ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: ARLIS/NA Awards Committee

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- **Leadership Update** (incoming officers names and roles): This is a report on my third and last year of a three-year term as Awards Committee Chair. **Suzanne Rackover** is the incoming chair.

- **Membership** (current and incoming members): the six current formal subcommittees of the Awards Committee—the Wittenborn and Dwyer book awards, member research, student advancement, conference travel, and Distinguished Service Award—will be formally joined next year by the **Kress** international travel awards subcommittee.

- **Activities** during the past year:
  - The 2019 Convocation Ceremony took place last March in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the 47th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference. Awards were presented by the chairs or members of each of the Awards sub-committees, and for the sixth of six years, grants for European and ARLIS/NA member librarians to attend international conferences were presented as part of a multi-year grant from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.
  - This year an abbreviated 2020 Convocation Awards Ceremony will take place online April 22, during the 48th Annual ARLIS/NA business meeting. In addition to the sub-committees’ awards, the first of another five years of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Awards for International Travel will be awarded.
  - Going forward, the Kress awards will become a formal subcommittee of the Awards Committee, to be chaired as in past years by the past president of ARLIS/NA.
  - The **Distinguished Service Award Sub-Committee** was chaired by Maria Oldal
    - The 2019 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Milan Hughston online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020.
    - This year’s 2019-2020 sub-committee consisted of Maria Oldal (chair), Elisa Hansen, Katie Keller, Sylvia Roberts, and Jillian Ewalt.
    - The incoming chair of next year’s 2020-21 DSA Sub-Committee will be Sylvia Roberts.
• The **Melva J. Dwyer Book Award Sub-Committee** was chaired by Suzanne Rackover
  - The 2020 Melva J. Dwyer Award will be presented briefly online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to *Tear Gas Epiphanies: Protest, Culture, Museums*, published by McGill-Queen’s University Press with an honorable mention to the University of British Columbia Press title *Inside Killjoy’s Kastle: Dykey Ghosts, Feminist Monsters, and Other Lesbian Hauntings*.
  - A longer video presentation about the award will be made available on the ARLIS/NA website.
  - This year’s 2019-20 sub-committee consisted of Suzanne Rackover (chair), Sara Ellis, Amy Furness, and Viveca Pattison Robichaud.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2020-21 Dwyer Sub-Committee will be Amy Furness.

• The **George M. Wittenborn Memorial Book Award Sub-Committee** was chaired by Jon Evans
  - The 2019 Wittenborn Book Award will be presented briefly online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to *Lenore Tawney: Mirror of the Universe*, published by the Kohler Arts Center, with an honorable mention to the LACMA publication *Beyond Line: The Art of Korean Writing*.
  - This year’s 2019-20 sub-committee consisted of members of the Texas-Mexico chapter in lieu of the Mountain West chapter: Jon Evans (chair), Lauren Gottlieb-Miller, Mark Pompelia, Katie Pierce-Meyer, Craig Bunch.
  - Andi Back will serve as the incoming chair of next year’s 2020-21 Wittenborn Sub-Committee, which will be composed of members of the Central Plains chapter.

• The **Research Awards Sub-Committee** was chaired by Andi Back
  - The 2020 H. W. Wilson Research Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Robert Craig Bunch for his project *Dreams, Visions, Other Worlds: Interviews with Texas Artists*, a monograph underway with Texas A&M University Press.
  - The 2020 Worldwide Books Award for Publications will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Olivia Piepmeier and Stephanie Grimm for their edited collection, *Comics and Critical Librarianship: Reframing the Narrative in Academic Libraries*, published by Litwin Books.
  - This year’s 2019-20 sub-committee consisted of Andi Back (chair), Marianne Williams, Megan Williams, Kathy Woodrell, Jeanne-Marie Musto, and Jade Finlinson.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2020-21 Research Awards Sub-Committee will be Jeanne-Marie Musto.

• The **Student Advancement Awards** Sub-Committee was chaired by Courtenay McLeland
  - The 2020 Freitag Internship Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Abigail Sebaly, a student at the University of British Columbia, who will intern at Western Front and the Emily Carr University of Art + Design.
  - The 2017 Gerd Muehsam Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Meghan Lyon, a student at the Pratt Institute, for her paper “Digital Embodiments of Artists’ Archives: Digitized Collections and Their Web-based Platforms.”
  - This year’s 2019-20 sub-committee consisted of Courtenay McLeland (chair), Jade Finlinson, Stephanie Fletcher, Spyros Koulouris, Karly Wildenhaus, Becca Pad, and Gwen Mayhew.
The incoming chair of next year’s 20- Student Advancement Awards Sub-Committee will be Spyros Koulouris

- The **Travel Awards Sub-Committee** was chaired by Katie Keller
  - The 2020 ARLIS/NA Travel Awards can be used to attend a future ARLIS/NA conference.
  - The 2020 Conference Attendance Travel Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Maggie Murphy.
  - The 2020 Howard Karno Travel Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Stephanie Noell.
  - The 2020 Student Diversity Travel Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Carol Ng-He, a student at San Jose State University.
  - The 2020 Judith A. Hoffberg Student Travel Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Lauren Scanlon, a student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
  - The 2020 Student Conference Travel Award will be presented online at the 48th annual ARLIS/NA business meeting on April 22, 2020 to Veronica McGurrin, a student UNC Chapel Hill.

- The **Kress International Travel Awards** committee was chaired by ARLIS/NA past president Kim Collins
  - The 2020 Kress Awards, the first of a five-year series of awards, can be used to attend future conferences.
  - European librarians funded to attend an ARLIS/NA conference included Lavinia Ciuffa of the American Academy in Rome (Italy); Eleanor Gawne of the Architectural Association, UK (England); Spyros Koulouris of Harvard’s Villa I Tatti Center for Italian Renaissance Studies (Italy); Rebecca Law of the Victoria and Albert Museum’s National Art Library (England); and Maria Pimenova of The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts Research Library (Russia).
  - ARLIS/NA members funded to attend an art libraries conference in Europe were Maria Oldal, Gabrielle Reed, Viveca Pattison Robichaud, and Sarah Stanhope
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- **Ongoing projects:** Suzanne did not get to shadow a true convocation Awards Ceremony when the St. Louis conference was canceled. If we do meet in person as planned in Montreal in 2021, I am happy to help answer any planning questions that come up!

- **Preliminary goals** for next year: the Kress Awards Sub-Committee will continue to be chaired by the ARLIS/NA past president, and for the first time the subcommittee will formally become an official sub-committee of the Awards Committee, rolled into the Awards Chair’s correspondence, schedules, updates, and ceremony planning with the rest of the sub-committee chairs.
• Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions: By celebrating ARLIS/NA member achievements in a very public forum, by recognizing outstanding contributions to the art information field, and by encouraging new students to participate in the organization, the Awards Committee contributes to each of the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions of Leadership and Advocacy, Organizational Advancement, Art Information Professionals, Diversity and Inclusion, Innovation and Technology, and Collections and Access.