

# And the Winners are . . .

The Official Results of the 2024 ACRL Election



**Leo Lo**, dean and professor in the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences at the University of New Mexico, is the 87th president of ACRL.

“As I step into the role of President of ACRL, I am deeply aware of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our profession. We are navigating through a period of rapid technological evolution, notably in the realm of artificial intelligence (AI), while also contending with a political climate that poses significant challenges to our core values of diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and intellectual freedom. With a sense of purpose and anticipation, I am eager to lead our community through these complex times, building on our collective achievements.

“I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who have paved the way for our current endeavors, their dedication setting the stage for the ambitious work we undertake today.

“In this transformative era, I am establishing a task force dedicated to developing AI competencies for library professionals. This initiative is to ensure that our community remains at the forefront of digital literacy and technological innovation. Our goal is to empower library workers with the skills necessary to harness AI in enhancing our services, supporting scholarly research, and engaging with our communities effectively. Moreover, we are set to undertake a comprehensive review of the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy. This critical evaluation will adapt our existing guidelines to the emerging AI-driven landscape of information discovery.

“However, our mission extends beyond adapting to technological advancements. The prevailing political climate presents urgent challenges to our commitment to DEI and the fight against censorship. We are witnessing concerted efforts to silence diverse voices and restrict access to information. These actions threaten the foundations of our work and the communities we strive to serve.

“Our journey forward is defined by a dual focus: embracing the transformative potential of AI and addressing the critical challenges posed by the current political environment. This dual focus will guide our strategic initiatives, professional development opportunities, and advocacy efforts.

“I am honored to lead ACRL during this pivotal time and am confident in our ability to make a significant impact. Together, we will explore new technological horizons while steadfastly defending the values that define us.”

Lo's experience with ALA includes being a councilor-at-large of the ALA Council (2015–18) and re-elected for another term (2018–21). Lo has also served as a member on the ALA Training, Orientation, and Professional Development Committee (2011–13), chair-elect, chair, and past-chair of the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) Library Organization and Management Section (2013–16), a member of *LL&M* Editorial Board (2011–13), the *LL&M* editor of the column “New Perspectives in Leadership,” Board of Directors new leader's representative (2010–13), chair of the LLAMA/NMRT Joint Committee on Collaboration (2011–12), and chair of the Diversity Task Force (2010–11).

Lo has also served as the assistant chair of the ALA New Members Round Table (NMRT) Liaison Support and Coordination Committee (2011–12), chair of the Student Chapter Award Committee (2010–11), a member (2009–10), a member of the Membership, Promotion, Diversity & Recruitment Committee (2010–11), and a member of the Newsletter Committee (2009–10).

Lo's activity with state, regional, and other national associations include serving on the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) 2023 Association Program Planning Task Force (member, 2022–23), Research and Analytics Committee (member, 2021–23), the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (member representative, 2021–present), IMLS Advisory Board for CALA/APALA “Path to Leadership” (Board member, 2021–23), and the *Journal of Open Educational Resources in Higher Education* (JOERHE) Editorial Advisory Board (member, Open Peer Reviewer, 2022–present). Lo has also served on the Future Information Professionals (FIP) Advisory Board (member, 2022–present), an IMLS-funded internship program coordinated by Old Dominion University to introduce undergraduate students to the library profession; Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) (member representative, 2021–present); Greater Western Library Alliance (member representative, 2021–present); Big Ten Academic Alliance Heads of Public Services Group (member, 2019–21); and the Chinese American Librarian Association Publication Committee (member, 2009–10).

Notable accomplishments for Lo include being selected as an ALA Emerging Leader and sponsored by LLAMA in 2010. As a scholar-practitioner, Lo's two co-authored papers, “You're Hired! An Analysis of the Perceptions and Behaviors of Library Job Candidates on Job Offer Negotiations” and “Recent Changes to Reference Services on Academic Libraries and Their Relationship to Perceived Quality: Results of a National Survey,” were awarded the first and second prizes, respectively, of the 2016 EBSCO/Alabama Library Association Research Paper Award.

As a strategic-minded leader, Lo led the strategic planning for the Pennsylvania State University Libraries, an organization with more than 500 librarians/staff, culminating in a comprehensive 5-year plan in 2021. Since becoming the Dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Science at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in September 2021, Lo has raised over \$1.2 million for the college and created a prestigious endowed librarianship position to focus on student success. He currently leads the institution-wide Open Educational Resources initiative at UNM to help make college more affordable and enhance student success. Lo believes in using storytelling with data to advocate for libraries and library employees and uses his training in screenwriting (Master of Fine Arts) and survey research (Master of Arts) to develop such culture at his organizations. His MFA thesis screenplay was selected as a Finalist in 2010 Creative World Awards International Screenwriting Contest and the 2009 PAGE International Screenwriting Awards.

His publications include “Collegiality and Tenure: Results of a National Survey of Academic Librarians,” *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, L. S. Lo, J. Coleman, and L. Pankl (2022); “What Makes a Leader? An Exploratory Study of Academic Library Employees’ Perceptions of Leadership, Organization Vision, and Job Engagement,” *portal: Libraries and the Academy*, L. S. Lo, M. Mallon, and J. Coleman (2022); and “The Factors Significant to the Introduction Institutional Open Access Policies: Two Case Studies of R-1 Universities,” *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*, L. S. Lo (2021).



**Brad Warren**, dean of libraries at Augusta University, has been elected ACRL vice-president/president-elect. Warren will become president-elect in July 2024 and assume the presidency in July 2025 for a one-year term.

“I am ecstatic to be elected as the next vice-president/president-elect of ACRL! I want to thank the ACRL membership as well as the support of Augusta University, my colleagues, my mentors, and, most importantly, my family for their support and encouragement in enabling me to engage with ACRL in this new role,” Warren said. “I am looking forward to actively working with the Board, organization, and membership to support academic libraries and library workers at all levels. It

is a true honor to have the chance to serve in this capacity!”

During his 15 years of ACRL membership, Warren has served as a member of the ACRL Standards Committee (2023–present); ACRL *College & Research Libraries* Editorial Board (2016–23); co-chair, ACRL 2023 Conference Contributed Papers Committee (2021–23); member, ACRL 2021 Conference, multiple committees (2019–21); convener of the ACRL ULS Public Services Directors of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group (2021–23); and founder, convener, and member of the ACRL Access Services Interest Group (2016–present).

“ACRL is delighted to have Brad Warren join the ACRL Board of Directors as vice-president/president-elect,” said ACRL Interim Executive Director Allison Payne. “Brad has a long history of service to ACRL, leading and participating in many membership groups. His knowledge of ACRL, academic librarianship, and the broader higher education landscape, along with his leadership, will be valuable to the Board, as it continues to support the profession and advance the ACRL Plan for Excellence.”

Warren’s experience with ALA includes being a member of the ALA Committee on Organization (2020–22). Warren has also served as a member of the LLAMA (now Core) Program Committee (2015–18) and Public Relations and Marketing Section Swap and Shop Committee (2008–09).

Warren’s activity with state, regional, and other national associations include serving on the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries, University System of Georgia (executive committee member, 2022–present), and ARL Membership Engagement and Outreach Committee (member, 2021–22). Warren also served on the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education Library Council (member 2021–22), OhioLINK Regional Depository Governing Council (member 2021–22), Ivies+ Borrow Direct Policy Group (previous chair and member, 2014–18), and the SOLINET Marketing Group (member, 2006–07).

Warren’s honors and awards include the Distinguished Achievement in Access Services Award (2016), Concertmaster, New London Community Orchestra (2016–18), and being

part of the 1999–2000 inaugural class of the North Carolina State University Library fellowship program.

Other notable accomplishments for Warren include his role as the Inaugural Dean of Augusta University Libraries, where he created a new structure, secured a \$1.1M increase to the budget, and completed a second-phase renovation of Augusta University’s Greenblatt Library and facility as well as furniture refreshes of Reese Library in the first two years. Warren led the University of Cincinnati (UC) Libraries’ Organizational Development initiatives and co-led all aspects of UC Libraries’ planning and services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic across 13 jurisdictional libraries. He also led the UC Langsam Library Living Room project to increase more diverse seating and collaborative options.

Additionally, Warren led the service redesign of the Yale Sterling Memorial Library Nave during its 2014 restoration project along with several reorganizations of Access Services operations and services. He also led multiple large-scale service and facilities projects at Yale University Libraries, requiring collaboration and consultation across multiple departments and unionized staff.

Warren founded the ACRL Access Services Interest Group and co-chaired development and completion of Framework for Access Services Librarianship in 2020.

His publications include co-author with Cheryl McGrath of the book chapter “Seizing the Opportunity for Innovation and Service Improvement” in *The Library Innovation Toolkit: Ideas, Strategies and Programs*, edited by Anthony Molaro and Leah L. White (ALA Editions, 2015); author of the editorial “Developing A Practical Approach to Change” in *College & Research Libraries* 81, no. 1 (2020); author of the book chapter “The ACRL Framework for Access Services Librarianship” in *Twenty-First-Century Access Services: On the Front Line of Academic Librarianship*, second edition, edited by Michael J. Krasulski and Trevor A. Dawes (ACRL, 2023).

## ACRL Board of Directors

Vice-president/President-elect: **Brad Warren** (908); Devin Savage (658)

Director-at-Large (4-year term): **Rachel M. Minkin** (1,164); Rodney Lippard (435)

Director-at-Large (4-year term): **Carrie Forbes** (1,267); Wayne Bivens-Tatum (337)

## ACRL Proposed Bylaws Revisions

ACRL Bylaws Item 1: Do you accept the proposed revision to Article VII: Budget and Finance Committee Chair? **Yes** (1,413); No (98)

ACRL Bylaws Item 2: Do you accept the proposed revision to Article IX: Board of Directors, Section 5 Meetings of the Board? **Yes** (1,483); No (46)

ACRL Bylaws Item 3: Do you accept the proposed revision to Article XI: Nominations, Section 1 Committee? **Yes** (1,485); No (27)

ACRL Bylaws Item 4: Do you accept the proposed addition to Article XIII: Elections, Section 2 Elections? **Yes** (1,498); No (22)

ACRL Bylaws Item 5: Do you accept the proposed revisions to Article XVIII: Mail and electronic votes, Sections 1, 2, & 3? **Yes** (1,507); No (22)

## **Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Mimmo Bonanni** (102)

Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Elizabeth Young Miller** (102)

## **Arts Section**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Ann Holderfield** (124)

## **College Libraries Section (CLS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Michael Waldman** (411)

Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Katherine Furlong** (227); Debby Andreadis (224)

## **Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Nelson Santana** (184)

Secretary: **Elizabeth Arestyl** (181)

Member-at-Large: **Sharell Walker** (186)

## **Distance and Online Learning Section (DOLS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Brittni Ballard** (297)

Secretary/Archivist: (2-year term): **Katherine Howell** (302)

Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Jennifer Shimada** (300)

## **Digital Scholarship Section (DSS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Taylor Davis-Van Atta** (293)

Secretary: **Nashieli Marcano** (288)

Member-at-Large: **Julie Evener** (285); **Halie Kerns** (267)

## **Education and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Robin L. Ewing** (108); James W. Rosenzweig (73)

Member-at-Large: **Jylisa Kenyon** (114); April E. Grey (65)

## **European Studies Section (ESS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Walter Schlect** (48); Tom Harding (39)

Secretary (1-year term): **Masha Stepanova** (54); Tara Murray Grove (33)

Member-at-Large (1-year term): **Christine Korytnyk Dulaney** (86)

## **Instruction Section (IS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Ben Oberdick** (664)

Secretary (1-year term): **Maya Hobscheid** (517); Kristina Clement (177)

Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Chelsea Heinbach** (582); **Camille Abdeljawad** (540);

**Melissa Mallon** (528); Dr. Ruth Boeder (328)

## **Literatures in English Section (LES)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Alexis Pavenick** (79); Mark Dahlquist (44)

Secretary: **Dr. Emily Tock** (66); Brian Matzke (57)

Member-at-Large: **Candice Dahl** (118)

## **Politics, Policy & International Relations Section (PPIRS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Nadine Hoffman** (126)

Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Allison Symulevich** (125)

## **Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Anna Chen** (196); Jay Sylvestre (87)

Member-at-Large (3-year term): **Kellee E. Warren** (202); Jose Guerrero (76)

## **Science and Technology Section (STS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Rebecca Renirie** (149); Jeanne Hoover (77)

Member-at-Large: **Aditi Gupta** (183); Emily Dommermuth (45)

Publicity Officer: **Sarah Tribelhorn** (151); David Rachlin (71)

EDI Officer: **Audrey Gunn** (121); Janet Hughes (106)

## **University Libraries Section (ULS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Rosan Mitola** (516); Christian Miller (281)

Member-at-Large (3-year term): **María Evelia Emerson** (660); **Sue Garrison** (405); Emily Bufford (389)

## **Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS)**

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: **Natalie Dickinson Kulick** (175)

Secretary: **Ashley S. McNeill** (176)

Member-at-Large: **Lane Glisson** (177)