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

Narrative:  
- The 2018 Convocation Ceremony took place last February in New York City, during the 46th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference. Awards were presented by the chairs or members of each of the Awards sub-committees, and for the fifth 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 2019 Convocation Ceremony will take place March 28 in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the 47th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference. In addition to the sub-committees’ awards, sixth and final rounds of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Awards for International Travel will be awarded.  
- The ARLIS/NA board and members of the International Relations Committee have indicated they will re-apply for another round of funding for the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Awards for International Travel. The Awards Committee will submit a board proposal offering to have the Kress awards managed by the Travel Awards subcommittee along with other ARLIS/NA-member travel awards (Conference Attendance Award and Howard Kanno Award).  
- The Awards Committee will also submit a board proposal to move management of the three student travel awards (Student Conference Attendance, Judith Hoffberg Student, and Student Diversity) from the Travel Awards subcommittee to the Student Advancement Awards subcommittee. The move will free more time for the Travel Awards subcommittee to manage the Kress travel awards, and will also benefit students if a single subcommittee awards all student awards. Last year (2018, for the NYC conference), one student received both a student conference attendance award from the Travel subcommittee as well as another award that came with conference attendance from the Student Advancement subcommittee. That person was a great choice for both, but another deserving student could have used the
travel award to come to the conference, and we could have had one more new student member attend.

Sub-committees:

Distinguished Service Award

- The Distinguished Service Award Sub-Committee was chaired by Liv Valmestad.
  - The 2018 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Janis Ekdahl at the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2019. She was nominated by Chantal Sulkow.
  - This year’s 2018-19 sub-committee consisted of Liv Valmestad (chair), Elisa Hansen, Sylvia Roberts, Maria Oldal, and Katie Keller.
  - The incoming chair of next year’s 2019-20 DSA Sub-Committee will be Maria Oldal.

Book Awards

- The Melva J. Dwyer Award Sub-Committee was chaired by Suzanne Rackover.
  - The 2019 Melva J. Dwyer Award will be presented the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2019.
  - This year’s 2018-19 sub-committee consisted of Suzanne Rackover (chair), John Latour, Leland Reed, and Clare Asquith Finegan.
  - The chair of next year’s 2019-20 Dwyer Sub-Committee will be Suzanne Rackover (two-year term).
- The Wittenborn Book Award Sub-Committee was chaired by Maggie Portis.
  - The 2018 Wittenborn Book Award will be presented to the catalogue Howardena Pindell: What Remains to Be Seen (MCA Chicago and Delmonico/Prestel, 2018) at the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  - This year’s 2018-19 NYC-based sub-committee consisted of Maggie Portis (chair), Michael Carter, Ian McDermott, Walter Schlecht, and Emily Walz.
  - Jon Evans will serve as the incoming chair of next year’s 2019-20 Wittenborn Sub-Committee, which will be composed of members of the Texas-Mexico chapter. The Mountain West chapter, rotating off hosting the annual conference, declined to host the award this year. Texas-Mexico was a good alternative since they declined their post-conference chance to host in 2015.

Research Awards

- The Research Awards Sub-Committee was chaired by Amy Furness.
  - The 2018 H. W. Wilson Research Award will be presented to Alice Whiteside and Josh Hockensmith (both UNC Chapel Hill) for their project “Artists’ Books Critical Index” at the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  - A Worldwide Books Award for Electronic Publications will not be given this year, but two honorable mentions for the Publications award were named: Susan E. Thomas for “Print Objects and Fashion Subjects: Independent Publishing in the Contemporary Fashion Milieu since the 1980s” (Art Documentation 36, fall 2017) and
Sarah Carter, Heather Koopmans and Alice Whiteside for "Crossing the Studio Art Threshold: Information Literacy and Creative Populations” (Communications in Information Literacy 12:1, 2018).
  o This year’s 2018-19 sub-committee consisted of Amy Furness (chair), Andi Back, Marianne Williams, Megan Williams, and Kathy Woodrell.
  o The incoming chair of next year’s 2019-20 Research Awards Sub-Committee will be Andi Back.

**Student Awards**

- The Student Advancement Award Sub-Committee was chaired by Jade Finlinson.
  o The 2019 Freitag Internship Award will be presented to Anna Hurwitz, a second year MLIS student at the University of Washington, at the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o The 2018 Gerd Muehsam Award will be presented to Megan Sallabedra, a second-year graduate student at UCLA, for her paper “Finding the Material: Collecting and Protecting Intellectual Property in Ephemeral Works of Art” at the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o This year’s 2018-19 sub-committee consisted of Jade Finlinson (chair), Mario Ascencio, Stephanie Fletcher, Spyros Koulouris, Courtenay McLeland, Nancy Spiegel, Karly Wildenhaus, and Holly Wilson.
  o The incoming chair of next year’s 2019-20 Student Advancement Awards Sub-Committee will be Courtenay McLeland.

**Travel Awards**

- The Travel Awards Sub-Committee was chaired by Ashley Peterson.
  o The 2019 Conference Attendance Travel Award will be presented to Kaitlyn Parker during the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o The 2019 Howard Karno Travel Award will be presented to Malia Van Heuken during the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o The 2018 Judith A. Hoffberg Student Travel Award will be presented to Autumn Wettl, a recent Wayne State graduate, during the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o The 2018 Student Conference Travel Award will be presented to Ashley Hosbach, a student at Indiana University, during the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o The 2018 Student Diversity Travel Award will be presented to Ebonipearl Jones, a student at SUNY Buffalo, during the 47th annual ARLIS/NA convocation ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2018.
  o This year’s 2018-19 sub-committee consisted of Ashley Peterson (chair), Larissa Garcia, Katie Keller, Megan Lotts, Mackenzie Salisbury, Alyssa Vincent, and Marianne Williams.
  o The incoming chair of next year’s 2019-20 Travel Awards Sub-Committee will be Katie Keller.