

## MLTW 2021 Speakers' Biographies

**Taka Ariga** is the first Chief Data Scientist appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States for the Government Accountability Office. He also leads GAO's newly established Innovation Lab in driving problem-centric experiments across audit and operational teams through novel use of advanced analytics and emerging technologies. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, Taka is also responsible for working with GAO stakeholders to adopt prospective views on oversight impacts of emerging capabilities such as AI, cloud services, blockchains, RPA, 5G, and IoT.

**Julie Arrighetti** is the Director, Ralph J. Bunche Library, U.S. Department of State, a position she has held since September 2016. She was with the National Defense University Library from 2003 – 2016. Ms. Arrighetti was elected to the Library of Congress' FEDLINK Advisory Board in 2016 and currently serves as the Vice Chair. She is the founder and Chair of the FEDLINK Federal Library Leadership Working Group. Ms. Arrighetti has a Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH.

**Chris Belter** is the lead analyst for the Division of Extramural Research at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), at the US National Institutes of Health. At NICHD he designs and conducts analyses to inform the Institute's funding decisions, provides strategic guidance on the use of data and analyses in those decisions, and coordinates analytical activities across the Division. Prior to joining NICHD, created and led bibliometric service programs at the NIH Library and the NOAA Central Library. Chris has a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland and a BA in Religion from Shenandoah University.

**Greta Braungard** is the current Director of Academic Scholarship at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Prior to that assignment, Ms. Braungard was the Director of the U.S. Army War College Library, taking that position in 2016. She started in the Army Library system in 2006 as a reference librarian at Fort Knox's Barr Memorial Library, then moved to Carlisle Barracks in 2008, progressing through the work force culminating in the position of Supervisory Professor. Work interests are related to information literacy, self-organization, research, mentorship, coaching, and leadership. She received her Master's in Library Science from Syracuse University. She also has a Bachelor of Arts in Literature and Creative Writing with a minor in Anthropology from LeMoyne College. Outside of work, interests include writing and listening to music, reading, and trivia.

**Jordan Burghardt** works with the SLA Member Engagement Team to identify ways to increase member satisfaction, develop recruitment and retention initiatives, work with member communities, and increase member and community engagement.

**Brandan Carroll** is an experienced information professional with diverse work history in library services working in the federal government healthcare industry for over 10 years. His work launching the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Veterans Integrated Service Network One (VISN1), Knowledge Information Service regional online medical library, helped earn him the distinction of 2013 Federal Library Technician of the Year, Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK), Library of Congress. Now serving as the Circulation Technician at Walter

Reed Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Bethesda, Brandan has been a key participant in maintaining physical library services throughout a global pandemic.

**Megan Casey** has been a librarian since 2005. She has worked with learners of all ages, ranging from 5 to 50+. She has worked as a Military Librarian since 2018, at the U.S. Army War College and most recently at the Navy History and Heritage Command, where she serves as a reference supervisor.

**Greg Cina** is in his 25th year in the information management field. He is currently the director of the Library of the Marine Corps. He began work for the Marine Corps in 2007 and has worked in a variety of information management capacities aboard Quantico—research library, special collections, archives, and records management. Before this, he worked for libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ohel Sholom Temple, and The Mariners' Museum.

**Nancy Clark** is the Director, Library Network Office for Veterans Health Administration. Ms. Clark began her VA career as an intern at the Dallas Medical Center while earning her master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas. She has worked at VA medical centers in Phoenix, AZ, Fayetteville, NC, and Dallas, TX. In 2009, Ms. Clark was selected as the Director, Library Network Office which provides advice regarding library issues to medical center administrations, advocates for the hiring of medical librarians, develops policies for the VA Library Network, and manages an award-winning collection of nationally purchased online resources.

**August Cole** is an author exploring the future of conflict through fiction and other forms of “FICINT” [Fictional Intelligence] storytelling. His talks, short stories, and workshops have taken him from speaking at the Nobel Institute in Oslo to presenting on future warfare at SXSW Interactive to lecturing at West Point. With Peter W. Singer, he is the co-author of the best-seller *Ghost Fleet: A Novel of the Next World War* (2015) and *Burn In: A Novel of the Real Robotic Revolution* (2020). Singer and Cole collaborate on futures projects through Useful Fiction, a consultancy. Among other roles, August is a non-resident fellow at the Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Creativity at Marine Corps University.

**Tom Donaldson** is the Library Director of the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Marine Warrior Library. Tom obtained his MLS from SUNY Buffalo in 2008, and has over a decade of experience in libraries. Prior to his current administrative position, Tom has served as a Cataloging Librarian, as well as a Veterans Claims Examiner, and enlisted Marine.

**MacKenzie Duffield** is the Chief Access & Discovery Services for National Defense University Library. She earned her Master's in Library Science in 2010 after a nine-year career in the United States Air Force as an Airborne Cryptologic Linguist. Since then, she has worked to make a difference in DoD Libraries fueled by her passion of innovative problem solving. She has too many interests and hobbies to name but enjoys learning new things and meeting new people.

**Lisa Eblen** is the Library Services Department Head at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Virginia. She has served in that position for almost two years after being the Associate Department Head for over 20 years. A longstanding member of the Medical Library Association, she has served as Chair of the federal library section/caucus and is a senior member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals with a specialization in Consumer Health Information. Ms. Eblen earned her master's degree in Library Studies from the University of Oklahoma.

**Greg Ferguson** is Head of Resource Management at New York University Libraries. In this role, he manages a department responsible for acquisitions of collection materials and day to day maintenance of the Libraries' electronic resources. Prior to this appointment, Greg was Supervisor of Monographic Acquisitions at NYU Libraries. He is currently Program co-chair of the New York Technical Services Librarians organization, and Chair for the Core Technical Services Managers in the Academic Libraries Interest Group.

**Kristin Ferguson** is the Library Director of the JBLM (Joint Base Lewis-McChord) Library System. The Library System consists of three branches and also supports the only MWR operating Bookstore in the Army.

**Travis Ferrell** was an Army librarian for twelve years, the last seven of which as a reference librarian at the U.S. Army War College. He recently accepted a position at the Congressional Research Service.

**Carolyn E. Fota**, MHR, is assigned to DTIC's Training Team serving as the Senior Trainer. Carolyn's resume includes adult learning theories, curriculum development, on-line and classroom training. Carolyn enjoys golf, church activities and spending time with her family.

**Jason Griffey** is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at NISO. Prior to joining NISO, Jason ran his own technology consulting company for libraries, has been both an Affiliate at metaLAB and a Fellow and Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, and was an academic librarian at the University of TN at Chattanooga. Jason has written multiple books and a series of full-periodical issues on technology topics, most recently AI & Machine Learning in Libraries. He has spoken internationally on topics such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, the future of technology and libraries, and decentralization and the Blockchain.

**Dr. Paulette Hasier** started her career at the Dallas Public Library then became director of the Business Information Center at SMU. Hasier entered federal government service working as a contractor for DARPA before landing with the U.S. National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), where she eventually served as the chief of the GEOINT Research Center. In 2017, she was appointed Chief of the Geography and Map Division at the Library of Congress. She is the ninth person and first woman to be named Chief of the division since its creation in 1897.

**Ann Holman** has been involved with libraries since high school. She worked in public and academic libraries prior to getting her MLS. Her first job as a military librarian was as Director of the Technical Library, Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division. She then became Systems Librarian at National Naval Medical Center, which then became Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. In 2018 she became Library Director at WRNMMC. She loves talking about libraries, answering questions, Boolean logic, and subject headings. Seriously, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>, check it out!

**Farahnaaz Khakoo-Mausel** is an Assistant Director with the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She manages a portfolio area in the Science, Technology Assessment and Analytics team, where she leads work on U.S. research security, oversight on artificial intelligence systems and government-wide efforts to harmonize regulations and administrative tasks in the research

environment. Farahnaaz also represents GAO in the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions where she supports efforts for the Working Group on Science and Technology.

**LaDona Kirkland** is a Scientific and Technical Information (STINFO) trainer at DTIC. She presents the monthly DTIC STINFO Hour via Teams. To be added to the DTIC STINFO Hour invite list, send your requests to the Training Mailbox at [dtic.belvoir.us.mbx.training@mail.mil](mailto:dtic.belvoir.us.mbx.training@mail.mil).

**Jennifer Kuntz** is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Information Science. She has worked in children's and adult public libraries. Jennifer has been a medical librarian at Womack Army Medical Center since 2007. She also acts as a Continuing Medical Education planner, Institutional Review Board member, and determination official for the office of Human Subjects protection. She assists with planning and approval for Evidence Based Practice at WAMC. She enjoys making connections between people and information.

**Michele Mason-Coles** spent her early career as a Patient Advocate and Cancer Information Specialist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. After completing her MLS in 2011 in New York City at St. John's University, she completed the NLM Associate Fellowship Program. In 2015 she joined WRNMMC as a clinical librarian and is concurrently an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. In this role, she participates in ward rounds, provides instruction, searches the biomedical literature, and a host of additional activities supporting patient care and EBM. In 2019, she was named Library of Congress FEDLINK's Federal Librarian of the Year.

**Katelyn McManus** is a library technician at the Base Library at MCB Quantico. In addition to basic circulation duties, she is responsible for processing books, evaluating and updating the collection, and planning programming for all ages.

**Alisha Miles** is the Director of the Air University Library at Maxwell Air Force Base. She graduated from Florida State University with a MLIS. She was a BioMedical Informatics MBL/NLM Course Fellow during the Fall 2012 course. Previously she has worked as the Chief of Reader Services at Air University Library, as the Director of Stimson Library Army Medical Center and School, as an Assistant Professor and Assistant Director for Public Services at Mercer University Medical Library, and as a solo hospital librarian at Columbus Regional Healthcare System. She has published and presented on technology and other library resources. Alisha can be found online as Alisha764- including Twitter and LinkedIn.

**Gloria Miller** was the Library Director at the Hurlburt Field Base Library, FL, home of the 16th Special Operations Wing (later 1st SOW) of the Air Force Special Operations Command. In recognition, especially guiding the Library through the A-76 process, she received the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in 2002. Her career continued with three years at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC. Gloria was at the HQ, Army Materiel Command from 2005 to 2020, in both Fort Belvoir, VA, and Redstone Arsenal, AL. She received the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in 2020. She has been the Command Librarian for the U.S. Army Futures Command since August 2020, residing in Aberdeen, MD. Gloria received her B.S. in Natural Science from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, and her MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi. Gloria was honored with the SLA Military Libraries Community Distinguished Service Award in 2009, and has held the positions of Treasurer, Chair-Elect/Chair/Past Chair, and MLTW Committee Chair.

**Laurie Neider** brings 40 years of experience in leadership and acquisitions to her position as FEDLINK's executive director. Before arriving at FEDLINK, she served the Congressional Research Service (CRS) for 10+ years as head of their Procurement and Administrative Services Section, overseeing acquisitions, contracting, and a multi-million-dollar procurement budget. Prior to joining the Library, Neider served 14 years in the private sector, including eight years as chief of Acquisitions for IMF's Joint Bank Fund Library. Neider earned her MLS from Syracuse University and began as an acquisitions librarian at the Executive Office of the President Information Center in the White House.

**COL Maureen Petersen** was born at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center when it was National Naval Medical Center. A graduate of William & Mary, she received her medical training at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, with the 547th ASMC. Her involvement with Graduate Medical Education began as assistant Program Director for the National Capitol Consortium (NCC) Pediatrics Residency, followed by becoming a Program Director—first for the NCC Transitional Internship Program, then for the Allergy / Immunology Fellowship. She is the current director of Medical Education at Walter Reed NMMC.

**Amy Roumell** is the Library Director at Casey Memorial Library at US Army Garrison Fort Hood, Texas. During her career, she has worked for public, academic, and military libraries. She has spent the last 12 years working for the military.

**Michael Santangelo** is the Deputy Director for Collection Management at BookOps, the shared technical services department for both the New York Public Library and the Brooklyn Public Library. Prior to BookOps, he worked at the Brooklyn Public Library for fourteen years, starting out as a children's librarian and then ending up in collection development. Michael has served on various committees for the American Library Association, including intellectual freedom, youth services, reader's advisory, and technical services. He is currently the chair of Library Reads, a reader's advisory organization for public libraries, and co-chair of ALA's Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group.

**Meagan Snow** joined the Library of Congress in 2020 as the Geospatial Data Visualization Librarian for the Geography and Map Division. She holds a BA in Geography from the University of Washington and a PhD in Geography from the University of Minnesota. She also works as Adjunct Faculty for American University's School of Public Affairs.

**Marijah Sroczynski** is currently the Research Operations Manager at Morrison Foerster after serving more than 17 years as the Technical Services Librarian/Supervisor at Milbank Tweed. In total, Marijah has 30+ years of experience working in Technical Services and has seen a lot change. Marijah serves as the Technology Co-Chair for LLAGNY and the web coordinator for the Technical Services-SIS of AALL. One of her hobbies, pre-pandemic, was working as a stage manager for various community theater companies. She has found that the same skills used with stressed actors are applicable to stressed attorneys.

**Michael Steinmacher**, 2016 Federal Librarian of the Year, speaks and writes on topics as varied as customer service, branding, and community engagement. A career librarian with years serving diverse populations, his work has appeared in industry standards such as *Library Journal* and *American Libraries*. He speaks at conferences and to private groups. He is currently director of Barr Memorial

Library at Fort Knox, Kentucky, which he has led to national recognition by the Library of Congress, Department of the Army, and the Department of Defense.

**Priscilla Stephenson** has been a hospital librarian for most of her career, and a VA library director since 2006. She currently manages the libraries of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinics in Tampa, Florida. She is co-editor of a quarterly column in the *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet* and an annual column in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*. She has been part of the planning team for the Medical Library Association's Federal Libraries Section's Value Studies projects held between 2010 to 2021.