

Reference and Instruction Special Interest Group

GLA Midwinter Meeting

1/8/21

1:15-2pm

Attending:

Chair – Leslie Drost

Vice-Chair – Catherine Bowers

Secretary – Sheeji Kathuria

GLITR [Georgia Library Instruction, Teaching, and Reference Conference]: Amy Barker

Teresa Nesbitt

Meghan Crews

Amanda Nash

Angela Megaw

Ben Bryson

Benjamin Mullis

Janice Shipp

Letitia Moultrie

Bette Finn

Catherine Mancini

Delores Gulley

Judy Reardon

Kathleen Nelson

Kristina Lang

Virginia Feher

Stephanie Miranda

Sarah Grace Glover

Michelle Jones

Clayton Hulet

Amy Stalker

Carey Huddleston

Joshua Yang

Patricia Kenly

Linh Uong

Krystal Miller

Karen Doster-Greenleaf

1. Welcome

- a. Thank you to past Chair Teresa Nesbitt
- b. Introduce officers
 - i. Leslie Drost - President - First Year Experience Librarian at Kennesaw State University

- ii. Catherine Bowers - Vice President / President Elect - Coordinator of Library Instruction at Valdosta State University
- iii. Sheeji Kathuria - Secretary - Reference and Instruction Librarian at Georgia State University

2. GLITR with Amy Barker

- a. AABIG is now GLITR [Georgia Library Instruction, Teaching, and Reference Conference]. The 2021 conference committee includes:
 - i. Jolene Cole: Program Chair
 - ii. Ellen Barrow: Secretary
 - iii. Alison Cook: Treasurer

They are currently working on conference planning. GA Tech has agreed to host. Save the date for Friday, June 21, 2021. They are not sure if it will be held virtually or in-person yet.

New website is up and running: glitr.weebly.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/glitrconference>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/glitr_aabig

Please follow social media on Facebook and Twitter for more announcements (converted from old AABIG pages). They will be releasing conference registration when it is available.

Question from group: Is there a conference theme? Amy: theme is being sorted out still. It will be announced on social media at the same time as the call for proposals.

3. Review of RISIG 2020

- a. Scholarly Writing Group on Slack
<https://app.slack.com/client/T0125L8LGUU/C012C4ABH7B>
Various themes and topics.

Could put link to Slack group in Forums / Interest Group page

Question about Google Groups: transition has had some issues, so still figuring out some kinks with that.

- b. Lightning Rounds at GLC
We will be doing lightning rounds again at GLC again this October. By October, hopefully can support more in-person programming

4. Plans for 2021

a. Presentation Workshop (Catherine Bowers)

Idea adapted from Teresa involving a presentation workshop. Participants / presenters could take “half baked” ideas and present them to the group to solicit feedback. It would allow participants to have a different set of eyes to look at research ideas and get feedback for things like methodology, etc. It would give people opportunity to share expertise with fellow members.

b. Meet-up (if possible)/webinars/sponsored talks

Do a meet-up at GLC potentially. Last time there was a meet-up at VSU. We could potentially sponsor ACRL webinars. Any ideas on what to do as interest group? Interest in doing meet-up at GLC? Participants discuss karaoke that Oscar used to do. Also a discussion on missing in-person networking and bouncing ideas off each other, so there is group wide interest in doing that for GLC if possible.

c. Lightning Rounds at GLC

RISIG Lightning rounds-great for those new at research. Interest in doing those again? Group seems to agree.

d. Open discussion:

Angela: SELA equivalent of group doing zoom coffee conversations to informally network and discuss ideas (she could help organize it for RISIG if there is interest)

What is the interest among the group? “Unconference” / unofficial moderators to talk about topics like “podcasts” or new and interesting things in reference and instruction (ACRL frameworks).

Put 1-2 topics for people to discuss and have open discussion. Conversations at SELA level have been about: how we were handling pandemic, active learning in an online environment, how are you handling “zoom fatigue”, people discussing best practices; how are you doing formative or summative assessment. Roundtable takes place around lunchtime. Group very interested and Leslie will go forward in planning

Do we like the idea of asking for a budget from GLA? For ACRL webinar, etc? Leslie will ask for money and see what happens.

Does everyone know what will happen when school opens? Various participants discuss how their schools have handled COVID precautions, from social distancing, hybrid models, to fully in-person.