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Education: University of Michigan, School of Information
MS – Library and Information Studies 4/2004
Northern Arizona University, Department of Communications
BS Telecommunication/Broadcasting/Production–12/1995

ALA Activities:

ALA Council, Councilor-at-Large, 2012-2015
 ALA Committee on Diversity – Member, 2009-2012; Chair, 2011/2012
 ALA Committee on Education, Diversity Working Group, Committee on Diversity Representative, 2010-2012
 ALA Planning and Budget Assembly Committee on Diversity Representative 2010-2012
 ALA ACRL University Libraries Section, Academic Outreach Committee - Chair: 2010-2012
 ALA University Libraries Section Executive Committee, Liaison for Academic Outreach Committee, 2010-2012
 ALA ACRL REFORMA Representative 2007-2013

REFORMA Executive Board, Member-at-Large, July 2001–June 2002

Library -Related Honors and/or Awards:

Association of Research Libraries Leadership and Career Development Program Fellowship, 2011/12
 Association of Research Libraries Leadership and Career Development Program Fellowship, 2011/12
 ACRL Conference Travel Grant, March 2007
 Minnesota Leadership Institute, August 2006
 University of Michigan School of Information Thomas E. Alford Award, 2004
 Public Library Association Travel Grant 2003
 ALA Spectrum Scholar 2001

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Our world is increasingly complex and this is reflected in the profession and in our ALA organization. It is necessary for ALA to apply the profession's core values as it seeks to stay relevant to its current and future members. ALA is being asked by its members for improved organizational effectiveness. This will require strong cohesion across the organization, even greater transparency in our fiscal and decision making processes, better communication mechanisms, and enhanced efforts to be responsive to our changing world as it relates to our library practice including shifts in the US and global demographics, the legislative landscape, and technology. These activities are critical in developing a sustainable future for ALA and thus ensuring that our libraries have a strong foundation to help prepare future generations for an increasingly complex information environment.