As a member of ARLIS/NE it is a particular pleasure to welcome you to Boston. I am Susan Lewis, Director of the Library at the Boston Architectural College. As a member of the group which wrote the Core Competencies for Students in Design Disciplines, I have a personal interest in the topics of our two speakers today – information literacy and visual literacy.

Our first speaker is Nicole Beatty. Nicole received a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts, a Master of Arts in African studies, a Masters in Art History, and an MLS from Indiana University in Bloomington. She is now the Branch Library Coordinator of the Fine Arts Library at Indiana University, Bloomington. She is also a recipient of the Bill Bunce Travel Award.

Rina Vecchiola, Art and Architecture Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, graduated with an MLIS from UCLA, an MA in the history of art and architecture from UC Santa Barbara, and a BA in art history and international relations from UC Davis. She is responsible for planning, designing and directing the Art & Architecture Library at Washington University and has experience in reference, instruction, and research.