt of due date notice. Dues are payable annually upon the receipt of notice from the Administrative Services Coordinator.~~ The amount for dues shall be determined by a recommendation from the Association Board upon the approval of the membership. Basic dues will entitle an individual to membership in the Association and to divisions and/or interest groups as desired. The Association Board shall determine the need for a registration fee at meetings and shall set the amount of the fee for the same.

## TWO

### ARTICLE II. Nomination and Election of Officers

#### Section 1. Nominations

~~The Nominating Committee-~~Nominating and Elections Committee is composed of a Chair or Co-Chairs and as many as four other members, ideally representing public libraries, school media centers, college and university libraries, and special libraries. Pursuant to guidelines approved by the Association Board, the ~~Nominating Committee-~~Nominating and Elections Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for each office for presentation to the membership. Not more than two names may be submitted by the Committee for each office on the slate, specified in GLA Constitution Article V. See also Article V regarding ALA Councilor and GLA Constitution Article VII regarding the SELA Representative. The Committee shall also collect the officer nominations from each GLA Division for inclusion on the ballot. The Committee's slate of candidates shall be published annually in the official organ, and/or through a direct mailing to membership.

Additional nominees may be submitted to the ~~Nominating Committee-~~Nominating and Elections Committee via petitions containing a minimum of 10 percent of the membership if submitted by August 10, following the publication of the slate.

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## THREE

### ARTICLE II. Nomination and Election of Officers

#### Section 2. Election

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c. Terms for the President, Vice-President/President-Elect, and Secretary shall begin January 1 of the year following the election and end December 31 of that year. The term of office for the Vice-President for Membership and the Vice-President for Marketing and Branding shall begin on January 1 of the year following the election and shall run for two years ending on December 31 of the second year. The term of office for the Treasurer shall begin on January 1 of the year following the election and shall run for three years ending on December 31 of the third year. The terms of the ALA Councilor and the SELA Representative shall begin and end as set out in the constitutions and bylaws of the American Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association (see also GLA Constitution Article V).

## FOUR

### ARTICLE III. Administrative Services Coordinator

#### Section 1. Appointment and Responsibility

~~An Administrative Services Coordinator shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Association Board. The Administrative Services Coordinator is responsible to the President and to the Association Board.~~ A company or individual shall be contracted by the President with the advice and consent of the Association Board to handle the administrative services of the association. This company or individual will be referred to as GLA Administrative Services and is responsible to the President and to the Association Board.

## FIVE

### ARTICLE III. Administrative Services Coordinator

#### Section 2. Administrative Services Liaison

~~The Administrative Services Coordinator shall maintain an office for the transaction of Association business, membership records, and other duties as directed by the President.~~

An Administrative Services Liaison shall be appointed biennially by the President and Vice President/President-Elect, with the advice and consent of the Association board. The Administrative Services Liaison shall be the primary point of contact for GLA administrative services. The GLA President, Treasurer, and Vice-President for Membership act as secondary liaisons to GLA Administrative Services. The Administrative Services Liaison shall act as GLA Parliamentarian.

## SIX

### ARTICLE IV. Duties of Officers and Association Board

#### Section 1. Officers

d. The Vice-President for Marketing and Branding shall oversee the work of the ~~Marketing and Branding Committee~~ ~~Public Relations committee~~, the Webmaster, and other out-facing aspects of the Association focusing on the public image of the Association.

## SEVEN

### ARTICLE IV. Duties of Officers and Association Board

#### Section 3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is empowered to conduct the routine affairs of the Association between meetings of the Association Board. ~~The Executive Committee is defined in Constitution Article V.~~

## EIGHT

### ARTICLE V. Committees

#### Section 1. Standing Committees

There shall be the following standing committees appointed by the President with the approval of the Association Board. When conditions require such action, the Association Board may discontinue any standing committee, subject to approval by the membership.

Awards Committee  
 Budget Committee  
 Conference Committee  
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee  
 Georgia Student Media Festival Committee  
~~Governmental Relations~~ Advocacy Committee  
 Handbook Committee  
 Membership Committee  
~~Nominating~~ ~~ions~~ and Elections Committee  
~~Public Relations~~ Marketing & Branding Committee  
 Records Committee  
 Scholarship Committee  
 Student Assistants Committee

## NINE

### ARTICLE V. Committees

#### Section 2. Appointment

The President shall appoint a new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect each year for committees that do not have a method established elsewhere in the Bylaws or Handbook for selecting a chair. The President shall also appoint members for all committees, with the exception of the Conference Committee. The Chairs of the Advocacy, Georgia Student Media Festival, Membership, ~~Public Relations~~ Marketing & Branding, Scholarship, and Student Assistants Committees may allow volunteers in addition to the members appointed by the President.



## TEN

### ARTICLE V. Committees

#### Section 3. Terms of Office

The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of a committee is appointed for a two-year term serving one year as vice-chair and one year as chair. With the exception of the Conference Committee, all other appointed members of standing committees shall serve during the year for which they are appointed. They may be reappointed for a second term, but not for a third consecutive term. Non-appointed members working on the **Advocacy**, Georgia Student Media Festival, Membership, **Public Relations**, **Marketing & Branding**, Scholarship, and Student Assistants Committees may volunteer for an indefinite term.

## ELEVEN

### ARTICLE V. Committees

#### Section 4. **Conference Committee**

~~The committee chair is appointed by the President and serves a three-year term. The Association's President and Vice President/President-Elect shall serve as co-chairs of the Conference Committee. The Association's Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Conference Committee, taking on the role of treasurer of the conference as needed. The Association's immediate past president shall serve on the Conference Committee in an advisory capacity. In addition to those listed above, the~~ The Conference Committee shall include 12 ~~appointed~~ members ~~appointed by the chair, in consultation with the president.~~ Members of the Conference Committee shall be appointed for a three-year term ~~and may be reappointed.~~ ~~Membership of the Conference Committee shall be staggered with four new members appointed each year. Members may be reappointed for a second consecutive term, but not to a third consecutive term. A one-year break in service is required before serving additional terms. The Co-Chairs~~ The chair may solicit the help of additional volunteers as needed.



# GLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

## List of Candidates

### Vice-President and President-Elect

- ☐ Virginia Feher, University of North Georgia, Head Librarian-Oconee Campus
- ☐ Karen Manning, Georgia Institute of Technology, Metadata Specialist

### Vice-President for Marketing and Branding

- ☐ Marquita Gooch, Clayton County Library System, Assistant Director Technology and Training
- ☐ Micki Waldrop, Brenau University, Research and Instruction Librarian

### Secretary

- ☐ Kelly Williams, Gwinnett County Public Library, Library Associate
- ☐ Jean Mead, Athens (GA) Regional Library System, Assistant Director for Regional Services and Outreach

### ALA Councilor

- ☐ Angela Glowcheski, Sequoyah Regional Library System, Deputy Director
- ☐ Ashley Hoffman, Kennesaw State University, eLearning Librarian

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## Executive Board Candidate Biographies

### Vice-President and President-Elect

Virginia Feher

University of North Georgia, Head Librarian-Oconee Campus



Virginia (Ginny) Feher would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the association, its members, and Georgia librarians across the state. Her goals for the association include establishing additional mechanisms to better support inclusivity within GLA through concrete actions and policies, striving to make the association a more welcoming organization for diverse groups. She would also continue to support and expand the work of GLA's past presidents, such as ensuring that the Georgia Libraries Conference remains a premier event for Georgia and southeastern library employees and affiliates.

Ginny has been involved in GLA since 2010, getting her start as secretary of the Interlibrary Loan Interest Group. Since then, she has served on various interest groups and committees as a member or officer, including: 2011/12 co-chair, Atlanta Emerging Librarian Planning Committee; 2012 chair, New Members Round Table; 2012 chair, Interlibrary Loan Interest Group; 2013 secretary, Government Information Interest Group; and 2013 chair, Interest Group Council. She has also been a member of the Academic Library Division and various interest groups. As both a voting and non-voting member of GLA's Executive Board since 2012, Ginny has actively participated in board discussions and decisions.

In 2012, Ginny joined the editorial board of GLA's journal, the Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), as the associate editor, peer-review coordinator, and in 2013 she moved into the editor position, leading a team of editors in publishing a vital resource for the field of library science and providing guidance to authors to help them publish high quality articles that inform and educate our readers. In addition, Ginny has contributed to the annual conference in multiple ways, serving on this year's Conference Committee and in the past serving on the programming

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committee and acting as an Academic Library Division (ALD) papers presentation judge, as well as presenting at the annual conference regularly since 2009.

Ginny has worked in academic libraries since 1987. She was the interlibrary loan borrowing supervisor at the University of Georgia until September 2012, when she accepted the government information librarian position at Augusta University after earning an MLIS in 2011 from Valdosta State University. In 2014, she joined the University of North Georgia (UNG) as a reference services librarian at the Gainesville campus, and in 2015 she moved to the Oconee campus as its head librarian. As a unit head, department head, and then head librarian, Ginny has extensive management and leadership experience, which she can apply to successfully lead GLA.

Ginny has lived in Athens, Georgia since moving there in 1982 to earn an MFA in painting. Her main guilty pleasure is binge watching K-Drama (South Korean drama series), for which she would be happy to provide recommendations to anyone thinking of exploring the genre.

Karen Manning

Georgia Institute of Technology, Metadata Specialist



Karen Manning is a Metadata Specialist working with technology and curating digital collections and scholarship at Georgia Tech. In this role, Karen develops strategies and policies for building and maintaining digital collections to support instruction and new research streams. She began her library work at the Library of Congress and is knowledgeable about many facets of library work. This breadth of knowledge is demonstrated by the multi-dimensional roles that she has held in Public and Technical Services, and her current role in Archives. Karen's expertise and interests are in Digital Technologies, Archival Management, and Rights Management (copyright and other intellectual property). She holds a MLIS with a concentration in Management and a BA in Organizational Leadership. Karen also received certification in Copyright for Educators and Librarians.

Karen's leadership skills are exhibited in her service on various professional and library committees and project teams. She is a member of the American Library Association (ALA), Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), and Society of American Archivists (SAA). Karen has been actively involved in GLA since 2005 and has held leadership positions as 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair, Black Caucus Chair, and the Paraprofessional Division Chair. She has led efforts in the establishment of two GLA Interest Groups. Additionally, Karen chaired Georgia Tech Library's mentoring and employee activities committees that fostered communication, teamwork, and increased morale among library employees. Together with the committee members, Karen planned, coordinated, and executed internal workshops and social activities.

Karen was the recipient of a GLA Paraprofessional Grant, the Nora Symmers Paraprofessional Award and a Beard Scholarship. She twice received the "Price's Pride" annual award that recognizes Georgia Tech Library employees. Karen also received an ACRL Scholarship that provided professional development and interaction with other librarians.

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Karen enjoys volunteering in school libraries as a book reader and providing general library assistance. Her outreach to children and youth promotes how libraries can contribute to achieving their aspirations, as well as providing continuing life-long learning. She also loves to travel, visit museums, and the beach.

The Georgia Library Association is where collaborations, learning, and professional networking occurs. Karen believes that the spirit of partnerships, possibilities, and participation, can produce pathways towards innovation and progress. Karen understands the importance of having a clear direction in navigating the future of GLA. Her leadership philosophy includes being open-minded, obtaining expertise, and facilitating individual and collective efforts to accomplish shared objectives. Karen is inspired by the opportunity to serve as GLA's Vice-President and President-Elect and looks forward to facilitating continuous enrichment of the library community.

## Vice-President for Marketing and Branding

Marquita Gooch

Clayton County Library System, Assistant Director Technology and Training



Marquita Gooch is a graduate of Florida State University, receiving her Masters of Library and Information Science in 2011 with Cum Laude honors. A native of Atlanta, she began her career as a part-time Library Assistant Senior for the Fulton County Library System (FCLS). She ended her tenure at FCLS as the Social Media and Web Page Coordinator for the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History (AARL).

She continued her library career by joining D.C. Public Schools as a Teacher Librarian where she developed community relationships and marketing campaigns to engage students and their parents. Those campaigns led to partnerships with D.C. Public Libraries, Howard University, the non-profit organization Critical Exposure, and several local bookstores and authors.

Currently, Marquita serves as the Assistant Director for Technology and Training for the Clayton County Library System (CCLS). In addition to her duties as an Assistant Director, Marquita also handles marketing for CCLS including the website, all social media accounts, email newsletter and live-streamed events. She has created many virtual programs and marketing campaigns for CCLS resulting in a 60% increase in engagement from patrons across the board.

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Micki Waldrop

Brenau University, Research and Instruction Librarian



Micki Waldrop is a Research and Instruction Librarian at Brenau's Trustee Library in Gainesville, GA. She has over 12 years of experience in social media marketing, branded content creation, and outreach. Micki is part of a two-person marketing and outreach team that seeks to make the library a welcoming place for students, staff, and faculty.

Micki has been a member of GLA since 2014 where she has been a member of the Social Media Committee in 2015, has served on the Georgia Library Conference (GLC) planning committee as the Chair of Local Arrangements for the 2016 COMO Conference, and she has served as Chair of the Catering Committee since 2016. You may also remember her as the murder victim at GLC's Murder Mystery event in 2017.

Micki loves libraries and she wants EVERYBODY to love them as much as she does. Part of this love includes working to market library services, events, and opportunities in a way that connects with patrons. She believes a sure way to engage an audience is with a laugh, so she works to deliver the message of libraries with a good dose of humor.

Micki earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Kennesaw State University, a Master of Arts in History from the University of Georgia, and a Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University. Outside of the library, Micki can be found (literally) hanging around a trapeze studio, thinking about her next meal, or buying furniture to rehab.

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## Secretary

Kelly Williams

Gwinnett County Public Library, Supervisory Librarian



Kelly Williams is a library student and employee, and is actively involved in GLA. She's currently finishing her MLIS at Valdosta State University. She works for Gwinnett County Public Library, where she plans and runs programs, helps with staff training, and provides customer service with a smile.

Kelly is currently secretary of GLA's New Member Round Table, and plans to use her experience from that position to be an excellent secretary for GLA in 2021 if chosen. She's detail-oriented, always looking for exciting things for libraries to do, and always volunteering to help out. Her goal with the position of Secretary is to serve the library community.

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Jean Mead

Athens (GA) Regional Library System, Assistant Director for Regional Services and Outreach



Having worked in public libraries for ten years, Jean is experienced in multiple areas such as cataloging, multigenerational programming, collection development for children and young adults, administration, and outreach. Currently an Assistant Director at Athens Regional Library System, she works as the liaison between the main library and 11 branches located in 5 counties. These very different tasks have honed her organizational skills, record keeping, and multitasking to a new level as well as an appreciation of the multiple facets of librarianship.

Jean was a 2016 graduate of Georgia's Pinnacle Leadership training and a participant of the Public Library Association (PLA) Leadership Academy in 2019. She served as 2018-2019 Vice-Chair/Chair for GLA's Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group. She is a member of American Library Association and Public Library Association. Jean shows care, consideration, and loyalty to her colleagues. She is committed to making sure the board operates efficiently and is dedicated to empowering fellow librarians by being a force for ongoing improvement and innovation in the ever-changing field.

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## ALA Councilor

Angela Glowcheski

Sequoyah Regional Library System, Deputy Director



Angela Glowcheski is dedicated to leadership and creating results, and is ready to serve as GLA's ALA Councilor. As Councilor, Angela will represent GLA's interests and goals at ALA Council and communicate regularly with the executive board and membership. Angela is currently the Deputy Director of the Sequoyah Regional Library System. She has been employed at Sequoyah for five years overseeing patron services and staff development and has worked in public libraries since 2008. Angela currently serves as GLA's Advocacy Committee Chair as well as the Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group Chair. Angela is an active member of ALA's Learning Round Table and is currently serving as the LearnRT Immediate Past Chair.

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Ashley Hoffman

Kennesaw State University, eLearning Librarian



Ashley Hoffman is the eLearning Librarian at Kennesaw State University and has been an active member of GLA since 2013. She would be honored to serve as GLA's representative to the ALA Council because she strongly believes in the value of our professional library associations and in the power of organizational governance. She has experience with elected representative positions, including serving as division chair of GLA's New Members Round Table and more recently as chair of her university's Library Faculty Assembly. She is active in Association of College & Research Libraries, where she has presented at the past two conferences and is currently serving on a committee in the Distance Learning Section. If elected to be your ALA Councilor, she is eager to represent your interests and concerns as ALA faces some serious organizational and fiscal challenges in the coming years.

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# ACADEMIC LIBRARY DIVISION ELECTION

## List of Candidates

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

- ☐ Catherine Mancini, Georgia Institute of Technology, Public Programming & Community Engagement Specialist
- ☐ Emma Kate Morgan, Augusta University, Access Services Librarian

### Secretary

- ☐ Kristina Lang, Georgia State University, Reference & Instruction Librarian

### ACRL Chapters Council Representative

- ☐ Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui, Kennesaw State University, Associate Dean of KSU Library System
- ☐ Eli Arnold, Oglethorpe University, University Librarian and Director of the Philip Weltner Library
- ☐ Lamonica Sanford, Georgia College & State University, Assessment Librarian

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## Academic Library Division Candidate Biographies

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Catherine Mancini

Georgia Institute of Technology, Public Programming & Community Engagement Specialist

Catherine is currently the Public Programming and Community Engagement Librarian at Georgia Tech. Catherine joined GLA right when she moved to Georgia, and believes that GLA has been the most useful community for professional development and support. She has served GLA as Secretary of the GLA New Members Round Table, then as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for the GLA Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group (RISIG). As Chair of RISIG, Catherine worked with Karen Doster-Greenleaf to start the process of merging RISIG and the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group (AABIG) to support the longevity and valuable work of AABIG, and increase the impact RISIG provides to its members. Catherine also serves on the Georgia Libraries Conference committee for 2020. Throughout her time in GLA, Catherine has been an involved and dedicated member of the Academic Library Division (ALD) and the Association of College & Research Libraries. Since she has gained so much from the ALD community, she would be honored to serve as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of ALD.

Emma Kate Morgan

Augusta University, Access Services Librarian

Emma Kate Morgan is the Access Services Librarian at Reese Library at Augusta University. Emma Kate holds the Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a BA in English Studies from Mississippi State University and is currently pursuing an MA in Educational and Instructional Technology from Western Michigan University. Prior to her arrival at AU, Emma Kate worked at Western Michigan University's Waldo Library and Kalamazoo Public Library. Happy to be back in the South, Emma Kate is a passionate and energetic librarian, who is committed to creating equitable and accessible academic libraries.

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## Secretary

Kristina Lang

Georgia State University, Reference & Instruction Librarian

Kristina Lang is a Reference & Instruction Librarian at the Dunwoody Campus of Georgia State University where she assists the faculty, staff, and students of Perimeter College. She is a new librarian and instructor. She is eager to support the library community and increase her involvement in the Georgia Library Association, the Academic Library Division, and the Association of College & Research Libraries.

## ACRL Chapters Council Representative

Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui

Kennesaw State University, Associate Dean of KSU Library System

Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui is the Associate Dean of Kennesaw State University Library System. She has been an active ALA and Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) member since 1989. She has held ACRL offices with the Josey Spectrum Mentoring Committee, Marketing Committee, and the 2006 Conference Planning Committee. She began her career as a paraprofessional at the University of Miami, Otto G. Richter Library in the Serials Department where she performed both public and technical services duties. Linda received her Ed.S. and Ed.D. from Florida Atlantic University where she focused on learning and thinking styles among academic librarians.

Eli Arnold

Oglethorpe University, University Librarian and Director of the Philip Weltner Library

Eli Arnold currently serves as University Librarian and Director of the Philip Weltner Library at Oglethorpe University. After Eli graduated from Oglethorpe with a BA in Archaeology, he earned his MLIS from Valdosta State University and worked at the Horace W. Sturgis Library at Kennesaw State University. Eli started volunteering with the Georgia Library Association in 2013 as a member of the Annual Conference Committee working on both programming and exhibits. He then served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the New Members Round Table Division before being elected to a three-year term as Treasurer of GLA. He currently serves on the editorial staff of the peer-reviewed Georgia Library Quarterly and has presented on libraries and archives at local, national, and international conferences. In addition to GLA and the Association of College & Research Libraries, Eli is a member of the Society of Georgia Archivists, Society of American

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Archivists, Georgia LGBTQ Archives Council, and the ARCHE Library and Archives Councils. He is also an active member of many university committees at Oglethorpe.

### Lamonica Sanford

Georgia College & State University, Assessment Librarian

Lamonica is the Assessment Librarian at Georgia College & State University and a member of GLA and the Association of College & Research Libraries. As an Assessment Librarian, she works collaboratively with other entities on campus and within the library to evaluate and improve library services, resources, and spaces to support the vision of Georgia College. She sees her position as a way to highlight the importance and value of the library and completely subscribes to Ranganathan's belief that the library is a growing organism.

# GEORGIA LIBRARY TRUSTEES, FRIENDS, AND ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION

One candidate running for one position

## Vice-President

Brienné Coates



Brienné Coates is an engineer and creative producer at heart with a passion for travel (Gilman Scholar and Ambassador)— from books to flights, Brienné is adventurous and fun-loving. She is an advocate for lifelong learning, higher education and service leadership embracing the values and activism of diversity, inclusion and equity. Brienné currently serves as a member on the GLA Scholarship Committee. Previously, she served as a 21st Century Leaders (21CL) member on the Junior Board of Directors in 2019 and in 2017 she was selected as an inaugural Georgia Tech Diversity and Inclusion Fellow. Brienné has an entrepreneurial spirit and demonstrates her commitment to personal development while encouraging others to take action and help shape their environment for the better. Her professional experience in S.T.E.A.M and exposure to library services has transformed the way that she makes the connections between big data and storytelling, language and photography dynamically bridging intellectual and creative expression through information literacy.

Brienné is a global citizen who was born in Guyana, South America. Raised in Toronto, Ontario and graduated college in Georgia, USA where she earned two B.Sc. degrees in Mathematics and Industrial Engineering at Spelman College and Georgia Tech. Always on a quest for meaningful opportunities to give back to her community, she is prioritizing open access and preservation of resources for the people that need it the most. By fulfilling her desire to make a positive impact in the world, Brienné is taking the steps to share a brighter and sustainable future.

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# NEW MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

## List of Candidates

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

- ❑ Gina Viarruel, Gwinnett County Public Library, Library Associate

### Secretary

- ❑ Kelly Williams, Gwinnett County Public Library, Supervisory Librarian

## New Members Roundtable Candidate Biographies

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Gina Viarruel

Gwinnett County Public Library, Library Associate

Gina Viarruel has worked in Georgia libraries for twelve years in both academic and public libraries. In 2019, she received her MSLIS degree from Drexel University. She currently works as a Library Associate at the Suwanee Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library. This year she is one of a 3-person planning committee for Atlanta Emerging Librarians, which has aimed to keep librarians grounded through virtual events that are both meaningful and fun as members wait for it to be safe to gather in person again. As the New Members Round Table Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for GLA, Gina hopes to create a division that seeks out Georgia librarians for the sole purpose of supporting them in their career path. Gina's main goals are pursuing inclusivity in the way that GLA approaches and connects with new members, facilitating professional growth opportunities, and encouraging the sense of belonging that comes from someone else seeing a single aspiring librarian as a part of a bigger picture. In addition, she hopes to birth a mentorship program for new librarians as the New Members Round Table Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

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# PARAPROFESSIONAL DIVISION

One candidate running for one position

## Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Jessica Tibbetts

Gilmer County Library, Public Services Specialist

Jessica Tibbetts began her library paraprofessional career as a part-time Library Assistant in 2014 and has worked her way to becoming, in 2019, the current Public Services Specialist at the Gilmer County Library in Ellijay, GA.

Jessica specializes in library programming and patron support and is responsible for promoting awareness of Public Services to other employees and the public by advocating services, determining needs, and working with interested parties to obtain library-centered solutions. She believes that libraries would not be the truly wonderful places they are without the myriad employees who work tirelessly every day to enrich the lives of their communities.

Jessica is a creative force in the workplace and uses her positive attitude and energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed. Jessica is inspired daily by her co-workers. In her free time, Jessica likes to knit, read (of course!), and explore the North Georgia Mountains with her family.

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# PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION ELECTION

## List of Candidates

### Chair

- ☐ Angel Tuggle, Commerce Public Library

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

- ☐ Rosalind Lett, Clayton County Public Library

### Secretary

- ☐ Bel Outwater, Commerce Public Library

## No Biographies Available

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# GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

No Candidates Nominated

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# SPECIAL LIBRARIES & INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

## List of Candidates

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

- ❑ Stephen Sherman, Southeastern Council of Foundations

### Secretary

- ❑ Sheila Devaney, University of Georgia Libraries

## Special Libraries & Information Services Division Candidate Biographies

### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Stephen Sherman

Southeastern Council of Foundations



Stephen Sherman is Director of Research and Data for the Southeastern Council of Foundations, a membership association of grant-making organizations serving eleven states in the Southeast. He is responsible for managing the association's member database and coordinating research and data projects on philanthropy in the Southeast. Previously, he worked with the Atlanta office of the Foundation Center (now Candid), including serving as Atlanta Lead. In the latter role, he was responsible for managing the library's collection of materials on fundraising and nonprofit management, providing in-depth resource consultations for patrons, and overseeing office operations. Stephen is a past president of the Special Libraries Association-Georgia

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Chapter and has been a GLA member since 2008. He holds a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia and an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Secretary

Sheila Devaney

University of Georgia Libraries



Sheila Devaney is the Business Research and Instruction Librarian and Social Science Data Librarian at the University of Georgia Libraries. She has worked in academic libraries for over twenty-five years, at North Carolina State University, Peace University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She currently serves on the Annual Conference Advisory Council for the Special Libraries Association as well as being a co-founder and board director of the Southern Universities and Colleges Academic Business Librarians Conference. Sheila is also currently working on an open educational resource with a Terry College professor for an undergraduate real estate law class.

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