

# And the Winners are . . .

The Official Results of the 2025 ACRL Election



**Brad Warren**, dean of libraries at Augusta University, is the 88th president of ACRL.

“As I start my presidency year with ACRL, I am deeply struck by what a truly challenging moment we are in with our organization and industry, as well as our own personal journeys in navigating significant shifts in libraries and higher education. I am indebted to my fellow volunteer leaders of the ACRL Board during my vice-presidency year, as well as the outstanding staff of ACRL. In the next year, we will tackle an ambitious agenda of initiatives to provide content and value both professionally and personally to members. We will also be working without fail to advocate on behalf of academic libraries and librarianship during this year.

“In my year as president, I will work with the Board, membership, and ALA to shore up and provide resources for librarians to support academic freedom. I am also greatly interested in our work to develop and enhance ACRL’s Benchmark data tool to ensure compatibility with IPEDS as well as enhancements of other data elements such as actionable salary benchmarks. My goal during my presidency year is to develop useful tools and support for our individual members while also ensuring that our vibrant collaborative community can support and be supported by each other. I was so heartened by my experience at the ACRL 2025 Conference in Minneapolis this year and am energized to do everything I can to benefit our members during my presidential year.

“I cannot disregard or ignore what can only be described as significant systemic threats to our work, industry, and educational missions that transcend the buzzwords being used to dismantle them. On an individual basis, the first few months of this year have been personally and professionally troubling. It is, however, only through our work with each other that we are able to not only advance our missions but also take care of each other as people.

“I am honored to be serving as the president of ACRL during this timeframe and am confident that our collective strength and support of each other will be critical in the next year.”

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

Warren's experience with ALA includes being a member of the ALA Committee on Organization (2020–2022). Warren has also served as a member of the LLAMA (now Core) Program Committee (2015–2018) and Public Relations and Marketing Section Swap and Shop Committee (2008–2009).

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, 2021–2022). Warren also served on the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education Library Council (member, 2021–2022), OhioLINK Regional Depository Governing Council (member, 2021–2022), Ivies+ Borrow Direct Policy Group (previous chair and member, 2014–2018), and the SOLINET Marketing Group (member, 2006–2007).

Warren's honors and awards include the Distinguished Achievement in Access Services Award (2016), Concertmaster of the New London Community Orchestra (2016–2018), 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 the development and completion of the 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 (Chicago, IL: ALA Editions, 2015); author of the editorial "Developing a Practical Approach to Change" in *College & Research Libraries* 81, no. 1 (2020); and 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 (Chicago, IL: ACRL, 2023).

**Alexia Hudson-Ward**, associate director of Research, Learning, and Strategic Partnerships at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries, has been elected ACRL vice-president/president-elect. Hudson-Ward will become president-elect in July 2025 and assume the presidency in July 2026 for a one-year term.

"I am deeply honored to serve as the next ACRL vice-president/president-elect. Thank you for placing your trust in me. I step into this role with deep gratitude and a clear vision—to amplify our collective excellence, strengthen strategic partnerships, champion advocacy,



invest in professional development for all library staff, and foster inclusive, thriving workplace cultures.

“Academic libraries are navigating urgent challenges and transformative opportunities. We face intensifying pressures—shrinking budgets, AI-driven technological change, and the global spread of misinformation. At the same time, federal-level actions and policy shifts—such as attacks on intellectual freedom and declining investments in higher education and research—place libraries and our communities at risk. Now more than ever, we must be proactive, united, and strategic.

“Our ACRL 2025 Conference in Minneapolis affirmed how academic libraries are vital engines of innovation and transformation. We must make our impact visible through intentional storytelling, data-informed strategy, strategic partnerships, and community-centered messaging. I am committed to advancing ACRL’s advocacy efforts to ensure our voices are heard by institutional leaders, legislators, and the public. We must champion equitable funding, inclusive policy, open access, and the core values that define academic librarianship.

“Professional development remains foundational to our future. I will work to expand inclusive learning opportunities for all library workers—across roles, career stages, and institutions—to grow, lead, and thrive. Above all, we must build a more inclusive profession that reflects and respects the diversity of our communities. I am ready to lean into the critical conversations and collective action needed to get us there.

“Thank you again for this opportunity. I look forward to working with incoming ACRL President Brad Warren, the ACRL Board, and you to shape a dynamic, equity-centered future for all academic libraries.”

During her 22 years of ACRL membership, Hudson-Ward has held several positions on the ACRL Conference Committees, including chair of the ACRL 2025 Conference (2023–2025), co-chair of the ACRL 2023 Conference Keynotes Committee (2021–2023), and a member of the ACRL 2011 Conference Virtual Conference Committee (2009–2011).

Hudson-Ward has also served on the ACRL College Libraries Section as past chair (2020–2021), chair (2019–2020), and vice-chair (2018–2019). She was a member of the ACRL Budget and Finance Committee (2016–2020), co-chair of the ACRL Instruction Section (IS) ALA Midwinter Conference IS Soiree (2007–2008), and a member of the ACRL Marketing to Academic and College Libraries Committee (2007–2010). Hudson-Ward also served as a member of the ACRL IS and the Women and Gender Studies Section (2007–2009), the ACRL IS Instruction for Diverse Populations Committee (2007–2009), and a member of the ACRL IS Advisory Committee (2007–2008).

Hudson-Ward’s experience with ALA includes Life Membership in ALA and the Black Caucus of ALA. She has also served as a member of the ALA Executive Board (2012–2015) and divisional executive board liaison to ACRL, ALSC, and United for Libraries. She was also the ALA councilor representing the Pennsylvania State Chapter (2010–2015). Hudson-Ward was a member of the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics (2020–2021), a member of the ALA Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness (2018–2020), a member of the ALA Budget and Planning Assembly (2011–2015), a member of the ALA Training, Orientation, and Leadership Development Committee (2007–2011), a member-mentor for the ALA Emerging Leader Program (2008–2009), and a member of the ALA Recruitment

Assembly (2007–2008). She is currently a member of the Library History Round Table (LHRT).

Hudson-Ward's activity with state, regional, and other national associations include serving as the Pennsylvania Library Association's ALA chapter councilor (2010–2015), a Board of Directors member (2010–2015), and chair of the Annual Conference Evaluation (2008–2010). Her service to the Pennsylvania African American Library Association includes terms as president (2007–2008), vice-president/president-elect (2006–2007), and immediate past-president (2008–2009).

Hudson-Ward's honors and awards include ALA Emerging Leader (2007), the Pennsylvania Library Association's New Librarian of the Year (2007), a *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker (2008), Penn State Great Valley School of Professional Studies Faculty Diversity Achievement Award (2008), and the University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information Outstanding Young Alumni Award (2013). She was a Penn State Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program Fellow (2013–2014) and a UCLA Library Senior Fellow 2024 cohort member.

Other notable accomplishments for Hudson-Ward include co-creating the successful MIT Libraries–ACRL Diversity Alliance Administrative Fellow program to prepare underrepresented talent for future academic library leadership. During her tenure as Oberlin College's first BIPOC Azariah Smith Root Director of Libraries, she spearheaded naming the main library after civil rights leader Mary Church Terrell and supported an educational partnership with the Smithsonian.

Hudson-Ward's board memberships, both past (LYRASIS and Center for Research Libraries) and current ("The Conversation U.S. Edition," The Corning Museum of Glass, and the MIT Press Editorial Board [ex-officio]) support the global library community, scholars, writers, and artists across the disciplines through publishing, research, curatorial, and shared resourcing. As a faculty member of Harvard's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians and a nonprofit volunteer, she has positively impacted nearly 1,000 leaders as a leadership development educator.

Additionally, Hudson-Ward conceptualized Choice Publishing's *Toward Inclusive Excellence* (an award-nominated multimedia blog that advances discourse regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, belonging, and social justice in higher education) along with Mark Cummings and Bill Mickey, serving as its inaugural editor-in-chief for three years.

Her publications include D. Fife and A. Hudson-Ward, "Professional Development," in A.C. Powers, M. Garnar, and D. Fife (eds.), *A Starter's Guide for Academic Library Leaders: Advice in Conversation* (Chicago, IL: ALA, 2019); A. Hudson-Ward, J. Widholm Rodrigues, and S. Walter (eds.), *Cultural Heritage and the Campus Community: Academic Libraries and Museums in Collaboration* (Chicago, IL: ACRL, 2022); and A. Hudson-Ward, "Open, Inclusive and Diverse," in S. Hirsh (ed.), *Library 2035: Imagining the Next Generation of Libraries* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2024).

## ACRL Board of Directors

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

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Member-at-Large (1-year term): **Laura Semrau** (68); Sam Lohmann (38)

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Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Shaunda Vasudev** (51); Jennifer Castle (49)

Secretary (2-year term): **Ameet Doshi** (97)

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

Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Julie Tanaka** (178); Jamie Cumby (99)

Member-at-Large (3-year term): **Rafael Linares Blasini** (159); Sara Schliep (116)

Secretary (2-year term): **Juli McLoone** (201); Jana Gowan (75)

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

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Member-at-Large (2-year term): **Christina Chan-Park** (190); Greg Nelson (56)

Secretary (2-year term): **Nicole Helregel** (138); Kirstin Duffin (104)

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Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3-year term): **Carrie Donovan** (532); Jane Hammons (285)

Member-at-Large (3-year term): **Symphony Bruce** (663); **Caterina Reed** (499);

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Secretary (2-year term): **Anna Sandelli** (502); Holly Kouns (270)

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Secretary (1-year term): **Jillian Sandy** (158)