

# ALPS Annual Report: 2013-2014

By Sarah Stang

## The ALPS Executive for 2013-2014

- Chair: Sarah Stang (UBC)
- Chair-Elect: Danielle Winn (UBC)
- Continuing Education Director, 2nd Year: Aleha McCauley (UBC)
- Continuing Education Director, 1st Year: Andrea Cameron (SFU)
- Recording Secretary: Caitlin Bakker (UNBC)
- SLAIS student representatives: Ariel Deardorff & Amber Saundry

## “Getting Hired in Higher Education” Event

ALPS held our annual “Getting Hired in Higher Education” event at SLAIS (UBC) on October 29, 2013. A panel of six recent graduates (<5 years) shared details of job application, interview and hiring process for finding employment in an academic library with current SLAIS students. Thank you to our panelists Hillary Webb (SFU), Mari Paz Vera (VCC), Franklin Sayre (UBC), Leah Hopton (BCELN), Elyse Neufeld (SFU), and Jenna Walsh (SFU). The feedback from the 30 students who attended was positive, and it was suggested that the next “Getting Hired” panel include a mix of recent grads and hiring managers.

## ALPS December meeting

On December 6, 2013 at the Irving K Barber Learning Centre at UBC ALPS held a series of lightening talks on the theme of “Technology and the academic librarian: emerging, merging, and changing the game” during the annual meeting. Aleha McCauley, Continuing Education Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), coordinated building tours offered by Julie Mitchell and Gordon Yusko. The Learning Centre generously sponsored the webcast of the engaging talks, which can be found online at <http://www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/alps/>

## “Incorporating Research and Scholarship into your Professional Practice”

On Tuesday March 23 2014 four librarians from public and academic libraries spoke about their involvement with a variety of scholarship and

research in the field of librarianship. Our knowledgeable panelists were Eugene Barsky (UBC), Kay Cahill (VPL), Allan Cho (UBC), and Ania Dymarz (SFU). This event was organized by ALPS SLAIS Representatives Ariel Deardorff and Amber Saundry and was attended by 20 SLAIS students.

## ALPS Pub Night

On April 24, 2014 ALPS hosted a pub night social at the Morrissey in Vancouver BC. Approximately 16 members attended to enjoy food and drinks, win prizes, and discuss trends in academic librarianship including entrepreneurship outreach, MOOCs, assessment and more. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Andrea Cameron & Aleha McCauley for organizing the event.

## Representation on BCLA Committees

ALPS Executive Member Andrea Cameron represented ALPS on the BCLA Conference Planning Committee. The ALPS Executive reviewed the BCLA Conference program and recommended sessions of interest to ALPS members for sponsorship.

Aleha McCauley represented ALPS on the BCLA Continuing Education Committee developing a framework to support continuing education opportunities across the association.

Sarah Stang worked with other BCLA board members to draft a mission and vision statement to be taken forward. Danielle Winn attended an event where these drafts were shared for further consultation.

## ALPS Award for Outstanding Service

Established in 2002, the Academic Librarians in Public Service (ALPS) Award for Outstanding Service is presented to an academic public service librarian, or team of same, whose outstanding service has made a real difference to students, faculty, or colleagues in British Columbia.

The 2014 ALPS Award was presented to the SFU Thesis Boot Camp Team at the BCLA AGM on May 2, 2014.



Many thanks to the 2014 ALPS Award Committee: Caitlin Bakker (Chair, UNBC), Franklin Sayre (UBC), Mary-Anne MacDougall (UFV), Shawwna Parlongo (UBC), and Holly Hendrigan (SFU).

### ALPS Document Management

Caitlin Bakker, the Recording Secretary, kept minutes during meetings of the executive and for ALPS's quarterly submissions to the *BCLA Browser*. Browser submissions were on a range of topics, including the December meeting, "Technology and the Academic Librarian: Emerging, Merging, and Changing the Game," and the recipients of the 2014 ALPS Award, the SFU Thesis Boot Camp Team.

### Get involved with ALPS

Want to get involved with ALPS? New members are always welcome! To learn more, check out: The ALPS website: [https://bclaconnect.ca/?page\\_id=808](https://bclaconnect.ca/?page_id=808)

And don't forget to join the BCLA ALPS email list (<http://www.bclibraries.ca/listservs/bcla/>) for all of the latest news and discussion about events and issues of interest to academic librarians in public service.

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