ARLIS/NA Annual Report 2019

ARLIS/NA Group or Appointment: Midstates Chapter

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Leadership Update

2019 ARLIS/NA Midstates Board Members:
Chair: Anna Simon, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Sarah Carter, Indiana University-Bloomington
Past Chair: Melanie Emerson, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Secretary/Treasurer: Larissa Garcia, Northern Illinois University
Web Editor: Rebecca Price, University of Michigan
Newsletter Editor: Mackenzie Salisbury, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2019 Chapter Committees
Nominating Committee: Becca Pad, College of Creative Studies; Jackie Fleming, Indiana University-Bloomington
Bunce Travel Award: Mackenzie Salisbury, chair; Greg Baise, University of Michigan; Terrie Wilson, Michigan State University

2020 Incoming Officers:
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Mackenzie Salisbury, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Past Chair: Anna Simon, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Secretary/Treasurer: Larissa Garcia, Northern Illinois University
Web Editor: Rebecca Price, University of Michigan
Newsletter Editor: Haley-Jane Blackstone, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Membership (current and incoming members):

- 42 members: 31 regular, seven students, three friends, and one student who became a regular member.

Activities during the past year:

- The Midstates Chapter made a complete transfer of its website to a new Wordpress platform. This project was facilitated by our new website editor, Rebecca Price. The chapter hopes to upload more pictures from member libraries.

- The Chapter continues to follow the conference timeline for the 2022 Chicago conference. Doug Litts and Rebecca Price volunteered and were subsequently appointed as Co-Chairs; Alexis Burson and Melanie Emerson will be Local Arrangement Co-Chairs. As the EB well knows, upcoming 2020 conference goals include setting conference dates and securing a hotel. We understand that ARLIS/NA will create a 50th anniversary event planning task force that will work with the Co-Chairs.

- A successful fall meeting was held at the Cranbrook Arts Academy October 4-5, 2019. 23 members attended, including multiple first time and student members. In addition to a business meeting, Courtney Richardson, a first year PhD student at the University of Illinois iSchool, presented her work on The Book of Negroes and Meredith Kahn, Librarian for Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Michigan, presented on the new ARLIS/NA Commons. In the afternoon many members took a guided tour of the Cranbrook campus and Saarinen House, and some members attended a lecture by contemporary art historian Claire Bishop. Saturday members were free to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Farmer’s Market, and the many outsider art installations in the area.

- New and student members were recruited for Midstates committees, planning the fall meeting, and taking on new leadership positions. New members included Jackie Fleming from IU-Bloomington, Autumn Diaz from Cranbrook Arts Academy, and Autumn Welti from the University of Michigan. Diaz helped with local logistics and Welti compiled a list of regional ischools to solicit for presentations, organizing the meeting’s guest speakers. It was great to see new members taking leadership roles in the chapter!

- The Chapter continues to discuss a student outreach event to follow-up the October 2018 alternative library career discussion held at the University of Illinois ischool.

- Initial plans to hold a Fall 2020 joint meeting with the Ohio Valley Chapter are underway.

- Chapter elections were held in December. Mackenzie Salisbury was nominated to be the 2020 Incoming Chair.
• Carol Ng-He is the [2020 recipient of the Bunce Travel Award](#). Carol Ng-He is the Exhibits Coordinator at Arlington Heights Memorial Library in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

• [Two digital newsletters](#) were compiled and published by editor Mackenzie Salisbury.

**Ongoing projects:**

• We continue to move administrative documents from Google Docs to Basecamp to centralize and expand our chapter record-keeping.

**Preliminary goals** for next year:

• Sarah Carter, incoming Chair-Elect, has already started to plan a joint fall meeting with the Ohio Valley Chapter.

• Reinvigorate the Chapter Mentoring program.

• Mackenzie Salisbury and Emilee Mathews are planning an outreach/career discussion panel for regional ischool students.

• Membership processes available through the Midstates website for the chapter and national organization will be reviewed and clarified.

**Articulate how your activities, projects and goals relate to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:**

• The chapter’s plans to hold a mentoring/career panel discussion for ischool students and the chapter’s goal to re-start chapter mentoring support the following ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:
  o Organizational Advancement, Art Information Professionals, and Diversity and Inclusion

• The chapter’s efforts to evaluate current fundraising efforts and assess what future fundraising Midstates should undertake; continue to increase membership in anticipation of the 2022 conference; and plan a joint fall meeting in 2020 with the Ohio Valley support the following ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:
  o Organizational Advancement, Art Information Professionals

• Planning a joint fall meeting supports:
  o Organizational Advancement and Art Information Professionals