

**Chair's Report**  
Mid-winter Meeting of the Library History Round Table  
January 2020

**Summary:**

The state of the Round Table is overall quite strong though we are anticipating some associational changes in the not too distant future.

**Recent successes and progress:**

- Thank you to the Executive Committee for patience, forbearance, and massive support during our current adventures in leadership transition – especially former Chairs, Jenny Bossaller and Eric Novotny.
- LHRT's *News and Notes*, under auspices and leadership of Brett Spencer, continues to provide superior service to members ([lhrtnewsandnotes@gmail.com](mailto:lhrtnewsandnotes@gmail.com))
- Our journal, *Libraries: Culture, History, & Society*, in preparing Volume 4, has not been “new” for quite some time, and makes us all proud with every issue. Massive thanks and accolades to all our authors and contributors – especially the visionary editing duo of Eric Novotny and Bernadette Lear!
- All four of our awards committees are staffed-up and in process of soliciting qualified nominations to represent the best work in library history:
  - Barry Seaver is chairing the Dain dissertation award committee
  - Brett Spencer in addition to editing *News & Notes*, is chairing the Davis article award committee
  - Allison Kaplan is chairing the Gleason book award committee
  - Cynthia Mediavilla is chairing the Winsor essay award committee
  - We have also recruited two LIS students to serve as observers for two committees (the Winsor Award and Communications committees). I will continue developing this effort so that every committee includes at least one LIS student.
- Further discussion is needed for the following items:
  - Update and status of LHRT on Twitter
  - Update and status of LHRT website
  - Update on Library History Seminar

**This Year's Activity:**

Forthcoming:

- ALA Mid-winter Round Table Coordinating Committee (RCTA) –  
Scheduled: 24 January 2020
- ALA Mid-winter Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness (SCOE) –  
Scheduled: 26 January 2020

ALA Annual (June 2020, Chicago):

- Confirmed: Holley Lecture: Dr. Lisa Tetrault, Carnegie Mellon University, author of *The Myth of Seneca Falls* (2014). Sunday 28 June 2020, 10:30-11:30am (room TBA)

- Request submitted: LHRT Executive Committee Meeting: Sunday 28 June 2020, 8:30-10:00am (room TBA)
- Request submitted: LHRT Research Forum Sunday 28 June, 2:30-3:30pm (room TBA)
- Discussion needed regarding dinner at upcoming Annual (Chicago)
- Discussion needed regarding event (or no) at upcoming Annual (Chicago)

Respectfully submitted,  
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