Leadership Update:
This is a report on my first year of a three-year term as Awards Committee Chair, which began in 2017 after trailing and training with my predecessor Viveca Pattison Robichaud at the New Orleans conference in February 2017.

Narrative:
• The 2017 Convocation Ceremony took place last February in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the 45th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference. Awards were presented by the chairs or members of each of the Awards sub-committees, and for the fourth of six years, a group of international librarians were presented with fellowships to attend the North American conference as part of a multi-year grant from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.
• This year’s 2018 Convocation Ceremony will take place February 28 in New York City, during the 46th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference. In addition to the sub-committees’ awards, fifth rounds of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Awards for International Travel will be awarded to ARLIS/NA members attending international conferences and international librarians attending the NYC conference, and a conference travel award crowd-funded by ArLiSNAP will be awarded among the other Travel Awards.
• Thanks to a grant from The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, 20 first-time student attendees to the 46th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference will be receiving free registration. Twenty library/information science masters students from across North America were selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
• The roster for next year’s group of sub-committee chairs has been established, with a new Student Advancement Awards sub-committee that will administer both the Gerd Muehsam student paper award and the Wolfgang Freitag student internship award.
• The timing of early-winter ARLIS/NA conferences (such as in February for New Orleans and New York) presents a challenge for many awards, especially the student awards that are related to an academic schedule, and the book awards that are based on a calendar year. Later spring conferences give those subcommittees more time to solicit good applications and to review submissions, respectively.

Sub-committees:
Distinguished Service Award
• Distinguished Service Award Sub-Committee, chair, Rachel Resnik
  ○ The 2017 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Kathryn Wayne at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018. She was nominated by Gregg Most.
This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Rachel Resnik (chair), Maureen Burns, Heather Koopmans, Maria Oldal, and Liv Valmestad.

The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 DSA Sub-Committee will be Liv Valmestad.

**Book Awards**

- **Melva J. Dwyer Award Sub-Committee**, chair, Jennifer Garland
  - The 2018 Melva J. Dwyer Award will be presented the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.
  - This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Jennifer Garland (chair), Caroline Korbel, René Martin, and Mathieu Pomerleau.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Dwyer Sub-Committee will be **Suzanne Rackover**.

- **Wittenborn Book Award Sub-Committee**, chair, Kasia Leousis
  - This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Kasia Leousis (chair), Courtney Baron, Teresa Burk, Emily Luken, and Lindsey Reynolds.
  - Maggie Portis will serve as the incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Wittenborn Sub-Committee, which will be composed of members of the New York Metro chapter.

**Research Awards**

- **Research Awards Sub-Committee**, chair, Lindsey Reynolds
  - The 2018 H. W. Wilson Research Award will be presented to Kai Smith, Laurel Bliss, and Ann Role for their project “Building Bridges with CSU Art and Performing Arts Librarians” at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.
  - A Worldwide Books Award for Electronic Publications will not be given this year.
  - This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Lindsey Reynolds (chair), Adam Beebe, Breanne Crumpton, Amy Furness, and Megan Williams.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Research Awards Sub-Committee will be **Amy Furness**.

**Student Awards**

- **Wolfgang M. Freitag Internship Award Sub-Committee**, chair, Jasmine Burns
  - The 2018 Freitag Internship Award will be presented to Anna Hurwitz, a second year MLIS student at the University of Washington, at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.
  - This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Jasmine Burns (chair), Mario Ascencio, Elizabeth Ernst, Anna Helgeson, and Suzanne Rackover.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Student Advancement Awards Sub-Committee, which will administer both the Freitag student internship award and the Muehsam student paper award, will be **Jade Finlinson**.

- **Gerd Muehsam Award Sub-Committee**, chair, Anne Simmons
  - The 2017 Gerd Muehsam Award will be presented to Karly Wildenhaus, a second year MSIS student at UCLA, for her paper “The Use of Library of Congress Classification and Subject Headings for Contemporary Art Materials in the Library” at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.
  - This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Anne Simmons (chair), Jade Finlinson, Courtenay McLeland, Nancy Spiegel, and Holly Wilson.
• The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Student Advancement Awards Sub-Committee, which will administer both the Freitag student internship award and the Muehsam student paper award, will be Jade Finlinson.

Sotheby’s Institute of Art Research Award Sub-Committee, chair, Lee Sorensen

• The 2017 Sotheby’s Institute of Art Research Award will be presented to Jason Kaplan and Caroline Frank, seniors at Duke University, for their paper “Der Berliner Kunstmarkt: An Analysis of the Berlin Art Market, 1930-1945” at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Lee Sorenson (chair), Cara List, Anne Trenholme, Meg Black, and Amelia Nelson.

• The 2017/18 award represents the third of three years for which the award was sponsored by Sotheby’s Institute of Art.

• As of January, 2018, we are awaiting news from Sotheby’s Institute of Art to see whether they will want to fund or offer another round of awards through the program with ARLIS/NA.

Travel Awards

• Travel Awards Sub-Committee, chair, Kathryn Riel

• The 2018 Conference Attendance Travel Award will be presented to Lucy Campbell at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• The 2018 Student Conference Travel Award will be presented to Allison Comrie, a student at the University of British Columbia, at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• The 2018 Student Diversity Travel Award will be presented to Rosa Celestino, a student UCLA, at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• The 2018 Judith A. Hoffberg Student Travel Award will be presented to Karly Wildenhaus, a student at UCLA, at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• The 2018 Howard Karno Travel Award will be presented to Sarah Lorenzon Ferreira at the 46th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in New York, February 2018.

• This year’s 2017-18 sub-committee consisted of Kathryn Riel (chair), Sunyoung Park, Ashley Peterson, Eva Sc Hippa, Liz Ginno, and Peggy Keeran.

• The incoming chair of next year’s 2018-19 Travel Awards Sub-Committee will be Ashley Peterson.