



Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

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Greetings ELDers,

I don't know how many Spring signs you see when looking out the window, but I can tell you with certainty that in New Jersey it doesn't feel like March at all. And still, the calendar shows that we are now past the midpoint of the academic year and we are only a few months away from the ASEE Annual Conference. So Spring must be in the air, even if we may not feel it yet.

Following the spirited discussions we had on the ELD-L mailing list in response to the controversial editorial published in the Prism September 2013 issue, our PIC Chair, Maura Borrego, informed us last month that an "editorial board has been formed to serve as 'a sounding board for potentially controversial decisions regarding what should appear in the magazine.' This and a few related procedures should ensure that nothing like this happens again." I am sure that we will learn more about this and other measures taken by ASEE at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

ASEE Annual Conference in Indianapolis, June 15-18 , 2014

The planning for our annual gathering is well under way. Program Chair Megan Sapp Nelson and the Program Committee are working diligently to ensure that the conference is a stimulating experience. Please see her report for more information. I would also like to commend Larry Thompson and all members of the Development Committee for their outstanding work in fostering strong relationships with our sponsors to support our activities. These relationships have been at the core of making every annual conference a successful one, by offering us a conference experience not only enjoyable, but also affordable.



ELD is a division of the American Society for Engineering Education. Its mission is "to promote and strengthen the role of the library as an integral part of engineering education."

<http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld>

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ELD and ASEE Elections 2013

Our Nominating Committee, composed of Doug McGee (Past Chair), Nancy Linden and Angie Locknar have assembled an impressive slate of candidates for our offices of Secretary-Treasurer and Director and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve ELD in these capacities. Please take a moment to review the candidate bios at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/elections/candidates2014.php>

and cast your ballot. Voting will begin on Friday, March 14 and run through Friday, March 28.

The following Committees need to have their current Chairs reappointed or new chairs appointed in 2014:

Accreditation and Standards Committee 2014-2016

Development Committee 2014-2016

Membership 2014-2016

Publications 2014-2016

The Executive Committee is looking for volunteers to chair these committees. If you would like to chair any of these committees or re-commit for another term, please send me a brief e-mail describing your interest. The Executive Committee will make appointments following the ELD elections in the Spring. If you have previously volunteered but were not appointed, please don't give up; committee chairs are not automatically reappointed, so this may be the opportunity which eluded you the first time around. Complete descriptions of the committees are available in the division bylaws located on the ELD website at <http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/bylaws.php>.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Indianapolis!

Adriana Popescu
ELD Chair, 2013-2014

Conference Program Update for Indianapolis, 2014

Conference Updates

It's time to register for this year's conference in Indianapolis! As you register, you now need to go through the Build Your Schedule tab and select the free tickets to our events. You can search by our division and it will list all sessions registered to our division. This gives the ELD conference planning committee a list of registrants (something very helpful to the planning committee) and also builds an online list of events for you so that you can access it online or by mobile device.

Don't forget to register for our two Sunday workshops. Each has a ticket charge of \$10.00. "Encouraging Information Rich Engineering Design" and "Data Information Literacy" promise to bring a wealth of new ideas to you from a number of our division members. Note: "Encouraging Information Rich Engineering Design" is hosted by the Engineering Education Division and will not show up if you just search for ELD sessions.

Finally, Amy Van Epps has once again stepped forward to arrange a block of rooms at a discount. The block is at the Sheraton and offers rates of \$127 a night for a single king, or double queen along with \$10.00/night parking. Thank you Amy! If you are looking for a roommate for this year's conference, the URL for the ELD roomies board is <http://sites.lib.purdue.edu/eld/roomboard.html>.

I look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis!
Megan Sapp Nelson
Program Chair

Again this year we have had generous support from two sponsors who have provided funds for ASEE Conference Travel Stipends. A big THANK-YOU to Morgan & Claypool and Momentum Press for their contributions.

This year's Travel Stipend Recipients are:



\$250 - Julie Cook
\$250 - Najwa Hanel

\$500 - Paula Johnson
\$500 - Christie Wiley



\$1000 - Florence Mugambi

Thanks to the two sponsors, and congratulations to the recipients!

Larry Thompson.
Development Committee

Lightning Talks, Indianapolis Conference 2014

Do you and your library have a new project, program, partnership, or tool that you would like to share with your fellow ELD members? If so, please propose a Lightning Talk to give in Indianapolis this summer.

What is a Lightning Talk?

A Lightning Talk is a very short (2 -3 minutes) presentation on a timely topic of interest to academic engineering librarians. This year we are hoping for about 15 talks on any number of topics. Possible ideas include:

- New engineering information tool
- New search widget or app
- Digital project
- Outreach program
- Collaboration or partnership
- Solution to a common problem

The main goals of this session are to learn something about our colleagues and to generate discussion during the session and over the course of the conference.

Please submit your Lightning Talk proposal to Kari Kozak (kari-kozak@uiowa.edu) by Friday, April 11th.

Your proposal should include:

- Your name and affiliation
- Title of talk
- Brief description of your talk (no more than 3 sentences)

PowerPoint presentations are not required, but if you wish to use one please limit it to 3-4 slides. Remember that two minutes is shorter than most commercial breaks.

Thanks,

Kari Kozak
kari-kozak@uiowa.edu

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to present to you the 2014 candidates for the offices of Secretary-Treasurer and Director:

Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer

Craig Beard - University of Alabama-Birmingham

Scott Curtis - University of Missouri - Kansas City

Ibironke Lawal - Virginia Commonwealth University

For Director

Judy Brink - University of Pittsburgh

Jan Fransen - University of Minnesota

Please take a moment to get to know these folks by reading their candidate statements here:

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Voting will open on Friday, March 14 and run through Friday, March 28. I'd like to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve ELD in these capacities and thanks to Angie Locknar and Nancy Linden for your work on the Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Doug McGee

ELD Nominating Committee Chair

ELD Membership Directory

The Membership Directory is current as of February 28, 2014. You may download a copy of it from <http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/secure/2014DirFebruary.pdf>

The password was sent to the ELD-L listserv on March 3, 2014. I am also happy to send a PDF copy of the directory to current members of ELD. Please e-mail or call me to make your request.

Thank you to David Schmitt (Membership Chair), Mel DeSart (Electronic Discussion Lists Chair), Julie Cook (Webmaster), and to everyone who provided me with their current contact information. If you have any changes or corrections to be made to the directory, please e-mail them to me.

IMPORTANT: Access to the Directory of Members is a benefit of ELD membership. The directory address and password, and the information contained in the directory should not be reproduced, copied, forwarded, edited, sold, or distributed. We value your privacy as well as others' in the directory.

Kind regards,

Bernadette Ewen

ASEE ELD Membership Directory Editor

People and Places

New Member

Kelly McDaniel works at Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Massachusetts. Olin, which officially opened in 2002, is a highly selective undergraduate engineering school. With just under 350 currently enrolled, the student body is comprised evenly of men and women. Degree programs include Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering with concentrations in bioengineering, computing, design, materials science, robotics and systems. My position is the Digital Services Librarian. In this role, I manage and troubleshoot the library website, catalog and maintain all of our electronic records as well as manage our journals database and work with our federated search provider. I am in charge of collecting and analyzing all of our E-Resource statistics, working with our catalog vendor to maintain an accurate and user friendly catalog for the community, and I run our social media pages as well as supervise our display design student to help with marketing campaigns throughout the library and across the campus. Additionally, I am in charge of maintaining our subject guides database and have recently become a teaching liaison to assist faculty with facilitating research instruction sessions as requested. I have been in this position for about two and a half years. One of my favorite things about the library is our circulating tools collection, which started as a class gift from the Class of 2012. We currently circulate hammers, power drills, and mallets. We will be adding more to the collection very soon including such items as wrench sets, electricity usage meters, torque wrenches and soldering irons, to name a few. Before coming to Olin, I worked as a circulation assistant at the Newton Free Library in Newton, MA while completing my Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in Boston, MA. I received my Bachelor's Degree in English from Merrimack College in North Andover, MA, and worked in an Operations Management role for a newspaper company before transitioning into the library field.

ELDeRS in the News

Anne E. Rauh, Engineering and Computer Science Librarian at Syracuse University, garnered some recognition in the Syracuse Library News, and beyond:

<http://libnews.syr.edu/su-librarians-author-most-downloaded-article-of-2013-in-science-technology-libraries/>

In Memorium

Ourida Oubraham, Director of the Samuel C. Williams Library at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, and long-time ELD member, passed away on December 23, 2013. Ourida had worked at Stevens since 1984, and had been the director of the library since 2007. She first became a member of ASEE in April of 1993. For more information:

<http://www.stevens.edu/news/content/memoriam-ourida-oubraham-library-director>

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Aleteia Greenwood writes:

I reluctantly stepped off the ELD Extended Executive Committee as of December 2013. In January 2014 I accepted a 5 year term as Head of UBC's Woodward Library. With a team of 30 fantastic people this library serves a patron base of 25,000 undergrads, grads and faculty and covers all health, medicine, natural, life, engineering and physical sciences. ELD has been an incredibly supportive environment and I will miss seeing my wonderful friends and colleagues in Indianapolis. I'd like to send a huge thanks to Amy Buhler for stepping into the duties of Director, to finish planning the ELD banquet.