

# ENGINEERING LIBRARIES DIVISION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

By Chelsea Leachman



Greetings ELD-ers,

I hope you're staying warm and finding time to recharge over the break as winter sets in. I always look forward to the new year and semester as opportunities to reimagine my engagement with the faculty and students at our university. ELD has always been a space for learning new ideas and staying current with the evolving trends in

librarianship. One way to connect with ELD in the new year is through our free mid-year event, ELD, the Gathering 2025, in February. More details are on page 8.

As we approach finals and prepare for the spring semester, Margaret Phillips, our ELD conference program chair, and the planning committee have been working on an exciting program for next summer in Montreal, Canada. I want to remind everyone that registration is open, with early bird pricing available until the end of the year. I acknowledge that the annual conference registration fee is relatively high compared to other library conferences, so I want to highlight the ELD need-based travel stipends. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we can offer these stipends to members who need financial support to attend the conference. I encourage you to apply if it would make attending possible. Keep an eye on the ELD listserv for more information on how to apply.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR (CONTINUED)

Thank you to all members who have volunteered for committees this fall. We're excited to welcome Ashley McGuire as our new Membership Directory chair. If you'd like to get involved with a committee in the future, look for more opportunities throughout the year via the listserv, especially as the conference approaches.

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact me at [chelsea.leachman@wsu.edu](mailto:chelsea.leachman@wsu.edu).

Wishing you a wonderful winter season.

Best regards,  
Chelsea Leachman



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The ELD Nominating Committee would like to invite interested members to run for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer and Director. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague for either of these positions please contact Lisa Ngo at [Ingo@berkeley.edu](mailto:Ingo@berkeley.edu).

Self-nominations are encouraged and if you are nominating someone else, please be sure that you have their permission to nominate and that they are willing to run. Any nominee must indicate in writing their willingness to serve before their name is placed in nomination. Per ELD Bylaws: "The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates to the membership no later than the third Friday of February... On or before the second Friday of March, ballots shall be made available to the membership electronically." The 2025 dates are February 21 and March 14, respectively.

ELD thrives on the strength and participation of its membership. We highly encourage individuals from all underrepresented communities to apply for leadership positions within ELD. New officers have a broad support network of current and former officers to draw from for advice and expertise. Below are more details about each office:

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (CONTINUED)

### Secretary/Treasurer

Election to Secretary/Treasurer starts a four-year commitment to the ELD officer track.

- 2025-2026: The ELD member elected in 2025 will assume office at the end of the Annual Business Meeting at the 2025 conference in Montreal, Canada.
- 2026-2027: The Secretary/Treasurer becomes the Program Chair at the end of the 2026 conference in Charlotte, NC, responsible for planning the 2027 conference in Toronto, Canada.
- 2027-2028: At the end of the 2027 conference, the Program Chair becomes Division Chair and will serve through the 2028 conference in Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2028-2029: At the end of the 2028 conference, the Chair becomes Past Chair/Chair of the Nominating Committee serving until the 2029 conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Program Chair, and Chair sit on both the Executive Committee (EC) and the Extended Executive Committee (EEC). The Past Chair/Chair of the Nominating Committee is a member of the EEC only. Progression from one office to the next takes place at the end of each year's Business Meeting.

### Director

The Directorship is a two-year commitment. During their first year the Director organizes the ELD welcome reception at the Annual Conference. In year two the Director organizes the annual banquet. The person elected Director in 2025 will organize the welcome reception in 2026 in Charlotte, NC, and the annual banquet in 2027 in Toronto, Canada. The Director is a member of the EC and the EEC during their entire two-year term.

Complete descriptions of the roles and duties of ELD officers are available in Article IV of the [Bylaws](#) and on the website. Many ELD members who have served in these positions would be happy to discuss their experiences with potential candidates. Please see [the list of past chairs and past directors for names](#). Members of the Nominating Committee are also available should you have any questions.

Lisa Ngo, Chair Nominating Committee, [Ingo@berkeley.edu](mailto:Ingo@berkeley.edu)

Bob Heyer-Gray, [rhey@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rhey@ucdavis.edu)

Jodi Bolognese, [j.bolognese@northeastern.edu](mailto:j.bolognese@northeastern.edu)

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE



Bonjour, ELD members,

Planning for the Annual ASEE Conference, June 22–25, 2025, in Montréal, Québec, Canada, is in progress. Based on the number of abstracts and special session proposals submitted, it looks like many of us are very excited about attending the conference!

Conference registration is open and the least expensive option, the promotion rate (\$795 USD for members), ends on 12/31/2024.

If you're traveling by air, passports are required. By car, passports may be required. Some states (e.g., Michigan) offer enhanced driver's IDs, but most do not. Ensure that your passport will be valid for the entire duration of your stay, and it's recommended to have an extra six months left on your passport's validity.

Some additional links that may be helpful as you plan your conference travel:

- [Read more about Canadian entry requirements](#)
- [Entering Canada with a criminal record \(even if that was a misdemeanor a long time ago\)](#)

ELD received 36 abstracts from the call for papers. We are also planning on two lightning talk sessions, a panel session, and a workshop. More information to come on the details of these sessions in the March and May 2025 ELD newsletters and through the ELD listserv.

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts and special session proposals, the ELD Program Committee (Willie Baer, Jodi Bolognese, David Hubbard, Kari Kozak, Ibronke Lawal, Denice Lewis, Tara Mawhinney, Sarah Parker, Erin Rowley, Michelle Spence, and Denise Wetzel), the Lightning Talk Session organizers (Shelby Hallman and Beth Carpenter), the Publications Committee (Co-Chairs Willie Baer and Aditi Gupta and our ELD peer reviewers), and the Development Committee (Chair Michelle Spence and members).

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

The conference schedule is similar to how it has been for the last couple of years, with no Sunday business meetings or technical sessions, and workshops being held on Sunday from 1:00p-3:30p to allow attendees to travel on Sunday morning if they prefer. Poster presenters will again be able to have their posters on display throughout the entire conference, beginning on Sunday. Also, there are still one hour “free time” breaks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. The overall [Schedule-at-a-Glance](#) can be found on the [2025 ASEE Annual Conference website](#).

Below is a tentative ELD schedule. Please note, this schedule may change depending on ASEE needs. ASEE has shared that overall, more abstracts were submitted than ever before to an ASEE conference and they anticipate collectively needing many more technical sessions. The [2025 ELD Annual Conference page](#) will be updated as our ELD session and business meeting times are confirmed over the next several months. As always, we look forward to the Welcome Reception and ELD Banquet, planned by the 2024-2025 ELD Directors, Denice Lewis and Denise Wetzel. Please watch the ELD Listserv for more information about these events as we get closer to the conference.

We will share more information as the conference gets closer. Watch the ELD listserv for additional opportunities to volunteer!

Margaret Phillips

ELD Program Chair 2024-2025

### Sunday

Workshops  
Division Mixer  
Exhibit Hall Opening  
Taste of The Town  
ELD Social

### Monday

ASEE Plenary  
Poster Session  
Technical Sessions  
Summertime Social  
ELD Welcome Reception

### Tuesday

ASEE Plenary  
Technical Sessions  
Special Sessions  
ELD Annual Banquet

### Wednesday

ELD Annual Business Meeting  
Technical Sessions  
ELD Executive Committee Meeting

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Detailed draft schedule for ELD at ASEE Annual Conference 2025, Montreal

<b>Sunday June 22</b>	<b>Monday June 23</b>	<b>Tuesday June 24</b>	<b>Wednesday June 25</b>
	ASEE Plenary 8:00–9:00 AM	ASEE Plenary 8:00–9:00 AM	ELD Business Meeting 8:00–9:30 AM
	Division Poster Session 9:15–10:45 AM	Technical Session 2 9:15–10:45 AM	NSF Poster Session 9:45–11:15 AM
	Special Session Lightning Talks Pt. 1 11:00 AM –12:30 PM	Special Session Panel 11:00 – 12:30 PM	Technical Session 5 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Workshops 1:00–3:00 PM	Special Session Lightning Talks Pt. 2 1:30–3:00 PM	Technical Session 3 1:30–3:00 PM	ELD EEC Meeting 2:00–3:30 PM
Division Mixer 3:30–5:00 PM	Technical Session 1 3:15–4:15 PM	Technical Session 4 3:15–4:45 PM	
Exhibit Hall Opening & Taste of The Town 5:00–7:00 PM	Focus on Exhibits & Summertime Social 5:00–6:00 PM	Focus on Exhibits & Networking Break 5:00–6:00 PM	
ELD Social 7:00–10:00 PM	ELD Welcome Reception 6:30–9:30PM	ELD Annual Banquet 6:00–9:00 PM	

## **ANNOUNCING THE ELD DIVERSITY TRAVEL GRANT**

The Engineering Libraries Division is excited to announce the establishment of a Diversity Travel Grant for the 2025 ASEE Annual Conference. The grant will support travel for a library worker or a library student from one or more underrepresented groups with interest in or commitment to engineering librarianship.

The awardee will receive \$1,500 for travel costs, complimentary registration to the ASEE 2025 Annual Conference at the Member rate, and an opportunity to actively contribute to the ELD conference program.

The 2025 ELD Diversity Travel Grant is generously funded by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and ASEE. More information, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, will be released when applications open in January 2025. Be on the lookout!



## **AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Awards Committee is looking for a new member for a current vacancy for the 2024-2025 period. Please send an email to the Chair, Sylvia Jones at [sylviagw@smu.edu](mailto:sylviagw@smu.edu), if you're interested in joining our committee. Our work starts in earnest in the new year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The next issue of the ELD Newsletter will be published in mid-March. For those that submit to the next issue, we request that updates are shared by February 26th via email sent to [ELDcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ELDcommunications@gmail.com). A call for updates from the EEC will be sent on February 1.

## ELD, THE GATHERING 2025



### **ELD, the Gathering 2025**

When: Wednesday & Thursday, February 12 & 13, 2025

Time: 12-4 p.m. (Eastern Time) each day

Register by February 3, 2025

The Engineering Libraries Division is excited to bring back ELD, the Gathering for the 2nd year!

ELD, the Gathering is a virtual forum to be held on Wednesday & Thursday, February 12 & 13, 2025. This free event welcomes ELD members to connect, collaborate, and learn!

ELD, the Gathering is meant to supplement, not be a substitute for, the ELD programming and other content that will happen during the ASEE Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada, in June 2025. This is an additional opportunity for members to “gather,” in this case in a virtual environment. The two-day format will feature lightning talks, round tables, and a few other activities. It’s a great chance to discuss current topics and network with your fellow engineering librarians.

Do you have colleagues or know a library science student who would benefit from attending this event but are not members? ELD members now have the opportunity to sponsor up to two additional individuals to attend this free event. We kindly ask that each participant registers individually. The [registration form](#) includes sections for ELD members to list their sponsored attendees and for non-members to indicate their sponsor.



# ELD, THE GATHERING 2025 (CONTINUED)

There are four steps or options for you to be part of ELD, the Gathering:

Register Today! Registration Deadline is February 3rd

2. Want a chance to show off your work? Submit a lightning talk proposal. Deadline is January 13th. Notification of acceptance will be by January 24th.
3. Have a less than successful project to share? Or a project with an unexpected result? Submit a Lessons Learned talk proposal to share your lessons learned so we can all learn from each other. Deadline is January 13th. Lessons learned talks will be lightning talk style. Notification of acceptance will be by January 24th.
4. Any ideas that excite you or have heard people talking about lately? Have a hot topic or fun idea you really want to discuss with your colleagues? Add your topic to the Padlet board. Deadline is February 3rd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the event planning co-chairs, Shelby Hallman ([shallman@library.ucla.edu](mailto:shallman@library.ucla.edu)) and Kari Kozak ([kari-kozak@uiowa.edu](mailto:kari-kozak@uiowa.edu)).

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Best,  
ELD Mid-Year Planning Committee

Shelby Hallman, Kari Kozak, Mel DeSart, Jill Lagerstrom, Ashley McGuire, Elizabeth Novosel, Eric Prosser, Patricia Verdines, Sarah Weiss



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## NOVEMBER 2024 ASEE ELD DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The November 2024 ASEE ELD Directory of Members is now available for download as PDF:

- Webpage <https://sites.asee.org/eld/member-directory/>
  - Click on the link below the photo of the directory
- Password: Included in Paula Johnson's November 14th email to ELD-L

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 any additions, deletions, etc. to the incoming Editor, Ashley McGuire, [amcneill@uab.edu](mailto:amcneill@uab.edu) (I am retiring end of this month). 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.

Thank you to Aja Bettencourt-McCarthy (Membership Chair), Mel DeSart (Electronic Discussion Lists Chair), Yuening Zhang (Webmaster), and all other members who forward edits to help keep the directory current.

On a personal note, it's been a pleasure to serve ELD in this capacity. ELD is the best! From the generous sharing of information on the listserv, the book club, the online professional development opportunities – including the new online conference – and speaking of conferences; what a wonderful experience these are! The sessions, the banquets, the fun! Thank you so much, ELD for all the gifts of membership.

Kind regards,  
Paula

Congratulations to Paula Johnson on her retirement! Thank you for your numerous years of service to ELD! We wish you many new adventures. A warm welcome to the new Chair of the Directory of Members, **Ashley McGuire!** If anyone has any feedback about the recently published directory or needs to make any corrections, they are welcome to contact Ashley directly at [amcneill@uab.edu](mailto:amcneill@uab.edu). The next membership directory will be published in January 2025.



## ELD MEMBER UPDATES



**Martha Patricia Verdines-Arredondo** joined the faculty of The Ohio State University Libraries as the Engineering Librarian. In this role, she will serve as liaison to multiple departments in the College of Engineering. Patricia will establish programmatic approaches to building partnerships within the Ohio State academic community and beyond and will collaborate with other Libraries faculty and staff to provide research and instruction support for students and faculty in the College of Engineering. Patricia has taught at Universidad Regiomontana Campus Centro, México, the School of Engineering at ITESM Campus Monterrey, México, and she served as Instructional Design Librarian at University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Libraries for several years.

**Deborah Bauder** is an Engineering Research and Instruction Librarian at Cornell University's Engineering Library. She earned her M.S. in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University, and a B.A. in Anthropology and Art History (double major) from Binghamton University. At Cornell, Deb is the library liaison to the following departments: civil and environmental engineering, earth and atmospheric sciences, computer science, information science, systems engineering, and the Engineering Student Project Teams. As part of the Business, Engineering, and Entrepreneurship team, Deb also provides library services to the Cornell Tech campus in New York City. Deb has published and presented on student research skills development, first-generation college student success and, more recently, on the effects of generative AI and other technologies on student research and information literacy skills development. She currently serves on the Executive Board of the Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ENY/ACRL).



## ELD MEMBER UPDATES (CONTINUED)



My name is **Lynsey Eames** and I am currently living and working in Texas as the Engineering Learning and Curricular services Librarian at Texas A&M University. I have been in Texas for around four months and previously was working for Texas A&M at their campus in Qatar. Prior to this I was a librarian in Abu Dhabi for eight years working for the Higher Colleges of Technology.

Although I have spent most of my career being an expat librarian, I am originally from London and got my Library Masters degree from the UK in 2013. I

was a graduate trainee Librarian at one of the UK Inns of Court and after being a qualified librarian I worked at various universities in the UK as a law librarian. I am mostly an instruction librarian and one of my current interests in the use of AI in teaching information literacy.

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**Lauren Zemaitis-Gipson** is the Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Missouri University of Science and Technology. She has previously worked in public, Federal, and academic libraries over the last fourteen years. She is new to engineering libraries, having just started with S&T in August of 2024. Her research interests include student wellness, collection development, and information literacy. Lauren has a Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University Chicago and a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University.

