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## Message from the Chair

**John Kromer**

Happy spring from sunny Arizona, PAMily!

The Annual Conference is just around the corner, and I hope you, like I, am looking forward to catching up with everyone along the banks of Lake Erie! I had the opportunity to check out Cleveland while at ACRL in April, and the city has lots in store for fun and entertainment outside of the conference. The convention center is only a few blocks away from the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center, so it's an easy walk to either or both (and be sure to join the PAM Tour at the Hall of Fame!) from the conference hotels.

The conference will once again be packed with educational and social opportunities. This issue of the PAM Bulletin includes the full schedule of PAM events, and the conference website and app are up and running with additional details like the room numbers for our sessions.

Once again PAM is blessed with an abundance of award winners as we approach conference season. Mea Warren, our current Fundraising Co-Chair, has been named a 2019 Rising Star. We were fortunate to have an excellent slate of applicants for both the Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipend and an International Travel Award, so we were able to select a full slate of winners for both for the first time in several years. Be sure to extend warm welcomes to Mark Chalmers, Meg Eastwood, Evan Meszaros, and Sarah Siddiqui, our Leckner winners; and Emmy Medard Muhumuza, our International Travel Stipend winner. Our eternal gratitude as always to IOP Publishing for sponsoring the Leckner Award and EDP Sciences for sponsoring the International Travel award!

I also want to take a moment to thank all of our conference sponsors, without whom PAM would not be as successful as it is. Thank you to ACM, AIP,

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AMS, Annual Reviews, APS, Duke University Press, OSA, Project Euclid, SIAM, SPIE, and World Scientific. And as always, we want to thank IOP for sponsoring the PAM Suite Daily Retreat! I look forward to catching up with all of you in Baltimore, and if you have any suggestions for programming or for PAM in general, don't hesitate to reach out to me or our Chair-Elect Donna Thompson! See you in June!

## Conference Update

**John Kromer**

The Annual Conference is fast approaching! This main programming for this year's conference will run from Sunday, June 16, through Tuesday, June 18, with the Early Bird Dinner happening on Saturday, June 15, and a PAM Tour on Wednesday, June 19. Additional details like room numbers can be found on the conference website or the conference app.

### **PAM Suite Daily Retreat**

Hours:

Sunday, June 16, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday, June 17, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, June 18, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center

Presidential Suite, Room #2501

*Sponsor: IOP Publishing*

### **Saturday, June 15**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

Early Bird Dinner

Taza Lebanese Grill

1400 West 6th Street

Cleveland, OH 44113

*Sponsor: OSA: The Optical Society*

### **Sunday, June 16**

**2:30-4:00 PM**

Vendor Update

Joy Painter and Travis Warwick, Co-Moderators

*Sponsors: Duke University Press and Project Euclid*

**4:15-5:30 PM**

Listen to the Stars: Astronomy Roundtable

Meg Eastwood and Donna Thompson, Co-Moderators

Speakers:

Julie Steffen, Director of Publishing, American Astronomical Society

Kathy DeGioia Eastwood, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Physics and Astronomy, Northern Arizona University

Wanda Diaz-Merced, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Researcher, South African Astronomical Observatory, Office of Astronomy for Development

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**7:15-9:15 PM**

PAM Open House Reception

*Sponsor: American Institute of Physics Publishing*

Editor's note: AIP sent an update to PAMnet: this will be at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown, Center Street Room D.

### **Monday, June 17**

**9:00-10:30 AM**

Making Science Relevant: Physics Roundtable

Laurie Neuerburg and Andy Shimp, Co-Moderators

Speakers:

Joseph W. Connolly, Aerospace Engineer, NASA Glenn Research Center

Alison S. Ricker, Head, Science Library, Oberlin College

Mano Singham, Author, Retired Director of University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education, Case Western Reserve University

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### **Tuesday, June 18**

**7:00-8:30 AM**

Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting

Presentation of the PAM Division and Achievement Awards, Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends, and the International Travel Stipend

*Sponsors: Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and American Physical Society*

**10:15-11:30 AM**

Mathematics Roundtable

Khue Duong and Lauren Gala, Co-Moderators

Speakers:

Nick Gurski, Assistant Professor of Mathematics,  
Case Western Reserve University

Kivmars Bowling, Publications Director, Society for  
Industrial and Applied Mathematics

Robert Harington, Associate Executive Director,  
Publishing, American Mathematical Society

*Sponsor: American Mathematical Society*

**5:00-7:00 PM**

Last Night Dinner

Pho Thang Café

815 Superior Ave E.

Cleveland, OH 44114

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**Wednesday, June 19**

PAM Tour

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

1100 E 9th St

Cleveland, OH 44114

**2019 PAM Annual  
Board Meeting Agenda**

June 3, 2019

12:00-1:30 Eastern

(via conference call)

Roll Call

Executive Board Reports

Secretary: Kelly Durkin Ruth

Approval of previous Board minutes

Approval of previous online Board decisions

Treasurer: Anya Bartelmann

Past-Chair: Laura Palumbo

Chair-Elect: Donna Thompson

Chair: John Kromer

Advisory Board Reports

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Johnson

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Professional Development Chair: Heidi Tebbe

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Jeffra Bussmann

Publisher Relations co-Chairs: Joy Painter and  
Travis Warwick

Physics Roundtable Moderators: Donna  
Thompson and Meg Eastwood

Astronomy Roundtable Moderators: Andy Shimp  
and Laurie Neuerburg

Mathematics Roundtable Moderators: Khue  
Duong and Lauren Gala

New Business/Announcements

Partnership with SLA Europe Chapter: Ruth  
Kneale

Adjournment

# 2019 PAM Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 18th

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time

Room 3, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland

Sponsored by the American Physical Society (APS)  
and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
(SIAM)

Introductions and Welcome

Secretary's report (Kelly Durkin Ruth)

Approval of 2018 PAM Business Meeting  
minutes (provided in this issue of the Bulletin)

Summary of PAM Board Meeting minutes from  
June 3, 2019

Treasurer's Report (Anya Bartelmann)

Past-Chair's Report (Laura Palumbo)

Chair-Elect's Report and 2020 Conference Planning  
Report (Donna Thompson)

Chair's Report (John Kromer)

All other business

PAM Awards presentations (Alison Verbeck on  
behalf of Ruth Kneale)

PAM Division Award

PAM Achievement Award

Louise Leckner Memorial Stipend Awards,  
sponsored by IOP Publishing (John Kromer on  
behalf of Heidi Tebbe)

International Travel Stipend Awards, Sponsored by  
EDP Sciences (Mangala Krishnamurthy &  
Charlotte Van Rooyen, EDPS)

Announcements

Adjournment

# Vendor Update Roundtable

Joy Painter & Travis Warwick

This year's Vendor Update is scheduled to take place  
Sunday, June 16th at 2:30 pm. We're happy to  
welcome to following speakers: Kim Steinle (Duke  
University Press), Elisabeth Leonard/Ryan Rexroth  
(AAAS) and Matthew Salter (APS). We hope to see  
you at this session!

# SLA-PAM International Travel Award

Mangala Krishnamurthy

The 2019 SLA-PAM Special International Travel  
award recipient is **Emmy Medard Muhumuza**,  
at Busitema University, a multi-campus institution  
based in Eastern Uganda. Presently, Emmy is head of  
Nagongera Campus Library. This campus trains  
student teachers in sciences where Astronomy/  
Astrophysics, Mathematics, and Physics are offered.

Many thanks to EDP Sciences for making this award  
possible to support the awardee's travel plans to  
attend SLA Annual in Cleveland. Please stop by to  
meet and greet Mr. Muhumuza at the conference in a  
few weeks!

## PAM International Relations Committee:

Mangala Krishnamurthy, Chair, PAM International  
Relations Committee

Charlotte Van Rooyen, Chair-Elect, PAM  
International Relations Committee

Debal Kar, Member, PAM International Relations  
Committee

Sian Prosser, Member, PAM International Relations  
Committee

# Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends Heidi Tebbe

Since 2009, IOP Publishing, a generous and long-time supporter of libraries and librarians, has provided funding for new PAM librarians with up to four stipends to help defray the costs of traveling to the SLA Annual Conference. In 2013, the PAM Travel Stipends were renamed the Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends to memorialize our dear friend and colleague. Louise was so proud to be a part of this program which supports new librarians and deepens the relationships between those librarians and the PAM Division.

We asked that applicants be graduates of a library science program, have less than three years of professional professional library information experience in a PAM discipline, be employed by a library focusing on one or more of the PAM disciplines or as a subject specialist for one or more of these disciplines, and be first- or second-time attendees of the annual conference.

I am happy to announce the recipients of the Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipend for 2019: Mark Chalmers, Meg Eastwood, Evan Meszaros, and Sarah Siddiqui!

**Mark Chalmers** holds an undergraduate degree in astrophysics and recently started as a Science and Engineering Librarian at the University of Cincinnati after being awarded his MLIS in May 2018. His liaison areas include physics, mathematics, and multiple engineering disciplines. Mark's main areas of focus over the past months have been collection development for physics, engineering, and math, working with UC's STEM special collections, and integrating with the research and data services team. As a new member of SLA, Mark joined the Cincinnati chapter and PAM division, and is serving on the PAM hospitality committee for the SLA 2019 conference.

**Meg Eastwood's** work at the University of Denver Libraries focuses on reference and instruction, but she also helps faculty and students with questions about data management and scholarly

communications. Meg has a BA in Biology from Grinnell College and an MS in Information Studies from The University of Texas at Austin. In the years between those degrees, she worked as a field assistant for ecological studies and as a lab prep/RA for the Shoals Marine Lab on Appledore Island, ME. Meg's previous library positions include being a science librarian at the University of New Hampshire and at Northern Arizona University.

**Evan Meszaros** is a Research Services Librarian at the Kelvin Smith Library of Case Western Reserve University, where he is the liaison to the Departments of Astronomy, Biology, and Earth, Environmental, & Planetary Sciences, as well as the Institute for the Science of Origins. Evan completed his MA in Library & Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Information School in May 2018. Prior to his time in libraries, he completed a BA in the natural sciences from Lawrence University and an MS in biology from Case Western Reserve, where he subsequently worked as a bench scientist in the Dept. of Medicine for a number of years. Evan is thrilled to be attending his first SLA Annual Conference this summer!

**Sarah Siddiqui** is a Science and Engineering Outreach Librarian at the University of Rochester. Her departments include Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, along with the Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE). She is also actively involved in the River Campus Libraries' TinkerSpace program, which offers workshops for soldering and using technologies such as MATLAB, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, and more. Sarah is the current treasurer for the Upstate New York chapter of SLA. She received her MS in Information Science from the University at Albany in 2018, and was a graduate assistant in the Libraries' Preservation department. She's from India, where she received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration.

If you have the opportunity, please introduce yourself to Mark, Meg, Evan, and Sarah at the SLA conference in June. Help them feel at home in our division, which is a very special part of SLA.

We would like to thank all who applied for this stipend. We appreciate the time and effort you put into your application letters, and we look forward to welcoming you into the PAM Division.

The PAM Division is deeply grateful to IOP Publishing for their continued support of librarians at



the SLA conference, and most especially for their generous commitment to the professional development of new science librarians. Thanks again to IOP Publishing!

### Selection Committee Members:

Sharice Collins, Vice President, Marketing, IOP Publishing, Inc.

Heidi Tebbe, PAM Professional Development Chair

John Kromer, PAM Chair

Khue Duong, PAM Mentoring Committee Co-Chair

## Membership Report

**Aaron Lercher**

The PAM Membership Committee consists of Rebecca Hutchinson, Travis Warwick, and Aaron Lercher. PAM Membership, as of today, is 124, a number that fluctuates. We have been contacting recently lapsed members to ask them to renew. That means you!

The Membership Committee compiled a list of job postings so we can follow up by contacting newly hired librarians working in physics, astronomy, or mathematics librarianship. We also contacted librarians at ARL institutions with such jobs who were not already PAM members.

## PDC Mentoring Webinar

**Heidi Tebbe**

The Professional Development Committee (Heidi Tebbe and Becca Greenstein) hosted a webinar on May 2nd, 2019: "An Introduction to the PAM Mentoring Committee." The Mentoring Committee has three main programs: the Annual Conference Buddy Program (<https://connect.sla.org/pam/mentoring/conferencebuddy>), Formal Mentors (<https://connect.sla.org/pam/mentoring/formalmentors>), and Mentoring Experts (<https://connect.sla.org/pam/mentoring/mentoringexperts>).

The presenters, Jenny Hart, Khue Duong, Kristy Borda, Sheila Bryant, Kris Fowler, Jeffra Bussmann, and Margaret Lam, did a wonderful job of explaining the work of the PAM Mentoring Committee as well as describing personal experiences with the mentor and buddy programs. Notes about the webinar can be found in the PAMNet Archive online at:

<https://listmgr.nrao.edu/mailman/private/pamnet/2019-May/001415.html>.

## Members' Corner News

**Anya Bartelmann**

**Laura Palumbo**, Chemistry & Physics Librarian/ Science Data Specialist at Rutgers University, was promoted to Librarian II with tenure, effective July 1.

Congratulations to **Mea Warren**, Natural Science and Mathematics Librarian at University of Houston, for earning the James M. Matarazzo Rising Star Award!

**Jeffra, Lauren**, and **Anya** have published an article about MathSciNet:

Jeffra Diane Bussmann, Lauren Gala, and Anya C. Bartelmann (2019) MathSciNet: A comparative analysis of American Mathematical Society and EBSCO platforms, *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*, 31:1, 1-13, DOI: [10.1080/1941126X.2018.1562601](https://doi.org/10.1080/1941126X.2018.1562601)

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