

It is with great excitement that we introduce the Editorial Board of *The Political Librarian*. We are grateful to each of our board members for their service and dedication to the mission of *The Political Librarian*.

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After earning an MLS from North Carolina Central University in 2008, Alston began his career in librarianship as the first diversity resident at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Alston has also worked in public libraries and currently does reference and instruction librarianship at a South Carolina community college. Alston is a lifetime member of the Black Caucus of ALA and editor of BCALA's quarterly publication.

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Trevor A. Dawes is an Associate University Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, where he is responsible for research services, as well as scholarly communications, collections and acquisitions, and preservation. He was previously the Circulation Services Director at the Princeton University Library, and prior to that held several positions at the Columbia University Libraries in NYC. He has worked with staff in developing and providing training for various public service operations; has authored, co-authored, or edited several books and articles on a variety of topics; and has either planned or presented at various local, national and international conferences. Since 2006, Dawes has been an instructor in the MSLIS program at the iSchool at Drexel University. Dawes earned his MLS from Rutgers University, and has two additional Master's Degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University. He is an active member of the American Library Association and was the 2013-2014 President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Sandra Hirsh, PhD, Professor and Director

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Prior becoming director of the School of Information at San José State University, she worked in the Silicon Valley

for more than a decade at major technology companies: Hewlett Packard and Microsoft. As an industry user experience researcher, leader, and manager, she contributed to R&D research projects and influenced the user experience of web, mobile, and TV consumer products resulting in five US patents. She was previously an assistant professor at the University of Arizona, and has taught courses for San José State University and the University of Washington.

Her leadership roles include an appointment as 2014 president elect and 2015 president for the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), and serving on LIS committees for ASIS&T, the American Library Association (ALA), and Palo Alto's Library Advisory Commission. Her library experience ranges from academic and public to special libraries.

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In addition to his position as professor and program director, he is co-director of the Information Policy and Access Center. His research focuses on the ways in which law and public policy shape information behavior, particularly for underserved populations. He is the author of more than one hundred and twenty journal articles and book chapters, along with eight books. His research has been funded by the Institute of Museum & Library Services, the National Science Foundation, the American Library Association, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. Dr. Jaeger is editor of *Library Quarterly* and co-editor of the *Information Policy Book Series* from MIT Press.

Andrea Snyder, Outreach Services Specialist

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She earned her MLS from SUNY Buffalo in 2003 and started her library career with the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD. At the Pratt library, she held positions that allowed her to be embedded in the community and work closely with local nonprofit organizations as well as job seekers. Her current position allows her to em-

power the staff of the public libraries of Nassau County through continuing education and support services. Andrea is a passionate advocate of libraries and their power to change the lives of individuals and their communities.

Courtney L. Young, Head Librarian (Librarian and Professor of Women's Studies)

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Courtney served as the 2014-2015 American Library Association (ALA) President. She is currently head librarian and professor of women's studies at Penn State Greater Allegheny. An active leader in ALA, she has served on

the Executive Board (2009-2012), Council (2005-present), and as president of the New Members Round Table (2009-2010). In 2011, Courtney was named a Library Journal "Mover & Shaker," recognized as a change agent for her ability to successfully make connections among a diversity of duties in her library, on campus, and in the profession. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster (OH) with a BA in English and minors in Black studies and women's studies, and Simmons College, where she received her MS in Library Science. Courtney frequently presents and publishes on issues related to advocacy, academic librarianship, diversity, virtual reference, leadership, and professional development.