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Newsletter Highlights

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

By Daniela Solomon



Greetings ELD-ers,

Winter is almost over and spring is on everyone's radar, which means that the preparations for the ASEE conference are in full swing and that the conference is getting closer! The recent ASEE leadership's news about the excellent results in fixing the financial crisis along with the record high number of conference

submissions and expanded exhibit spaces are indicators of a strong ASEE future and a super conference this year.

The same is true for the ELD-ASEE conference and I strongly encourage everybody to attend this year's conference in Baltimore, MD. Program Chair Lisa Ngo and her planning committee are busy planning a conference program to include the ELD high number of submissions, plus all the traditional social events. The Publications Committee members are busy with reviews, and Development Committee members are finalizing communications with our sponsors. A big thank you to everybody's dedication and contributions to making this year's conference a success!

The ELD leadership has also been busy:

- The Awards Committee announced a new award to honor early career ELD members and are currently accepting nominations for all ELD awards.
- The DEI Committee finalized the ELD DEI Statement and submitted it for approval.
- The Professional Development Committee planned two additional Spring webinars.
- David Hubbard has started his term as the ELD Delegate to the Interdivisional Town Hall, also in the process of planning their conference events.

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- The Executive Committee approved the process of nominating the ELD Delegate to the ASEE CDEI Committee.
- The ELD Task Force Group is working on developing a guideline for maintaining ELD operational documents on the OSF platform.
- The Nominating Committee announced the slate of candidates for ELD officers' positions and the voting will be open until March 24th – please do not forget to vote!

Thank you to all members volunteering their times to make ELD a great organization!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or ideas about ELD, don't hesitate to contact me at daniela.solomon@case.edu.

2023 ELD ANNUAL CONFERENCE LIGHTNING TALK CALL

Do you or your library or organization have an exciting new project, program, partnership, or tool that you would like to share with your fellow ELD members? If so, please consider proposing a Lightning Talk for the 2023 ASEE Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD. There will be one Lightning Talk session on Monday, June 26, 1:30 – 3 P.M.

What is a Lightning Talk? A Lightning Talk is a very short presentation on a timely topic of interest to the audience. This year, we are hoping for a variety of talks on any topic including but not limited to:

- Digital initiatives
- Innovative projects, programs or services
- New partnerships
- New technology, tools or products

Each Member Talk is 3 minutes, and each Sponsor Talk is 1 minute. The main goals are to learn about what our peers and sponsors are currently working on, and to generate discussions during the session and over the course of the conference.

Your proposal should include:

- Your name, email, title and organization
- Title of talk
- Type of talk (Member or Sponsor)
- Brief description of your talk (no more than 100 words)

Submit your proposals to: <https://forms.gle/QFJ4KTZ5gC7SZxqt8> by Friday, May 19th. There are a limited number of presentation slots. Presenters are required to attend the ASEE conference in person, to be around to do your presentation and answer questions after the presentation.

If you have questions, please contact us if you have questions about:

Member Talks: Marina Zhang (gianjin-zhang@uiowa.edu)

Sponsor Talks: Kelly Durkin Ruth (durkinru@usna.edu)

Thank you,
Marina Zhang and Kelly Durkin Ruth, Co-Moderators

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: SLATE OF CANDIDATES

It is our pleasure to present the slate of candidates of the 2023 ASEE - Engineering Libraries Division election. We would like to thank all our nominees for their willingness to run for office and to serve our organization. Please check your email for a personalized link to the ballot and **vote by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time, Friday, March 24th.**

Best Wishes,
Kari Kozak, Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Nancy Allee | University of Michigan

I am a new member of ELD and attended my first conference this past year in Minneapolis. It was my first in-person conference since the pandemic began, and it was an amazing experience. I benefited from the feedback and discussions from co-presenting a paper on transforming engineering libraries, from a well-designed and delivered workshop on qualitative research methods, from a presentation about building diversity collections to support engineering teaching and research, from conference presentations about increasing diversity in recruitment, and from many conversations with library colleagues about current issues facing our libraries. I was hooked. When the call came for an opportunity to engage with ELD more actively, I welcomed the chance to become more involved in supporting and serving the goals of the organization. Even though I am a new member of ELD, I have experience that would be beneficial. I am the Director of Taubman Health Sciences Library & STEM at the University of Michigan, with a role in bridging library services to health sciences, science, and engineering academic and research communities. I have been a long-term member of the Medical Library Association (MLA) with service as chair of the leadership and management section and chair of the public health section. I have served on many MLA committees and also served three years as a member of the national program committee with responsibility for planning the program, including selecting and inviting keynote speakers for the conference. I am interested in leveraging my prior experiences to advance ELD's organizational priority initiatives and to support the professional goals and interests of the membership.



	<p>Brought to you by the ELD Professional Development Committee</p> <h2>Conference Buddy Program</h2>
	<p>Are you new to the Engineering Libraries Division? Attending your first ASEE Annual Conference? Get paired up with an ELD Member to show you the conference ropes.</p>
<p>For more information contact Jay Bhatt via email: bhattjj@drexel.edu</p>	

Margaret Phillips | Purdue University

Greetings ELD Colleagues! I am a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer, the initial position of the ELD officer track. I have been an engineering librarian since 2010 (Michigan Tech 2010-2015; Purdue University 2015-present) and recently became Associate Department Head in the Purdue University Libraries & School of Information Studies. I joined ELD in 2011 and have found being a member to be a rewarding and invaluable experience. As a member, I've served on several ELD committees and presented at multiple ELD events. Most recently, I co-presented an ELD webinar on technical standards with Chelsea Leachman (Washington State), Erin Rowley (University at Buffalo), and Daniela Solomon (Case Western Reserve University) and a workshop on qualitative research methods at the 2022 Annual Conference with Amy Buhler (University of Florida) and Amy Van Epps (Harvard University). I'm also an inaugural member of the ELD DEI Committee, which recently developed a statement on diversity, equity and inclusion that we hope will be adopted by the ELD Executive Committee. I believe all of my ELD, engineering librarianship, and library leadership experience has prepared me well for the Secretary/Treasurer officer track position. If elected, it would be my honor to serve ELD in this capacity.



Directors

Shelby Hallman, she/hers | University of California - Los Angeles

I have been the Physical Sciences and Engineering Librarian at the University of California, Los Angeles since 2022 and an engineering librarian since 2017. Since joining ELD in 2017, I have presented at various ASEE conferences and I am currently serving on the Communications committee and the ad hoc ELD Winter Retreat planning task force. From my first ASEE in 2018, I have valued how ELD is a great resource, with everyone contributing different experiences, ideas, and knowledge surrounding engineering librarianship. To me, ELD represents a community that encourages co-learning, growth, and mentorship within our field. As an early career librarian, the opportunities ELD offers, educationally and financially, are invaluable to inspiring confidence and creativity when working with my local engineering community. I believe one of ELD's greatest strengths is the willingness to reflect on who we are, who is represented, and how we want to grow. This strength is enacted in the ongoing commitment to increasing diversity, equity,



NOMINATING COMMITTEE: SLATE OF CANDIDATES, *CONTINUED*

and inclusion in our membership, committees, annual conference, and our day to day work. If elected, I would like to contribute to this work by incorporating new perspectives and amplifying new ideas on the future of ELD. In particular, if elected I would like to work on ensuring all members feel considered, welcomed, and valued at our annual banquet. I welcome the opportunity to give back to ELD and offer my perspective as an early career librarian.

J. Denice Lewis | Wake Forest University

Greetings! My name is J. Denice Lewis a.k.a. Denice, and I am a candidate for the position of Director in ELD. I'm a fourth career librarian in that I have worked in corporate America, in the food services industry, as well as academia before heading back to school for my MLIS. Currently, I've been the Research and Instruction Librarian for Engineering and Science at Wake Forest University since March 2019 and have attended every ELD conference since 2019, from Tampa, to online, and ending in Minneapolis. My involvement with ELD started with the Bylaws Taskforce in Spring 2021 and serving on the DEI subcommittee. I migrated to the newly formed DEI Committee in 2022 as well as the ELD Conference Planning Committee for the 2023 conference. My increasing level of involvement within ELD speaks to the community that I've found, the collegiality in the membership, and the knowledge that abounds. I've received so much from ELD from my first mentor at the Tampa conference to all of the knowledge shared on the ELD listservs and conferences that I am compelled to give back.



Eric Prosser | Arizona State University

Hi, I'm Eric Prosser and I'm a candidate for Director in the Engineering Libraries Division. I joined ASEE in 2019 and tried to participate as much as I could despite the pandemic driving the annual conference to a virtual format. I've enjoyed serving on the Publications Committee, reviewing papers for the annual conference, and co-authoring an article about the rubric we developed for ELD papers at the conference. I greatly enjoyed attending my first in-person ASEE conference in 2022 and meeting everyone I had seen virtually over the prior years.

Outside of ASEE, I'm the Engineering and Entrepreneurship Librarian and the interim STEM Division Head at the Arizona State University Library where I collaborate with students, faculty, staff, and researchers to incorporate the library more with the engineering curriculum. I also oversaw the development of the STEM Diversity Collection at ASU Library, highlighting the contributions of historically marginalized people in STEM.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE: SLATE OF CANDIDATES, *CONTINUED*

Besides being a librarian, I'm also a student in the Engineering Education and System Design PhD program at ASU, researching how engineering libraries contribute to student success and retention among underrepresented populations.

ELD is a great resource for librarians at all stages of their careers and provides a needed forum for us to share and learn from our diverse viewpoints and backgrounds with a goal of improving the services and resources we provide to our patrons and home institutions. I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to give back to ELD and serving as a Director for the next two years.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Program Planning Committee is so very excited to welcome everyone to Baltimore (in person!) in June. If you missed last year's conference in Minneapolis, we hope to reconnect this year, and if you're brand new to ELD, the annual conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues and establish professional relationships that could last your entire career (pro tip: sign up for a conference buddy with the Professional Development Committee!). [Register](#) before May 1st for the early bird rate.

ASEE received a record number of abstracts this year and ELD itself saw 33 submissions, including papers and special sessions. Thank you to everyone who submitted special sessions and to authors who bravely took on the NEMO system and contributed an abstract or paper; we know there were many hurdles but you persisted and we have an incredible group of interesting and relevant papers and presentations. This year ASEE scaled back the program a bit to give attendees some free time and breathing room; our program will include one lightning talk session featuring members and sponsors, a round table discussion, a special speed-dating session to pique your interest in new tools, our ELD Annual Business Meeting, a poster session, a Sunday workshop and five technical sessions. The lightning talk call for proposals is included in this newsletter and will be coordinated and moderated by Marina Zhang and Kelly Durkin Ruth.

The Sunday workshop, "Research Proposal Writing for Librarians", will take place on June 25th, 1:00 - 3:30 P.M. Your wonderful ELD colleagues Amy Buhler, Margaret Phillips, Megan Sapp Nelson, and Planning Committee member Denice Lewis are working on developing and delivering this exciting offering.

Our division's evening social activities include the SPIE-sponsored ELD Social on Sunday, June 25th, taking place at the [Pratt Street Ale House](#); the IEEE-sponsored ELD Welcome Reception on Monday, June 26th, (place TBA); and the Elsevier-sponsored ELD Annual Banquet on Tuesday, June 27th (place TBD). Thanks to our Directors Ibronke Lawal and Marina Zhang for organizing the Welcome Reception and the Annual Banquet.

ELD members can take advantage of a block of reduced rate rooms set aside for us by ASEE - check the ELD-L listserv for an email containing the reservation link to access the rate and room block. We're encouraged to reserve early to ensure you get a room before our block sells out.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM UPDATE, *CONTINUED*

Finally, I want to send a huge thank you to Publications Committee Chair, Sarah Over, and the peer reviewers for being so gracious and flexible with the ever changing paper draft deadlines.

Lisa Ngo,
2023 ASEE-ELD Program Chair

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Getting Started with LaTeX and Overleaf webinar taught by Dr. Sarah Over on March 2nd was well received. There were 118 registrants and 77 attended. The survey results gave a 4.72 out of 5 for overall quality and usefulness of the event. To view the recording and supplemental materials, visit [ELD OSF page](#).

Also a quick reminder that the next webinar is:

Rightsizing the Engineering Collection

Jill Powell, Julia Gelfand, Ibironke Lawal

Tuesday, April 11th from 2-3:15 P.M. (Eastern Time)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Description:

What's the right way to build an engineering collection? Some librarians are building a new collection from the ground up, some are looking to add to their established collections, needing to provide for a new department, curriculum, or research interest, and still others are dealing with budget challenges and need to reduce spending. All scenarios involve decisions, and we all benefit from the collective wisdom of colleagues who've made these decisions before. Three librarians from different-sized universities and engineering schools will give advice on their experiences: 1) starting from scratch, 2) if you need to expand, have money to spend, 3) if you need to cancel, and 4) if you need to cancel with significant reductions to the budget, including high-use resources. We will leave time for questions at the end and welcome your comments.

For next year's webinars, the Committee is preparing a two part survey to gather information from ELD members of what topics would interest them for future workshops. Part one will ask for topic ideas and go out in April. Part two will ask members to rank the topics and to help define them a bit better and go out in May. This will include what level of workshop would they like from beginner, intermediate, or advanced instruction. We hope to then use this information and have discussions at the Annual Conference in Baltimore with members to help define what members would like to see even more. Please be sure to fill out the survey and talk to Professional Development Committee members so that we can make these webinars what you want them to be.

Kevin Drees
Professional Development Chair

MARCH 2022 ASEE ELD DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The March 2023 ASEE ELD Directory of Members is now available. To download a PDF copy of the directory:

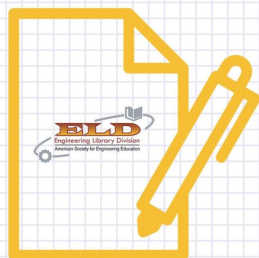
- Webpage <https://sites.asee.org/eld/member-directory/>
- Click on the link below the photo of the directory
- Password: (Found on Paula C. Johnson's March 7th email)

Best efforts have been made to ensure the directory is complete and up-to-date, but we ask that you please review your own information and send me any additions, deletions, etc. as you see fit: pcjohnson@arizona.edu. Edits to the directory will be reflected in the next update to the ASEE ELD Directory of Members.

PLEASE NOTE: The ASEE ELD Directory of Members is a benefit of ASEE ELD membership. Do not reproduce, copy, forward, or distribute the directory or share the link/password used to access the directory.

ASEE's 2023 Annual Conference will be in Baltimore, MD!

ASEE's Conference Page can be [found here](#). We look forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore from June 25-28, 2023.



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NEW MEMBER UPDATE

Leah DiCiesare is a new STEM and Open Science Librarian at the *University of Maryland, College Park*, having just started this past June. She works as the liaison to the Chemistry and Biochemistry, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Bioengineering, and Materials Science and Engineering departments. In addition to her liaison duties, Leah researches and supports Open Science efforts in the library. This is Leah's first librarian position and she just graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with her MSLIS in May. At UIUC, she worked as a graduate assistant at the Grainger Engineering Library, which inspired her to go into STEM librarianship. Leah has a BA in History and International Studies from the University of Denver and finished writing her senior thesis on the economic aftermath of the Black Death in England during the early months of the pandemic in 2020. Currently in her free time, Leah is enjoying exploring all that the DC-Maryland-Virginia area has to offer and hanging out with her beagle, Trigger.



MEMBER UPDATE



Michael White was recently appointed interim head of the Engineering and Science Library at *Queen's University* in Kingston, Ontario. Mike has been a librarian at Queen's since 2005, serving as the librarian for research services and liaison for astronomy, chemical engineering, chemistry, engineering chemistry, engineering physics, and physics. He served in 2021-22 as acting head of the Engineering and Science Library, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2022.

